

# 'We Care'---Juniors Show Headstart Tots

Come  
Take  
My  
Hand



STORYTIME: Headstart youngsters listen as Carol Fein, Don Leonard, volunteer; Richard Leonard, a Junior, and teacher, reads a story. Watching are, from left, Mmes. Vera Rodriguez, teacher.

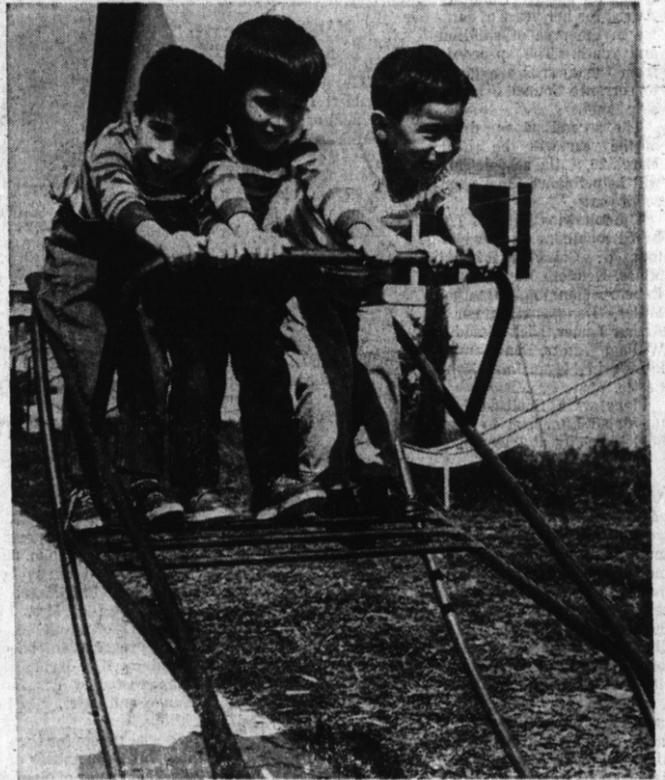
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COMPANIONSHIP: Learning to get along with others, these four year olds, from left, Markie Acosta, Tony Martinez and Nicki Ramirez, enjoy the rocker.

### Young America Meets the Challenge

Children saying "Come Take My Hand" have been heard by members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club and many helping hands have been extended through the Headstart program for these underprivileged children.

Project Headstart is a program financed by the Federal Government through the Office of Economic Opportunity, designed to aid pre-school children from disadvantaged areas, who have not had the experience, medical care or opportunities of children from better circumstances.

In September 1966, Torrance Juniors began volunteering as teachers' assistants at a Headstart site which had been established in the Pueblo community within the city.

After a very successful year, suddenly the program came to an abrupt halt. Months of time-consuming investigation followed, with the young clubwomen offering assistance to the Pueblo community in finding available property for another school site, meeting with the Council of Mexican American Affairs, Office of Economic Youth Opportunity in Los Angeles and the Torrance Coordinating Council.

Assuming a dual responsibility, the Juniors continued to strive for a solution to the Pueblo Headstart problem; and in September 1967, they began assisting at a new Headstart site, St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Lomita, sponsored by the Federation of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers, Inc.

Three club members assisted with classes weekly, teaching, reading and supervising. Members helped escort the children on three field trips. A Christmas

party given by the club, with punch, cookies, talking dolls and trucks, was a joyful "helping hand."

The Federation of Settlements conducts cooking and English speaking classes for the mothers of Headstart children and an invitation has been extended to Pueblo area mothers to participate. Juniors will meet with these groups and encourage each of the mothers to attend.

In January, 1968, Junior club members were told by the Federation that due to children graduating into kindergarten, there were openings for 12 children this last semester at the Lomita Headstart school. Most mothers of the pre-schoolers in the Pueblo area were willing to send their children. Transportation — Juniors again extended a "helping hand" — and on January 29, members began transporting these children, now totaling 10, to class each day at 8:30 a.m. and returning them to their homes at 12:30 p.m.

After consultation and extensive efforts to secure a small bus or station wagon, a local car agency has promised to donate a used station wagon for transportation until the semester ends in June. The club has set up a bank account to cover mileage, insurance, and gasoline expenses.

This group of active young matrons looks back on its Headstart involvement as only a beginning. Further investigation has made them aware of other areas within Torrance that need such assistance. Juniors are making plans for the future in which they will continue to extend that helping hand—to assist children in meeting the challenges of school, community and environment.



ENJOYMENT: Fun on the swing is being discovered by Monica Greendale as she is assisted by Mrs. Michael E. Myers, Junior Club member.

### Vecinas To Aid Nepal Carnival

In recognition of the outstanding merit of South High School's "International Festival of Friendship" scheduled for March 15-17, the women of Las Vecinas have volunteered to staff a soft-drink booth during the three-day carnival on the South Torrance campus.

This is an expression of the club's support for "Operation Nepal," the student-sponsored and organized fund-raising campaign to secure textbooks and school supplies for students in the south Asian country of Nepal.

Directing the Las Vecinas contribution, which will feature a poster display of the club's activities, is Mrs. William Franklin, Redondo Beach.

Las Vecinas has consistently endorsed student activities at South High, and annually appropriates funds to provide scholarships for deserving graduates of the school.



#### WINNING ACCLAIM

Displaying their talents in a skit, "Gold Nugget Days," sparked by song and dance routines, members of the Drama Section of the Torrance Woman's Club won such acclaim when they performed at a district meeting that they have been asked to entertain at the State Convention to be held in San Diego in May. They are, front row, from left, in

rehearsal leotards, Mmes. William Faulds, Morton Diener, Clayton Lilley and Robert Winship. Back row, in "Gay 90s" costumes are, from left, Mmes. Arch Boyd, Bruce March, Richard Dorothy, piano accompanist, Robert Moffitt and Alma Smith.

(Press-Herald Photo)



CLASS IS OVER: Mrs. William Trammald, a member of the Junior Club, helps Tony Martinez into the car, as her part in transporting the children to their homes. (Press-Herald Photos)

### Mu Phi Epsilon Alums To Install First Patrons

Annual "Guest Night" of the Palos Verdes Peninsula alumnae chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, will be held at the home of Mrs. Raymond Lorenz, 14 Surrey Lane, Rolling Hills, Monday evening, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Roza and Mrs. Neale Ebright.

The sorority will honor Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Biolosky and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Haag for their "interest, influence and proven worth in the advancement of music in the community," by installing them as the first patrons of the chapter.

Friends and guests will enjoy "Music of the World," presented by William F. Pitzer, minister of music at the First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro, as he shows slides and plays tapes produced while on tour during the past year with the "University of the Seven Seas" sponsored by Chapman College.