

Torrance Hospital Again Wins Approval of College of Surgeons

Torrance Memorial hospital was again listed today among the list of 3253 hospitals approved in the United States and Canada by the American College of Surgeons. In making the announcement, Dr. Irvin Abell of Louisville, chairman of the board of regents, said:

"The past two war years have seen hospitals and doctors score a major triumph over disease and death under circumstances that in previous wars would have meant epidemics and a rising mortality rate. Instead, the death rate in 1942 reached an all-time low of 10.4 per thousand in the United States death registration area, and 9.7 in Canada, and the indications are that in 1943 the rate was even lower. The reasons for the improved results, despite the wartime handicaps, are plain to those members of the profession and the public who know how hard hospitals have struggled to give patients high quality care notwithstanding shortages of personnel, scarcities of supplies and increased demands for service."

The occupancy rate of hospitals in the past two years has been from 15 to 20 per cent, and in some cases 50 per cent, higher than normal, declared Mr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, associate director of the college and in charge of its hospital activities, adding:

"Great shifts of population,

and concentration of workers and their families in suddenly overcrowded industrial communities, have created new problems in civilian health service. With depleted staffs of doctors, nurses and other personnel, hospitals have had great difficulty in meeting the needs, yet the record shows a splendid accomplishment in the prevention and treatment of disease. The medical achievements in military service are also a credit to our hospitals in which have been

trained the doctors, nurses, technicians and others who are saving lives and restoring the war wounded to health."

Dr. MacEachern pointed out that the patient is assured of good care in an approved hospital because such an institution is meeting fundamental requirements which stipulate a "modern, well operated physical plant; constitution and by-laws clearly stating relations, organization, duties, and responsibilities; a responsible governing board; a competent, well-trained administrator; an adequate, efficient, properly organized and supervised staff; an organized medical staff of ethical, competent physicians and surgeons; adequate diagnosis and therapeutic facilities under competent medical supervision; accurate medical records, readily accessible for research and follow-up; regular group conferences of administrative staff and of medical staff to review thoroughly their respective activities; and a

scientific spirit allied with humanitarianism to assure the greatest possible medical and nursing aid to each patient."

Community-Owned

Torrance Memorial hospital was first approved by the American College of Surgeons in 1931, and has been subsequently approved each year since then. Its present board of directors consists of: R. R. Smith, president; Grover C. Whyte, vice-president; Donald Findley, secretary; Dr.

John W. Beeman, treasurer; Mrs. C. A. Curtis, assistant secretary, and Mrs. N. E. Jamieson, Dr. Roy E. Flesher, O. A. Kresse, and Mrs. L. C. Miller, directors.

Miss Elsa Hammerstrom is superintendent and Mrs. Minnie Brooks is office manager. The institution was built in 1925 by the heirs of the late Jared Sidney Torrance, as a memorial to the founder of the city which bears his name. Mr. Torrance provided in his will for a month-

ly endowment but due to war conditions no funds from this endowment have been received during the past year. Mrs. Torrance generously contributed to the hospital's improvement during her lifetime. She died Oct. 18, 1940.

The hospital is a community-owned, non-profit institution, and any funds accumulated through its operation are expended in improving its facilities. Officers and directors serve without pay.

St. Andrew's Church Annual Meeting Set For Tomorrow

Friday, Jan. 14 at 8 p. m., the congregation of St. Andrew's Episcopal church will meet for their annual business meeting of the church. The rector, the Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, will preside at the meeting at which time he will give his annual report as well as plans for 1944. The rector's report will be followed by that of the treasurer, H. T. Barnes. Representing the congregation as the senior warden, Wallace Post will give the vestry's report.

The following church organizations will report on their 1943 activities: Woman's Auxiliary, St. Cecilia's Guild, Gardena Guild, Junior Church School, the Teeners, Boys' Senior League, St. Andrew's church Brownie and Girl Scout troops.

The meeting will be followed by a social hour with the men of the church serving coffee, tea, cake and pie. The adults will meet in the Woman's club and the young people will hold their social in the Parish house.

Railway Carpenter Passes Suddenly

Silvio, Tocci, 56, employed as a carpenter for more than a year at the Pacific Electric shops in Torrance, died suddenly of heart failure while at work last Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8. He left no known relatives. His home was at 1117 South ave. 19, Los Angeles. Found among his personal property was 12 U.S. War Bonds and some cash. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Craftmen of America, Sunset Lodge No. 410, Los Angeles. Evergreen cemetery, Los Angeles, was selected as the place of burial beside the grave of his wife, who preceded him in death a little more than a year ago.

The body was prepared for interment at the Stone & Myers mortuary in Torrance.

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