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HELP IS SOUGHT FOR VICTIMS OF FLOOD



GOOD SERVICE PAYS OFF . . . Postman Moises Castillo, shown here delivering mail to Mrs. Dorothy Quandt and Mrs. Doris Zellner, both Winlock Dr. residents, was honored by patrons on his route at a large party Wednesday night. Castillo, who works out of the Walteria Station, was presented with \$56 collected by patrons on Newton, Raintree, Crickwood, Winlock, and other streets in the area.



EASY ON THE BACK . . . Postmaster Clara Conner and Postman Ray Ambill admire the new "mail caddy" which he received from a group of 33 persons on his mail route as a Christmas present. Neighbors in the 1400 block on 214th and 215th St. made the gift a week before Christmas, to ease the strain on his back.

All 6 Hospital Bids Rejected

All bids for the addition to Torrance Memorial Hospital have been rejected by the hospital's board of directors, according to Henry W. Creger, chairman.

Since bids ran more than 40 per cent higher than the \$600,000 expected, a revision of plans is anticipated, he said.

"We do not have enough money," Creger said. "It will be necessary to revise the plans. The architect now is working with the State Department of Hospitals and the federal government."

Six Bids Received

The low bid, \$868,431, was submitted by C. W. Drizer, while the highest of the six bids, \$917,336, was offered by Steed Brothers Construction Co.

The change in plans will not affect the \$45,200 grant which the hospital received from the Ford Foundation or the money which will be given by the fed-

eral government under the Hill-Burton Act. About one-third of the expected cost of the addition would be given to the local hospital under terms of this act.

Must Start By June

The only restriction, however, is that the construction begin by June in order to get the federal grant. Creger expressed confidence that this requirement would be met.

The proposed addition would expand present facilities to include 93 beds, delivery and labor rooms, nurseries and complete maternity facilities, major and minor surgery rooms, fracture and accident treatment rooms, X-ray facilities, and a sterilizing and supply center. Also planned are administrative additions and other improvements.

Money for the addition was raised in a fund-raising campaign held earlier this year.

Jaycees Issue Appeal for Aid

An emergency appeal for money, canned food, and clothing to be sent to flood victims of northern California was voiced here yesterday by Phil Lisman, president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Joining a state-wide appeal by the Jaycees, the Torrance group has asked that anything which could be used to alleviate the suffering of the flood-ravished areas of the state be made available to the Jaycees today.

Depot Set Up

An emergency collection station is being set up behind the Chamber of Commerce building at 1345 El Prado, Lisman said. The material collected there will be taken to El Segundo in the large bridge truck of the Torrance National Guard company. From there the material will be flown to northern Jaycee clubs for distribution.

State President Dick Fitzgerald has mobilized his Jaycee forces throughout the state to aid the flood victims.

Phone Listed

Torrance area residents wishing to aid the victims may deliver material any time after 8 a.m. today to the Chamber of Commerce building. Further information on the project can be obtained by calling the Jaycees at FA 8-2814. Pick-ups can be arranged, Lisman said.

Mayor Albert Isen gave his hearty endorsement to the project late Saturday and said he hoped Torrance residents would respond to the appeal.

"Thousands of Californians have been victims of this flood, and they need help desperately," he said.

Burglars Sell Goods After Store Theft

The burglars who took \$135 worth of clothes and an undetermined amount of money from Donlen's Men's Store, 2211 Lomita Blvd., Wednesday may also have tricked his mother into giving them \$30. Robert D. Schwandt, of 25921 Hillsworth Ave., Lomita, told sheriff's deputies.

Len J. Redmen, of the clothing store, told deputies that thieves had broken a window at the store and taken a short coat, several shirt jackets, and other clothing sometime Tuesday night. The cash taken had not been determined.

Late Wednesday, Mrs. Meta Schwandt answered the door to find a man claiming that he had a package to be delivered to her son, with \$10 due on it. She got a jar containing money and the man took both container and cash, saying that it wasn't enough, but he would accept it. Schwandt later told deputies there was \$30 in the jar. Inside the package left was a jacket and sweater set, he said.

Somebody Gets Goat of Police Officer Stone

Lt. Robert L. Stone of the Redondo Beach Police Dept., is a patient man, but thieves really got his goat Wednesday. In fact, they got both of them.

Stone told sheriff's deputies that somebody had stolen his two goats from 2100 Victor St., where the animals had been tethered for grazing. The chains apparently had been slipped off the animals' necks, he said.

One goat, valued at \$50, is tan without horns while the other is tan and white and has horns. It is worth \$40, he said.

Local Groups Aid Families For Christmas

Fifteen large boxes of clothing, shoes, and other apparel for Christmas, Roger Holms was chairman of the clothing committee and Pete Fahnestock was chairman of the basket committee.

The American Legion, under the chairmanship of Benoit Kidner, distributed 10 huge baskets of food Saturday morning to needy families of the area. The food had been gathered by Legionnaires during the past weeks for distribution at this time.

A number of baskets of food were distributed by the Torrance Optimist Club under the chairmanship of A. C. Turner. Members of the club began donating canned goods for the baskets early in November and some baskets were distributed as early as Thanksgiving for families who were in dire need of food.

47 Families Aided

Forty-seven families had a better Christmas yesterday because of the efforts of Bob Morey and several groups in the Harbor City-Lomita area.

For weeks, foodstuffs and toys have been piling up at Morey's 101 Bowl. Canned food, poultry, toys, some clothing, Christmas trees and other Christmas items were donated for distribution last week end. Carmen Kastrop and Audree Gregory supervised the distribution, which went to families whose names were supplied by welfare agencies, churches, and others.

In all cases, the need was investigated thoroughly before the Christmas baskets were distributed, the various chairmen said.

CIGARET BLAMED IN \$1300 GARAGE FIRE

A garage at 1832 W. 259th Pl. was completely destroyed by fire Friday, with an estimated loss of \$1300, according to County Firemen.

Owner John Carter Adams told firemen that his son, John and a neighbor boy, Leslie Covey, had been cleaning the garage during the afternoon before the fire was discovered. Chief S. J. Turner said the fire was apparently caused by a cigarette.

McDonald Renews Plans to Build Industrial Tract

Commissioners Approve Bowling Alley Plans for 220th St. and Western Ave.

A 40-lane bowling alley, cocktail bar, lounge, and billiard room got a green light from the Planning Commission Wednesday night, and McDonald Brothers renewed their application for a zone change for an industrial center on the southeast corner of Carson and Crenshaw. The bowling alley, proposed by Sigurd E. Murphy, will be located on the northwest corner of 220th and Western Ave. Additional land for parking spaces has been obtained, the commission was told, bringing the expected capacity to 216.

McDonald Brothers, who announced that they had purchased all of the land formerly owned by the Dresser Equipment Co., renewed their application for appropriate zoning to set up an industrial center on the site. The City Council had previously rejected a request from the group, after disagreement over requirements for buildings there. McDonald Brothers indicated that they would like to resume talks on the subject.

Longren Action Delayed

Action on the controversial Longren Aircraft request for rezoning of the land it now occupies at 2340 W. Carson St., was postponed until the next meeting, due to the absence of Longren President Hampden Wentworth.

However, Alan S. Moore, of 1741 Elm, and Dave Figurodo, of 1730 Date, who live nearby hit the zoning request, declaring that the firm had consistently violated the noise and parking provisions of its present variance.

Sent to committee was Albert Levitt's request for a variance to build a one-story professional building on Pacific Coast Hwy., between Paseo de las Delicias and Camino de las Colinas. It is presently zoned R-3.

Harry L. Griffin's request for a variance to build a retail and wholesale cabinet shop at 20502 Hawthorne Ave. was also sent to committee. The land is now A-1.

Tract Approved

Only one tract, No. 22086, to be located northeast of Arlington Ave. and the Dominguez Channel, was recommended by the Planners. Containing 32 lots it was approved if drainage requirements are met, a channel link fence is built along the channel, and 10 feet is dedicated for the widening of Arlington. The vote was 7-1, with Commissioner John Mulvihill opposing and Thurvin Fleetwood abstaining.



A CITIZEN NOW . . . Bruno Metzler proudly shows his aunt, Mrs. John Metzler the piece of paper which officially makes him an American citizen. The airman received his papers while serving with the Air Force in Japan, but his parents will have to wait five years for theirs.

AIRMAN FINDS First Christmas as U.S. Citizen Doubly Pleasant

Bruno Metzler spent his first Christmas as an American citizen yesterday, and he liked the feeling. He also liked the new car that his parents bought him as a Christmas-citizenship gift.

The 25-year-old airman received his citizenship papers while stationed with the Air Force in Japan, and reported his sketchy knowledge of English put him on KP several times during his first days in the service.

He is now on leave and spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Metzler, of 394 W. 182nd St., and uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Metzler, of 3910 W. 182nd St.

Not Understanding

When he entered the Air Force in 1952, he had come over from Germany only a year earlier, and still had considerable difficulty understanding English. Several times, he misunderstood commands from his sergeants. As a result, he was put on work polishing pots and pans and peeling potatoes.

Now, however, his English has improved and his accent is disappearing and he is enjoying a holiday at home.

The airman was able to get his citizenship through the service, but his parents must wait the required five years before they can get theirs.

Bruno's uncle and aunt were instrumental in bringing his parents and himself to this country from Germany in 1951. John Metzler had been in America for many years, the last 32 of them in Torrance, but his brother, Ferdinand, had remained in Germany.

Trio Come To U. S.

Finally, after World War II, the three Metzlers were able to come to America, but only after considerable red tape.

Before he entered the Air Force, Bruno Metzler worked at Columbia Steel. He will be discharged from the Air Force next July, but his plans are indefinite. For the present, he will be stationed at March Air Force Base.



STEELWORKERS PLAY SANTA . . . More than 300 children were guests last week at a Christmas party sponsored by Local 1414 of the Steelworkers of America at the CIO Hall here. Children were given a gay party and Santa handed out gifts to climax the afternoon affair.