

Gardena Girl Hurt in Crash

Marguerite M. McClain, 16, 1802 Towne, Gardena, was slightly injured last week when the pickup truck she was driving collided with a car driven by Doris Ward, 32, 1915 W. 5th St., San Pedro at Hawthorne Ave. and 190th St.

Miss McClain was driving west on 190th, while the Ward vehicle was going north on Hawthorne at the time of the mishap. The injured driver was taken to Harbor General Hospital by Wright's Ambulance.

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Riding equipment valued at \$87 was stolen from his car as it was parked near a corral near Vermont Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd., Wayne Franklin Dykes, of 863 Calle de Andaluca, told sheriff's deputies Thursday.

Increase to 2 1/2 Days Each Week Asked by Mental Health Clinic

Due to an increasing demand for the services of the local community psychiatric clinic, the Board of Directors of the Harbor District Mental Health Service completed plans at a recent board meeting to undertake active measures to bring the service up to the minimum standard of 2 1/2 days a week. At present, the clinic operates one day a week, Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 731 South Beacon St., City Health Center, San Pedro.

Cases are served from the entire Harbor-South Bay area through the program, which began as a pilot project in September, 1953. It is a cooperative endeavor of the community and the California State Department of Mental Hygiene.

To date, despite overwhelming demand for patient care, all efforts to increase State support of the service have been unsuccessful. This year, in the California Legislature, a bill (AB 1159) designated to inaugurate community mental health clinics in California, was killed in one of the Senate committees. In the meantime, patients need care and the waiting list is growing pathetically long, local officials report.

Letters from the Board of Directors are being sent by the co-ordinating committee, under the chairmanship of Lillie K. Walsworth, to organizations and individuals, enlisting statewide support of a request to the State Department of Mental Hygiene to include within its 1956-57 budget request, provisions for additional personnel for the existing community mental health pilot clinics at San Pedro and Long Beach.



(Herald Photo) **FEEDING THE KITTY**—Young Danny York, who appeared as a guest at the Torrance Optimist Club meeting recently, contributes his dollar toward a special collection by the club for use of the Dental Health Assn. Looking on (left to right) are Atty. Donald Hitchcock, first vice-president of the Dental Health Assn.; Optimist President George Bradford, and Mrs. Ralph McBea, executive secretary of the Dental Health Assn. The Optimists raised about \$125 during the meeting by passing the "kitty" among the members.

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New Students at El Camino To Get Scoop at Assembly

Problems of students enrolling at El Camino college for the first time will be considered at an Orientation assembly scheduled for 10 a.m. next Thursday in the Campus center.

Full time freshmen are especially urged to attend by Richard Duffey, president of the Associated Student Body.

Duffey indicated that college administrators and student body officers will be introduced to new students at the assembly. Administrators who will be presented are President Forrest G. Murdock; Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel; ad Miss Mary Hancock and Hamilton M. Maddaford, assistant directors of student personnel.

Questions Answered
Student officers will answer questions raised during the assembly, Duffey indicated, and will give information regarding college counseling services.

Following the assembly program, incoming students will divide into small groups for guided campus tours. Three new buildings, all of which will be ready for use before the close of the college year, will be viewed on the tour. These are the art building, which will be ready for classes on the opening day of college, Sept. 12; the health center, which will also be utilized during the fall semester, and the music building, most of which will be ready for occupancy when classes meet for the first time.

The Little Theater and swimming pools, built in conjunction with the music building and health center, are still under construction.

Tour Set
Tours will also be utilized to point out such campus facilities as the library, cafeteria, book store, and offices.

Students who will appear on the assembly program will explain their functions in student government.

They are Duffey, Miss Sandra Sherwood, ASB vice president; Miss Jackie Pritchett, commissioner of activities; Edward Nettleton, commissioner of assemblies; Paul Whisenand, Commissioner of athletics; Ben Simms, commissioner of finance; William Wilson, commissioner of publications; Tom Cummins, commissioner of public relations; Miss Pattie Rupert, president of the Associated Women Students; and West-er Cooley, president of the Associated Men Students.

Commenting on the orientation program, Hamilton M. Maddaford, assistant director of student personnel, said, "We are anxious to provide new students any information which will help them to enjoy their stay at El Camino, and to make the opening days pleasant for them."

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