

# Marlene, Classmates Cheer Young Patients

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**KISSES FOR SANTA . . .** Marlene Fine, who spent Christmas 1961 at Harbor General Hospital, paid a return visit to the hospital Friday to greet Santa Claus. With Marlene and Santa is Stephanie Condor, a 7-year-old diabetic patient who must spend Christmas at the hospital. Marlene helped to set up a Christmas tree and distribute gifts in the children's ward at the hospital. Santa, by the way, is Ben Cluff. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Girl, Near Death Three Years Ago, Now Healthy

Marlene Fine knows what it's like to spend Christmas in a hospital. She knows, too, how happy children in a hospital can be when someone remembers them. So, she helped Santa remember the kids at Harbor General Hospital. Marlene nearly lost her life on Dec. 21, 1961. While she was cooking oatmeal, a pot holder caught fire and set her clothing on fire. She was rushed to Harbor General Hospital with second and third degree burns over 40 per cent of her body. There, doctors fought a long battle to save her life.

Her determination to get well drew attention from all parts of the nation, and among Marlene's treasured possessions is a letter of encouragement from the late President Kennedy. The 12-year-old girl didn't forget the hospital, and neither did her classmates. Last year, the children in her class at Bonita Street Elementary School made decorations for a Christmas tree. The faculty and PTA at the school dropped their Christmas party and donated it to the children's ward at Harbor General.

"I guess you could say that we have adopted the children in the Pediatric Division," she added, "at least for Christmas." The kids, it might be added, have adopted Bonita Street School.

### School Board Meets Monday

Members of the Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Board offices, 2335 Plaza Del Amo. Among the items to be submitted are initial plans for the School Board Election, to be held April 20, 1965.

"DR. CARLSON was born in Los Angeles County (Culver City) and received his training during a year's internship and four years' residency at Harbor Hospital. He gave up a lucrative practice working in air conditioned hospitals with the finest equipment and a fine home in Torrance to go into the jungles as a medical missionary and serve people who needed help."

**AFTER 13 weeks** in isolation and several trips to surgery, Marlene was permitted to find her way around the children's ward at the hospital. After a long series of skin grafts and treatments at the outpatient clinic, the bright-eyed youngster was pronounced fit and well in 1963.

**FRIDAY,** Marlene and some of her classmates returned for the second time. The party will become an annual event at the hospital.

Mrs. Miriam Teaff, principal at Bonita Street School, said the school was "very grateful for the wonderful work the doctors at Harbor General did in saving Marlene's life."

## JEFF HALLAIAN 'CARRIER OF MONTH'



JEFF HALLAIAN

A fifth grader at Hickory Elementary School has been named Press-Herald Carrier of the Month, it was announced yesterday by Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott.

Jeff Hallaian, who will celebrate his 11th birthday on Feb. 8, won the selection through the businesslike manner in which he takes care of the customers on his Press-Herald route, Westcott said.

"Jeff is very serious about pleasing his subscribers with prompt delivery," Westcott said. "He is responding very good to our sales training program, and we feel he is getting the most in business experience as outlined in our training program. Jeff is a real credit to our junior dealer organization," he said.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hallaian, 22722 Juniper Ave., Jeff is an avid model builder and likes to build and operate slot racers.



**SANTA'S HERE . . .** Surrounded by youngsters Santa Claus pauses on County Fire Truck at Station 36 during whirlwind visits to area schools Friday. Reading up from truck steps are: Susie Schneider, Marianne Schneider, Michelle Hirdler, Jimmy Wallace, Steve Hollon, Glenn White, Cindy Hirdler, Gayle White.

# Hahn Blasts Staff for Hospital Name Stand

## He Claims Protest Is 'Very Small'

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has expressed "extreme disappointment" in the attending staff association of Harbor General Hospital for refusing to pay proper tribute to one of the colleagues.

Prompted by a telegram from Dr. Donald Brayton, president of the association, the Board of Supervisors voted 4-1 to reconsider naming Harbor General Hospital in honor of Dr. Paul Carlson, the medical missionary who was killed by Congolese rebels.

Hahn voted against reconsideration, pointing out that only a week earlier the Board of Supervisors had voted unanimously to change the name.

"These doctors of the attending staff association may be skilled surgeons and excellent medical officers but they are very small in recognizing one of their own who made a supreme sacrifice for mankind," Hahn said.

Hahn charged that the doctors were more concerned about their certificates on the wall which read Harbor General Hospital than they are to a deserving human being. "When I suggested this name be changed, I thought (Continued on Page A-10)

## Peebles Hearing Delayed

Hearings on a motion by Wade Peebles to dismiss a three-count perjury indictment against him have been continued until Jan. 14 by Superior Court Judge John G. Barnes.

The three-week continuance was set by Judge Barnes Friday. He said he would need the time to read and study the 50-page transcript of Peebles' appearance before the county grand jury.

The former Torrance city manager has been charged with lying under oath when giving testimony about financing of a swimming pool at his Torrance home, and about his part in a surveillance reportedly ordered on a former city councilman.



**RIVAL SANTAS . . .** J. P. Leggett, (left) manager of the Pacific Telephone Co., and Gordon W. Cole, manager of General Telephone Co., talk with youngsters via telephone while helping Santa Claus. Roger Wright (center), of Wright Anserfone Service, takes notes as the two telephone managers listen carefully to the list of wanted gifts. Wright and the Press-Herald arranged for youngsters to talk with Santa with the aid of scores of community leaders. (Press-Herald Photo)

## College Official Named 'Kiwanian of the Year'

Leo M. Christian of Torrance was named Kiwanian of the Year by the Kiwanis Club of El Camino College, a men's service organization, and its sponsor, the Kiwanis Club of El Camino. Christian also served in 1959 as secretary to Kiwanis Division 19, composed of 20 Kiwanis clubs extending from Inglewood and Southwest Los Angeles to San Pedro.

present service as liaison officer between the Circle K Club of El Camino College, a men's service organization, and its sponsor, the Kiwanis Club of El Camino. Christian also served in 1959 as secretary to Kiwanis Division 19, composed of 20 Kiwanis clubs extending from Inglewood and Southwest Los Angeles to San Pedro.

convention held in Chicago this past summer, with five Circle K members in attendance. Earlier in the year 31 members of Circle K attended the district convention in San Diego, where they were the recipients of the Circle K outstanding single service project award.

The Circle K Club was also the recipient of the sweepstakes award in the Hawthorne fair parade this past summer.

CHRISTIAN is the assistant director of student personnel, in charge of admission, registration and records at El Camino College, and makes his home in Torrance with his wife Harriet and daughter Jean.

Christian was selected by his fellow Kiwanians of the Gardena and Torrance area for outstanding service to his club and to the community. Nelson Allen, a previous recipient of the award, presented Christian with an inscription.

WITH GUIDANCE from the Kiwanis Circle K Committee, of which Christian is the chairman, and the supervision of Charles Thompson, college faculty advisor, the Circle K Club achieved international recognition when presented with the overall Achievement Trophy Award at the Circle K International



LEO M. CHRISTIAN  
Man of Year

ed plaque and a promissory note for a tree to be planted at a site to be selected by Christian.

He cited Christian for his continuous service in Kiwanis, beginning as charter president of the El Camino Kiwanis Club in 1957, when the club was awarded an honorary achievement award by the California-Nevada-Hawaii district of Kiwanis International, and concluding with his

### Slow Rain Hits City ---

Torrance Airport recorded rainfall of .08 of an inch early yesterday as a storm front hit Torrance early Friday morning. The storm is expected to break up today, leaving Torrance with sunshine.

### Crenshaw Signal Set ---

The State Department of Highways announced the appropriation of \$20,300 for traffic signals on Crenshaw Boulevard yesterday. The signals will be installed at Crenshaw and the San Diego Freeway off-ramp. Highway lighting and left turn channelization is included in the project, to be financed entirely by the state.

### Rubbish Crews Off ---

City rubbish collection crews will not work Christmas Day or New Year's Day, city officials have announced. Collections normally made on Friday will be made on Saturday, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2. Regular Monday through Thursday schedules will be observed during both weeks.

### Council Takes Holiday ---

City Councilmen will observe Christmas by taking a holiday this week. The council traditionally has not met during Christmas week. The city fathers will convene Tuesday, Dec. 29, at 5:30 p.m. for the last session of 1964.