

Five Top Artists Set to Open Telephone Hour

Five famous soloists have been scheduled to open the Telephone Hour's programs for 1951, according to A. B. Smith, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. The programs are heard each Monday evening at 9 over NBC stations.

Lucile Cummings, contralto, opened the season last Monday. She will be followed by Jussi Bjorling, tenor; Lily Pons, coloratura soprano; Jascha Heifetz, violinist; and Ezio Pinza, basso.



ISLAND VISITORS . . . On hand to greet his family when they arrived in Hawaii aboard a Military Sea Transport Service vessel was John J. Herwer, chief manum, USN, who is pictured with his wife, the former Miss Elsie Huth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Warburton, of 2136 Andrea avenue, and their children Fred, Thomas and Shirley. Herwer is serving at the West Lock Ammunition Depot, Pearl Harbor, T. H. (Navy photo).

Korean Christmas Card Lacks Frills

The supply of Christmas cards in Korea is for shorter than the Christmas spirit, Max Katz, owner of Vurp's Cafe, has discovered.

Lacking the conventional Yule greeting card, Jack Young, a friend of the cafe owner sta-

Civil Defense Director Lists Important 'Don'ts'

Four emphatic DON'TS for householders concerning utilities in the event of an air raid have been determined by Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, State Director of Civil Defense.

"In view of numerous conflicting instructions from sources other than the Office of Civil Defense which have been publicized on the subject of action to be taken with relation to utilities in the event of a major attack," Gen. Robertson said, "The California Office of Civil Defense is issuing the following directives:

- "Don't shut off your gas service cook! You may need the heat during the emergency alert and dangerous accumulations of gas may be released into homes or buildings if service is restored by untrained people.
 - "Don't shut off your electricity! You may want your radio, which may be your only means of receiving official instructions, or your clock, or a hot plate, or even a light in your shelter.
 - "Don't shut off your water service! You may need your sanitary facilities or water may be needed quickly to put out small fires.
 - "Don't draw quantities of water into bathtubs or other containers! This will only reduce pressure in the mains and also result in an unnecessary waste of water which may be badly needed. Storage water heaters have sufficient supplies for emergency drinking and cooking needs."
- Gen. Robertson explained that the "Don'ts" are the result of conferences with utility engineers and members of the Office of Civil Defense staff assigned to the subject.
- "Your gas, electricity, or water utility has emergency operating procedures which are designed to best safeguard the community," Gen. Robertson said. "When safety measures are necessary, utility supplies can be cut off in danger areas most effectively by utility service crews. Follow the advice of your local utility manager."
- Irons, toasters, stoves and other appliances, in the event of an alert, should be shut off as though the householder were going out for the day, Gen. Robertson added.

Darby Cites Columbia Steel For Smog Battle

Denying charges that the Air Pollution Control District officials are "picking on the little fellow," Supervisor Raymond V. Darby cited the measures taken by the Columbia Steel plant here as an example of how major industries are spending huge sums to combat the obnoxious smog which has plagued the county.

"Columbia Steel Company, which operates four open-hearth furnaces at its Torrance plant, completed and put into operation the first of four huge electrical precipitators, together with waste heat boilers and other cooling devices, which have been under construction for many months," Darby said in his Saturday night broadcast over radio station KFL.

Reviewing 1950 and giving special emphasis to the battle with smog in the county, Supervisor Darby pointed out that the precipitator now in use at Columbia Steel is collecting nearly one ton of metallic dust that formerly went into the air each day.

"The other three precipitators are expected to be completed in about six months," the Supervisor said. "This will then be the first open-hearth steel plant in the world to have its emissions controlled by this means."

Royal Arch Masons Install

Officers-elect and appointed officials of Redondo Chapter No. 101, Royal Arch Masons, were installed in office Tuesday evening at the Redondo Masonic Temple.

Among those from Torrance installed were Gordon A. Mothersoll, High Priest; Fred Bacon, Secretary; Thomas Foster, Captain of the Host; Vinton Waldorf, Master of Third Veil; and Harold Shields, Master of First Veil.

Excellent High Priest Christopher L. Cooling, officiated at the installation rites. High Priest W. Fred Reveley was marshal. Eldridge Walker of Lomita was the installing pianist. He also accompanied Nadine Nikol as she sang several songs during the ceremony.

Chris Bartsch presented the flag as those assembled gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Rev. Leonard D. Babcock officiated as installing Chaplain. Robert Faren and Bud Edwards were ushers.

Supervisors Request Vets Housing at Harbor

Request of the federal government to relinquish all ownership over the veterans housing facilities on the grounds of Harbor General Hospital was made in a recent resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors.

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the housing facilities recently completed thru county and federal cooperation were planned for employees who were veterans, but under the new proposal, other resident employees as well as those who are veterans will be allowed to rent these homes from the county.

AID FOR FARM HANDS

Regular farm workers—perhaps as many as 4,000 of them in southern Los Angeles County—will come under the Federal social security law beginning January 1, 1951, according to J. G. Bretherton, manager of the Long Beach social security office.



AWARD FOR EFFORT . . . In recognition of their efforts, which resulted in 85 per cent of the employees at American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation participating in the recent Community Chest campaign, a group of union stewards accept an award of merit from Dean L. Sears, (left center), chairman of the Torrance campaign. Accepting the award is Don Anderson, chairman of the local plant Chest committee. The 115 employees contributed \$1256 for an average of \$3.10 per employee. Division leaders within the local plant included (left to right) H. J. Bryant, E. A. Hobbs, J. T. Howard, James Wright, Roy Roche (back row) John Yurkovich, Ernest Bradbury, H. W. Brewer, K. E. Leppa and G. W. Hardcastle. The company's contribution brought the total amount raised to more than \$2600. (Herald photo)

Local Soldiers Take Off Excess Christmas Pounds

Torrance soldiers in the 378th Engineer Combat Battalion had no trouble working off those three or four pounds picked up while eating Christmas dinners.

"They walked it off—almost immediately."

The first long-distance hike of the outfit was made on December 27. They covered 25 miles during the day.

The former Torrance National Guard unit had been "building up" to the grueling all-day march with shorter speed marches—five miles in an hour—and daily marching to and from other scheduled training. Goal of the battalion and other 40th Infantry Division units is to bring all men to a state of physical fitness that will enable them to march long distances carrying personal combat equipment, arriving in condition to go into battle. Twenty-five miles in eight hours is the standard test.

CIVIL DEFENSE

"Civil defense is a task that must be shared by state, local government and individual citizens," Maj. Gen. W. M. Robertson, California Director of Civil Defense.

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