



ROBERT SMITH, father of 2½-year-old Chucky, victim of an apparently incurable cancer, is overwhelmed upon receiving a check for \$2478.55. The money was raised through the joint efforts of The Torrance police department and Walteria businessmen's association to defray the family's medical costs. Left to right: James Whitmer, of the businessmen, Sgt. John Maestri, Smith, and Police Chief Willard Haslam.

Smith Family Given Check For \$2,478.55

A check for \$2,478.55 was presented to the Robert H. Smith family of 3514 Cricklewood, Walteria by representatives of the Torrance police department and the Walteria businessmen's association last Saturday. The money was collected by the two groups in order to help the Smiths pay the staggering medical debt incurred through the illness of their 2½-year-old boy, Chucky, who lies near death of cancer at the St. Mary's hospital in Long Beach.

"We didn't realize people were so kind and good," the father said. "It's hard to find the right words to thank everyone who responded so graciously."

Other groups also sent contributions to the Smiths, so that the total amount of money approximated \$3000.

The drive was under the joint chairmanship of Police Chief Willard Haslam and Sgt. John Maestri of the Torrance police and Jim Whitmer of the Walteria businessmen's club.

Helping the two groups were Boy Scout troop 718 whose 35 members collected \$175.71 and troop 240 whose 10 members collected \$57. "TAP'S," the Torrance auxiliary police force of boys and girls 12 to 18, netted \$300 in one evening.

Air Force Appointments Available Now

Congressman Cecil R. King announced today that he has been requested by the Department of the Air Force to nominate ten young men from Torrance and other sections of the 17th congressional district to compete for cadet appointments in the first class of the newly authorized Air Force Academy.

The Air Force plans to activate the Academy on an existing Air Force base as soon as practicable. The first class will be limited to 300 cadets for entrance July, 1955.

Congressman King informed the Torrance Press that he invites letters of application from high school graduates between the ages of 17 and 21 who are interested in a career of leadership in the United States Air Force.

"Any young man who has the approval of his parents and qualifies physically will be considered on his merits for nomination, without regard to creed, color or politics," King stated.

California has been allocated 15 vacancies in the first Academy class and the Air Force has announced that appointments will be made by competitive examinations from among qualified candidates.

Applications may be sent to Congressman Cecil R. King, New House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

SPORTS NEWS



JIMMY BROWN, 11, pitcher for the Builders' Giants, was seen in action when the Little League season began last Saturday. Games are scheduled Tuesdays through Fridays starting at 6 p.m. and doubleheaders on Saturdays and Sundays starting at 2 p.m. The ball park is located on Highway 101 and Crenshaw.

Smith Named All-League

By Jerry Westmoreland
An athletic senior with all his irons in the fire, came up with another brand on his war-tanned hide, as four sportsmen, Burt Smith, was named to the first team All-Bay League honors at the right field position for his performances during the past baseball season. Burt, captain of the football team last fall, forward on the basketball squad, 440, high jump and broad jump for the

track team, now has another reminder of his soon-to-be-gone high school days.

As fielder this season, Smith ended the season with a batting average of well over the 400 mark consisting largely of extra base hits.

Catcher Manuel Ollouque, also received honors in baseball as his rifle arm fired him to a second team all league.

Other Torrance diamond men received honorable mention.

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