

Inactive Nurses Program Slated

Inactive Registered Nurses in Torrance with California licenses or eligible for licensure who could use part time or full time incomes are objectives of a "come back to work" program regardless of length of their inactivity. California hospitals — especially in Southern California — experiencing heavily increasing patient care loads have mounted the campaign appealing to the State's estimated 21,000 inactive nurses. The program's first step and focal point is the creation of a refresher course tentatively set for September 8, preceded by a physical examination now available at no cost to applicants.

RUT INCOMES are not the prime appeal from the Hospitals' viewpoint. The "population explosion" in Southern California with attendant overburdening of hospital facilities and nursing personnel has created a desperate need for more licensed registered nurses to "come out of retirement." Clifton H. Linville, president of the California Hospital Association, said.

"The present number of nurses employed in hospitals is not adequate to provide for 17 million California resident increasing 1,000 daily," he said.

"THIRTY-EIGHT per cent, or approximately 21,000 of California's 56,500 registered nurses are not working," he added.

Harbor General Hospital and Harbor College will conduct the program with funds supplied by the Federal Manpower Development Training Department through its Torrance office.

Eligible nurses interested in the "return to work through refresher courses" are urged to contact James Stearns, Los Angeles Professional Office, California State Employment Service, 3223 West 6th Street, 8th floor, Los Angeles, by calling Richmond 8-6511, Ext. 645 for

Firm Fined For Polluting Area Channel

Polluting state waters is no trivial offense, a local construction company learned recently when it paid a \$200 fine for allowing a petroleum product to enter Dominguez Channel, which leads into Los Angeles Harbor.

In the course of widening the channel, the company cut two abandoned pipes. When water and oil began to run out of these pipes, the company put a "mud pump" on the job and pumped the oily mess into Dominguez Channel.

Investigating this pollution for the Department of Fish and Game, Warden Jack Vorhies spotted the violation and made the arrest, assisted by Warden Art Bryarly. Appearing before Judge Ralph Dill in Compton Municipal Court, the defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$200.

further information and to arrange for physical examination and interviews.

The refresher course will emphasize updating of nursing knowledge and techniques.

THERE WILL be four programs of 9 weeks each. Hours will be 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. so as not to conflict with day problems of the enrollees.

The courses will embrace instruction and clinical experience in L.A. County Harbor General Hospital, 1000 West Carson St., Torrance, where there are many new advances in equipment and patient care techniques which may not have been applied when the inactive nurse was in service.

The first program is tentatively set for Sept. 7, the others, also tentatively, Nov. 18, Feb. 1, and April 19.

Trainees who qualify may receive benefits up to \$55 per week during the course. Trainees may be either male or female and the age requirements range from 25 to 60 years.

Local Housewife Wins 'Shop at Home' Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Terry, 3307 Raintree, are first prize winners in the "Shop at Home" contest for submitting the best 25-word reason why they like to "shop at home." Contest was judged by Facts Consolidated, an independent judging firm. There were six additional winners selected in the national contest.

Mrs. Terry received a check for \$7,500 from H. Schoettler, distributor for Interstate Engineering Corp., sponsor of the contest.

Marine Museum Receives Gift

A \$10 gift by the Harbor Aquarium Society to Cabrillo Beach Marine Museum, 3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro, was accepted with appreciation by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Commission.

The Society donated the money following an address delivered before it by museum director John Olguin. Cabrillo Beach Marine Museum is in the 15th District, represented by Councilman John S. Gibson Jr.

Rolling Hills Man Named Chairman

Frederick W. Hesse, 42 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, has again been named Commerce and Industry Chairman for the 1964 Hope Chest Campaign for the Southern California chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



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