

HERMOSA BEACH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
550 Pier Avenue, Hermosa Beach, California

Dear Member:

September, 1969

September is here again -- more days indoors and longer evenings, more reading, for research or pleasure. Of course, you know that your library has, or will get for you, almost any book you need or wish -- and so gladly.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY has purchased, through its Chairman Mrs. John Hales, three valuable books to be added to the California Collection:

1. CALIFORNIA ALMANAC FOR 1849, by Benjamin Greenleaf, published by the Huntington Library in San Marino -- a collector's item;
2. ANGEL'S FLIGHT, by Don Ryan, a fascinating account of the little cable car so long a part of Los Angeles life;
3. JOAQUIN MURIETA, by Francis Farquhar, the life of the infamous bandit of early California.

These are added for your information and pleasure. We hope you enjoy them.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL WRITING AND ILLUSTRATING CONTEST, sponsored by Friends of the Library for Hermosa Beach students, was enthusiastically supported by the young people from kindergarten through eighth grade. While there was a shortage of entries in one or two of the categories, so great was the response in Illustrated Writing that extra prize ribbons were awarded in all three grade divisions.

The judges, both instructors at Mira Costa High School, Mr. John Jancar (Art) and Mrs. Geraldine Wadhams (English), made awards to the eight students who placed first in the contest, as follows:

POETRY - Julia Girard (6th grade, Our Lady of Guadalupe), and Sue Prichard (7th grade, Pier Avenue)

ESSAY OR SHORT STORY WRITING - Vincent Ray (6th grade, North School)

ILLUSTRATION - Becky Weatherington (kindergarten, South School), and Jamie Leonard (6th grade, Our Lady of Guadalupe)

ILLUSTRATED WRITING - Larry Randall (2nd grade, Valley Vista), Rex Keeler (3rd grade, South School), and Tracy Talbert (7th grade, Pier Avenue)

Each of these eight students who placed first in the contest was awarded, in addition to the blue ribbon, a book or magazine subscription of his or her choice (within monetary reason, of course). We are proud of all the children who entered the contest, and doubly proud of our eight first-place winners. We wish to thank the judges, and Mrs. Edward Treadgold who contacted them on our behalf. And we are particularly grateful to Mrs. Christopher Shaw and Mrs. Edwin Pollock for the hours of work they put into making this contest a success.

The NEXT MEETING OF FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY will be held Thursday, September 25th, at 11 A.M., in the library. All members are welcome to attend and make suggestions which they think may be helpful.

If you know anyone who overlooked joining this year, or who may be a prospective member, it is still not too late. Dues are only \$1.00 (25¢ for children through high school age). Such a small amount to pay for such a large amount of good!

Sincerely,

Sarah Olney

September 9, 1969

Enthusiasm for the Friend's Annual Writing and Illustrating Contest was expressed again this - the Fifth - year by Hermosa Beach students and their teachers. Several classes participated en masse.

There were four contest categories: poetry, writing, illustration, illustrated writing. Each category had three grade divisions: kindergarten through 2nd grade; 3rd grade through 6th grade; 7th grade through 8th grade. It was intended that each grade division have a first place and a second place winner in each category.

Mrs. Marilyn Pollock and Mrs. Joan Shaw, co-chairmen of the contest, report that illustrated writing was most popular; so great was the response, extra prize ribbons were awarded in all three grade divisions. The other categories received a fair amount of entries. No winners were found for poetry's kindergarten through 2nd grade division, writing's kindergarten through 2nd grade and junior high grade divisions, and illustration's junior high grade division, because there were no entrants interested in them.

Judges were the classes of Mr. John Jancar (Art) and Mrs. Geraldine Wadhams (English) of Mira Costa High School, thanks to Mrs. Ruth Treadgold who contacted the two teachers. The judges were enthusiastically responsive, to the illustration category, awarding their own ribbons and allowing for third place winners.

Each of the eight students who placed first in the contest was awarded a book or magazine/^{subscription} of his or her choice, within monetary reason, of course, and a blue ribbon. They were: Julia Girard (6th grade, Our Lady of Guadalupe) and Sue Prichard (7th grade, Pier Avenue) - poetry; Vincent Ray (6th grade, North School) - writing; Becky Weatherington (kindergarten, South School) and Jamie Leonard (6th grade, Our Lady of Guadalupe) - illustration; Larry Randall (2nd grade, Valley Vista), Rex Keeler (3rd grade, South School), and Tracy Talbert (7th grade, Pier Avenue) - illustrated writing.

All winning entries were displayed in the library during May.

Joan Shaw