Postal Workers Facing Floods of Mail Soon

Immediately after postmen deliver their Christmas mail they'll find an extra task awaiting them. The Department of Motor Vehicles plans to place approximately 2,500,000 postal assessment notices in the mails Dec. 26 for owners of automobiles who must re-register in 1940. Notices to commercial vehicle owners are mailed in advance of Christmas with the request that they shop early to avoid the January rush.

The figure of Freedom surmounting the dome of the national capitol weighs 7½ tons.

With the City Council

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submits a proposed ordinance adopting the uniform method of marking highways with distinctive paint stripes to control traffic, the city council will adopt it for local use, it was indicated Tuesday night. The council went on record as favoring the uniform markings at the request of the state division.

WIDEN HAWTHORNE . . . Engineer Young was authorized to contact the state highway department to find out what it would cost to have a right-of-way man go over the route on Hawthorne avenue north from Torrance boulevard to Redondo Beach boulevard and obtain deeds to make that avenue uniformly 100 feet wide. The cost of obtaining the necessary right-of-way is believed to be about $1,000. Young informed the council that about $14,684 was available now from the city's gasoline tax funds to help pay for the widening improvement. He said the 100-foot right-of-way should be obtained before the city undertakes to improve the shoulders on Hawthorne.

AWAIT STORM . . . No further action will be taken by the city to improve drainage conditions at 231st and Narbonne until the next storm proves that present dry wells there are inadequate. Engineer Young told the council that because of soil conditions, it would be most expensive to sink 60-foot wells there. Diggers believe 40-foot holes would drain the intersection, he said, but he recommended waiting until the next storm to see if new ones are needed.

MOTOR AND SPRINKLERS . . . Appropriations totaling $745.15 were approved by the council. The items were: Trade-in the police department's two motorcycles for a 1940 model Harley-Davidson, less a radio, plus $30.15 — the old motorcycles being taken for $475; material for street repairs, $200; sprinkler system fittings for the city hall, auditorium and library lawns, $335, and a check protector for the city clerk's office, $180.

REAPPOINTMENTS . . . J. O. Bishop, chairman of the Civil Service board, was reappointed for a six-year term. His present term expires Dec. 31. Other reappointments made by the council were: J. W. Crowther of Walteria, and John Salm one more year each on the Planning commission.

Camp Site for Kids Proposed in Petition

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been promised by local residents, firms or industries and now the only thing lacking was a location.

City Engineer Leonard Young reported that he was unable to get in the old Legion hall on Border avenue, which had been suggested for the athletic center, to make an investigation of its condition. He said he had been informed that the owner desires to sell and not to rent that building. The local agent does not have the keys to it, Young said. An effort will be made to open up the structure for the examination.

Write a Rhyme on any Classified Ad and get in on the $125 in cash and merchandise prizes. See news item, on Page 1-B.

The Herald 3 months, 50 cents

Police Ask Aid in Search for Sex-Maniac

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on a dirt road. The attack followed.

Afterwards the man drove back to highway 101 and ordered the crying child out of the car near an auto camp on Hawthorne avenue. He then drove off — the child said Monday night he went toward Redondo but when questioned Tuesday morning said it was toward Lomita.

Befriended in Walteria

The wife of the auto court owner found the little girl crying bitterly and questioned her. But the distraught youngster could not even tell her own name or her address. All she knew was her teacher's name. At this point police were called and began a check-up of the schools.

The teacher was located at the Lomita Elementary school and said that the little girl's mother, worried over her absence, had just left in a search of the neighborhood. Special Officer Harry Slover was detailed from the Torrance station to return the girl to her home.

When he called at the auto court to get her, the little girl attempted to run away from him and cried so much that the wife of the court owner accompanied Slover and the child home. Because of the youngster's nervousness, continued weeping and incoherent statements about a man "who hurt me" the mother took her daughter to a Lomita physician's office.

Haven't Much to go On

The doctor confirmed the mother's worst fears and the man-hunt for the degenerate was set in motion immediately.

The sheriff's office was notified and sent two deputies to Torrance to assist in the investigation. Officers, the child's parents and the little girl "backtracked" over as much of the man's route as the youngster could remember but no one they questioned remembered seeing the girl or the man.

"We are continuing to check on a few leads," Police Chief Stroh said yesterday, "but because of the child's age and her nervous condition we haven't got much to go on."

Appeals for Information

Stroh appealed to all readers of this newspaper to contact his office — the phone is Torrance 400 — at once if they can offer any lead to the case. The child believes the man was white, said he wore dark glasses and that he drove a tan or brown sedan or coach-type car. But that is as much identification as she can give, police said.

"We want that fiend and we want him bad," Stroh declared. "We have checked with Redondo Beach police and deputy sheriffs on a similar case they had in the county strip near that city but have not received any information which will help us with this crime."

Lawndale Pair Nabbed for Spree

Two Lawndale residents, Elizabeth and A. L. Blake, 26 and 29 years of age respectively, were arrested by local police in Walteria Sunday and charged with being drunk in an auto. Blake was fined $15 after he plead guilty and Mrs. Blake, who first asserted her innocence and had her trial set for Dec. 4, later changed her mind and entered the same plea. She was given a $25 suspended fine.

NEW ARRIVAL

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Goka of Redondo Beach Sunday at Torrance Memorial hospital.

Parent Teacher • Activities

TORRANCE ELEMENTARY . . . "Secretaries and Financial Officers" were discussed at length yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Charles Ernest, at the regular parlimentary law class held in the auditorium of Seventh Street school, San Pedro. In attendance from Torrance were Mesdames H. R. Lee, president of Torrance Elementary P. T. A., H. P. Smith, Grover Whyte, E. C. Prime and W. H. Tolson.

Mrs. Ernest will conduct another class next Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 o'clock in the San Pedro school, and all wishing to attend are urged to contact Mrs. Lee and arrange for transportation.

Tuesday night Rev. Frank T. Porter presented several acts of magic as a feature of the Father's Night program presented in the school auditorium, with Mrs. Lee presiding. Freeman Lusk, board of education public relations secretary, spoke on "Preserving Our National Democracy" and said in part, "The best way to preserve Democracy is to defend it against Communism and all other subversive elements." He also stressed the privilege Americans enjoy of balloting, and added that in Europe people do not have that privilege of ballot, and that, as a result, they are practically controlled by the state.

A demonstration of school work and numbers by the P. T. A. Mother's Chorus, directed by Mrs. Marjorie Cooke, concluded the program. Mrs. E. C. Prime was program chairman.

Mrs. E. W. Lock attended the recent Tenth District Press conference in Los Angeles. Mrs. William Jolley of Gateway council accompanied her.

FERN AVENUE . . . The class in Consumer Education will meet as usual at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Fern Avenue school, with Alpha E. Stump, conducting the group on "How To Spend With a Plan and Buy With Informed Judgment."

Friday, Dec. 1 has been set as the time for P. T. A. members to take a field trip to the Los Angeles plant of Proctor and Gamble Co. Anyone wishing to go, whether a member of the group or not, is invited to be at the entrance of Fern Avenue school at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

A program planned to appeal especially to the men of the community will feature the Fathers' Night meeting of Lomita-San Pedro Council of Parents and Teachers, to be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at Bandini Street school in San Pedro.

In addition to a musical program, and feats of magic to be performed by Rev. F. T. Porter, a play by Thorton Wilder, "A Happy Journey" is to be given.

Mrs. L. F. Watson, publicity chairman of Fern Avenue P. T. A., was among those present at the Tenth District press conference held Tuesday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce building, Los Angeles.

HIGH SCHOOL . . . Members of this P. T. A. unit attending the Parliamentary law class in San Pedro were Mrs. Charles Woodcock, Mrs. J. O. Bishop, Mrs. T. R. Yoder, Mrs. I. C. Rous, Mrs. Wm. Jolley, Mrs. Hillman Lee and Mrs. E. C. Prime.

GO TO COVINA

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dresser, son Charles, and Mrs. C. A. Hooper were dinner guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson of Covina.