(Herald Photo)

A FRIENDLY SQUABBLE . . . C. A. "Pop" Steward and Ronnie Dutton, top sellers so far in the YMCA "Good Neighbor Breakfast" ticket sales, put on a friendly scuffle for the bike which will be awarded to the winner of the sales contest. Joe Wilcox, YMCA manager, explains, however, that the bike will go to the boy selling the most tickets. "Pop" probably wouldn't qualify.

Bridey's Forgotten, But Hypnosis Craze Continues

What ever happened to Bridey Murphy?

Although books on hypnosis are still going strong, interest in "The Search for Bridey Murphy," which started the whole craze, has flagged and nearly died, according to Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, head of the Torrance Library. For a time, there were long waiting lists for "Bridey," but the book today finds few takers, she said.

Such are the fads which are popular among book borrowers at the Torrance Library, or, for that matter, at any library. Some best selling novels are in great demand for about six months or so, Mrs. Mrs. Jamieson said. Then interest in them gradually dies.

Best-Sellers Top List

Currently riding at the top of the local popularity lists are such best sellers as "Auntie Mame," "The Power of Positive Thinking," "How to Live 365 Days a Year," and "Marjorie Morningstar."

Recent years have brought an upsurge in the popularity of biographies, do-it-yourself books, and technical handbooks, along with a renewal of interest in travel books, Mrs. Jamieson said. Historical fiction and mysteries continue as popular as ever, she declared.

Problem novels, in which the hero or heroine goes through many psychological perils, and science fiction, which for several years were topping the lists have suffered a decline in interest recently, she reported.

Tastes Change

The changes in public taste cause librarians to be cautious in ordering books, Mrs. Jamieson said. Although libraries may be able to circulate 50 copies of best-sellers for a few months, eventually they would gather dust and be virtually worthless. Therefore, libraries try to buy a greater variety of books of more lasting interest, she said.

With the increase in Torrance's population, the number of library cars, too, has increased. The Torrance Library and its Walteria and North Torrance branches now have about 13,000 card holders—about one out of every six people in the city. On the average, 275 to 300 new cards are issued each month.

Library Crowded

The library is crowded every night with students and other people boning up on information, Mrs. Jamieson said.

Several school classes also meet in the library, she reported. Youngsters from Howard Wood Torrance Elementary School make periodic visits to the library to check out books. Classes from other schools make visits at intervals to learn how to use the library.

Youngsters who visit the library on school trips are more frequent borrowers and better equipped to use the library, Mrs. Jamieson said.

South Bay Symphony Will Present Trojan Quartet

The Trojan Quartet will be presented by the South Bay Civic Symphony Assn. in a program at the Neptunian Club, Manhattan Beach, on Sunday evening, at 8 p.m.

Co-sponsors will be the Trojan Alumni Club of this area and they will act as hostesses for the evening.

The Trojan Quartet won sweep-stake honors in th eColman Chamber Music Audition last spring before the members of the Virtuosi di Roma, as judges. As a result of their playing they were invited to Italy the last part of the summer, fo ra six weeks scholarship under the Italian government, at the conservatory in Venice.

Attended Classes

Here they attended a master class conducted by the Virtuosi di Roma, the Quartetto Italiano, and the Quintette Boccherini. Returning to Los Angeles this week, they will play the first concert of their return for the music lovers of the South Bay.

This group of young musicians was organized two years ago as the Trojan Quartet, by the School of Music, University of Southern California.

The members are Ward Fenley, first violin; Max Hobart, second violin; William Magers, viola, and Marie Manahan, cello. The cellist is a graduate of the School of Music and has won honors for her playing, three seasons at the Bach Festival at Carmel. She also taught cello last year at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

All Students

The other members of the Quartet have all been students at the School of Music, University of Southern California.

Their trip to Italy was financed through the support of the School of Music, and a series of concerts played by the Quartet.

On their program Oct. 21 at the Neptunian Club the Trojan Quartet will play a varied program. They wil open with a Mozart Quartet in D Major, K 575. The novelty on the program will be "Three Conversations," by Herbert Inch, a contemporary American composer, who teaches at the Eastman School of Musc.

Music Scheduled

The three movements are "Serious Discussion," "Tete-a-tete" and "Open Forum." The program will close with the Quartet in C Minor op. 18, No. 4 by Beethoven.

The Trojan Quartet has won high praise from critcs for it's performances.

The Trojan Quartet have been been engaged to play at Scripps College, University of California, Los Angeles, and at California Tech, Pasadena.

The proceeds will be used to bring more soloists to appear with the civic orchestra. Tickets are on sale for $1 at Music World, Hermosa Beach, or Redondo Music Co., or Catalina Music, Hollywood Riviera or call FR 5-2744.

Police Car Club Meet Slated This Saturday

The Torrance Police Car Club will sponsor an all-events day program this Saturday in the El Camino parking lot, with activity starting at 9 a.m.

Events will include a car road-eo, poker run, night of the tallow hunt, and seven other events.

Price will be $1, with no stags allowed. Old clothes are advised for those attending.

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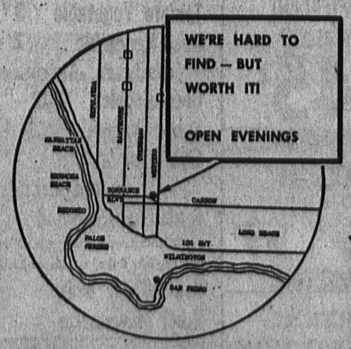

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