

El Camino College to Offer Six Classes in Upholstery in Fall

Literally coming through with "the goods" during the coming fall semester at El Camino College will be six classes in the field of upholstery.

Under the instruction of Sumner Power, classes will feature both vocational and industrial phases of the work. Also included in the curriculum will be a class in "advanced tufting, concentrating on tub and barrel chair construction." Included in the latter class will be work on concave back tufting layouts on burlap, muslin and cover as well as custom seat construction.

El Camino classes offer trade training, a preparation for a job in the vocation of upholstering trade extension, a class designed for the purpose of increasing the vocational skill of all enrolled; and auto upholstering, where knowledge of how to upholster seat covers, door panels, headliners, and general car interiors is taught.

New Course Added
New to the college curriculum this fall will be a course in "Upholstery for Homemakers." This course will be open to all and will be especially valuable to homemaking majors, Powers asserts.

Students enrolled in the new course will learn about types of furniture, buying furniture, repairing, recovering, and the theory of upholstery in general. The class will meet two afternoons

each week.

In anticipation of the fall enrollment, the upholstery department is moving to new and improved quarters on campus this summer.

Among projects undertaken by upholstering students during the past year was the recovering of four chairs in the faculty lounge and the repair of three stools located in the campus center.

Autos Redone
Students enrolled in auto upholstery re-did the interiors of several automobiles. By paying for materials used and furnishing the objects worked on students may keep their projects, the instructor stated.

Students interested in the field of upholstery instruction offered at El Camino College may make an appointment to confer with Counselor Leo Christian, who will be on campus daily starting Aug. 4. Appointments may be made now from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily by telephoning El Camino College, ME10 4-6631 or PLymouth 6-1421.

C of C Services Varied, Unusual

Although the Chamber of Commerce is primarily a community organization, Chamber of Commerce Secretary Dale Isenberg often gets some unusual requests.

He was startled last week when a lady requested a recommendation for an abortion. He informed her that he could and would not make any such recommendation.

A lady with a flat tire found Isenberg more obliging, however. She came to the Chamber, with two small children, and said she had no money. The Chamber secretary changed the tire for her.

Committees Operate
Although the Chamber receives other odd requests, such as wanting it to get people out of jail, to marry them, or find some lost person, it has other

functions of service to the community as a whole. A voluntary organization of industrial, business, and professional men, it is set up in various committees, covering various phases of community problems. All recommendations are referred to the Board of Directors.

Community services are conducted in a variety of areas. Extensive files are kept on community material, and special research is conducted when necessary. Large numbers of folders dealing with hotels, resort areas, travel, and community problems are available to the general public.

A chamber bulletin is published each month, carrying news of the Chamber. An annual Shoppers Guide, carrying listings of Torrance businesses published yearly, with the

1954 edition scheduled to come out next week.

Maps Available
Also available are maps of Torrance and industrial brochures, with special folders to promote new industry and retail business opportunities. Mimeographed reports summarizing studies on local economic conditions are put out by the Chamber.

A special service, known as the "better merchants service," is sponsored by the Chamber. This service seeks to settle difficulties between local merchants and customers, to the mutual satisfaction of both. It has some of the functions of a Better Business Bureau.

The Chamber also takes steps to enforce the city's anti-solicitation laws, saving householders from annoyance.

Approximately 1000 letters are received by the Chamber each month, and about 1500 telephone calls and over the counter inquiries for information on various subjects.

Special research on various subjects when necessary. Files of various business guides and directories from California towns and other places are also available at the Chamber office.

Board of directors meetings of the Chamber are held on the second Monday of each month and are open to the public. The Merchants Division meets every week to discuss special problems and plan programs of action.

President Paul Loranger and Isenberg, acting as liaison officers, participate in the meetings of many other groups.

EARLY PLANE MOTOR

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