



SIX STORIES OF STEEL . . . Steel erection crews from Bethlehem Steel, in 10 working days, formed the framework of a new professional building at 4032 Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles. Some 200 tons of steel fabricated by Bethlehem here were utilized in framing the \$600,000 building.

Heart Murmur in Child May Not Be Serious, Physician Claims

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"Your child has a heart murmur." These words from a physician will immediately conjure up all sorts of anxious mental pictures in the minds of parents.

However, when the doctor says a child has an "innocent" heart murmur, there is no cause for alarm. This kind of murmur is harmless and often occurs in childhood. It is sometimes described as a "functional" murmur.

SO COMMON are innocent heart murmurs in childhood, that more than half of any group of 100 children are likely to have them at some time. Most occur between the ages of three and seven.

"Murmur" is a word used by doctors to describe sounds, other than those usually heard, produced by the circulation of blood through the valves and the channels of the heart.

"INNOCENT" murmurs are harmless and, although their exact cause is unknown, they generally disappear during adolescence.

A few children, however, will have murmurs that are diagnosed as "organic," indi-

cating that a heart ailment or defect may be present. Children with organic murmurs should be under the supervision of a physician. Early treatment increases the possibility that the underlying heart condition causing the murmur can be improved, arrested, or corrected.

ALTHOUGH many children have innocent heart murmurs, and relatively few have organic murmurs, it is frequently difficult to distinguish between the two. Innocent murmurs may be heard after exercise, or a restless youngster may be difficult to examine. For these reasons, more than one examination may be needed to confirm that a murmur is innocent.

The school doctor if he detects a heart murmur, will usually suggest that the family physician check it.

PARENTS SHOULD always feel free to discuss with their doctors any doubts or fears they may have about his findings. For the child with an innocent heart murmur, a parent's uncertainty can be most unfortunate. A fearful mother, alarmed by the word "murmur," can turn a normal, healthy child into a coddled youngster, with an imagined heart condition.

The child with an innocent murmur, according to the best medical authorities, does not have heart disease, nor is he more likely to have it than other children. He or she can be as active as any other well child should be.

New Heart Assn. leaflet entitled "Innocent Heart Murmurs in Children" is available free of charge, through the Los Angeles County Heart Assn., 2405 W. 8th St., Los Angeles 57.

Dick Starr Now At Pen, Quill

Dick Starr, well-known pianist-organist, has opened at the Pen & Quill Restaurant in Manhattan Beach. The new keyboard artist, who will entertain diners in the cocktail lounge, was signed to an 8-week contract by owner Bob Reuben.

Boy Scout Troop 225 Sells Christmas Trees

Members of Boy Scout Troop 225 are in the Christmas tree business at Try-It Stores, 23027-33 S. Avalon Blvd. Proceeds of the Christmas tree sales at the store will be used for troop expenses, sponsors report.

Builders View Fire Area; Note Resistance Features

The dramatic aftermath of the recent \$20 million dollar Southern California fire was witnessed by a group of contractors and union officials of the Southern California Plastering Institute when they toured the burned-out area of the exclusive Bel Air district in order to ascertain at first hand the performance of various kinds of building materials under the intense heat and flame conditions.

Acting with the cooperation of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the group viewed at close quarters home after home that had been completely destroyed by the disastrous fire. Stark in their solitude were the few brick fireplaces that remained in the expensive homes.

"It is our opinion that the damage was caused by the flaming

shake and shingle roofs that collapsed and dropped fiery debris down into the interior of the houses," a spokesman for the Institute group commented. "Where the exterior and interior walls were constructed of combustible materials, the damage was immediate and complete. However, the stucco and plaster partition walls that remained standing gave testimony to the fact that plaster will not burn."

"We cannot help but conclude that if these \$200,000 to \$400,000 homes had made a more extensive use of lath and plaster in both exterior and interior construction, the fire damage would have been far less," the spokesman concluded. "It became obvious that if plaster will protect a \$200,000 home, it will do an equally good job of protecting a \$200,000 home."

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