



**AFRAID OF THE WATER** for nearly 70 years, Mrs. Josephine Gillam now relishes her regular swimming lessons at El Camino College. "My health has improved 100 per cent since I started swimming," the youthful septuagenarian contends.

**"Torch of Peace" Chosen As PTA Theme**

"Torch of Peace" was chosen as the theme for the Carl Steele PTA's reported by the program committee at a recent meeting of the executive board. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Hubacek, president.

The theme was picked in conjunction with the 1960 Olympic games. An interesting program has been formulated for the coming year. A tentative budget report was given by Mrs. George Fowler, treasurer, and will be put before the first association meeting for final approval. Mrs. Richard Peterson, 2nd vice-president, reported that a paper drive will be held on Sept. 25. Prizes will be awarded the classrooms collecting the most papers.

**Never Too Old to Learn, Says Swimming Student, 71**

"When I'm too old to swim, I'll take up something else." These, succinctly stated, are the plans of a 71-year-old swimming student of El Camino College. Although she had never donned a bathing suit until she was 67½ years young, Mrs. Josephine Gillam, 4 foot 10 inch septuagenarian, turned over a new leaf when she became a resident of the college area.

And the new leaf has meant a new life to her. Mrs. Gillam, says, "my blood pressure was 229. Now it is 140. When I started to dive, I had a pressure in my head; now I have no trouble at all—my health has improved 100 per cent!" Mrs. Gillam, who resides in a cottage next door to her daughter at 2510½ W. 166th St., couldn't walk 10 feet in the water when she enrolled for her first swimming lesson at the college two and a half years ago. "I hadn't ever been in before," the avid aqua-enthusiast exudes.

Since getting into the swim of things under the tutelage of Instructor Harry Perry, however, Mrs. Gillam has mastered six swimming strokes, learned to dive from the high dive board, and extended her endurance to the point where she is able to swim 8 to 12 lengths of the pool without stopping. The swimmer has missed only one semester's instruction since taking to the water; that was when she traveled to her home state of New York to visit her daughter, Jeanne Gillam Donato, a professional violinist.

"I started to swim when the baby was married. I was living in Los Angeles, when my daughter suggested that I move," Mrs. Gillam recalled. "They're finishing a new pool at the college," my daughter said. So I moved into a cottage next to her."

Josephine has nothing but praise for her instructors and a special word for her current teacher, Dave Long. "This teacher has such poise and such a persuasive voice that I lost all fear," she said of the Warrior grid star who serves on the team of summer swimming instructors. "A month ago I said I'd never dive," Josephine continued, "but I dived 17 times in the last three days." Long completes the second half of a mutual admiration society. "Josephine is great," he says, "She's easy to teach; she follows directions beautifully." "When people see me swim they say, 'Wait until my mother hears about this!'" Josephine added. "There's another older person coming in Monday. I think that you should see her swim too—but she is only 60."

Rose Cahoe, 1341 W. 163rd St., Gardena; Mrs. Josephine Hauge, 2510 W. 166th St., Gardena; Joseph Gillam, 3215 W. 185th St., Torrance, and Warren Gillam of La Mirada.

There's an old saw which Josephine Gillam exemplifies—"you're never too old to learn!"

**Factory Workers Income Climbs to Record Level**

Earnings of factory workers in the Torrance Area climbed to an all-time high in June, both in terms of the gross amount of the average weekly paycheck and also its purchasing power, John F. Henning, California Director of Industrial Relations, reported today. Average earnings before taxes rose to a record \$102.82 per week in June, topping the level of a year ago by \$5.62, or 6 percent.

For a factory worker with 3 dependents, about 2 percent of this gain was absorbed by increased taxes and higher consumer prices, so that his actual purchasing power increased by 4 percent over the year. Weekly paychecks were larger in June than a year ago because of higher pay scales and longer working time. The average gross hourly pay of factory workers this June was 9 cents higher than in June 1958, and the average workweek of 40.8 was about three-quarters of an hour longer.

**Marian Cummings to Give First Co-op Show**

The first of a series of one man shows at the Artist's Co-op Gallery, 121 S. Pacific, Redondo Beach will open Friday with a reception and exhibit of the work of Marian Cummings, 3437 229th St. at 6 p.m.

A member of the South Bay Community Arts Association, the Torrance Art Group and the Los Angeles Art Association, Marian Cummings paintings depict local scenes. She has exhibited widely in the South Bay area. Her background includes study at the Art Center School in Los Angeles and El Camino College. She has also studied privately under such well known artists as Lorser Feitelson, Edward Reep and Donald Green. Gallery hours are from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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