

Paul Moore Wheeler Elected Head Of Area Welfare Council at Dinner

The Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, was elected chairman of the Welfare Council of Torrance, Lomita and Gardena at the dinner in Civic Auditorium here Friday night, marking the first anniversary of the establishment of Torrance Area Service Center for Community Chest agencies.

Mrs. Linden Johnson, Lomita, was named as first vice president and C. H. Pursche, Gardena, second vice president.

Hillman R. Lee, Torrance, retiring chairman of the Torrance Welfare Council and for two years War Chest chairman here, presided over the meeting. He was extended a vote of the community's thanks for his service.

Mayor William Tolson welcomed citizens.

At the speakers table were Mayor Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Torrance; Mrs. Linden Johnson of Lomita; Mrs. William Mowatt and Rev. Martin Eidsath of Gardena; Preston Hotchkis, executive vice president of Pacific Indemnity Company, general campaign chairman of the coming War Chest appeal; C. W. Pfeiffer, executive director of the Welfare Council of metropolitan Los Angeles; Lynn D. Mowatt, executive director of the Community Chest and War Chest; Mrs. Mary Eggleston, district director of the Welfare Council; Mrs. Katherine Kilbourne of the War Chest, among other leaders.

Pfeiffer, calling attention to the fine cooperation shown by the people of the three communities working in the Service Center, stated that by "pooling interests, the welfare of all communities was enhanced." He quoted Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, provost of U.C.L.A., and speaker at the recent annual meeting of the Welfare Council, who stated that this idea of community cooperation for the common good would have to be extended throughout the world, if lasting peace is to be found.

Pfeiffer, reporting from as yet incomplete returns from Community Chest agencies serving in this area, stated that within the 11 months the Service Center has been in operation more than 500 cases, and many more people, had been aided. Among the agencies located outside the area but serving people here are the Children's Hospital, California Babies Hospital, Child Guidance Clinic, California Junior Republic, St. Anne's Maternity

Home, and Ruth Home. "Torrance, Gardena and Lomita by themselves could not support institutions of these types," Pfeiffer declared, "but joining with other cities in the Los Angeles area, all can be assured of the right kind of services for men and women, boys and girls, as particular situations arise."

Preston Hotchkis called upon community leaders to begin immediately their preparations for the coming War Chest campaign for "our boys, our homes and our Allies." Goals will be as great this year as last, he declared, calling attention to the continued and increased need for USO both overseas and in the states during re-deployment, United Seamen's Service, the utter destitution of liberated peoples, and rising demands for health and welfare services in all local areas.

Hotchkis also declared that it will be imperative that each community increase the number of volunteers for its individual War Chest campaign, stating that another year of the war burdens "has made everyone tired and we will need many more people to do the same job we did last year."

Colorful entertainment was given by Mrs. Alme Dube, with songs and an accordion; Mexican dances by Mmes. Dora and Olga Certana, and Yolanda Aquilar of Mahar House, Wilmington, celebrating the completion of the recreation building at El Pueblo. Father Wood and Tony Rios were present representing El Pueblo.

Special thanks were given to Mrs. W. E. Bowen, chairman of the nominating committee; Mrs. Helen Miller, chairman, and ladies of the Betsy Ross Club, O.E.S., who prepared the dinner; Mmes. Frances Wheeler, Margaret Voorhees, and Helen Miller, the committee on arrangements; members of the guild of the Central Evangelical Church and Mrs. Bowen, in charge of decorations; and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Meier, hospitality chairmen.

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