

Red Cross Aids 9 Torrance Open-Heart Surgery Patients

While counting their blessings and giving thanks, nine Torrance people are especially thankful for the blood supplied through the Red Cross which made possible the open-heart surgeries which they have undergone during the past year.

Last year in November, 15-year-old Edward Ahrens, 26037 Mayfield Drive, underwent an open-heart operation. Another teen-ager, Pearl Miller, 3125 W. 170th had heart surgery in February.

Thomas Pollard, 24, of 4766 W. 191 St., had a similar operation in March and then again in June. In April Mrs. Doreen Letson, 1028 1/2 Amapola, had heart surgery. The following month Virginia Wilson, 528 W. 214th and 12-year-old Charles Hestwood, 3305 Onrado, had open-heart operations.

John Musulin, 1641 Juniper Ave., had similar surgery in June. Open-heart surgery put 10-year-old Lyn Thompson,

22142 Nicolle, on the way to rejoicing fully the youthful exertions of his friends. The most recent Torrance resident undergoing such an operation was Sam Kirkwood, 22306 Mayer St., who had surgery in August.

IT HADN'T BEEN for three things—the surgeon's skill, the heart-lung machine and those who gave the blood, these people would not have a normal life expectancy.

Several had holes in their hearts which led to inefficient blood circulation in their bodies. After a while, because their hearts were forced to work doubly hard to overcome losses caused by holes—they would have become weaker and their future life expectancies dimmer.

Without the blood volunteer donors giving through Red Cross these operations could not have been performed.

For each operation between 18 and 25 pints of blood were required to prime the heart-lung machine, a device which siphons off the blood which normally enters the heart, oxygenates it through a metal lung, and returns it through filters and tubes to the body. It keeps the blood circulating through the patients body, but out of the heart and lung area where the surgeons are working.

The minor miracle of producing the exact type of blood, the needed amount and collecting it within the 24 hours of each operation is one of the many services of Red Cross blood program.

In addition to its general blood program, since 1956 when the first open-heart surgery was performed in Los Angeles, Red Cross has been supplying all the blood for heart surgeries. The number has

jumped from one operation in 1956 to 166 in 1958 to more than 800 in the last year.

Mrs. Robert Orsini, blood program chairman for the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch, stresses the necessity for continuing community support to make these operations possible and to have blood available for any occasion where blood or blood derivatives are needed.

Torrance residents can help keep the blood program in operation by participating in the collection to be held from 2:30 to 7 p.m. next Thursday when the Red Cross bloodmobile visits the Elks Lodge, No. 1948, 1820 Abalone.

Meeting the 275 pint collection quota is especially important as demands for blood to treat the sick and injured during this season is always great, according to Mrs. Orsini.

To avoid prolonged waiting and to determine adequate

equipment and staff, prospective donors are urged to make appointments for the blood-

Boy Scouts to Hold Annual Good Turn Day on Saturday

Nearly 200,000 large paper sacks have been distributed throughout Los Angeles County this week in preparation for

the Boy Scouts annual Good Turn Day on Saturday.

The sacks will be filled with discarded but repairable clothing and household articles during this week and on Saturday the Scouts will mobilize to pick up the material.

Beneficiaries of the Good Turn Day clothing drive are the handicapped people at Goodwill Industries, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Volunteers of America, and Salvation Army, who earn their living repairing the clothing and household articles.

If there were no Good Turn Day, many of these handicapped people would have no jobs during the winter months, according to Ray Ball, operations manager of Goodwill Industries.

He urged any housewife who has not been asked by a Boy Scout to fill a Good Turn Bag to call the Boy Scout office, DU 5-3461 and arrangements will be made for a Good Turn Day pickup at her house.

William H. Andrews, executive vice president of Citizens National Bank, is chairman of Good Turn Day.

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Local Church Will Present Holiday Play

Seaside Community Church will present its annual Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. The pageant, "Hanging of the Greens," will consist of three main parts; decking the altar by costumed children, placing the figures in the creche, and the lighting ceremony.

The kindergarten class will sing "Away in a Manger." Primary class will sing "The Friendly Beasts," and the two junior classes will sing "We Three Kings."

Accompanists will be Mmes. John Blair, organist, and Gerald Bransford, pianist.

Readers will be Kathy Sappington and Dolly Smith. John Tuttle and Jeff Binford will serve as candle lighters. Ushers will be Leroy Tuttle, Wayne Patrick, Chris Bystrom, and Jack Martin. Acolyte will be Robert Parker.

The Rev. Francis A. Rath is pastor of the church located at 230th and Ocean Avenue. Mrs. Arthur Foster is Church School superintendent and Mrs. J. D. Muehleisen, program chairman.

Lory Hansen Featured in 'Dear Ruth'

Lory Hansen, North High School senior, was selected for the lead role in "Dear Ruth," a comedy to be presented by the drama department, at 8 p.m., Dec. 6, 7, 8, in North High's Cafeteria.

Lory, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Hansen, 17228 Eastwood St., will play Marium, the teenager whose correspondence causes all the confusion.

Others in the cast include Anna Alden as Ruth; Mike Jones as Bill; Dave Smith as Albert; Don Airmar as Harry; Marilyn Harris as Edith; and Neil Hollister as Harold.

The play, directed by Mrs. Judie Haas, drama and English instructor, is being sponsored by the senior class.

Ticket sales opened Monday at the school. Admission prices for adults and students without ASB cards is \$1. Students with ASB cards will pay 75 cents, and elementary students, 50 cents.

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