

Recreation Dept. Offers Diversified Summer Program

Trained Personnel On Hand

Summertime Is Fun Time in Torrance

Growing with the area, the Torrance Recreation Dept. has expanded its summer program offering entertainment and diversions for residents of all ages. This summer of 1962, thousands of children and adults are taking advantage of the eight parks and 23 playgrounds made available to citizens, under the direction of Harry B. Van Bellehem, assisted by Miss Marilyn Jensen.

This well-rounded program has included such special activities as youth drama workshops, modern dance, arts-crafts, bandshell programs, gymnastics, tennis, day camp, storytelling, and playground crafts. In addition, each park and playground offers diversions under a qualified instructor.

The swimming pool, opened in 1957, is managed by Lee Nelson. There are 20 lifeguards and teachers on hand to assist with the 1300 average daily attendance. Swimming has been taught to 3,500 persons per summer. Since 1957, 15,000 children and adults have learned to swim at the city pool.

The Adult Center, 1318

Cravens Ave., opened 10 years ago, is available to all persons over 21 years of age. It is directed by Mrs. Cora Schaffer and Jesse Saxton.

Camp programs and weekly field trips, supervised by trained department personnel is another major phase of the summer program.

Citizens are notified of Recreation Department activities when they receive their Recreation Reporter, sketched by Dick Reynolds and edited by Edith Simpelaar.

So in Torrance, ear-marked by its phenomenal growth, the Recreation Department has been able to offer a wholesome, healthy program to its thousands of vacationing children and adults.

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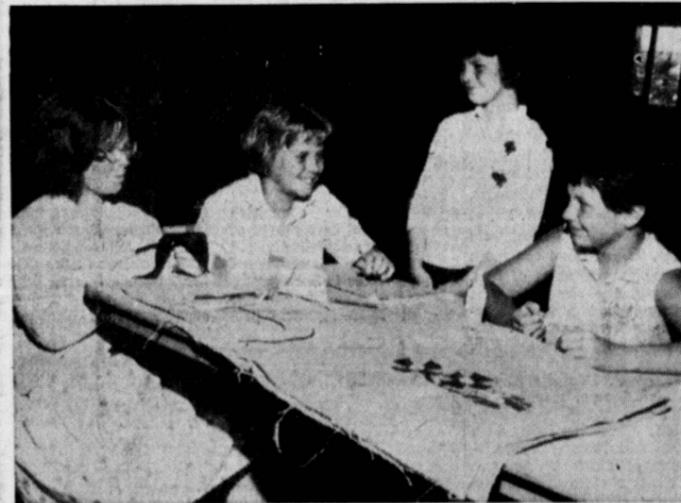
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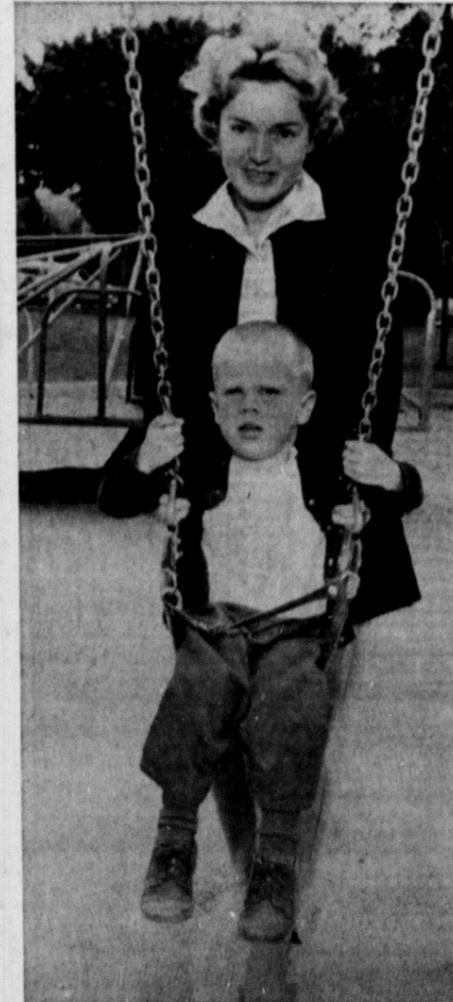
CRAFT INSTRUCTIONS . . . Miss Marilyn Jensen, assistant recreation director, gives assistance to Stuart McKinley, recreation department employee at Jefferson school and Ginger Phillips, who works for the recreation department at Perry school, in the art of box making. McKinley will enter El Camino this fall and Miss Phillips has enrolled at Long Beach State College



MAKE OWN BEACH BAGS . . . The art of making beach bags, a class offered by the Torrance Recreation Dept., is being enjoyed by, from left, Lorraine Anderson, 10; Belinda Boulter, 11; Claire Geniac, 8; and Janet Posner, 11.



CHECKING OUT SUPPLIES . . . Balls for every type of game are being checked out of the supply room to be shipped to the different recreation parks by Dennis Harvey, recreation leader and Bill Steinway, recreation department aid.



AN EVERY DAY TREAT . . . On his schedule for the day, Scott Kennedy, two and a half year old son of Mrs. Katherine Kennedy, 24077 Neece, has time set aside for swinging at the Walteria Park. Scott, an only child, enjoys his time in the park with other children.



MUSIC FOR ALL . . . Torrance Recreation Dept. provides entertainment for all ages. For its senior citizens, there is a clubhouse where games, cards, music, luncheon and programs are enjoyed. Staging their own musicale are from left, Mmes. Daisy Alcock, Ann Hight, at the piano, and Emma Hardesty.



LINING UP SHORT PUTT . . . Golf, too, is one of the popular games sponsored on the summer program of the Torrance Recreation Dept. Here, John Anderson of Manhattan Beach, left, and John Vanderzee, also of Manhattan, look on as Mrs. Helen Parr of Palos Verdes studies her next stroke.



SUSAN AT BAT . . . Baseball, the All-American sports, fills many happy summer hours for youngsters playing on organized teams at the many parks. Here, Susan Boudreau is at bat for the Sierra Tom Boys; Peggy Winsheimer is catcher for the Paradise team; and Vickie Ropp is umpire.



A COFFEE BREAK . . . Whether they gather at their clubhouse to sew, visit, play games, or sing, coffee drinking is popular with the Senior Citizens of Torrance. Here, Mrs. Cora Scheffer, recreation attendant, serves Mrs. Nellie Haynes and Mrs. M. R. Hall.

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