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LI LUN, LAD OF COURAGE, by Carolyn Treffinger. Illustrated by Kurt Wiese. Abington Press, 1947. \$3.00.

SO GREAT WAS Li Lun's fear of the sea that he refused to go on his first fishing voyage--his man-making trip. Such defiance brought swift, stern punishment. Let him stay on land then, his father commanded, and plant rice--plant it on the distant mountain top; and let him not come back until he had grown there seven times as many grains of rice as he had planted.

The chapter titles tell the story of Li Lun's trials and final triumph; Defiance; Preparation; The Climb; Night; Planting; Mildew; A Visitor; Rain; Rats' Drought; Harvest; Temple Ceremony. Here is not merely a stirring tale of the courage of a Chinese boy on a lonely island off the coast of China; here is an epic of courage anywhere.



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CAROLYN TREFFINGER, author of LI LUN, LAD OF COURAGE, has been in close contact with children for many years through her work as teacher and principal of an elementary school in the Middle West. Her professional storytelling in libraries, schools, and churches has also given her intimate knowledge of children's tastes in literature.

During the long summer vacations Miss Treffinger has traveled extensively, an activity which is reflected in her writing. Much of her reading, too, has been of other countries and peoples. It was, in fact, something she read in a missionary paper some years ago which gave her the idea for this story. "Oceans of research followed," says Miss Treffinger. The geographical data, characterization of the fisher folk, superstitions and folklore are authentic, not only according to authoritative printed sources but also according to persons who know intimately the Chinese island where the story is set.

KURT WIESE, who illustrated LI LUN, is a well-known and beloved illustrator of children's books. He was born in Germany and lived and traveled in many countries before coming to make his home in the United States many years ago. He loves to draw pictures for children's books, particularly about countries where he has lived. Some of the details in the LI LUN pictures are based on sketches made by Mr. Wiese during the six years he spent in China.

Summer School, Anyone?

With high school graduations and the end of the school year for other students, over, many parents are requesting information about the Summer School program to be conducted again by the Clark County School District.

The District will operate three programs this year starting June 13. Two are for elementary students and include remedial (missed work) and The Nevada Southern University co-sponsored enrichment (additional areas of interest) while secondary schools (both junior and senior highs) will conduct programs as well.

Western Zone Director of Schools Dr. Henry Bozarth can supply overall details at 736-5472. For particulars of both elementary school programs, Frank Lamping (736-5386) at Paradise Elementary and Robert Throckmorton (870-7758) at Vegas Verdes Elementary can supply course offerings, times, opening and closing dates and fees which must be charged to make the programs self-supporting.

Be A Selective Buyer



SPECIAL EDUCATION PROJECT--Helen J. Stewart School students recently completed two and one-half month Special Education Project of unpacking, sorting and stacking textbooks under guidance of instructor Joe Friedenthal. Students included, from left, Cornelius Richards, Charles Creasy and James Jones.

(Clark County School Dist. Photo)

HELP WANTED

FEMALE

LIBRARIAN AIDE--CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS. Salary range \$328 to \$439. 30 day residence requirement in Clark County. Employment standards -- High School graduate--1 year recent full or part-time library experience under professional librarian. Minimum typing speed 45 wpm. Applications will be taken through Tuesday, June 14, 1966. For further information contact Personnel Director, 1301 E. Lake Mead Blvd., North Las Vegas.

Swim Time At City Pools



ALL CITY POOLS are now open to the public with the exception of the new pool at Lorenzi Park (also called Twin Lakes), according to DeRay Eyre, City Pool Supervisor.

Registration for swim classes began June 6 and will continue through Saturday, June 11 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily, at all city pools.

Fee for swimming classes is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes begin June 13 and end July 1. Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday swim class begins June 14 and ends July 2.

Season swim passes are available from the six city pools.

SHE DID IT AGAIN



GOOD HABITS are as easy to form as bad ones --and certainly are infinitely more rewarding judging from the beaming smiles of Sheree Elaine Calhoun and her proud mother, Mrs. Woodrow Calhoun. . .10-year-old Sheree is the recipient (for the FIFTH time) of an Attendance Award for not having been absent for a single day in the school year. . .Sheree is a student at Kit Carson School and has just been promoted to the sixth grade. . .She is a B average student --has positive ambitions to be a surgical nurse and, like her parents, is a member of the Church of God in Christ.

EDITOR'S MAILBOX

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Dr. West, John West,
and Las Vegas Voice Staff:

Few papers cover school and community news better than the Las Vegas VOICE. Many times during the past year you have covered our school events in an informative, efficient manner. Large space in your newspaper has been allotted to pictures of school activities that have been enjoyed by all concerned.

It's a real pleasure knowing you can call the Vegas VOICE anytime and get coverage on school news. Your fine cooperation this past year has afforded an opportunity for many people to be recognized for their good work. Next year I, as well as the other principals, will be looking forward to a continued fine relationship between the VOICE and the schools.

Sincerely,
John Walker, Principal
Matt Kelly School

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