



CHIEF JUSTICE GREETED . . . Lt. William Goodall of the county guard service meets Chief Justice Earl Warren while Supervisor Kenneth Hahn looks on during ceremonies unveiling a portrait of Warren which will be displayed in the Los Angeles County Courthouse. The Chief Justice, former governor of California, is a native of Los Angeles.

Industries Support Area Bloodmobile

Donors from 12 Torrance industries will provide a 165-pint maximum blood collection tomorrow when the Red Cross bloodmobile is stationed at the Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

All members, and families of members, of the organizations represented will be eligible to draw on the Red Cross blood bank when need arises, according to Mrs. Robert Orsini, chairman for the Torrance Lomita Red Cross branch.

Employees from the following companies will participate: C. P. Hall Co., CRP International, Inc., Stanley Home Products, West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., Kentile Floor, ABSCO, Inc., White Front, Chicago Bridge, Marshall Laboratory, Reynolds Metal, Magnavox and Vernitron.

New Directory Adds 33 Pages

Thirty-three pages accounting for 14,000 added listings in the white pages, will make the major change in the General Telephone Co.'s latest edition of the Southern Section directory.

The green cover directories will be personally delivered to the doors of subscribers residing in the beach cities and environs beginning Thursday.



UNITED WAY . . . The first annual United Way, Inc., appeal in Los Angeles County will be kicked off Thursday with the "Night of Many Wonders" program at the Hollywood Bowl, 2301 N. Highland Ave. Serving on the Torrance Commerce and Industry program, three Douglas Aircraft Co. employees are: (left to right) Benjamin Royce, Harry Greer and Howard Croich. United Way, Inc., formerly the Community Chest, combines more than 300 agencies throughout Los Angeles County into one annual appeal for financial contributions.

Red Cross Plans Baby Care Class

A series of seven class sessions, beginning Wednesday at the South Bay Red Cross headquarters, 109 Emerald St., Redondo Beach, will instruct expectant parents in the ABCs of baby care.

Under the supervision of a specially trained registered nurse, classes will be conducted on consecutive Mondays and Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Registrations will be taken at FR 2-5858.



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Medical Science Baffled By Parkinson's Disease

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Parkinson's disease is a disabling and slowly progressive neurological disorder. Its cause is unknown. Estimates of the number of persons in the United States afflicted with parkinsonism range from 300,000 to over a million, with some 25,000 to 45,000 new cases occurring annually. The disease is rarely fatal but is dreaded because of the crippling and disability that may occur—ill effects that need not happen if proper treatment measures are conscientiously followed.

The ailment is one of great antiquity, and mention of it goes back in time as far as the biblical era. James Parkinson, an English physician, described the neurologic syndrome (group of symptoms characteristic of the disease) in 1817, and "shaking palsy" as it was called was thereafter known as Parkinson's disease or by the medical term of paralysis agitans. Little is known about the nature of the disease or how it could be handled.

AFTER the passage of many years, nearly 150 as a matter of fact, it was evident to research workers that the basal ganglia (nerve junctions located at the base of the brain) were involved, and that injury to these areas resulted in the symptoms that are characteristic to parkinsonism.

While the specific cause is unknown, degeneration of the ganglia and parkinsonism may follow encephalitis (post-encephalitic parkinsonism) even though the syndrome may not appear for 20 or more years after the attack. Parkinsonism has also appeared following a brain tumor, certain forms of chemical poisoning, or syphilis, and is sometimes associated with vascular impairment (arteriosclerotic parkinsonism) as well.

PARKINSON'S disease is somewhat more common in men than in women. Though postencephalitic parkinsonism may occur before 50, the first symptoms of the disorder are more commonly observed around 50 to 60 years of age.

The initial signs of the disease, usually a slowness and stiffness of movement, may be mistaken for the symptoms of rheumatism. However, with the passage of time, in those cases where proper treatment is neglected, the condition usually

progresses slowly to a rigidity of movement that results in contractures, disturbances of gait, and deformities. The poverty of movement may also extend to the face which loses expressiveness.

Tremor, the second most important symptom and a less serious one, may also be very slight at the onset of the disease but often becomes more pronounced until the fingers may be seen trembling while at rest or making "pill rolling" movements. Movement may also occur involuntarily in the foot. Only one side of the body is affected at first, but all extremities may be involved as the disease progresses.

FORTUNATELY the disease has its stationary periods which may last from 5 to 10 or more years. During this time, there is little if any progression in the symptoms.

There is no preventive for the disease. Treatment usually consists of medication, physical therapy, and preventive and corrective exercises done by the patient under his physician's direction. As a matter of fact, in the opinion of some medical specialists, the patient's efforts in early or mild cases of the disorder especially during the stationary phases of the illness, are more important to his future well-being than either physical therapy or medication.

THOUGH treatment, specifically physical therapy and exercise, cannot prevent the ultimate spread of rigidity, it does prevent the crippling and deforming effects that occur when the condition is neglected. Such therapy must be continued as long as the patient lives—and he may well live out his normal span of life.

If the illness is treated early and intensively, the prospects for Parkinson victims are better than for the sufferers of many other chronic ailments. The mental faculties remain unaffected, there is no loss of vision, hearing or speech, there is no paralysis as in multiple sclerosis or atrophy (wasting) of the muscles as in polio. In short, there should be little fear of deformity or crippling unless treatment is either neglected entirely or is inadequate.

A pamphlet on Parkinson's disease will be mailed to any-

one who sends a card of request to the Division of Public Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 N. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, 12, Calif.

A Report to Customers of General Telephone Regarding Labor Negotiations

Since June 3, of this year, General Telephone has been negotiating with the labor union for an improved contract for our employees. The former contract expired September 13, but has been extended indefinitely subject to cancellation upon 48 hours notice.

We have offered substantial increases in wages, and many improvements in the pension plan, hospital—medical—surgical, vacations, and other fringe benefits. The labor union has refused to accept our offer, with the comment, "not enough". Here are some of the improvements we have offered:

WAGES — Increases of 5 cents to 14 cents an hour for traffic operators, 3 cents to 15 cents an hour for clerical employees. Garage mechanics, senior utility men and senior keypunch operators would receive increases ranging up to 30 cents an hour. More than 3,600 employees (over one third of the total) would receive 10 cents an hour more.

PENSION PLAN — Establish a planned program of total elimination of Social Security deductions in computing pensions. Reduce from 20 to 15 years the period of service required for eligibility for pension, and provide benefits for employees who retire because of physical disability. Increase the minimum pension to \$125.00 per month.

MEDICAL PLAN — Improved hospital—medical—surgical plan, with the company paying \$2.00 per month per employee towards the cost of the premium. Additional improvements are also offered in our major medical plan for which the company pays full cost.

It is our earnest hope that the labor union will demonstrate a sense of responsibility by accepting without delay the very fair offer that we have made for settlement of its demands.

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