

Heart Month Proclaimed For February

The month of February has been proclaimed as Heart Month in Torrance.

Pointing out that 26,000 persons in Los Angeles County die each year, the proclamation issued this week by the mayor urged cooperation of citizens through public meetings, schools, and social and fraternal groups with the objects of the Los Angeles County Heart Assn.

The fight to conquer these diseases through research, community services, and education requires a mass public

effort through support of the association, it was stressed.

Goal for the county this year is \$1 million, and would make the benefits of research available to heart patients, and provide education to allay fears and anxieties and to help people live with their hearts.

More than 320,000 residents of Los Angeles County suffer from some form of heart disease, including more than 7000 children.

Col. Peddicord Will Retire From Army Post

Col. Everett D. Peddicord, commanding officer of Fort MacArthur, will retire from the Army Friday after 30 years of active duty service.

He was honored at a formal retreat parade and ceremony at the fort's parade ground Wednesday afternoon.

JUSTICE DATE

The United States department of justice was created in 1789.

Top Level Executives to Speak On Closed Circuit Television

Through the magic of closed circuit television, local business people will have the opportunity to see and hear 30 top level executives discuss current sales, marketing and management problems in a series of talks during the first week of March.

This unusual telecast will be shown in the huge ballroom of the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach, one of the 62 major American cities to which it will be beamed from New York

City. Speakers will include Boone Gross, president, Gillette Razor Co.; J. C. Penney, board chairman of the company which bears his name; Charles E. McCarthy, president, Allied Stores Corp.; Orville Beal, executive vice president, Prudential Insurance Co.; Dr. Malcolm McNair, Harvard University; and 25 other business, professional and industrial leaders of equal rank.

Capacity Attendance

Capacity attendance is expected for each of the three meetings by H. G. Anderson, president of the Long Beach Sales Executive Club which, jointly with the Orange County Sales Executive Club and the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, is sponsoring the event.

"Because of the tremendous interest created by these Tele-Sell and Tele-Management meetings last year in every city in which they were held, we are making plans to accommodate an audience which will fill the big Lafayette Ballroom each night," he states.

Primary objectives of the whole program, according to Anderson, are to improve the working ability and productive capacity of sales and management personnel through discussion and explanation of methods which America's most progressive organizations have used with marked success.

Thief Takes Radio

Charles Mann Waite, of 3445 W. 190th St., reported to police that a radio had been stolen from his home.

A table model, the radio was stolen from the bedroom.

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Average Torrance Teacher Gets \$5200-\$5449 Per Year

The average teacher in the Torrance Unified School District gets between \$5200 and \$5449, according to a survey made by the California Taxpayer's Assn.

Of the 738 teachers in the district, 104 are in the median pay bracket, the report indicated. Salaries range from \$4200 to \$7700 a year. Fifty teachers are getting \$6700 or more this year, S. J. Arnold, general manager of the statewide Taxpayer's Assn. said.

Breakdown Given

Distributed by \$1000 brackets, there are 111 teachers in the district schools receiving pay under \$4700 this year; 394 in the \$4700 to \$5699 pay bracket; 183 in the \$5700 to \$6699 bracket; 45 in the \$6700 to \$7699 pay group, and five receiving \$7700 for this year.

California leads the nation in pay for classroom teachers, the \$5750 average state-wide for the current school year topping the \$5687 average for New York, \$5450 for Delaware, \$5210 for New Jersey, \$5175 for Washington, \$5100 for Michigan, and \$5075 for Arizona—the next highest "teacher pay" states, Arnold stated.

Only seven per cent of California's teachers are getting less than \$4500 this year—with the nationwide average pay for teachers at \$4520 a year. Minimum pay for a fully credentialed teacher in California is \$4200—the average pay for teachers in Texas and Montana. California minimum pay is the highest in the nation for beginning teachers, he said.

More Than \$4500

Ninety-three out of every 100 teachers in California get

more than \$4500 a year. Throughout the nation, only 41 out of every 100 teachers get \$4500 or more this year in any, Arnold said.

Only Nevada, New Jersey, and New York approach California for relatively large numbers of teachers in the higher pay brackets, California's 93 per cent getting \$4500 a year or more being approached by 75.4 per cent for Nevada, 75 per cent for New Jersey, and 74.8 per cent for New York, he stated.

Only one state in the nation pays an average salary of less than \$3000—Mississippi at \$2525. In the \$3000 to \$3500 group for average pay for classroom teachers are Alabama, \$3475; Arkansas, \$3180; Georgia, \$3450; Kentucky, \$3125; Maine, \$3400; Nebraska, \$3250; North Dakota, \$3250; South Carolina, \$3250; South Dakota, \$3250, and Tennessee, \$3350.

Stephen White Students Give School History

Celebrating the first anniversary of the school, students staged a "This Is Your Life, Stephen M. White, Junior" program Thursday.

Participating were Barbara Crowl, Kenneth Wager, Mau Okada, Sachi Ishihara, and Florence McAlary.

Former student officers returning for the ceremony were Gary Olson, first student president; Judy Smith, first girls' vice president, and Henry Ota, first boys' vice president.

Albert Cartwright, principal; Mrs. Clara Virona, girls' vice principal and John Fox, boys' vice principal, participated in a skit under the direction of Mrs. Iola Watkins.

Employees at Douglas Get Pay Increase

Wage rates of Douglas Aircraft Co. hourly employees will go up one cent an hour Feb. 3, equivalent to an annual increase of more than \$1,000,000 for 55,000 employees in Southern California.

The cost of living increase, based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics Index, affects hourly employees at the Santa Monica, El Segundo, and Long Beach divisions, including the Torrance plant.

The new increase is based on the December index which was slightly above that of September on which the last quarterly adjustment was made. The index remained unchanged from November to December.

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