

California Publishers to Meet For Annual Convention Feb. 5

Top executives of newspapers throughout California will gather in Los Angeles Feb. 5 to 7 to attend the 66th Annual Convention of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, Inc. Headquarters for the convention is the Ambassador Hotel. The convention opens officially with luncheon on Friday, Feb. 5, with CNPA President Fred McPherson Jr., publisher, Santa Cruz Sentinel-News, presiding. Carroll W. Parcher, editor-publisher, Glendale News Press, is general chairman of the convention. Serving with him are Wanda Phillips, women's editor, Beverly Hills News-Lite; Walter Kane, publisher, Bakersfield Californian; and Floyd Maxwell, chairman, Los Angeles Newspaper Publishers Association.

At the Friday evening family dinner when the constituted officers of the state headed by Gov. Goodwin J. Knight will be honored guests, California publishers will pay special tribute also to third generation publishers of California newspapers and also to those publishers who have completed 50 years in the publishing business.

Tribute to the third generation publishers at the convention will be a fitting climax to the term of office of President McPherson, who is also a third generation publisher. Roundtable discussions for dailies and weeklies will also be held on Friday. The awards breakfast on Saturday, always a highlight of CNPA conventions, will disclose the winners of the annual newspaper contests conducted by the association. The annual business meeting of the association will be held Saturday morning when new officers will be elected. They will be installed at the noon luncheon.

Group To Join National Gra-Y

Stan Roberts, secretary of the local YMCA, will induct the 14 members of the Gra-Y into the national Gra-Y Fellowship at the 9 a.m. service of the First Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado, today.

The Gra-Y is a part of the YMCA program for boys from 9 to 12 years old. Their activities include various sports. The group is sponsored by the First Methodist Church where it meets every Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock. Officers are Mike Walker, president; Pat Walker, vice-president; Neil Christian, secretary; David Mullen, treasurer; Bobby Mullen, chaplain. Dick Brown is their leader.

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Reflections

By J. HUGH SHEREEY, JR.
HIGH AND LOW
High and low pressure, in meteorology, are determining factors in weather prediction.

If I understand correctly, a storm goes from a high to a low pressure area. With this thought in mind I thought of Tom Wiggins. He's the son of respectable parents, was an excellent student, exuberant leader, popular, and for the last thirteen years of his life had been sheltered and led an exemplary life—until he met the wrong boys. Then he drifted into a low pressure area and was trouble.

Temptation, in adulthood, is a low pressure area. It's easy enough for us to sail along bravely, being respectable good citizens until the low pressure of temptation envelops; it takes a strong man of sterling character to withstand it. To work for them for the sheer joy it brings is one certain way to move back into a high pressure area and all the joys of living.

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Lack of Reading Material For Fourth Graders Scored

The dearth of interesting reading for children at fourth grade level is a challenge to writers of juvenile stories, asserts Janette Sebring Lowrey, Little Golden Book author, who spoke at the January meeting of Southwest Manuscripters at Clark Stadium in Hermosa Beach.

Subject matter key to the school teaching program is in particular demand, with very few good sources available to date.

"Writers should seriously consider developing material to interest the child who needs remedial reading but whose interest level is more mature than his vocabulary," Miss Lowrey declared.

A former teacher, active civic worker, and the mother of three children, Miss Lowrey is well known to South Bayans as Mrs. James Parton of Redondo. Maurice Ogden, president, announced a short, short story contest open to all paid-up members who have not sold a short-short for the past five years. Submissions are due at the next meeting, Feb. 19, and cash awards will be presented the winners in March.

Membership in Southwest Manuscripters open to all persons, professional or interested in becoming professional writers, from the South Bay, Torrance, and surrounding areas. Detailed information regarding membership will be supplied by writers calling Catherine Bolton, secretary, at FRontier 2-2204.

Tom Gaddis, author of many nationally-published factual articles and short stories and teacher of fiction writing, will be guest speaker at the February meeting.

Bernice McMahon, Manhattan writer, asked club support for a Brownie troop from Morning-side School.

Robin Hoods Get the Boot

Bow and arrow hunting of deer in Carrillo Beach Park and other County parks will be prohibited in the future, according to action taken by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

At their meeting, the Board adopted a recommendation of the County Department of Parks and Recreation prohibiting hunting of deer in season by bow and arrow enthusiasts. The department said their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors was made to protect the life and safety of the thousands of people using the parks for other recreational purposes.

County Gets Users Tax

Robert C. Kirkwood, State Controller, announced yesterday that Los Angeles County received \$1,548,302.28 of Highway Users Tax Fund as of Nov. 30, 1953.

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