

Beverly Hills Man Named to Legal Position

Robert K. Dower, 47, now with a Beverly Hills law firm, will be the new assistant city attorney and report here in two to three weeks.

Announcement of the selection was made Tuesday by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier who said he had been screening the top three candidates following a civil service examination.

Dower has also served as a government attorney, Remelmeier said.

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It was a pretty sticky mess at California and Alaska Sts. Thursday morning, when seven barrels of glue poured over the pavement.

Woman Freed from Wreckage of Car

A woman driver was pinned under her overturned car for several minutes after she crashed into a sign post at Censhaw Blvd., and 190th St., early Friday.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital with cuts on her head and bruises on her body was Louise May Coleman, 33, of 1830 Torrance Blvd., police said.

A fire department rescue truck assisted in freeing the woman from the wreckage of her small imported sedan.

Firemen said the adhesive material was being delivered to the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., when the barrels rolled off and burst as they hit the pavement.



PASSING TIME—Pickets at the Bethlehem Torrance fabricating works have built themselves a shack to keep comfortable when they are not actually pounding pavement. Here Paul Trevis, Roger Evans and Pete Fitzgerald, from left, idle away with card game.



SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY — The SRA reading kits used in many Torrance schools contain 150 story pamphlets graded in order of difficulty. They are designed for students on reading levels from grade three through 12. At the end of the stories are questions designed to test speed and accuracy or comprehension. Here, Quinon Johnston and members of his fifth and sixth grade class at Burlington School demonstrate the different levels at which class members are reading. Levels range from simple to difficult. Shown are Renee Sadow, Cheri Hanson, Paul Chaille, Leslie Wilbanks, Gregory Williams and Charles Lilore.

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Nearly Everyone Comes Down With Chickenpox, Doctor Says

ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., L. A. County Health Officer. Chickenpox is a mild disease that almost everyone gets at one time or another. Probably the chief danger from the infection is due to its very mildness which somehow inclines adults to regard chickenpox too lightly, whether it occurs to themselves or their children.

This disorder is very contagious, being spread from one person to another by secretions from the patient's nose and mouth, or by handling articles contaminated either with the secretions or material from the skin blisters.

Children are normally expected to contract chickenpox before or during school days, and there is ordinarily no reason for keeping a healthy child away from possible sources of infection. Nonetheless, very young or weak children should be protected against exposure to all infectious diseases. In any case, a physician should always be called in for a diagnosis and medical supervision even when the symptoms are most mild.

To the inexperienced or non-professional observer the rash of chickenpox resembles that of smallpox, and the experience of a physician is required to distinguish the differences.

This possibility of smallpox should be kept in mind, especially by those persons who have not been vaccinated since infancy.

The rash of chickenpox is usually quite irritating, and youngsters have a tendency to scratch the blisters and scabs. Efforts should be made to discourage such scratching, for permanent scars often result if the lesions become infected.

In some cases, the individual coming down with chickenpox has a slight fever, headache, and loss of appetite for a day or two before the rash develops; in another person, it may be the first symptom. The rash, which occurs in successive crops, usually appears first on the trunk, then on the face, and in severe cases over the entire body. Eruptions resembling small ulcers, may form on the lining of the mouth and throat.

It is true that serious complications accompanying chickenpox, including encephalitis and kidney infections, are uncommon but they do happen. One complication, more common among adults than among children is called primary chickenpox pneumonia. This is an acute, severe pneumonia occurring during the course of chickenpox and is caused by the chickenpox virus. The patient with this condition usually has a widespread rash, a cough that produces blood-streaked sputum, and a high fever. Recovery is generally assured with proper medical care.

There is no specific treatment for chickenpox, nor is there an immunizing agent. Although the disease is not quarantinable, children are excluded from school for at least six days after the first appearance of the rash and until the initial scabs have dropped from exposed parts of the body. One attack of chickenpox usually confers immunity. Second attacks are rare.

Everything considered, chickenpox is not a major public health problem, nor is it a reportable disease in California. But neither is it without complications that can result in serious consequences to the individual, and this is especially true for adults.

A pamphlet giving additional information on chickenpox will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Public Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 North Figueroa Street, Los Angeles 12.

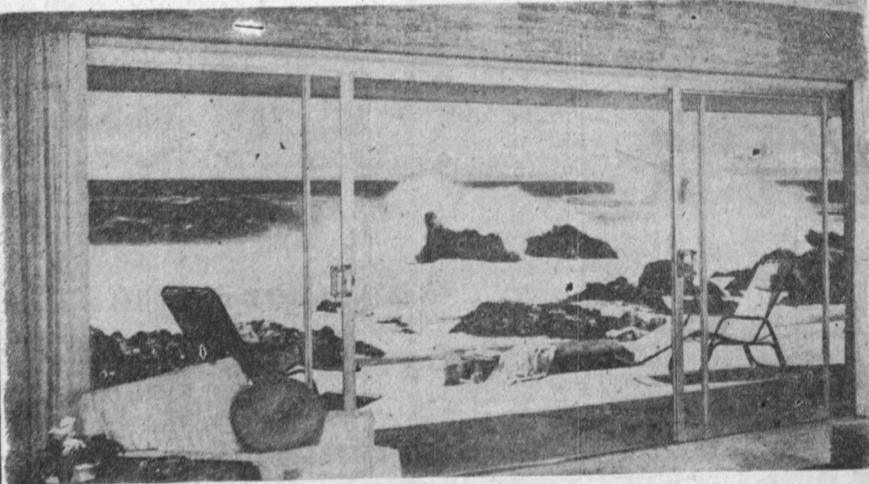
ATTENDS WORKSHOP

Linda Lee Colbert, editor of the South High School Sword and Shield, attended the newspaper workshop given at SC for the past six weeks.

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