

Julia Fenderson Listed In 1962 'Who's Who'

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In New Mexico, she served as principal and State University staff member for five years at Tortugas Teacher Training School and conducted extensive research under the Rockefeller Foundation to elevate educational standards among New Mexican children of Latin extraction.

Coming here from Chicago, where she taught in Highland Park and Oak Park schools, Julia served as third grade teacher and assistant principal at Culver School until 1954 when she was named elementary curriculum consultant. In this capacity, she established the District Curriculum Center at Culver School where volumes of source materials in all areas are prepared and distributed to the city's eight elementary schools. The facility also is used for a teacher sharing center and for workshops. In 1960 she was appointed to her present position of coordinator of elementary education.

In addition to her work here, Julia taught evening education courses at San Fernando Valley State College and has authored several books and short stories for children. Among her writings are "Big Navajo Medicine," an Indian operetta based on her experiences with the Navajos in New Mexico and Arizona; "Let's Visit a Movie Lot," a social studies unit on Culver City's motion picture industry (which won her the Los Angeles Manuscripters' Award



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Julia is the mother of two sons, Dr. Thomas R. Early, graduate of UCLA School of Medicine's first class, now a physician and surgeon in Lemon Grove, San Diego County, and Martin W. Early of Laguna Beach, who holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education and Geography from UCLA, now associated with an educational research organization. Both served as lieutenants (jg) in the Navy.

Commenting on her busy life, Julia said:

"My life has been interesting and rewarding — raising two sons working as an educator, pursuing my lifelong study of

religious philosophy and being Mrs. Bill Fenderson. Now there is another area of experience in which I am happily sharing — watching the growth of my six grandchildren.

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