

Recovers \$1,654,162 On Veterans Claims

Business done by the California department of Veterans Affairs during January resulted in \$1,654,162 being recovered from the federal government on 2,397 claims for California veterans, according to a report to Gov. Edmund G. Brown by Veterans Affairs Director Joseph M. Farber.

This is the heaviest month ever for the department's three year old claims and rights service from the standpoint of both the numbers and total value of recoveries.

According to James W. Cowan, manager of the division of service and coordination and administrator of the claims and rights service, the previous high in numbers of claims was in May of 1962 when 1,258 recoveries were made. The previous high value was reached in March of 1962 at \$1,546,958.

Natural Gas Popular Home Heat Source

More than 2.4 million Southland homes are now heated by natural gas, according to figures released by the two utilities serving the area.

Last year, Southern Counties gas companies added nearly 110,000 heating customers in Balanced Power homes and apartments, Southwest Division Manager G. M. Babbe said.

Babbe predicted that the number of Southland gas-heated homes will pass the 2.75 million mark by the end of 1965. This means the two gas distributing firms will add about 317,000 heating customers during the three-year period, he said.

HOUSE HEATING customers include Balanced Power homes and apartments with either central forced air systems, or floor or wall furnaces and, of course, gas water heating and cooking equipment, he explained.

Babbe also reported that well over 95 per cent of all the residential dwelling units in the Southern California and Southern Counties service area are heated with gas.

"THIS AREA traditionally has been among the highest in the nation in gas heating," he said. "About 60 per cent of the nation's homes are gas-heated."

Babbe attributed the continuing popularity of natural gas for home heat in Southern California to the economy and efficiency of the fuel, and to the dependability of gas heating equipment.

County Records Week's Illnesses

Six cases of measles, three each of mumps and scarlet fever, two each of syphilis and gonorrhea, and one of hepatitis were reported to the Los Angeles County Health Department for the Torrance area during the week ending March 16.

Endorses Candidates

Fred Weaver, J. Michael Hagopian, Georgiana Hard and Arthur F. Gardner, Los Angeles City School Board candidates, were announced unanimously by the Harbor Area Committee for Better School at a recent organizational meeting.

The committee, formed to disseminate information concerning the upcoming primary election of school board candidates, elected the following officers: Dick Colbary, president; Leo Huffman, Palos Verdes regional chairman; Robert W. Dunn, treasurer and Crestwood regional chairman, Mrs. Deone Cramer, secretary; Rose Eakin, Lomita regional chairman; Harold Garvin, San Pedro regional chairman; and Charles Harmon, publicity director.

Representative labor groups attending the initial meeting included Louis Stango of ILWU, Victor Colbary of the Shipyard Workers Union Local 9, and James Maybee of Painters Union Local 949.

The truly generous is truly wise, and he who loves not others, lives unblest. — Henry Home.

Operations Officer at Bank Told

Donald J. De Boer recently was named operations officer of First Western Bank's Hawthorne office, according to Edward L. Talbert, manager.

De Boer began his banking career with First Western in 1955. After five years of operations work at the Bellflower office, he interrupted his career to serve in the United States Army as an instructor at the Fort Harrison Army Finance Center in Indiana, resuming his banking career with First Western after his honorable discharge in December 1962.

South Service Clubs Install New Officers

South High School's honorary service clubs, the Orders of Athena and Apollo recently installed new officers and accepted new members for the spring semester.

Newly installed officers of the Order of Athena were chairman, Toni Hamblin; vice chairman, Rosemary Heath; secretary, Stephanie Palmquist; historian, Susan Brown; treasurer, Nancy Baker; sergeants-at-arms, Karolyn Roundtree and Beatrice Alred.

Officers of Apollo are: chairman, James Johnson; vice chairman, John Hughes; secretary, Roger Huysen; historian, Rick Gilbert; treasurer, George Groveman and sergeants-at-arms, Loren Severs and Steve Addington.

To apply, students must be juniors or seniors, must have earned a certain amount of service points, and must have a "B" average.

City Grows; Allstate Expands

A new insurance sales center was officially opened last week at 4949 Pacific Coast Hwy., by Allstate Insurance Co., a subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Don Banker, district sales manager, will be in charge of the new office in the Pacific Plaza shopping center, according to C. J. Weiss, assistant vice president and regional manager.

Agents Carl Peterson, Herb Ulve, Jack Balzer and Ed Provost will serve from this office.

Joseph Young To Exhibit Collection

"Art in Architecture — A Retrospective Exhibition" will be presented at Marymount College Sunday through April 12 by Joseph Young.

A master craftsman in the field of mosaic murals, Young will display representative pieces from his current collection.

The winner of awards from the Butler Institute, the American Academy in Rome, the Huntington Hartford Foundation, he was granted an honorary doctorate from Westminster College.

Young has had exhibitions at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, National Gallery in Washington, the Carnegie Museum of Fine Arts and numerous other galleries.

Among his principal commissions are murals for the County of Los Angeles Hall of Records, War Memorial Fresco in Boston, Loyola University, the Temple Emanuel in Beverly Hills and the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes in Los Angeles.

Schools Honor Language Week

National Foreign Language Week, sponsored by Alpha Mu Gamma, will be marked this year in colleges and high schools from March 31 to April 6, according to Mother M. Bernard Marie of Marymount College, national president.

The program for the week is based on the premise that foreign languages are the stepping stones to global understanding in this shrinking world, and appropriate celebrations are planned on campuses by members of the collegiate society.

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