

# Yearn for Good Ole Days? — No Sireeee

## Seniors Not On The Shelf, Life Buzzes with Activity



**PRIZE-WINNING SHUFFLEBOARD PLAYERS**

Shuffleboard is one of the most popular games at the Adult Center where there are mixed teams, men's teams and women's teams. The Shuffleboard teams have participated in many tournaments in the southland and have on display an array of trophies to attest to their abilities. In a practice session on the Shuffleboard Court at the club are from left, Nettie Sandman, Ed Grelle, Mel Wagers, club president throwing the disc, and Clara Dunbar.

They have fun, sparked with good fellowship, interests in current events, competitive games, bus trips, foods prepared in their own clubhouse and when they want to talk about events of the past it is with persons who also remember.

They are the senior citizens of Torrance, who spend their time at their Adult Center, 1318 Cravens.

The Albert Bartlett Adult Center first opened its doors 14 years ago this month, 1952. It was named in memory of the late Torrance City Clerk and prime instigator of a building for the town's senior citizens.

The Center features six shuffleboard courts, color television, kitchen facilities and a new Social Hall, dedicated last March.

The Torrance Adult Club meets at the Center, and sponsors activities including pot-luck dinners, card parties, bus trips and special events. Club president is Mel Wagers.

Handicraft and sewing take precedence on Tuesday mornings when the Adults Arts and Crafts Women's Club meets from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Center buzzes with activity seven days a week. Staffed by Recreation Department personnel, the building is open Monday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Midweek hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to

10 p.m. Sunday hours are noon till 5 p.m.

The Albert Bartlett Adult Center has been the recipient of many donations from various local firms and civic groups. This Sunday, the Torrance Lions Club has volunteered to paint the building.

Cora Scheffer is the leader in charge of the Center. Mrs. William Edens is the Senior Citizen Coordinator for the city-wide program, which also includes the Hollywood Riviera Senior Citizens, the McMaster Senior Citizens, the Riviera Senior Citizens and the Joslyn Active over 50's.

A second facility in North Torrance is scheduled to open this fall. The Herma A. Tillin Memorial Center will be located adjacent to McMaster Park.

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**ARTISTS AT WORK**

On Tuesday morning, the Arts and Crafts Club of the Adult Center meets to enjoy their work and discuss ideas. Presently, they have taken up the new art of liquid embroidery or fabric painting. At work are, from left, Nellie Haynes, secretary of the club, Cordie White showing a completed item, and Florence Megar, applying paint to her pattern.



**COFFEE BY THE GALLON**

The coffee pot is always on at the Adult Club and members gathered for cards or visiting enjoy this great American institution. Here, Mrs. Grace Meyers serves a cup of java to Odolon Casavan. Mrs. Meyers is inside activities chairman.



**FROM THE TOWN'S FINEST COOKS**

Food coming from the kitchen at the Adult Club is prepared by cooks who have had years of experience in the culinary arts. Making up tasty sandwiches is Mrs. Elsie Grelle while Mrs. Olivia Jones, fills the coffee pot, ready for serving.

Photos by Hal Fisher



**KEEP THEM BUSY**

Mel Wagers, president of the Adult Club, and Cora Scheffer, leader in charge of the center, talk over the forthcoming program to keep the Citizens busy and happy. There's always something going on at the club under the direction of these two people.



**IT'S YOUR MOVE**

The old-fashioned game of checkers enjoys an unprecedented popularity at the Adult Club. Here, Dick Burge challenges the club's checker champion, John Raynor, to a fast game of moves and jumps.



**WHO'S FOR PINOCHLE**

When the pinochle call goes out, the tables fill. Thursday night is Pinochle Night at the Adult Club and some sharp card playing takes place. Engrossed in a tight game are, round the table clockwise, Odolon Casavan, Elsie Grelle, Harvey Fashbaugh, Clara Dunbar, Ed Grelle, and Grace Meyers.