

Two Doctors Honored by Harbor Group Launches Harbor General Hospital Anti-Pollution Effort

Two Harbor General Hospital attending staff doctors have been honored by the hospital's department of medicine during the final "grand rounds" of the 1968-69 fiscal period, it was announced today.

The honorees were Dr. Walter P. Martin of Long Beach and Dr. Robert A. Rabens of Lynwood. Dr. Martin was given a special award for his more than 20 years service to the hospital. Dr. Rabens became the first physician to receive a distinguished teaching award plaque recently designed by the department of medicine as an annual presentation to a member of Harbor General's attending staff.

Dr. David H. Solomon, chief of the department of medicine, presented Dr. Martin with a plaque in recognition of "his distinguished service to Harbor

General Hospital and its patients since 1946." In making the presentation Dr. Solomon said,

"DR. MARTIN is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and has been very active in the college's affairs as well as those of the California and American Society of Internal Medicine. Most striking has been his devotion to Harbor General Hospital and UCLA school of medicine.

"Dr. Martin joined Harbor General's staff in 1946 and became chief of the medical service promptly thereafter. In recent years he has been chief of the attending staff in medicine and chief of hypertension clinic. In 1952 he became chairman of the research committee of the Attending Staff

Association and has remained so ever since. Under his leadership, the hospital's research program has grown 100-fold."

Dr. Martin is a graduate of St. Louis University School of Medicine. He interned at the then Los Angeles County General Hospital (now Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center) and held a residency in medicine there later. Dr. Martin also served a fellowship in research at the Rockefeller Foundation. He is currently clinical professor of medicine at UCLA.

DR. RABENS was chosen by a committee of the department's doctors headed by Dr. Kouichi Tanaka, chief of hematology, for his "outstanding teaching qualifications exhibited through the years since 1955 when he became a member of Harbor General Hospital's attending staff."

Dr. Rabens has been chairman of the department of medicine and chief of staff at St. Francis Hospital, Lynwood. He is also president of the Southeast Los Angeles Society of Internal Medicine and the Southeast Branch of the Los Angeles County Heart Association.

He received his M.D. degree from the University of Illinois in 1950 with honors. He interned at Cook County Hospital in Chicago and was subsequently a fellow in medicine at the Mayo Foundation. He is presently associated clinical professor of medicine at UCLA.

"Littering and pollution are dirty words of more than four letters," says Capt. Bill Donohugh, chairman of the local committee for California Marine Parks and Harbors Association's current anti-littering and pollution program.

The statewide program was kicked off locally this week when Donohugh and representatives of Los Angeles Harbor's Port Warden's office began distributing special litter bags and colorful posters to harbor tenants and pleasure boaters.

The posters depict "Winky" the seal reminding everyone that throwing refuse into the ocean is against the law.

"Please . . . It is unlawful to throw refuse into the ocean," he says as he attempts to remove bottles, cans, and paper from the sea.

DONOHUGH hopes the campaign will help stop people from throwing their refuse into the harbor from their boats and from all waterfront locations throughout the port.

"Litter is a problem outside the harbor, too," Donohugh says. "Bottles and cans and all sorts of rubbish cover the ocean's floor between here and Catalina Island.

"People think in time the trash disintegrates, but it doesn't, because of the lack of oxygen at the bottom."

The Port of Los Angeles is cooperating with Donohugh and the CMPHA in the campaign and in the continuous ef-

fort to prevent pollution in the port.

LOS ANGELES Harbor's Port Warden, Capt. Lionel H. de Santy, and Earl W. Parks, who is in charge of all small craft operations in the harbor, head the department's task force in assisting Donohugh with the distribution of 1,000 posters and "thousands" of litter bags.

Paul Hiller, chairman of CMPHA's yacht club participation committee, is distributing the posters to the port's many small boat facilities.

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Expectant Parents' Class Slated Here

Expectant parents and others who will be caring for a newborn baby in the near future are invited to enroll in the Red Cross Expectant Parents course beginning Monday, July 7, at the Red Cross Service Center, 1499 W. First St., San Pedro.

The free 14-hour course will be taught by Sherry Shaffer, a specially trained registered nurse, on consecutive Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

During the seven class periods, students are given an opportunity to discuss the illustrated lectures and practice the skills they soon will be required to know, such as bathing, feeding, and general handling of an infant.

rate sections for men and women but was changed a year later because each worried the other might not be learning the same thing.

During the past year, more than 7,000 persons completed this Red Cross course in the Los Angeles area. While most of those graduated were expectant parents, about 3 percent were adoptive parents.

An average of 25 people enroll for the monthly courses here and at 15 other regular Red Cross classrooms throughout the city.

Vermont Avenue Street Project Wins Approval

A job to improve a section of Vermont Avenue south of 190th Street has been scheduled, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reports.

Pavement will be put down to join the curb and gutter recently put in, Hahn added.

"The completed project," Hahn said, "will improve roadway drainage and will increase motoring safety."

Tests Ordered For Regional Library Work

Foundation tests for the proposed South Bay Regional Library have been ordered. The library is to be built at 301 E. Carson St.

Preliminary plans for the library are scheduled to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors next summer.

South Bay Regional Library will be a one-story building with a 110-car parking lot.

Freeway Phones In Poor Repair

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has sharply criticized Pacific and General Telephone Companies for poor maintenance of the freeway emergency telephone system.

The board of supervisors, at Hahn's request, ordered a comprehensive study and report to be made on "this serious condition."

"I WAS VERY disturbed to receive information from the California Highway Patrol which indicates emergency telephones are not being properly serviced and that the telephone companies are neglecting the maintenance program," Hahn said.

G. R. Reinjohn, supervising inspector of zone V of the California Highway Patrol, told Hahn the CHP conducted an extensive survey during April and May.

"THE LARGE number of inoperative or improperly functioning telephones, as well as the deteriorating quality of the telephone equipment, indicates a need for a comprehensive preventative maintenance program by the telephone companies," Supervising Inspector Reinjohn said.

Hahn, who led a 15-year effort to have freeway emergency telephones installed, is greatly disturbed over the CHP report.

"EIGHT THOUSAND persons per month, or 96,000 per year, presently are being helped by the call boxes," Hahn said.

"I wonder how many others have sought help from the emergency phones and have not received it because of the poor maintenance."

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