



**LEAD CRUSADE EFFORT . . .** Three key volunteers who have been leading the United Crusade efforts in the Harbor Area are Mrs. Lawrence Weiswasser, left, residential division chairman of north San Pedro; William Munson, San Pedro small business chairman; and Mrs. Robert Sullivan, community division chairman for South Torrance. The two ladies cleared 100 per cent of their quota, while Munson's volunteers reached 101.64 per cent of quota.

## 'Christmas Star' Show Opens at Griffith Park

The traditional Yuletide planetarium theater production, "The Christmas Star," is the current show at Griffith Park Observatory, according to the Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department.

Dr. Clarence H. Clemens, director of the observatory, said the Zeiss planetarium projector will allow audiences attending presentations of the Yule show to see the sky above Palestine as it was at the time of Christ's birth, almost 2,000 years ago.

Southland residents are reminded by Dr. Clemens that the total eclipse of the moon which will occur Friday from 6:08 to 7:08 p.m. The lunar eclipse can be

observed very well with the unaided eye, but the telescope at the observatory will be available for an even closer view.

Discussing "The Christmas Star" the director said it is offered at 3 and 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays, with added matinees at 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. on weekends. He reported that the observatory will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so that members of its staff can be with their families. The show continues through Jan. 3.

Admission fees to the planetarium theater's shows are 75 cents for adults and 30 cents for students under 18. There is no charge for

tours through the observatory's Hall of Science, which is open from 2 to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and from 1 to 10 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

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### Regional Center

## Red Cross Sets Groundbreaking

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new regional Red Cross Service Center was held on the Southwest corner of First Street and Western Avenue in San Pedro Monday at 1:30 p.m. A noon luncheon at the present regional headquarters building, 390 W. 7th St., preceded the official ceremony. Mrs. Robert Alford as chairman of the event.

Turning the first shovel of dirt was Daniel Houghton, volunteer chairman of the Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter.

Stanley Heiman, local chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch, represented the local office. Board members and Torrance-Lomita Red Cross volunteers were invited to the ceremony.

Volunteers represented Red Cross branches in Gardena, Wilmington, Palos Verdes and San Pedro, also. These offices, plus the Torrance-Lomita branch will be served by the new administration and service center.

CONSTRUCTION of the 10,000 square foot building should begin within a week. Plans drawn by the architectural firm of Joncich, Lusby and Associates, are out for bid.

Contemporary in character, the building will feature masonry walls, concrete tile roof and expansive glass areas. The L-shaped split level structure will house Red Cross activities including blood collections, meeting and class facilities, kitchen, and offices for volunteer and career Red Cross staff members.

The 28,000 square-foot lot, purchased last December, and the building, will be paid by funds reserved for that purpose. These funds come from legacies, bequests, and special contributions designated by donors for building and capital improvements.

Funds contributed to Red Cross this year, through the United Crusade, or in past years during Red Cross month campaigns are never used for land or buildings.

## Manuscripters Plan Year's Final Meeting

The Southwest Manuscripters will hold the final meeting of the year at Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach, Friday.

Persons attending are asked to bring a gift-wrapped book with a short verse attached, indicating content for the annual gift exchange.

Winners of the short story and poetry contests will receive awards and the nominating committee will announce a proposed slate of officers for 1965.

Further information is available by calling Irene Schaeffer at 375-6683.

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