



FOUR-TIME WINNER . . . Mr. and Mrs. Al Ortale are congratulated by T. A. Coupe (right), vice president of American Motors Corp., after winning the volume sales contest for the western United States for the fourth time since he took over the dealership in 1961. The Ortale's have made two trips to Europe and one to Las Vegas as winners of previous con-

tests. This year, the couple will be guests of the American Motors Corp. for an extended visit at the Shadow Mountain in Arizona. To maintain the record sales level, facilities have been increased at Al Ortale Rambler, 20710 Hawthorne Blvd., and the agency is open nights Monday through Friday.

Welfare Plan Can Save \$8 Million, Hahn Says

Acceptance of a reorganization plan giving the Bureau of Public Assistance departmental status in the county will result in an \$8 million savings the first year, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has predicted. Hahn, who suggested the reorganization, said the estimate of savings is based on a conservative savings of 2 per cent of the present \$400.8 million budget. The Bureau of Public Assistance currently is one bureau in the "complex and cumbersome Department of Charities," Hahn commented. The department also includes hospitals, adoptions, and resources and collections. Savings will be possible, Hahn said, through: 1. Reducing the caseload for social workers so they can do the job for which they were college-trained. 2. Screening "welfare chislers" more quickly and removing them from— and stopping them from getting on—the relief rolls. 3. Relieving the college-trained social worker from the jungle of paperwork which should be handled by a clerk. 4. With full department status, the Bureau of Public Assistance will be able to exert tremendous pressure on the State Welfare Department to implement streamlining programs long advocated by the County. These programs include County-wide certification by mail of Old Age Security recipients, which alone would save \$2 million annually, and direct payment of rents to landlords for welfare recipients who have been found unable to handle their funds.

Standard Brands Expects New Sales, Profit Highs

Sales and profits for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1966, at Standard Brands Paint Co. should set new records, Sid Greenberg, president, told shareholders at the company's annual meeting. The shareholders meeting, held in Torrance, has just concluded. Greenberg said the company has achieved an increase of 13 per cent in sales during the first quarter of the fiscal year. He said the operations records have not been compiled, but estimated profit would increase about 26 per cent over the \$287,583 earned in the first quarter of fiscal 1965. The firm plans to open two new retail stores by the end of the current year, Greenberg reported, bringing to 26 the total number of outlets in the chain. The company also is seeking to acquire 11 acres of land adjacent to the Torrance headquarters for expansion of the manufacturing and warehousing complex.

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CONTEST WINNERS . . . Mr. and Mrs. M. Odell Hobbs, 1318 W. 222nd St., take the keys to a new automobile won in a contest sponsored by Certi-Bond, 501 Van Ness Ave. Julian Hirschman, president of the huge discount department store, makes the presentation following announcement of the winners at the store.

Enrollment Now Open For Spring

Gardena Christian School 1473 W. 182nd St., is now enrolling students for the spring semester in kindergarten and first and second grades. The school emphasizes reading, arithmetic, and science in classes of limited enrollment. Modern teaching equipment is used and special programs are offered in spiritual and moral training, foreign languages, music, remedial reading, and phonics.

A supervised child care center is open from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. for working parents. All-day kindergarten classes are offered and tutoring is available in all elementary grades.

ZONING APPROVED
The petition of David Huch to rearrange and expand a mobile-home park at 750 E. Carson St., Zones R-3 and C-4, Carson St. and Watson zoned districts, has been approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

Girls Scouts Open Annual Sustaining Member Drive

Supervisor Ernest F. Debs, general chairman, announced the official opening of the 1966 Annual Angeles Girl Scout Council Sustaining Membership Enrollment \$100,000 Campaign this week for parents and friends of Girl Scouting. Initial Sustaining Memberships were received numbering more than 100. However, the major event of the campaign launching was the presentation of a generous gift by Judge Thomas C. Yager, Superior Court, Criminal Court Division. Judge Yager made his Sustaining Membership Enrollment donation in the form of a memorial fund to his late wife, Eileen Yager.

Bank Declares New Dividend

Directors of Bank of America have just declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents, payable Feb. 28, to shareholders of record Jan. 31. This dividend at the rate of \$2 per year will be paid to more than 200,000 shareholders of the 28,480,000 shares outstanding.

WATER SAFETY
Training in American National Red Cross water safety programs peaked last year's all-time record with more than 2.5 million certificates issued to persons completing courses. Another one million persons were trained in first aid. Expenditures for safety services totalled \$6,075,022.

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Scout Council Begins Membership Drive Here

An immense effort on behalf of thousands of boys in the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America currently is under way. The effort is the annual Sustaining Membership drive.

The annual campaign is designed to provide financial assistance for program of the Los Angeles Area Council and to recruit men for an ever-increasing program of Scouting activities. More than 1,600 Scouting units depend on the council for assistance in providing Scout programs for more than 55,000 boys.

The sustaining memberships provide only a portion of the planned income for the Los Angeles area council. United Way, combined with the support of individuals, foundations, and business men, provide basic overhead and administrative operations, but essential services to the scouting units must come from the annual enrollment campaign.

Richard W. Russell, now serving his second year as sustaining membership chairman, is directing the drive. Russell is being assisted by vice chairmen William F. Mahoney, Richard T. Bristol, and Dr. Robert Downey.

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