

Christmas Seal Sunday Slated

The South Bay Church of God, Torrance, will be among the 150 Los Angeles county churches observing Christmas Seal Sunday this weekend.

Through the cooperation of some 55 ministerial associations, the participating churches have scheduled the use of more than 85,000 church programs featuring the Christmas Seal message during devotionals on that day.

First Baptist Church of Lomita Plans Mission in San Pedro

The First Baptist Church of Lomita has made plans to open a rescue mission this week in San Pedro, 219 Sixth St. The motto of the mission is "Helping Others to Help Themselves God's Way."

The Women's Missionary Union of the church will observe its annual week of prayer for foreign missions daily at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.

The mission offering goal for this season is \$525 which will be given as a love offering above the regular tithes and offerings the next two Sundays.

Saturday has been designated as Volunteer-Work-day at the church. Twenty men are expected to help with the roof of a new two-story educational building now under construction. A family-style luncheon will be served.

Harbor College Students Visit Hospital, Praise Care Given Patients at Patton

By ETHEL EVANS

Reporter, Harbor College

That the patients at Patton State Hospital are lucky people — not because they are in a mental hospital, but because they are in this particular hospital — is the opinion of Dr. Louise Johnson, Harbor College psychology instructor, and 38 of her students who visited Patton recently.

Arriving by bus at noon, the students had lunch at the hospital canteen, where food is cooked and served by patients. One of the waitresses, who said she had been assistant promotion director for a newspaper before entering Patton three months ago, explained that all six cooks then on duty were alcoholics in rehabilitation therapy.

Of California's 50,000 mentally ill, 4200 are at Patton, founded in 1893. The hospital now functions with a staff of 40 doctors, 24 social workers, 13 psychiatrists, psychiatric technicians for each of the hospital cottages, and 315 volunteers.

At a conference with Dr. E. Crowley after lunch, students learned about different types and treatments of mental disorders and listened to the patients who were invited in to confer with the doctor. He pointed out that no case can be limited to only one way of classification or treatment; the whole clinical picture is considered in each instance. No test is more important than the person rating it, he explained; thus every patient at Patton is treated individually. Ego strength is discovered and utilized in therapy.

More and more patients are signing themselves in for help. Some, among those admitted by order, come in not knowing their own names. About 65 Jane Doe's and 85 John Doe's are registered; Patton is their home now. A few have been there as long as 30 years.

mental illness is no respecter of age, IQ, or financial status. They resolved to help other California citizens strive for more hospitals like Patton.

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