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Fire Chief Issues Warning Against Unvented Heaters

Fire Chief J. J. Benner today warned users of unvented open-flame space heaters that these heaters are definite fire hazards if not properly used.

With chilly mornings already bringing many of these heaters into use, Chief Benner urged the public to observe four precautions which will reduce the danger from the use of open-flame heaters not vented to the outside air.

Pointers
"First," he said, "locate heaters out of the foot traffic patterns of the room and away from drapes, chairs, and other combustible materials. Every year people are burned, usually women or children, when they are dressed in the room."

"Use a metal connector to attach the heater to the gas piping," he warned. "Flexible cloth-covered hoses deteriorate and are the cause of fires."

Have It Checked
"Third, have the heater checked periodically by the gas company or a competent service agency to be certain that it is in proper working order."

"And, finally," he said, "keep the room well ventilated. Air is essential to life. Open-flame heaters may consume oxygen from a tightly closed room to the point where it becomes dangerous. Leave a window open at least one and a half inches, top and bottom, when the heater is in use. Never sleep in a room with an unvented space heater burning."

Chief Benner explained that while the above precautions reduce the hazards of using unvented open-flame heaters, the best long-term solution is to replace them with vented heating equipment that carries the products of combustion out of the house through a vent pipe, and has the gas burner completely enclosed to eliminate the fire hazard.



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Chamber To Collect Xmas Baskets Again

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of service clubs, special groups, social organizations, P.T.A. and school clubs, will again act as the headquarters for distribution of Christmas baskets to the needy this year. Last year over 125 baskets were distributed.

"Some groups are already arranging drives for canned goods, usable used clothing and discarded toys. Additional help is badly needed and we invite your cooperation and participation," stated Paul Loranger, president of the Chamber of Commerce. "Anyone wishing to participate or join in the program may receive further information by calling Dale Isenberg, chamber secretary at FA. 8-2814."

Boy, 9, On Bike Hit By Truck

Struck by a pick-up truck as he was leaving school on his bicycle Thursday was Peter Graham Mitchell, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Graham Mitchell of 4914 Pacific Coast Highway. The boy received minor injuries, according to Torrance police.

The young boy, who goes to the Lutheran Church on Palos Verdes drive, was hit by a truck engaged in construction work at the school.

Driver of the truck was Virgil M. Lockhart, 35, of Manhattan.

259th PLACE P.T.A. MEETS

At a recent board meeting of 259th Place P.T.A. held at the home of Mrs. W. E. Zell, president, it was revealed that desk stands will be purchased for the school to use with present microphone heads.

Also voted at that time was \$5 toward a Thanksgiving food basket for a needy family and the same amount to the Exceptional Children's Christmas fund.

Lomita Men's Group To Hear Economist

Robert Dunn, instructor of economics and political science at Harbor Junior College, will speak to the Men's Group of the Lomita Baptist church at their dinner meeting on November 22 at 6:15 o'clock. Dunn will represent the Harbor Junior College's Faculty Speaker's Bureau, and his topic will be "Current Trends and the Future Outlook in the Economic Area in the United States."



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