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ROAMING AROUND
With AUSTIN CONOVER

Junior High Students Form 'Ideal' Club

Bancroft Junior High School students have formed a dance club that last Saturday was described to me by their elders as "ideal" and "the only thing of its kind for the age group."

The dancers are held every other Saturday evening at the Poinsettia Playground, 7341 Willoughby Avenue, from 7:30 to 9:30. They are sponsored jointly by the Los Angeles Board of Education, the Department of Recreation and the Bancroft Parent-Teacher Association.

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More than 300 Bancroft Youth Club members attended at the dance last week, which was called a "Sweater Dance." The dance hall was appropriately decorated with many colorful sweaters.

The first dance, which was held on April 10th, was named "The April Showers Dance." The hall was decorated with umbrellas.

The next dance," said Mrs. Mary Dunt, "will probably be "The May Dance." In that case, we'll decorate the hall with May baskets."

Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Harry Kinney head the decoration committee.

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Nancy Reasner and Virginia Paul were each awarded an orchid for being voted "Bancroft Sweater Girls."

John Ruman and Bob Adrian were selected as wearing "the most unique sweaters."

Jim Stines and Priscella Hartkopf, American Legion citizenship award winners, were judged "the most unique couple."

Bill Watts was singled out as having "the boy's flashiest sweater."

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"Kids love prizes and official titles," remarked M. E. Schuettner, junior college educator, as he pointed out to me the "basics" ribbons that some of the students wore.

"Most of our prizes are donated. Those that aren't are provided from the 50-cent membership fee. As there is no admittance charge and as there are five dances this semester, the cost per student amounts to 10 cents a dance."

Nathan Seiger, florist, donated the flowers for the dance.

Joe Clanci, tennis shop owner, supplied at cost the soft drinks which were sold to the students by the club members. The club members took turns operating the refreshment stand.

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Bob Adrian acted as master of ceremonies and led his fellow club members in several get-acquainted dances.

Wanda Yancy, assisted by Joe Riviera, sang a clever version of the song "Manana."

Samuel Bazzrod, motion picture worker, brought along a motion picture camera and several films of sports and comedy.

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Mrs. Theodore Bobles, president of the P-TA, paid tribute to Mrs. Schuettner, who is the club's adult supervisor, saying: "She's what makes these dances click. She has the admiration and respect of all the students."

Mrs. Schuettner remarked: "The response from the parents has been wonderful. They're all for this wholesome form of recreation for their children.

"And as for students what they think of it."

I did, Joan Scott and Tom May said: "It's great."

Mrs. Schuettner has two smaller youth clubs at Bancroft. As a result, she knows the students. She's a whirlwind of energy.

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Mrs. Thomas Morrisey, publicity chairman and president-elect of the P-TA, showed me the membership card that is given to every member of the Bancroft Youth Club.

On it, there were listed the following rules: 1) regular attendance; 2) acceptable grooming; 3) thoughtful, courteous consideration; 4) correct ballroom etiquette; and 5) responsibility for the conduct and entertainment of any guests.

Mrs. McPhisay remarked that though membership in the club is limited to students in the last three semesters of Bancroft, a sports club is being planned for the students in the first three semesters.

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Lt. Robert Langworthy, juvenile officer, commented: "The grand thing about Bancroft Youth Club is that its members are all students at the same school. Consequently, there's a spirit here that can't be duplicated by a club that draws from two or more schools for its membership."

Medric McMasters, recreation district director, emphasized that Poinsettia Playground on the night of the dances is closed to everyone except Bancroft club members and invited guests.

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Bancroft P-TA members do many of the necessary chores.

Mrs. John Hall is in charge of the music. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ruman and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Colman handle the check room. Mrs. Ted Bobles, Mrs. Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft Hilbert are in charge of the admittance.

Part of Freeway Charges Dismissed

Defendants in a Hollywood freeway graft trial today faced 16 felony counts after seven counts of the charge against them were dismissed yesterday.

Don K. Hess and William Rose, former state right-of-way agents and Royall Wheeler, real estate agent, were still charged with seven counts of conspiracy and embezzlement of public funds. The 16 counts were thrown out of court because of lack of evidence or duplication of charges.

COOPERATIVE VENTURE—Robert Forward (left) and David Menkin level off a cement walk for the new quarters of the Rancho Park Nursery School at 10605 National Blvd., operated by parents of the 25 tots attending.

NON-PROFIT! PARENT-BUILT!

Cooperative Nursery School Moves Monday

The Rancho Park Nursery School, a non-profit, cooperative organization controlled and operated by the parents of children who attend classes, will take a forward step in its development Monday when it moves into new quarters at 10605 National Blvd.

The enrollment now is limited to 25 children, but this figure may be increased because a number of residents in the West Los Angeles area have applied to register their children in the school.

Except for the actual teaching which is under the direction of a graduate instructor, Miss Pearl Cromone, all the work of operating the school is handled by the participating mothers and fathers. The mothers' committee, broken down into various subcommittees, has charge of such details as purchase of equipment, daily maintenance and cleaning up of the school yard and building and similar organization problems. In addition, two participating mothers audit the instructor in handling the class.

The fathers, most of whom contribute their services over the week end, are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the equipment and all school property, build the various pieces of equipment that are needed and handle all the heavier type of work.

For example, in preparation for moving into the new quarters, the fathers poured cement, dug post holes and erected a fence, leveled the ground and prepared it for landscaping. During the remainder of the week, they will paint, build additional equipment, set up swings and slides, build a sand box and complete access to other classrooms. The mothers are cleaning the inside of the building, fire-proofing drapes, moving in school supplies and interviewing parents who wish to enter their children.

The school was organized in January, 1947, and for the first 16 months classes were held in the back yards of various homes. The need for a nursery school in the area was evident, but it was only weeks ago that the original group of 100 parents decided on the definite move as a cooperative service.

Present officers of the school are: Mrs. Robert Forward, chairman; Mrs. David Menkin, treasurer; Mrs. Paul Pyle, secretary; Mrs. Mike Laing, membership; Mrs. Frank Baltz, representative to the Cooperative Nursery School Council, and Howard Barker, chairman, fathers' work planning.

Other members of the original group are: Mr. and Mrs. Kirwan Buchele, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neuman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schulman, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Scalzo and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Keyes.

New parents who have been admitted to the group as part of the expansion program are Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Healy, Mr. and Mrs. John Frankel, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhee, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bloch, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bendersman, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Del Bourgo, Mr. and Mrs. Lee J. Beaudry and Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Weiss.

Additional information on the school may be obtained from Mrs. Frank Bolte at VErmont 9686.

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RANGOON, Burma, April 27. (AP)—Eighty-four communists have been killed in the government's drive to wipe out communism in the new independent republic, an official communique said today.

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FOOTPRINTS FOR POSTERITY—Mrs. Kirwan Buchele tries to extricate Barbara Bolte (left) and Jane Buchele from the wet cement. (C-N photo).

CLEAN UP PARTY—Mrs. Milton Keyes, one of the mothers scrubbing up the new building of the nursery, views Jo Jo Barker through a spotless pane.

EVEN IN COYOTE POPULATION, L.A. COUNTY CAN SAY IT'S NO. 1

Maybe the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce will proclaim Los Angeles County the state's most thickly populated area for coyotes as well as people.

Anyhow, the county topped the list for the number of coyotes taken in March by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The total was 77, the work of two hunters.

Riverside County, with three hunters, yielded 53.

Hazel Quinn's Melodiers On Sing Program Tonight

Hazel Quinn's Melodiers, mixed quartets of instrumentalists and vocalists, instead of the Belmont High School Madrigal Group as previously announced, will be presented by the Hollywood Community Sing today at 7:45 p.m. at Hollywood Congregational Church.

Miss Quinn, who is the [illegible] director, succeeds Harry McKnight, president of the Sing, correcting earlier announcements.

The Melodiers, directed by Hazel Quinn, pianist, are composed of Rina Dersin, soprano; Ernie Allison, tenor; Craig Milligan, tenor; Robert Carlson, baritone; Janice Simmons, violinist; Mary Crawford, violinist; and Doris Sanery, cellist. Their program includes light opera, musical comedy and semi-popular selections.

Hugo Kirchhofer will direct the community sing preceding the program, with Inez Jacobson as accompanist.

Bagpipers Hot, But Idle

OXFORD, Eng., April 27. (AP)—They had to call off last night's parade here to celebrate the Royal Silver Wedding anniversary.

Somebody poured hot coffee into the bagpipes.

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