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Club News Society News
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Dance Tickets

On March 2 local residents will dance to the music of Leighton Noble and his orchestra at the Civic Auditorium. All proceeds will go towards the construction of the Children's Wing of the Little Company of Mary hospital. Mrs. Jack Dabbs (above), 1640 Juniper, ticket chairman, announces that a gas range will be given away as a door prize. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Dabbs, Mrs. George Witz, general chairman, 23106 Huber ave., or may be purchased at the door.—Press Photo.



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VOLUNTEERS AT HARBOR GENERAL HOSPITAL PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE

Program Is Diversified, Well-Planned

By Durfee Parkins

All it takes is a willingness to help; the rewards are manifold. This is what the adult volunteers at the Harbor General hospital have found out. Approximately 100 men and women participate in the program who range from those just out of high school to pensioners over 70 years of age. Most of them are married with responsibilities of their own but find an inner satisfaction and feeling of accomplishment by devoting their spare hours to the worthwhile program.

Well-Planned

Mrs. Marguerite McAllister, director and coordinator, is not only a registered nurse but a Public Health nurse as well. She was hired a year and a half ago to organize the program which has developed to such an extent that volunteers may choose any phase or department they prefer. In describing the well-organized and systematic activity, she explained that it is "service, not social," and the volunteers prefer it that way.

The diversified program includes work in the laboratory and at bedside—bathing, bed making, feeding, combing hair, shampooing, etc. Joseph Allen, one of the patients from Long Beach, expressed his appreciation for the generous and unselfish efforts of the volunteers who supplement the nursing staff in the wards. Dr. Robert Newman explained that due to the nursing shortage the program is a necessary and important phase of the hospital operation.

In Central Supply surgical equipment is sterilized, wrapped and stored. Mrs. John A. Muhleck, a volunteer from Torrance, has been working in that department for over a year and a half with the attendants and head nurse, Mrs. Grace Ho.

Diversified Jobs

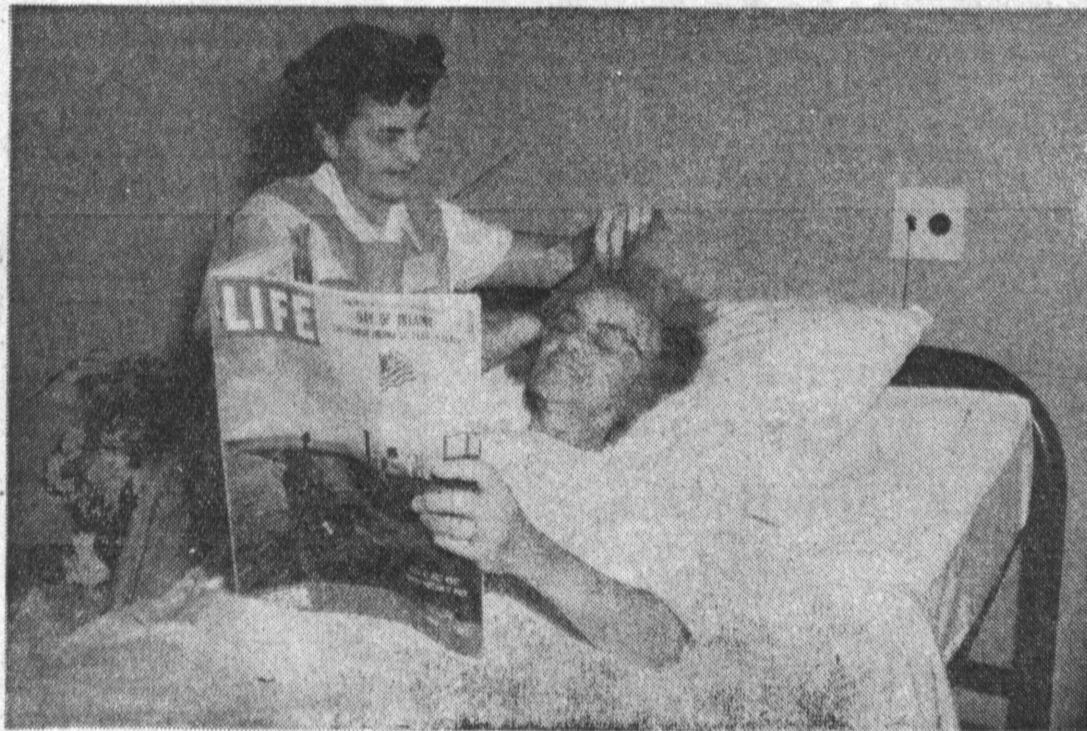
There are also opportunities for volunteers in the admitting room, typing and filing in the nursing office, work in surgery, the cast room, pediatrics. Of course, there is always entertaining the patients by reading to them, writing for them or just talking. An occupational therapy course is also offered taught by professional people which gives the volunteer a chance to teach copper work, enameling and ceramics under supervision.

Women in all walks of life from San Pedro to Manhattan Beach participate. Some are housewives, others work full time and take care of a family besides, others are active in club and social work. But they all have one thing in common — they enjoy their work and derive satisfaction out of the satisfaction they are able to give others. Even clubs and sororities have taken up the volunteer program as one of the main projects for the year.

The need for volunteers is an acute one. Anyone interested may contact Mrs. McAllister at the hospital and make an appointment for a free physical examination. Transportation and baby sitting problems can be worked out at that time. Also, volunteers are given a free meal on the days that they work.

Recognition

Once a year a recognition banquet is held and volunteers are presented pins and certificates according to the



Lots of TLC

Keeping the patients comfortable and supplied with plenty of reading matter is one of the services offered by volunteers at Harbor General hospital. Mrs. Bonnie Ryerson (left), Rolling Hills, has been a volunteer at the hospital for six months on a one-day-a-week basis. She is a housewife and mother of four boys. Mrs. Lillian Kehr, patient, of 15214 Raymond ave., Gardena, was Mrs. Ryerson's former piano teacher.

—Press Photo



Side by Side

Mrs. Leo McMillen, (left) 1919 Gramercy, was one of the organizers of the volunteer program at Harbor General hospital. She works directly with program coordinator, Mrs. Marguerite McAllister, (right) as her assistant. Mrs. McMillen has over 800 volunteer hours to her credit since September, 1955. She is also very active in the Red Cross and has done volunteer work at the Shrine hospital, in Portland, Ore.—Press Photo.

Jewish Welfare Leaders Meet

Plans for the launching of "Operation Shalom"—the 1957 United Jewish Welfare fund campaign in the Southern Sec-

tion of the Greater Los Angeles Area—will be mapped out Monday, February 18, 8 p.m., at the home of Chairman, Ella Schwartz, 3244 El Dorado.

Attending will be UJWF drive leaders from throughout the southern communities and the southeastern cities of the county. "The United Jewish Welfare Fund has accepted this year the additional responsibility of rescuing 100,000 Jews from the troubled areas of the Iron Curtain countries of Europe and the Arab states of Egypt and North Africa," noted Mrs. Schwartz.

"Operation Shalom"—which means peace in Hebrew—is being conducted here to bring safety and a sense of security to the victims of oppression, especially the children, Mrs. Schwartz said.

number of hours they donate. Whether it is one hour a month or one day a week, the important thing is that they participate. It's true but true—"every little bit helps."

A recent letter to the editor of a South Bay newspaper read: "I am a lonely, unwanted woman with time on my hands. I wish there was some place I could go and work or do something for someone where I would be needed and appreciated." If she had only known.

Contest Blanks Available For 'Mrs. America, 1958'

Area homemakers can win for themselves and their husbands a three-day stay at the Beverly Hilton hotel as part of the nationwide search for "Mrs. America, 1958," now under way.

"Mrs. California, 1958" will be chosen from a field of 15 state finalists and crowned in the Ball Room of the new hotel April 3, following a three-day round of competition to test her skills in cooking, ironing, sewing as well as personality, poise, attractiveness, community interest, and family care.

Local homemakers can take the first step toward participation in the state finals by obtaining an official Mrs. America entry blank at the Gas Company, 1340 Post, according to C. W. Shupp, division manager. Application blanks will be available through Saturday, February 23. From the field of original applicants, a group of local entrants will be chosen to compete in regional finals. These regional winners will then travel to the Beverly Hilton for the state finals.

"Mrs. California" will go with her husband to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for the "Mrs. America" finals the week of May 7-14. Statewide contestants will compete for a share of more than \$10,000 worth of prizes offered by the sponsoring Southern California and Southern Counties Gas companies, DeSoto Division, Chrysler Corporation, and other national backers of the homemaking contest.

"Mrs. America, 1958" will win

more than \$15,000 worth of prizes, including a complete New Freedom Gas kitchen, DeSoto Firelite automobile, and other prizes.

The three-day state finals at the Beverly Hilton will include network television appearances and participation in programs involving topflight Hollywood and Television personalities.

Any married homemaker 21 years of age or over is eligible to participate in the contest.

Young Wife Is 'Queen For a Day'

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Craig are now enjoying a Caribbean cruise aboard the S. S. Nassau, thanks to Jack Bailey's Queen for a Day show.

Ora Mae Craig, 15, was crowned queen on February 7. Besides the cruise, the queen received a complete wardrobe, a whirl around Hollywood, and a profusion of household gifts.

Richard, a veteran, who served with the Army Medical corps in Japan, is employed at Harvey Machine Aluminum plant, Torrance. The couple, who are attending night school to get their high school diplomas, live at 21124 Budlong avenue. Their two pretty daughters, Brenda, 6, and Constance, 16 months, will be cared for by a nurse provided by Queen for a Day while Mom and Pop are away.



Local Queen

Mrs. Ora Mae Craig, 21124 Budlong ave., was crowned "Queen for a Day" February 7 by popular TV emcee Jack Bailey.

Torrance High PTA to Give Special Awards

Past presidents and honorary life recipients will be honored at the next Torrance High school PTA meeting Tuesday, February 19, at 8 p.m.

This is a night especially devoted to freshmen and sophomore parents, and features a discussion on the topic "Yesterday's Heritage — a Long-Term Investment."

The freshman and sophomore class presidents will discuss the activities for the year. Of general interest will be a discussion of graduation and college entrance requirements. In this way the parents will be in a better position to discuss the future programming of their children, which will be the main business of the parent conferences March 7.

BETSY ROSS CLUB

Betsy Ross club will meet Tuesday, February 19 at the Torrance Masonic temple, 2336 Cabrillo ave. Hostesses will be Florence Viellenave and Mary Schroeder.

HALLDALE PTA TO HONOR PAST PRESIDENTS

History of the Halldale PTA will be relived at the Founder's Day meeting February 14 at 1:30 p.m. when the five past presidents will be honored by Mrs. W. M. Hoy, Founder's Day chairman.

Presidents honored will be Mrs. E. M. Seeman, Mrs. C. C. DeVore, Mrs. E. M. Bernardie, Mrs. E. E. Salcido, and Mrs. David Goolsby.

Mrs. Irving Caukins, assisting honorary life membership chairman, will present two awards to those who have given outstanding service to children and youth. Thirteen members who have received memberships at Halldale will be introduced.

Principal speaker will be Mrs. Ruth Adams, music instructor at Halldale. Under the direction of Mrs. Adams, the Halldale School chorus will sing three numbers.

Mrs. George Winters, room representative, announced there will be a luncheon party at Normandale center, February 20, at 1:30 p.m. All room mothers are invited and asked to bring a white elephant.

Mrs. E. N. Reese, president, announced at a recent board meeting that \$402.15 was collected by the PTA for the March of Dimes.

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