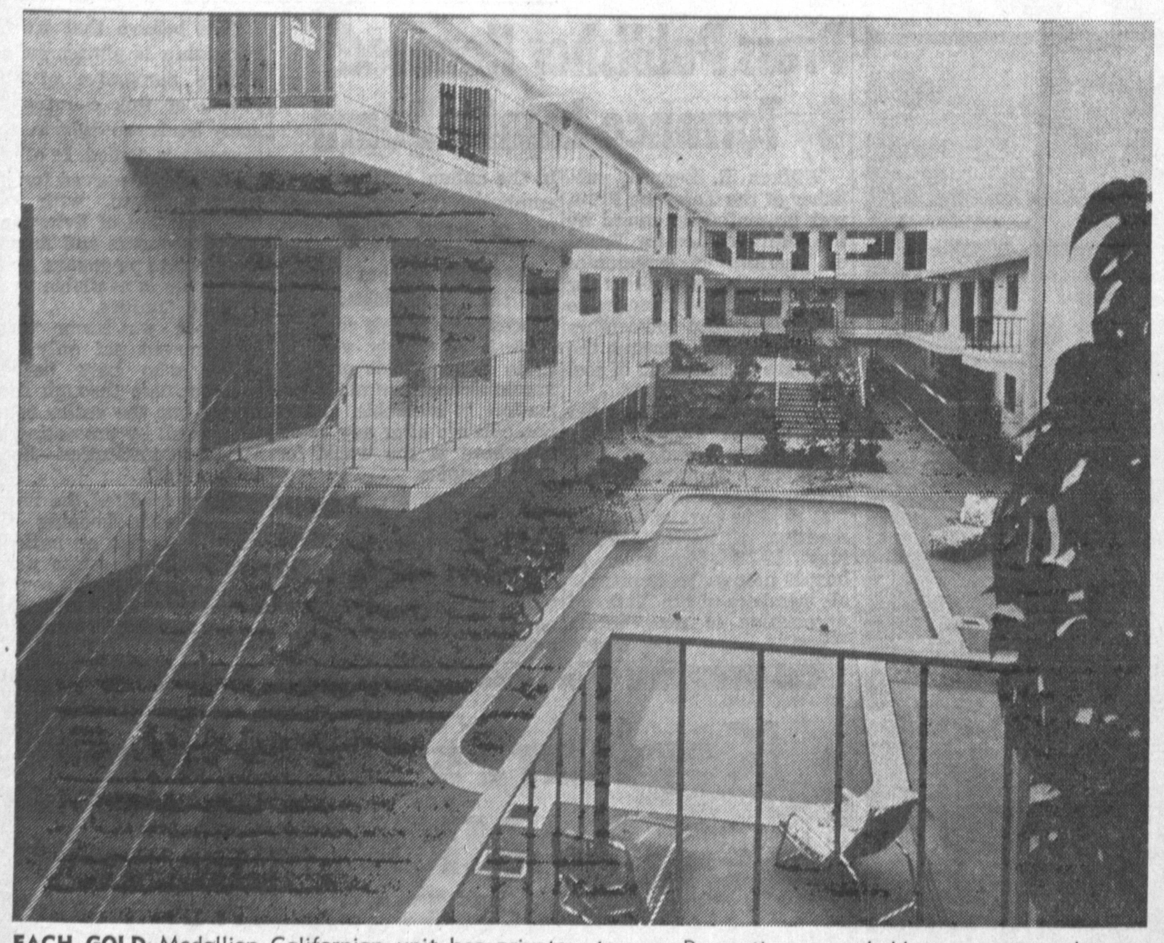

EACH GOLD Medallion Californian unit has private patio overlooking spacious heated pool and elevated terrace. Recreation room, hobby room, women's exercise room and photography lab surround the pool.

'Community' Within Building Is the California's Story

A "community within a building" could well define the Californian, a new 28-unit Gold Medallion (all electric) own-your-home apartment building located at 15549 S. Budlong Place, Gardena.

Completely modern living units in the Californian are enhanced with the addition of a hobby and crafts room, a recreation room, a photography lab and a women's exercise room, according to Lew Jenkins, Southern California Edison Company district manager.

APPEALING LIVING room and dining room offer spacious living in Californian's Gold Medallion own-your-home apartments. In background is compact, U-shaped all-electric kitchen.

Each spacious living unit contains two bedrooms, two baths and a private patio. Some models have a den, family room and an additional private balcony which overlooks a large heated swimming pool and an elevated landscaped terrace.

Electric Kitchens

Each room is warmed to desired temperatures by hidden ceiling cables which are controlled by individual thermostats.

The electric kitchens feature built-in ranges, double ovens, automatic dishwashers, waste disposals and water heaters.

As an added touch, the Californian features an FM music system in each room, telephone outlets in the living room, kitchen and master bedroom, and a light dimming switch in the dining room, Jenkins pointed out.

Soundproofed and insulated, all units contain from 1100 to 1475 square feet of living space. Oversized garages and storage lockers also are available for each family, Jenkins said.

The Californian also contains two separate laundry rooms equipped with electric washers and dryers.

Ready for Hobbyists

For hobbyists, the Californian has all the room and most equipment for their activities, according to Jenkins. The large hobby and crafts room is fully equipped with a variety of power tools and is lined with work benches. Also, a private locker is available for each resident.

Women will have use of the ladies' exercise room which contains massage equipment and an exercise machine. In addition, the room is equipped with two hair dryers.

Residents will be able to spend many pleasant hours in the recreation room, Jenkins said. It contains ample space for parties, dancing, card playing and is highlighted with complete kitchen facilities, including an electric range, double ovens with rotisserie, a dishwasher and a waste disposal.

Photo Lab Included

Describing still more recreational facilities, Jenkins said amateur photographers will have the opportunity to develop their skills in the Califorian's photo lab. The room contains an enlarger, and all necessary facilities for developing film and printing pictures.

The Californian, which is now open to the public, is owned by Robert G. Vans of Vans Properties in Gardena. It was constructed by Roy Roberts of Hermosa Beach.

Red Cross Appeals for Blood Donations

What will happen to the pint of blood you donate through Red Cross at the bloodmobile in Torrance Thursday?

Mrs. Robert Orsini, volunteer blood program chairman for the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch, says it will first be placed in the cooler of the large grey van of the Los Angeles regional blood service and be kept at a temperature of 40 degrees.

At the end of Thursday's collection period, 2:30 to 7 p.m., the bloodmobile unit will take the blood to the Los Angeles headquarters and place it in a large cooler with 600 to 1,000 other bottles of blood which will be collected throughout Los Angeles and Orange counties that day.

In the laboratory, tests for disease will be made from one of three small vials (pilot tubes) that will be drawn from you at the same time as the pint donation.

Compatibility Test

The other two vials accompany the pint bottle wherever it goes, so that before giving blood to a patient technicians at the hospital can test the sample to be sure your blood and the recipient's are "compatible."

Soon after your blood has "passed the test," the pint bottle is picked up in a smaller truck and delivered to one of 202 hospitals in the two counties.

It might go to Lancaster in the north, or to San Juan Capistrano in the south, or to any hospital in between. It might possibly be delivered to a hospital in Torrance.

At whichever hospital your blood is delivered, it is typed and cross-matched in the laboratory to be sure that it "agrees" with that of the patient.

"This is the most important step in the entire transfusion procedure," explains Mrs. Orsini.

"Red Cross Life Line"

If your blood does not clump when added to the blood serum of the patient's sample, the transfusion proceeds. Your pint of blood flows into the body of some man, woman or child, perhaps a neighbor of yours, an invalid, a patient recovering from an operation, the victim of a traffic collision or some other accident.

"That is the Red Cross life line that brings life and health to the sick and injured throughout the nation," declares Mrs. Orsini.

Appointments to participate as donors at the community blood bank, to be held at the Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone, from 2:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, may be made by calling Mrs. Orini, FA 8-0647 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Having this "life-giving substance" available when needed is dependent upon volunteer donors.

The Los Angeles bank needs 700 to 800 pints of blood each day to fill the minimum regular orders.

Regular rounds to the big hospitals are called "milk runs" because it is known that each day a particular hospital will need so many pints of O type and so many pints of A — the two most common types.

Problem Explained

"The problem is to keep the blood coming in and going out," Mrs. Orsini says. "If you want a quart of milk a day, you don't want a whole month's supply on your doorstep one morning. Our blood problem is the same."

As community blood chairman, she promotes the program among individuals and groups, stressing the importance of regular giving in time of health to insure an ample supply in time of need.

"Incredible as it may seem, before the next 60 seconds have ticked away, four Americans will need blood to save their lives and tomorrow it may be you —or a member of your family."

She explains that credit for a blood donation is good until used.

In addition to providing protection for yourself, your immediate family, and your fellow workers and friends, whenever and wherever blood is needed, by giving blood through Red Cross, you save money.

Group Plan

Without Red Cross credit, you would have to pay at least $25 per pint for blood, or procure enough donors to replace the blood used.

Since age and physical condition prevent many people from being blood donors, Red Cross has a plan which enables an organization — such as civic and social clubs, employee groups and churches, to have group accounts with the blood program.

A blood bank group account provides protection for every member of the organization and their families. To obtain blood credit when it is needed, the patient or the patient's family notifies the group chairman to authorize the release.

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