

Set Workshop

Primary teachers in the San Carlos elementary schools are holding a series of workshops this spring to study the new approach to modern mathematics which will be introduced to first and second grade children in the district beginning in September.

This curriculum change from the traditional mathematics program, will involve an extensive program of parent and teacher education before it becomes fully effective, according to Nelson W. Burdett, assistant superintendent.

Approximately 200 parents are enrolled presently in night classes through the Sequia Adult Education program to acquaint themselves with this new approach to teaching mathematics. Principals and consultants attended an all day workshop Thursday, April 30, conducted by the publishers of the new state adopted textbooks, to become better acquainted with the recent changes.

The district is arranging a carefully planned program of teacher training which will be undertaken before the program is implemented in the schools. A special mathematics text, teachers' guides and training films will be used in the teacher training program, according to Burdett.

The State Board of Education has adapted new textbooks for grades 1 through 8 but the books will be available only in grades 1, 3 and 7 for next fall, grades 3 through 6 and grade 8 will continue the present mathematics course of study until September, 1965, at which time the additional state textbooks will be available and necessary curriculum revisions made, Burdett said.

Aviatrix at Wake Island

WAKE ISLAND (UPI)—Flying housewife Joan Merriam ended her two-engine plane safely at Wake Island tonight, finally completing the oft-delayed Guam-Wake leg of her solo flight around the world.

The 24-year-old aviatrix from Long Beach, Calif., completed the 1,500-mile flight from Guam at 7:30 p.m. Wake time (3:30 a.m. EDT).

Miss Merriam spent eight days on Guam, where she postponed her flight to Wake Island five times and was forced to turn back on another occasion.

The plane developed minor ailments, trouble shortly after her takeoff from Guam earlier today, but she decided to continue the 11-hour flight after making minor repairs with a crew driver.

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