Hi-Lites Of Seaside Heights

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The topic of weather still being foremost, I guess I'd better start out this week with same. The majority of us here are thankful, and rightfully so, that we were so fortunate in the recent storms. Even the few of us who had some damage feel lucky. The hill on the odd-numbered side of Bindewald (I didn't say north or west side because curving as it does, it is both) being the highest and steepest, that is where the damage resulted. Several bad washes, a few minor ones. Frank and Dee Callahan's was a minor and quickly repaired one. Ray and Ina Mae Eikner were most fortunate, in that part of their retaining wall gave way and the yellow playhouse tipped, and had to be dragged back to safety. Esther and Joe Johnson had a deep washout. John and Millie Trainor of 5307 had a very bad washout right beside the Jack Milsoms' fence, and sandbags had to be used to save the fence and Milsom's incinerator. And the Ryckmans had two deep gullies that washed under the fence, with the result that part of the fence had to be removed to enable rebuilding the hill. That, in comparison to the troubles of other areas, is truly mild.

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Besides filling in their small washout, Frank and Dee Callahan entertained company over the weekend. Very good friends, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Miller and their three children stopped on their way to Texas where he is being inducted into the Army. They are from farther north. Incidentally, Dee has quit work to await the arrival of the long-legged bird, due 'round the first of March.

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Speaking of the long-legged bird, he came through the Heights last November 27 and I just caught up with the glad news. A little 4¼-pound baby girl was delivered prematurely to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Heptig at Torrance Memorial Hospital. They were able to bring her home, 5359 Bindewald, just before Christmas. She joins her brother and two sisters, and her name is Betsy Kathleen.

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While talking to Jack Heptig, he asked me to announce that full plans for a definite program in Civil Defense are now ready, according to George Powell, director. A First Aid class is being organized, but to be a block warden it is not compulsory to attend this. For any help you can offer or to join the First Aid class call Jack at Frontier 5-4292. Regular Tuesday night meetings will resume soon for the Civil Defense program. Watch for the date of first meeting next week.

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Sunday, January 13 was an important date in the young lives of the Priestly twins. They were baptized in the First Congregational Church of Pasadena that day. The Priestly family had spent the weekend with an aunt in Pasadena, Mrs. Ethel Hunt. And this more recent weekend they had guests in their own home on Vanderhill, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hess from San Diego. Mrs. Hess and Mrs. Priestly went through nurses' training together.

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How many of you have seen the Hatfield dogs? Two of them. They are really the most amusing characters I've ever seen. They are almost identical in coloring and size and they are never apart, and they eat, walk, play, run, sit and sleep side by each. Drive by 5220 Vanderhill and see Tega and Tiga. They are fun. Grandpa Hatfield says they are the Heinz Twins: 57 varieties.

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Congratulations, by the way, are in order for Grandpa Hatfield. Really overdue. He had his birthday January 18 and is now 77 years old. He says he got cards from people nearly forgotten. Cards from Indiana, Kansas and many other places on his road of life. I can under stand why, too. He's so easy to talk with—so pleasant.

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I'd better cut my weekly visit here, as I just happen to remember a statement I read somewhere, it goes: "People who have an hour to spare usually spend it with someone who hasn't."

Installs Officers Hospital Staff For New Year

Members of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, southwest branch, and Torrance Memorial Hospital staff met last Saturday night for installation of officers and a dinner-dance at the Palos Verdes country club.

Dr. Earl Madden was installed as chief of staff of the hospital, Dr. Fritz Westerhout as assistant chief of staff, and Dr. Rodney Stetson as secretary-treasurer. Dr. Eugene Cook is the retiring chief.

Installed as president of the southwest branch of the medical association was Dr. Kurt Shery. Dr. Gerald Eastham will serve as vice-president and Dr. Richard Schaeffer as secretary-treasurer. Dr. Thomas Betenson is the outgoing president.

Charles E. Chappel, assemblyman for the 46th district, was the speaker. His topic was "The Doctor's Wife in Public Life." Dr. Max E. Webber was master of ceremonies.

Special guests for the night were members of the governing board of the Torrance Memorial Hospital. Attending were R. R. Smith, president of the board of directors, and Mrs. Smith; Donald Findley, secretary of the board; Grover C. Whyte, board vice-president, and Mrs. Whyte, and Charles A. Curtiss, auditor, and Mrs. Curtiss, assistant secretary of the board.

Welfare Institute To Meet Tomorrow

A meetinng of the California Institute of Social Welfare will be held Friday, January 25, in the CIO Hall at 1816 Border avenue, at 3:30 p.m., it was announced this week.

Lampshade Design Class Seeks Adults

A free adult lampshade design class held each Thursday morning at 9 o'clock at the Walteria Recreation Hall, 242nd and Ocean, is open for new students.

Women will have an opportunity to learn to make new lampshades from all new material or make new lampshades from materials that they now have on hand on old lamps around the house. Both beginning and advanced students are welcome since instruction is mainly on an individual basis. No skill or previous background is necessary for this kind of work.

New home owners in this area are invited to present a description of their color scheme and furniture and accessories, to the instructor, Dorothea LeMenager, in order to get ideas on how to best build up the luxury and comfort of their home.

Students may register at this class by attending the next regular meeting.

ARMORED CARS

Armored cars were used by the Marine Corps as far back as 1916. Even those early types were reported to attain speeds of 60 miles an hour.