



SAFETY PRECAUTION is overpass being built in front of South High School, Pacific Coast Highway in South Torrance. According to construction firm, overpass will be ready by Jan.

20 and will be used by students crossing the heavily traveled highway. Press Photo by Art Willey

Second Graders Get Guided Tour

Fifty parents, friends, and relatives of second graders in Miss Olive Marshall's second grade class at Wood Elementary School, Torrance, got a guided tour of Hawaii last week. Members of the class completed their study of America's newest state with an open house and "quiz program" to show what they had learned. Both children and parents wore Hawaiian costumes, and refreshments, island style, were served. During the quiz program, children told parents about island life—how they were formed, and about industries, people, and customs. The teacher visited Hawaii last summer. Michael Cooke was master of ceremonies, while Debbie Ellsion performed a hula.

SBA Outlines Assistance Program to Small Business

Donald McLarnan, regional director of the Small Business Administration for Southern California, today reported on the activities of the Agency's Research and Development program of assistance to small firms.

Mr. McLarnan explained that the SBA is empowered by Congress, under the Small Business Act of 1958, to approve pools of small firms. The purpose is to put member-firms in a better position to obtain Government contracts. "As individual companies they would perhaps be ineligible to bid on a specific contract due to limited facilities, but through the formation of an SBA-approved pool, member-firms pool their facilities and capabilities, therefore putting themselves in a better position to get Government contracts," he said.

At present, 11 SBA-approved pools are active. Nine of these are defense production pools, one is a research, development and production pool, and one is a research and development pool. A listing of small companies interested in research and development is being prepared by the SBA. The booklet will contain names of qualified small firms eligible to perform R&D work, and will be given wide distribution to government purchasing agencies and private prime contractors engaged in research and development to refer to interested small companies for either prime or subcontracting.

New Bolt Used at U.S. Steel in Torrance

First design change in 50 years in steel anchor bolts used in building and construction industries was conceived and developed at U.S. Steel's Columbia-Geneva plant in Torrance. The new design eliminates the bend, or head, at the base of the conventional anchor bolt.

Now Linda Can Wear Pretty Yuletide Shoes



Linda then . . . and Linda now

Six-year-old Linda Brees of Columbus, Ohio, has been crippled from birth. She suffered from a birth defect, a disorder which seriously afflicts one out of every 16 babies born in the United States.

When Linda was old enough to walk, she could get around only with the aid of steel braces on her legs. That meant wearing heavy, ankle-high shoes which were not very pretty for a little girl who was otherwise developing into a real beauty.

Children with significant birth defects, known medically as congenital malformations, often face a lifetime of crippling. But there was hope in Linda's case. In her hometown, at the Columbus Children's Hospital, a new center especially designed to treat birth defects was set up with the support of New March of Dimes funds. It is probably the world's first birth defects treatment and study center. Linda began a series of surgical operations, treatments and exercises to strengthen the muscles she still had in her legs. Today she no longer needs the braces and can even ride a tricycle. Though she still uses crutches, the doctors at the Columbus center hope that she may soon be able to abandon them. Meanwhile, what delights Linda most is that, like other little girls, she can now wear pretty shoes.

Pacific Coast University Celebrates 33rd Year

The Law School of Pacific Coast University is a non-profit educational institution. It has been in continuous operation since 1927, so the current year is its 33rd year.

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