

Muscular Dystrophy Study Projects Undertaken in State

Scientists at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and at Stanford University School of Medicine, San Francisco, have received grants totalling \$24,000 from Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc., for work seeking the cause and cure of the progressive muscle deterioration marking that disease, it was announced today by William Mazer, MDAA president.

The grant-in-aid of research to the University of Southern California, in the amount of \$11,010, renews MDAA support of tabolism in Muscular Dystrophy experiments with "Lipid Metabolism in Muscular Dystrophy," under the direction of Dr. Roslyn B. Alfin-Slater.

The allocation to Stanford

University for \$12,984 guarantees continuation of work with "Serum Enzymes In Muscle Disease," directed by Dr. Laurens P. White.

These are two of 19 projects recently approved for support by MDAA, to the total amount of \$172,950. Four of these allocations are for the inauguration of new experimental studies, while the other 15 give renewed support to research already in progress. Each grant is for the period of a year.

MDAA supports nearly 100 such projects in more than 50 medical centers throughout the United States and in eight institutions abroad, all concerned with various aspects of muscular dystrophy. There are an estimated 200,000 victims of the disease in this country, most of them children in whom it is virtually always fatal.

MDAA maintains its program through public contributions raised in large part by an annual fund-raising campaign . . . the March For Muscular Dystrophy . . . which reaches its climax during the week of Thanksgiving. The door-to-door solicitation is carried out by members of the Association's 300-odd Chapter affiliates, firemen and volunteers from numerous civic and fraternal organizations.

As part of its program of research, MDAA is building an institute for Muscle Disease, in the vicinity of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center in New York City. In addition to its extensive research activities, MDAA also supports a wide variety of patient services, the establishment and maintenance of some 43 Muscular Dystrophy Clinics, and the improvement of facilities for the education and recreation of dystrophic children.

California has 23 MDAA Chapters and two Muscular Dystrophy Clinics. Four research projects are sponsored by MDAA at various centers within the state.

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BAY-HARBOR HOSPITAL SUPPORTERS — Left to right: Drs. Donald Cortum, Frederick Stange, Eleanor Thill and Allen Brown of Torrance, study architects drawing of Bay-Harbor Osteopathic Hospital. Plan embraces built-in roof-top heliport, which makes hospital one of first in nation to include such facility. Inauguration of new helicopter ambulance service

in Southland recently plus need for such hospital facilities in area adjacent to ocean make heliport badly needed new facility. Group were all guests at kick-off banquet for general fund drive for the new hospital. Banquet was held at Redondo Beach Elks club with state, county and city political and civic leaders attending.

Torrance Marine Airman Share Safety Citation

Three Torrance Marine Reserve officers and men of Marine Air Reserve Squadron 241 who received a Navy Department Safety Citation for undergoing a complete year of training without an aircraft accident.

The citation was presented to Lt. Col. Donald L. Clark, squadron commander, on behalf of the squadron during formal ceremonies at Los Alamitos Naval Air Station. Making the presentation was Col. Robert A. Harvey, USMC.

The Torrance men who took part in the ceremonies were: Maj. Henry Fink, Jr., 3916 Newton St.; M/Sgt. Jack W. Berry, 2002 Kathy Way, and PFC James D. Roberts, 21206 S. Vermont.

During the year covered by the no-accident record, pilots of the squadron — flying one weekend a month and during two weeks of summer maneuvers — piled up a total of more than 2,100 hours in the air. The vast majority of the training was done in Cougar jet aircraft

Heliport Planned for Bay-Harbor Hospital

The first hospital in the area with a built-in heliport to take advantage of helicopter ambulance service will be the \$1,100,000 Osteopathic hospital for the Bay-Harbor district, sponsors reported today.

As the non-profit sponsoring association disclosed plans for a heliport on the roof of the new facility, it was announced also that two-thirds of the fund goal has been subscribed to date by Osteopathic Physicians and Sur-

geons and their patients. Herb Davis, an official of the Southern California Fish Cannery Association and a hospital director, told 150 civic and government officials at a kick-off dinner at the Redondo Elks Club for the public subscription phase of the drive that Dec. 9 is the deadline for raising at least \$300,000. This will qualify the new hospital for \$600,000 in Hill-Burton grants of state and federal funds.

Davis said the public subscription goal has been set at \$143,000 to give a cushion above the minimum amount needed to obtain Hill-Burton funds. Cost of a site and furnishings will run total cost of the hospital to at least \$1,100,000, he predicted. Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, honorary chairman of the campaign, said he was greatly pleased with response here to date, as compared to public apathy to hospital drives in some areas. The \$170,000 pledged by doctors is 60 per cent of the goal, or three times the national average in similar drives, it was pointed out.

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