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NURSES TRAINING . . . Mrs. Robert Wright, left, of Hollywood Riviera, instructor in vocational nursing at Harbor College, shows two students how to help a patient in and out of a wheel chair. Taking part in the demonstration are Mrs. William Schwab of 717 W. 214th St., Torrance, who is serving as a mock patient, and Mrs. Edith Thomas of 1546 W. 223rd St., Torrance. (Herald Photo)

Mother Quits Jobs; Son Sending Her to School

A Torrance woman who put her son through college is now having her tuition at college paid by the son and her dream of becoming a nurse will soon be realized.

Mrs. Edith Thomas, 52, of 1546 W. 223rd St., is training to become a vocational nurse at Harbor College and Harbor General Hospital.

FIVE YEARS ago Mrs. Thomas became seriously ill and underwent lifesaving surgery. "God must have something special for me to allow me to survive. I thought about it and it finally came to me that probably nursing was the thing for which I was intended," Mrs. Thomas said. Her husband died about the same time she was ill.

"While I worked during the day as production manager in a Gardena factory I went to night school and became qualified as a nurses aid and worked in hospitals," the Torrance woman said.

JUST BEFORE last Christmas Mrs. Thomas's son, Tracy J. Price, 33, a Beverly Hills ar-

chitect, told her he knew how much she wanted to become a nurse. "I'm going to put you through college so you can become a vocational nurse," Price said.

Mrs. Thomas gave up her jobs and enrolled in vocational nurses school at Harbor College. Price supplements her income and sends her a monthly check equaling the amount she had been making.

"I'm not at all sorry that I quit my jobs to take nurses training," she said.

THE SAME training Mrs. Thomas is taking is also available to other women ages 17 to 50, with applicants over 50 subject to special consideration.

TRAINING IS divided between classrooms on the college and workshops and wards

at the hospital. At the hospital, time is divided between students in "mock-up" wards and actual bedside care of patients. Aspects of nursing are covered by the college.

On completion of the course the student takes the State Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners' test and if passed becomes a licensed vocational nurse and carries the initial LVN.

Harbor College is accredited by the state and the hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of American Hospitals as a teaching hospital.

STUDENTS CAN enroll through the college admissions office where a qualifying examination is given. A high school education is not required. Applicants must be in good health, of high moral standards and willing to serve. State board examination grades of graduating students have rated fourth highest during the past few years among 47 colleges in the state.

The vocational nurse has a wide field of employment, according to Miss Roberta Lindberg, chairman of the Harbor College nursing division. Mrs. Barbara Wright of Hollywood Riviera serves as an instructor and as assistant director of nursing at the college.

"APPLICANTS FOR the next class which starts in February my apply now and not later than Jan. 10," Miss Lindberg said. "We hope to increase our class number from the usual 30 to 45 members in order to meet the increasing demands on nursing," Miss Lindberg added. There are now 60 students enrolled in three classes. Persons interested in additional information on the course may contact the college admissions office.

Air Force Pulls Switch; Marine Veteran Enlisted

Enlistment in the U. S. Air Force opens a new world of opportunities, according to Airman Second Class Romby

Hugh Blackley, who previously served in the Marine Corps from 1953 to 1956.

Staff Sgt. William C. Edwards, local Air Force recruiting representative, at 1319 1/2 Sartori Ave., reported that prior to enlistment, airman Blackley was tested in the field of electronics. Perfect scoring resulted in his being offered technical electronic training in the field of Air-

craft Electronic Countermeasures Repairman at Keeler AFB, Miss., for 31 weeks.

"This opportunity is the biggest break of my life, and there is no doubt in my mind that my future will be as a member of the aerospace team," stated Blackley.

He urged all prior servicemen to look into the opportunities offered by the U. S. Air Force.

YMCA Ready For Campaign Advisory Group Meets Tuesday

After a five-year search, the Torrance Family YMCA has located a site for a greatly needed new program center, according to Joe Wilcox, executive secretary of the YMCA.

To raise \$100,000 to purchase the two-acre site, the "Y" will launch an all out drive the first of next year, plus a campaign to bring in \$50,000 for current support.

Jan. 10, 1964 will mark the beginning of a third fund raising project—a \$350,000 goal necessary to conduct a new YMCA building on the proposed site.

Concert Attended

Seventy-four instrumental students at Stephen M. White Junior High School recently attended a concert given by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

The program was: Suite IV Cantenario, Guarneri; Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5, Villa-Lobos; Mosaics, Hanson.

Advisory Group Meets Tuesday

Election of new officers will be held at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting Tuesday at noon, Torrance Masonic Hall.

There will also be a presentation of the Torrance school program for academically talented students. Don Duncan, curriculum consultant, will chair the presentation, with principals from Riviera Elementary School, Anza Elementary School and South High School participating.

The musical program will be handled by the Arlington Elementary School Trumpet Trio; Steve Carlson, Gene Rucker and Mark Aurit.

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