

Maren Elwood To Address Manuscripters

Maren Elwood, renowned professional writer, author of three classical books on creative writing, university teacher, writing coach and agent, will speak on "The Writer at Work" at Friday's meeting of Southwest Manuscripters to be held at 8 p.m., Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach.

Miss Elwood, author of the famed "Characters Make Your Story," "Write the Short Story" and "111 Don'ts for Writers," will welcome questions from the audience pertaining to fiction writing following her talk.

SHE IS AT present writing several further books, teaching creative writing at UCLA Extension Division, conducting the Maren Elwood Agency, and coaching professional writers.

She counts among her students such well-knowns as Joe Brennan, now just completed his eighth book; Barnaby Conrad, author of "Matador"; and Neil Wilson, prominent contributor to the Saturday Evening Post.

Miss Elwood's UCLA Summer Extension courses will begin June 19th. Classes are offered in fiction fundamentals; fiction writing, plot; and fiction writing, characterization, and dialogue.

LOREN ROBERTS, Manuscripter president, reminds all members that May 19th is the deadline on submitting poems of 24 lines or less in the annual poetry contest.

All those interested in writing, professional or beginner, are invited to meet Miss Elwood at the Manuscripters' meeting and coffee hour to follow.

Guest Speaker At Foursquare

executive director Story Hicaas The Rev. Bergen Birdsall, executive director of the California Council on Alcohol Problems, will be the guest speaker at the Torrance Foursquare Church, corner of Arlington and Sepulveda Blvd., Sunday evening at 7:15.

He began his work with the Council in 1947 from the U.S. Air Force where he served as chaplain (major) with overseas duty in the South Pacific during World War II. In 1948 he became a Fellow of the Yale School of Alcohol Studies. He has spoken to hundreds of thousands of young people in the United States, including Hawaii, and in 15 foreign countries.

The Rev. Mr. Birdsall is a board member of the Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism and of the National Temperance League Executive Committee and Committee on Education.

Over 20,000 copies of his book, "Teaching Unit on Alcohol Education" have been sold in 17 states.

The Council's program on alcohol-narcotic education is widely recognized by educational and civic leaders as a much needed service to youth. Its lecture presentation and teaching unit reached thousands of young people in the public schools of California during the past school year.

The Rev. Mr. James Lowen, pastor of the local church, invites the public to hear this speaker bring a timely message for the day.

Co-Rec Club To Present Swim Party

A sport night, swim party and barbecue are being planned by the Torrance Co-Recreation Club, a group for seventh and eighth grade youngsters sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department.

The sports night, featuring co-recreational basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, dancing and refreshments, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on May 19 at North High School.

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