



EXCEPTIONAL CHRISTMAS . . . Commander Ray Treval of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3261 admires a richly decorated Christmas tree with Kimberly Acord of Torrance at a special Christmas party for students of Garden Valley Training Center. The Post sponsored the festivities at VFW Hall, Gardena. Youngsters from the Training Center, under the auspices of the Southwest Association for Retarded Children, performed songs and skits for parents and friends. And Santa was on hand to distribute toys and candy. (Gordon Akers Photo)

Pioneer Dentist Succumbs

Funeral services are scheduled tomorrow afternoon for Dr. Oscar Fossum, one of the pioneer dentists in Torrance, who died yesterday morning.

Dr. Fossum was born in South Dakota in 1886 and moved here in 1924. He set up his dentistry practice in the Levy building before building his own office on 1630 Cravens Ave. He was the third dentist to practice in Torrance.

Dr. and Mrs. Fossum traveled extensively in Europe, South America, Cuba, and Mexico following the doctor's retirement in 1948. Dr. Fossum was a member of the Torrance Breakfast Club, the Torrance Masonic Lodge, where he was a past master, and the Central Evangelical United Methodist Church.

Formerly of 1621 Cota Ave., he is survived by his widow, Hazel; a son, Loyd of Blythe; three daughters, Joy Burke of Palo Alto; Arlyce Tuttle of Ventura; Myrna Adams of Saratoga; three sisters, Myrtle Morse of Torrance; Dorothy Michaelson of Minneapolis; and Camilla Dahlin of St. Paul; and 16 grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled at 2 p.m. at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Walter Stanton officiating. The services will be followed by private cremation.

Anna Griesinger

Anna Elizabeth Griesinger, a 15-year Torrance resident, died Sunday. Funeral services were held today in Seattle, Wash., with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

Born May 21, 1885 in Iowa, she is survived by her daughter, Roberta Stabbert of Long Beach.

Fred Stultz

Funeral services were held yesterday at Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel for Fred William Stultz, 68, who died Monday.

He is survived by his widow, Dorothy; a daughter, Florence Baerresen of Sacramento; and four grandchildren.

Private inurnment was at Angeles Abbey.

Margaret Waller

Margaret Waller of Lake Hughes, Calif., died Monday in a Torrance hospital after living in the area for 22 years. Funeral services were held this morning at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel.

She was a member of the Lady Elks of Torrance, Lake Hughes Women's Club, Lake Hughes Recreation Association, California State Grange, and was the Lake Hughes representative for the Heart Fund.

Born July 20, 1913, in Mexico, she is survived by her husband, Jess; three sons, Robert of Santa Maria and Roy and Ronald of Torrance; her mother, Eloden Langstron of Los Angeles; two brothers, Angel Hernandez and Manuel Nina of Mexico; and six grandchildren.

Interment was in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Red Cross Sums Up 1968 Expenditures

Los Angeles Red Cross spent more than \$35,000 for disaster relief in the fiscal year ending last June 30, the organization reports.

Emergency care and rehabilitation assistance was provided for 108 families. Twenty-one of these families are victims of the October Chatsworth fire, and the remaining 87 were single-family cases, according to Dr. Sydney Rooth, Red Cross Disaster Services chairman for the Harbor area.

Nationally, Red Cross spent a total of \$15,008,086 on its disaster services to aid in some 19,000 disaster situations. This was more than double the amount spent in 1966-67.

The two disasters on which the most money was expended were the Fairbanks, Alaska, flood of August 1967 and the Hurricane Beulah in South Texas. More than \$7,000,000 was spent on these two relief operations.

The number of families assisted by the organization in long-range recovery from disaster increased 253 per cent over the previous year — from 9,503 to 33,556.

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Old Saint Nick Visits Party for Retarded

Santa Claus was special guest-of-honor at the annual Christmas party for the students at Garden Valley Training Center. The school is part of the Southwest Association for Retarded Children.

The party, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3261, was held at the VFW hall, 1822 W. 162nd St. Commander Ray Treval was chairman of the holiday event.

Festivities featured songs and skits performed by the school's 59 students and presented for their parents and friends. Entertainment was supervised by Mrs. Ruth Holly, school principal.

Santa Claus made his appearance following the program. He presented each student with a Christmas stocking filled with toys and candy.

Party hosts and their wives served refreshments to everyone. This is the sixth year the Gardena VFW has sponsored a Christmas party for the Garden Valley Training Center. The school was organized eight years ago.

Request for Tape of Sirhan Trial Denied

The judge presiding in the case of Sirhan B. Sirhan has denied a request by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn to allow a video tape to be made of the entire trial.

Superior Court Judge Herbert V. Walker said: "While I thoroughly appreciate your desire to preserve this for historical purposes, I am definitely of the opinion that this would be in direction violation of 980 of the Rules of the Judicial Council, and therefore I cannot grant such permission."

In asking that a video tape be provided, Hahn cited the historical significance of the case and the fact that closed circuit television equipment is already installed in the courtroom.

He suggested the tape be sealed to the public until all appeals and court actions are completed.

The Supervisor is still awaiting a County Counsel's opinion clarifying Rule 980 of the State Judicial Council which involves broadcasting and recording for broadcast from a courtroom.

Hahn envisions the day when appeal courts will actually view taped proceedings of a trial rather than just reading transcripts.

"The tape could be made available to law students in the universities, not only in California but throughout the nation, and it would be an historical public document for the public archives," he said.

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