

Toy Loan Program Serves Dual Function in County

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County Supervisor

Recently I had the pleasure of presenting a county citation to Mrs. Margaret Fling, who has dedicated more than 33 years of her life to Los Angeles County's Toy Loan Program.

Toy Loan serves a dual purpose—it provides work and training for welfare recipients and even more important, it makes needy children happy.

I would like to share with you some of the highlights of this program which has resulted in the lending of more than 300 million toys to some

5,580,000 children since 1934. LAST YEAR alone, there were a total of 151,504 toys loaned to 120,000 children from 37 toy loan centers throughout the county.

Any child may borrow a toy from Toy Loan for a period of one week and upon its return, can borrow other toys.

There is also a unique doll adoption service through which a little girl may permanently keep her favorite doll after proving she takes care of it properly.

Each year, thousands of repairable, discarded toys are donated in community drives

and taken to the Toy Loan workshop where crews repair and reassemble them.

THUS, MEN receiving welfare learn wood-working, metal working, welding, and painting. Women learn doll repairing, painting, and sewing.

It is estimated that some 2,700 welfare recipients have found full-time employment because of the skills they learn in Toy Loan.

Toy Loan centers are located in Gardena, Inglewood,

Lawndale, at Manchester Playground, Manhattan Beach, Mar Vista, Nickerson Gardens, Roosevelt Park, San Pedro, and many other areas throughout the county.

THEY ARE sponsored by local civic organizations, including the Gardena Women's Club, Wilmington Lions Club, Inglewood Coordinating Council, Lawndale Monday Eves, Sandpipers—Manhattan Beach, Mar Vista—Glendale Pilot Club, Florence-Firestone Coordinating Council, and As-

sistance League of Southern California.

Serving with Mrs. Fling on the Toy Loan Executive Board are Mrs. Willard Asdahl, vice chairman; Mrs. Gladys Greenleaf of Inglewood, treasurer; and Mrs. John Johnson, secretary. I warmly commend these outstanding organizations and dedicated volunteers who help make the Toy Loan Program such a success.

Citizens interested in the program can obtain further information by contacting

Toy Loan headquarters, 200 No. Avenue 18, Los Angeles.

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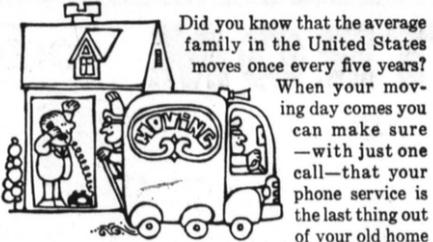
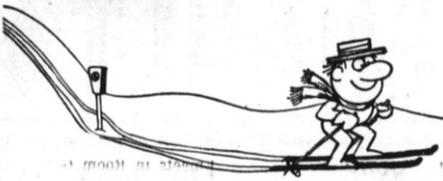
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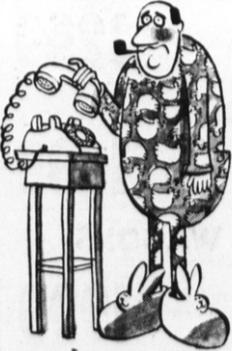
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It seems the man of the house couldn't remember the number he wanted to call. So, receiver in hand, he toyed absent-mindedly with the telephone dial while looking through the phone book. Suddenly his face turned beet-red. His wife noticed and asked anxiously, "Is something the matter?"

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