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"One Small Voice" ... Area Citizens Heed Call in Recent Fire Disaster

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Illustrating how strong and how widely reaching is the effect of "one little voice," raised for a good cause, the experience of Mrs. Robert M. Humphrey, 1507 S. Catalina, is an inspiration and a source of courage for all in a New Year just beginning.

Through her instigation a radio appeal was issued Friday, Dec. 28 through station KMPA to the South Bay residents. As a result communities from Manhattan Beach and east to Rolling Hills were mobilized to aid the Malibu firefighters with donations of sandwiches, fruits and other foodstuffs.

As frequently happens, the good done on behalf of others returned to the doers when some of the food destined for Malibu, and collected at the Redondo Police Department, was diverted to aid the firefighters in the Palos Verdes Hills early Saturday morning.

"We would have been in a mess with the stores closed and no way to get supplies," stated Lt. Dale Hill, in charge of the Salvation Army for the entire South Bay area. "To have the food right here in our own area and ready for the Palos Verdes firefighters was marvelous. This spirit of helpfulness to their neighbors and the response to the appeals were really outstanding."

After seeing the Malibu fires flaming higher every night, Mrs. Humphrey and her husband determined to "do something." Feeling that the foodstuffs they could gather from their own resources would make small impression, they enlisted their neighbors' help in making sandwiches too.

"As long as we were making the trip to the Santa Monica Salvation Army depot with our load, it occurred to us that maybe others would like to contribute and we could take up their donations too."

So Mrs. Humphrey made arrangements with the Redondo Police Station to act as an emergency depot, then called radio station KMPC. South Bay residents were told that transportation to Santa Monica would be provided for any contributions taken to the Redondo Police Station.

GIRL SCOUTS ASSIST
Among those hearing the appeal, was Mrs. Robert Palmer, 223 Paseo de Granada. She was taking Hollywood Riviera Girl Scout Troop 113 to their homes after a meeting. The girls were enthusiastic and met at the Palmer home with supplies which they converted into 13½ dozen sandwiches.

Mrs. G. H. Miller, director of the South Bay Girl Scout Council, gave the project official sanction to be undertaken by any other girl scout troops in the area. District chairmen were then contacted.

Responding in less than an hour after they were contacted, were the six cub dens and Webelo den of Cub Pack 877, also of Hollywood Riviera. Donations gathered by Cub Pack 775 swelled the mounting pile of food at the Palmer residence.

Many others heard the appeal and responded in groups or on an individual basis, taking quantities of food to the Police station.

The Humphreys made their first trip to Santa Monica about 7:15 p.m. Friday evening. Within the next 24 hours, donations came in in such quantities, that four more enormous loads were transported to the Salvation Army's headquarters near Malibu.

AID LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS
The Palos Verdes fire, reported about 2 a.m. Saturday, saw firefighters responding from Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa and Manhattan, Los Angeles County and City, joining the Palos Verdes firemen.

Shortly after the first report of fire, the Salvation Army was on hand. With Lt. Hill directing operations, the sandwiches already prepared and the fruits and juices collected at the police station, along with coffee, were distributed to the firefighters right on the lines.

Areas all over Los Angeles responded similarly, accord-

ing to Lt. Col. Frank Wilmer, Salvation Army. He had stations appeal to the public to discontinue sandwiches Friday night, expressing the gratitude of the firefighters and himself.

A transfer company offered the use of a truck and individuals the use of their cars. When the fuel pump in the Palmer car went out Saturday noon, the Torrance Police Department dispatched a car to transport the Palmers and a carload of food to the Redondo station, serving further to exemplify the spirit of cooperation between communities as well as individuals, this spirit was one of the strong factors in the selection of Torrance as an All-American City.

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies and Cubs, troop numbers weren't always available. Many groups and individuals made their contributions anonymously. But it is known that the cities of Torrance, including Hollywood Riviera and Seaside, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, North and South Redondo, Hermosa and Manhattan Beaches were all represented, usually spearheaded by the scouts.

County Fire Chief Keith Klinger called the response expressing thanks for his men. Appreciation was also expressed by Lt. Hill for the cooperation of the Redondo Police.

When approached about her part in the humanitarian project, Mrs. Humphrey would say only that she hoped it would give others courage to go ahead in the future. "The public's response should give an adequate answer to the old question, 'What can I do, I'm just one person?'" One little voice does carry power for good and in a country like ours, the individual person is important to his society.

Annual Mid-Winter Card Party By CDA Set Jan. 28

Always eagerly anticipated is the mammoth mid-winter card party staged by Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America. The annual affair is slated this year for Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Nativity parish hall. Co-chairmen of the event are Mrs. Leroy Armstrong and Mrs. N. G. Hayward.

Proceeds from this affair go to the many charities of the local court.

Exceptionally fine prizes, donated by merchants, will be awarded, as well as door prizes to be presented at intervals during the evening.

All popular card games have been planned and there will be prizes at each table.

Refreshments will consist of homemade cake and coffee and each guest will be permitted to choose his own favorite cake.

The committee for the affair is composed of Mrs. William Healy, Michael McMahon, Henry Perez, M. S. McKinney, John Driscoll, E. K. Cunningham, Jay T. Bailey, L. G.

Fredericks, Norman Baker, John Brislin, and Miss Virginia Shaner.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased from any Catholic Daughter or may be secured at the door on the night of the party.

MR., MRS. AFARO GREET GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Afaro entertained guests at a cocktail party at their home, 27010 Sunnyridge, Rolling Hills, last Sunday evening. Pine boughs and colored lights decorated the entry hall. Flowers and white frosted candles formed the centerpiece on the table from which a buffet supper was served.

HOUSEGUESTS

Houseguests for the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan E. Gilbert, 133 Via Alameda have been Mrs. Gilbert's mother Mrs. Faith Gilbert of Tucson, her sister Mrs. Margaret Butler of Memphis Tenn. Other guests were Mr. Gilbert's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Gilbert and David and Judd of Corning Calif., his sister Miss Leona Gilbert of St. Paul Minn. and a friend, William Johnston of San Marino.

Gordon-Batty Vows Recited At Nativity

In an intimate family ceremony performed in the Nativity Catholic Church in Torrance, Dorothy Jeanne Gordon became the bride of David Paul Batty on Dec. 30.

The former Miss Gordon is the daughter of Mrs. Eddie Wurm of 2273 248th St., Lomita, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Batty of 2220 Gramercy Ave., Torrance.

Escorted by her step father to the altar decorated with white chrysanthemums and red poinsettias, the bride wore a rose colored brocade sheath dress accented with white accessories. She carried a white bouquet.

The bridesmaid, Elizabeth Sibon, was attired in a pink suit with white accessories. Walking beside her was best man, Eamon Garnor.

The bride's mother wore a navy blue suit and the bridegroom's mother was dressed in orchid. Both completed their attire with white accessories.

A reception for forty close friends followed at the home of the bride's parents. The new Mrs. Batty was a student at Narbonne school, and belonged to the Girls Glee Club and Drill team. Her husband, a graduate of Torrance High, is employed at Douglas Aircraft. They plan to make their home in Torrance.

OREGONIANS HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Leaving by plane New Year's Eve for their home in Portland Ore., were Mrs. Jane Sargent and Miss Geraldine Sargent who had spent the Christmas holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Sargent, 1613 Cota Ave. The visitors are the mother and sister of Mr. Sargent.

During their stay the group visited Marineland, Disneyland and all points of interest as the guests thoroughly enjoyed the summertime weather of California, having had snow in Oregon since before Thanksgiving. Miss Sargent was recently transferred from the Veterans Administration office in St. Paul Minn. to the Portland office.

DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Gray, 1538 W. 211th St. entertained as their dinner guests on New Year's Day, Mr. and Mrs. Paul V. Jones and Mrs. Nellie Gray.



THEY ROLLED UP THEIR SLEEVES . . . and joined forces to assist with supplying food for the firefighters in last week's Malibu and Palos Verdes conflagrations. Pictured here is Bob Humphrey in the car taking a package from his wife Brownie Humphrey who conceived the idea and enlisted the aid of South Bay residents. With them are Mrs. R. H. Palmer and daughter, Margaret, a

member of Girl Scout Troop 113, and Richard Paullin, Cub Scout Pack 877-C. The scouts and brownies of the area, as well as residents, brought food to the Humphrey home where the Humphreys, assisted by local police departments, formed a caravan for delivery to the men on the fire scene.

(Herald Photo)

Mr., Mrs. Lyle O'Hora Greet Friends at Gala Open House

The Fern Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Hora was the scene of a beautiful holiday party last Sunday afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. O'Hora greeted a large number of guests at an open house.

Setting a festive mood was the artistic Christmas arrangement on the mantel. A hand-made Christmas cloth covered the dining table which held a silver punch bowl and a handsome silver coffee service. Colorful holiday dainties were served with punch and coffee.

Invited to enjoy the holiday hospitality of the O'Horas were Messrs. and Mmes. Don Anderson, Gerald Hogan, Michael Donish, John Brislin, Leroy Armstrong, Frank Gately, Laurence Sargent, Laurence Derouin, Stanley Briggs, William

Healy, Robert Wertz, Michael McMahon, Joseph Terkman, N. P. Giacinto, Joseph Lucas, John McVey, E. K. Cunningham, Fred Bursill, A. H. Snyder, Robert Allred, William Hardesty, John H. Miller, Joseph Platt, Norman Nelson.

Others from Torrance included: Mmes. Gertrude Matthews, Leonard Young, Gerald Hogan.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Dowling of Burbank, Mrs. Charles Rozum, Norwalk; Mrs. Rolla Larson, Riverside; Mr. and Mrs. Dan O'Grady, Van Nuys; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kail, Covina; Mr. and Mrs. William Peterson, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Maude Pickett, Long Beach.



MRS. MAXINE HERMAN
Police Matron

Police Matron M. Herman Gives 1957 Safety Tips

Mrs. Maxine Herman, 1755 Date Ave. police matron with the Torrance Police dept. since 1953, in looking at the records in Torrance for the past year has contributed several hints for mothers and children to make 1957 a safer year.

Mrs. Herman's statement is as follows:

"Tragic evidence of our fatalities in Torrance during 1956 points out the death of four children under the age of four years. These accidents were brought about when small children ran into the streets. To avoid these tragedies, we must realize that Torrance is not a rural area, it is a city, and in a city we have a great amount of traffic on our residential streets. My plea is to be careful of our little people, don't trust them out in front of the home without supervision.

Our second major problem is concerned with the placement of drugs and pills. Such items should be placed out of the reach of small children. Watch where you put poisons and medicine."

My next tip is to the parents of the area. Teach your small children their names and addresses. Many children are found and brought to the Torrance Police Dept. They are unable to identify themselves. Take time and teach them the things they should know in case they become lost, strayed or stolen."

Mrs. Herman, mother of two sons, 19 and 16 years old, is

the only woman to graduate with a police science degree from El Camino college. She is now attending Long Beach State college, continuing her studies in police science. Mrs. Herman has followed in the footsteps of her step-father who is now with the Sheriff's department. Since she was 12 years old, the police department has fascinated her and as a child she sat in the police department to listen to the police calls when the signing off signal was "Rosenquist" which will be remembered by many older police officers.

The local police matron is in charge of records and identification at the new police station. She is a member of the Torrance Business and Professional Woman's Club.

McMULLENS ON PHOENIX TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McMullen, 1734 Watson returned last Saturday from Phoenix, Ariz. where they had spent several days at the home of Mrs. Lester Newton. There they met cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Renfro of Herford Texas who were visiting their daughter Mrs. Newton. Since Phoenix is a former home, the McMullens visited with many old friends. Enroute home they stopped at Palm Springs.

Jollensten-Williams Vows Recited at St. Margaret's

St. Margaret Mary's Catholic church in Lomita was the scene of the 2 o'clock wedding ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 22, when Miss Mary Jollensten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Jollensten, 25635 Penn Ave., Lomita, exchanged her wedding vows with Jimmy Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Laken, 1813 261st St., Lomita.

Mr. Jollensten walked to the altar with his daughter. For her wedding she wore a navy blue suit with a white collar. Her accessories were in navy blue and she wore white gloves. The bride's corsage was of white orchids.

Miss Karen Fanning served as the maid of honor wearing a black wool sheath and a

white orchid corsage. Bob Torrance stood as best man and ushers were Bill Griggs and Jerry Williams. The Rev. James Hagerty officiated at the marriage.

Miss Barbara Jollensten was in charge of the guest book at the reception which was held at the home of the bridegroom's parents. A wedding dinner was given at the Wayfarers' restaurant.

SPEND HOLIDAYS AT WINTER RESORT

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clinkscales, 1451 El Prado have returned from Phoenix, Ariz. where they spent 10 days at Christmas with Mrs. Clinkscales' two brothers and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Perkins of Independence, Kansas, who are spending the winter in Phoenix. Tours of the surrounding area were enjoyed by the group.

FIRELADIES

Torrance Fireladies will meet tomorrow (Monday) evening at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harlan Whitacre, 2240 W. 231st St. Plans for the coming year will be discussed.

Winners in Greenthumber Lighting Contest Listed

Greenthumbers Garden Club announces the winners of its Christmas Lighting Contest staged in the Allied Gardens area.

The sweepstakes trophy and first prize cash award was won by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Yancey for their display underlighting.

Second prize for lighting went to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frutton, and third prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Giles.

In the religious category, the first prize, a cash award, went to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mahoney; second prize, a gift certificate, went to Mr. and Mrs. John Carrievau, and third prize, also a gift certificate, was won by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kiefer.

In the category set aside for children's theme the first prize, a cash award, went to Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy; second to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thomsen, and third to Mrs. George Nawler.

The cash awards were donated to the Greenthumbers club by the Allied Garden Homeowners' Assn.



BRUSHING UP ON THEIR CARD TECHNIQUE . . . are these committee members of the Court of St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, who are planning their mid-winter card party at the Nativity parish hall on Monday evening, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m. They are (standing) Mrs. Leroy Armstrong, co-chairman for the party; around the table (from the left) are Mrs. Michael McMahon, Mrs. Norman Baker, Mrs. John Brislin and Mrs. N. J. Hayward, co-chairman. Game prizes, for each table, door prizes at intervals during the evening, and homemade cake and coffee are promised. Proceeds go to the court's charities. The public is invited.