

Of the total area of the province of Saskatchewan in Canada, about one-third is given over to forests, either under government or private control.

For the average young couple entering into marriage today, the chances of surviving to their golden wedding are about twice what they were for a couple 50 years ago.

### City's 'Red' Schoolhouse Gets More National Notice

The "Little Red Schoolhouse" program at Waleria Elementary School, Torrance, drew the national spotlight again this week, as it was cited in the September issue of Redbook Magazine and in the Sept. 14 issue of Time Magazine.

The Waleria program, recently featured on NBC-TV, was cited in Time's feature article on education and in a Redbook article, "What's Really Happening in Our Schools," by Robert Bendiner. Redbook calls it the "most significant trial" of classroom grouping in the U. S. Time also cites the local program as forward-looking. The Redbook article says:

"EACH PRIMARY class in the Waleria School there contains 11 first graders, 11 second graders, and 11 third graders; each intermediate class combines fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. After three years, tests showed that the Waleria pupils have a healthier attitude toward their work and toward each other, and rate better academically than children in a single system."

Widely publicized since it began in 1955, the "Little Red Schoolhouse" has spread to other schools in Torrance and to a number of other districts throughout the country.

"The 'Little Red Schoolhouse' only emphasizes something that we have known all along—that every classroom

everywhere is really a multi-grade classroom." Assistant Superintendent Albert Posner said. "Just as children vary in size, shape, and rate of growth, they vary in mental abilities."

"WE KNOW that in the average first grade classroom, we have children whose mental level is that of a pre-schooler and we have other children who do better than many second graders. By the time these children get to be 13 years old or eighth graders, their abilities differ even more. Some are fourth graders in ability, while others would do better than most high school graduates. A birth date does not tell a child's capabilities."

A variation of the "Red Schoolhouse" is used in "combination classes in many Torrance schools. Children from two different grade levels may be placed in the same classroom under the same teacher.

Combination classes are set up when schools have an odd number of children in two different grade levels. Torrance elementary classes have about 3 students each.

ASSIGNMENT problems arise when, for instance, 50 seventh graders and 50 eighth graders are enrolled in a school, because they represent 1 1/2 classes of each grade. Rather than hire four teachers (at a cost of about \$20,000) for these 100 students, Torrance hires three (at a cost of about \$15,000), combining 17 seventh and 17 eighth graders in one classroom. Students are picked purely at random, officials claim.

"Tests repeatedly show that combining two classes is educationally sound," Posner noted. "This is common practice in many districts. A multi-grade approach to teaching helps to conserve and stretch tax dollars. This is not the only way to meet a child's educational needs, but is certainly one good way."



PETER DELLIQUANTI  
... Navy Recruiter

### Gardena Gets New Recruiter For Navy Office

Peter Delliquanti, chief ship-fitter, has been assigned to the Navy recruiting office at 16422 S. Vermont Ave., Gardena. Chief Delliquanti is relieving Dale Fields who has been there for the past two years. Fields has received orders for duty in Yokosuka, Japan, and will be transferred Oct. 13.

Chief Delliquanti reported to the states from the attack transport Mathews on which he saw duty for three years. He lives in Long Beach with his wife, Mildred, and children Michael, age 7, and Pamela, age 4.

Delliquanti completed the Recruiter's School in San Diego recently and said, "Anyone desiring the latest information on the opportunities offered by the Navy, call Davis 4-4588 and he will be glad to answer any questions."

### Plans 'Harvest Ball' Oct. 24th

The Holy Name Society of St. Margaret Mary's Parish will hold a "Harvest Time" ball at the Retail Clerks Hall, Harbor City, on Oct. 24. It was announced here yesterday by Morris Dietrich for the dance committee.

Tickets and information on the affair can be obtained from Dietrich by calling him at Davenport 6-1385.

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