

Open House Today at Area Hospitals

Observance Part of 'Hospital Week' Fete, Everyone Invited

Four local hospitals of the South Bay area will join forces to commemorate the observance of National Hospital Week by holding open house today.

Participating hospitals are Torrance Memorial, Riviera Community, Little Company of Mary, and South Bay. From 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. residents of the area are invited to visit the hospital nearest them, or each of the four if possible. Little Company of Mary Hospital will also be open through Saturday from 2 until 5 p.m.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Purpose of the open houses, in addition to the National Hospital Week celebration, is to give members of the community the opportunity of familiarizing themselves with the medical facilities available to them, and to acquaint themselves with the "behind the scenes" operation of a hospital.

There are many parts of the hospital which may contribute directly or indirectly to patient care, but, as a patient, one may be unaware of them. The patient knows that the food arrives on time, but does not see the kitchen; he knows the linens are fresh each day, but does not see the laundry; he knows blood tests are taken, but does not see the clinical laboratory.

This is the one time each year when the public is given the opportunity to see the whole picture of a hospital's operation and its contribution to the community.



JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS—One of the many types of auxiliary groups which work at local hospitals to add to the comforts of patients and to relieve nurses of time consuming non-medical duties such as delivery flowers and mail. Volunteers and auxiliary members will act as hostesses at the four local hospitals for an open house slated for today.

Torrance Unemployed Will Take Part in Nationwide 'Jobless' Research Project

Unemployed residents of Torrance and the South Bay area, tomorrow will begin participating in the most comprehensive research project ever undertaken in the field of unemployment insurance, Murray Love, manager of the Torrance office of the State Department of Employment said yesterday.

"We, and other public employment offices all over the country, are cooperating with the Bureau of Employment Security of the U.S. Department of Labor in a study of the personal and economic characteristics, work history and un-

employment of persons receiving benefits under the Federal Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1961. It is expected that the information gathered will help measure how effectively the temporary extended unemployment compensation program, as well as state and federal unemployment insurance laws in general, are meeting their objectives," Love said.

RESEARCH

The research project, he continued, is required by the same federal law under which extended unemployment insurance benefits at present are being paid. Beginning tomorrow morning a group of TEC claimants, selected at random, will be asked to complete a "Family Characteristics Study" questionnaire. This will request answers to questions not asked at regular unemployment insurance inter-

views. These special questions deal with the claimants' marital status, the number of dependents in the family, other wage earners in the family, pensions received, if any, and work and unemployment experience recently.

"This is an exceedingly important study, and the accuracy of final results depends on the willing participation of each claimant asked to complete the questionnaire. All information will be held in strict confidence as law requires. Information obtained will not under any circumstances be revealed in any way which will enable the individual claimant to be identified. The answers will be grouped and published as totals for each state and for the nation in the effort to find out more information regarding persons receiving temporary unemployment insurance benefits," Love said.

Lt. Gov. Anderson Tells 'Facts of Political Life'

Lieutenant Governor Glenn M. Anderson told a meeting of college students last weekend that they should "embark upon a personal orientation course in the political facts of life."

Speaking before a large student press conference at El Camino College, Anderson said: "For anyone interested in social progress, the realization must come sooner or later that political activity is the instrument by which that interest can become effective."

The Lieutenant Governor urged the students at this "Press Day" meeting to prepare themselves for the 1962 and 1964 elections by joining the clubs of their political party and taking an active part in the campaigns.

Before launching into an intensive question and answer period, Anderson concluded his prepared remarks with the hope that his audience "would remember from this press day of 1961, the conviction that active participation in politics in a dramatically changing and growing society is vital to our American Democracy."

'Special' GI Insurance Dividend Announced by President Kennedy

The first checks in payment of the \$230 million "special" G. I. insurance dividend announced by President Kennedy will go into the mails on July 1, according to Mort Webster, Manager of the Los Angeles VA Regional Office.

In reporting the dividend as a national economy boost, John S. Gleason, Jr., Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said the more than 5 million veterans who will share in the dividend will all receive their checks by Labor Day, and will not need to make application to the VA for their checks.

Webster said that some 300,000 Southern California veterans holding both World War II NSLI policies and World War I USGLI policies will divide some \$12 1/2 million in dividend payments.

The dividend announced today will be the second paid by VA since January of this year, Webster commented.

The first was the "regular" 1961 dividend, amounting to \$258 million, nationally, and \$15 million to Southern California veterans. That amount was paid at an accelerated rate by order of the President as a stimulus to the national economy. The processing of these regular dividend payments — which normally would not be completed until December 1961 — was finished last March 17.

Webster explained that both the regular and the special dividends are primarily a refund to the veteran policyholders of part of their premium payments. The refunds are made possible principally because the death rate among policy holders continues to be much lower than the rates upon which the premiums were established by law.

Webster said that veterans could help speed receipt of their special dividend checks by not making inquiries in advance.

COST TO SCHOOLS . . .

Tax Committee Delegate Tells Effect of Zoning

Effects of rezoning, costs of building schools, and a scientific method of teaching grammar were among items discussed at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting Monday noon.

In a talk on proposed rezoning of 115 acres of industrial land for residential use, Robert Plomert, Torrance Industries Tax Committee representative urged the members of the T.E.A.C. to become informed on the matter which he described as a "method of raising taxes which benefits neither industry nor the homeowner."

Rezoning of the property along Crenshaw south of Sepulveda, would mean 600 new homes, at least 480 new school children, a new 500,000 elementary school, and the added expenses of teachers and supplies for the new children, he said.

URGE ATTENDANCE
Plomert urged those attending to attend a May 17 hearing of the Torrance Planning Commission to express their views.

"Rezoning would help to destroy the balance of land zoned for industry," he said. "Locating \$5000 ry, said, "Locating industry there would create jobs and taxable wealth which would not be a burden on the community. If the land is rezoned, it would be only a stepping stone to rezoning

35 acres of land which surrounds it."

Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip said that the school district since 1955 has built 19 new elementary schools and additions to 24 elementary schools at an average square foot cost of \$12.75. Two new high schools, North and South, were built at costs of \$15 and \$16.50 respectively.

He said that elementary building costs are cheaper than money allowed by the state for such projects and that high school costs are in the middle of the scale of comparable districts. Although it is cheaper to build a whole plant at once, Torrance has had to build out of its schools in units because it has not had the money to build so many new complete plants at once.

The type of material—frame stucco, concrete brick, etc.—apparently has little effect on the total cost, he noted. Things which do effect the total cost, he said, include (1) the general economy and prices; (2) competition among bidders—amount of construction work available; and the (3) total size of the project to be built.

"The building progress," he noted "is a compromise between the best buildings for the educational program and money available to build them."

Probation Officers Ask for 22% Salary Increase; Citizens Committee Okays Stand

A plea for a complete re-evaluation of the role, status and salary of County Probation Officers was made today by David May as chairman of a Citizens For Improved Probation Service.

"How a Probation Officer handles a delinquent or neglected child in Juvenile Court often determines whether that child becomes an adult criminal or a responsible citizen," May stated.

More than 16,000 children were placed on probation last year by the Juvenile Court in Los Angeles County.

According to the committee chairman, "It costs almost \$2,000.00 a year to keep a prisoner in the County Jail. It costs less than \$175.00 a year to keep a person on probation with proper treatment and supervision."

May, department store executive, heads a distinguished

panel making up a Citizens Committee for Improved Probation Service. He said his group is seeking to raise the status of the Probation Officer in order to attract and retain the best qualified people.

The Committee is "deeply concerned," said May, that "probation is not attracting college graduates in sufficient numbers due to the present inadequate wage scale to provide the high standards of professional service required by the Courts. The Committee is asking the Board of Supervisors to grant a 22 per cent pay increase to Probation Officers on July 1.

'Record' Six Months Reported by Harvey Aluminum of Torrance

Record profits and sales were reported this week for the six month period ended March 31, 1961 by Harvey Aluminum of Torrance. Net profit for the period showed an increase of 36 percent over the same period a year ago.

Lawrence A. Harvey, chairman of the board, disclosed that the company's net sales for the period were \$31,859,881, compared with \$28,828,570 last year. Net profit after taxes, he said, was \$3,075,008 or 65 cents a share against \$2,257,534, equal to 48 cents a share based on 4,750,000 shares outstanding. Earnings for the 1960 period amounted to 56 cents per share on 4,000,000 equivalent shares out-

standing. Harvey Aluminum became a publicly owned corporation on June 21, 1960.

Harvey Aluminum had reported sales of \$18,643,233 for the first three months of the period ended December 31, 1960, with a net income of \$1,189,079, equal to 25 cents per share. For the same period a year earlier, the company had a net income of \$971,401 or 20 cents per share on sales of \$14,699,845, based on 4,750,000 shares.

'Watch Speed' Says CH Patrol

A momentary lapse in attention and alertness can involve even the best of drivers in an automobile accident, declares Bradford M. Crittenden, commissioner of the California Highway Patrol.

"The great majority of traffic accidents result from a violation of the law," Crittenden continued. "In most cases the violation was knowingly committed—the driver knew he was exceeding the posted speed limit, for example.

"But in other cases, the violation was unintentional, the result of a brief period of distraction from the business of driving caused by any one of several reasons. Even good drivers are liable to have these distractions unless they constantly guard against them."

Crittenden noted that a skilled driver always drives defensively and thus is prepared to meet any emergency caused by another person's negligence or unlawful action.

"He knows that the responsibility for safety is pretty much up to him alone and that he cannot rely on the other fellow always to do the right thing," the highway patrol official declared.

ANNUALS

Annuals can be almost the same as perennials if you allow them to seed themselves each fall. When spring comes, and new seedlings have reached the proper growth, thin them out but do not discard the seedlings you move—plant them in the bare spots in the bed which are bound to occur when annuals have seeded themselves.



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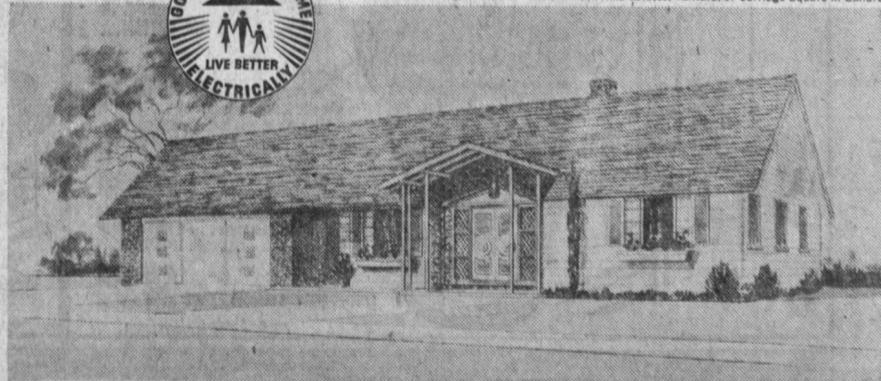
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