

# 496 Patients Treated in Bay Emergency Center

Emergency center at South Bay Hospital treated more than four times as many patients in August 1961 than it did during the same month a year ago — the first month in which the 150-bed hospital was open.

Russell B. Williams, hospital administrator, said 115 persons were given emergency treatment in the 24-hour emergency center in August of 1960, whereas 496 were cared for this August.

The emergency center at Beryl St. and Prospect Ave., Redondo Beach, is the only

such facility in South Bay which is staffed 24 hours a day by a doctor and a nurse, Williams said. The doctor and nurse on duty have no other medical assignment in the hospital.

## 3,233 Treated

Total number of persons treated for the first year was 3233, including 249 persons who received emergency care a second time at the center.

Williams said the increased use of the facility during the first year was a steady month-by-month increase.

Statistics on emergency center treatments since South Bay Hospital opened in August, 1960, were: August, 115; September, 177; October, 242; November, 221; December, 271; January, 288; February, 277; March, 292; April, 338; May, 382; June, 383; July, 474; and August, 496.

## Center Advantages

One big advantage of having an emergency center in a major hospital is the availability of resources of the hospital.

"Transferring the patient to a major hospital after receiving emergency care is not necessary. If major surgery, x-ray, or hospitalization is necessary, it can be done immediately after emergency care and without further delay or discomfort for the patient," Williams said.

He said that 515 patients treated at South Bay Hospital emergency center during the year were admitted to the hospital for surgery or further care.

# Speech On Dieting Wins Top Prize For Toastmaster

A description of how the dietary habits of people affect their personalities won the trophy for Roger Saunders at the Area 3 finals of the Toastmasters Humorous Speech Contest Saturday evening at the Western Club Cafe, Gardena.

"We are what we eat and by what some people are, their diet must be calamitous," commented Saunders in the speech entitled, "Just Don't Sit There, Boys, Burp Something."

"It is easier to live with 150 pounds of curves than with 90 pounds of nerves," was the opinion of runner-up Rudy Hafernik in "This Business of Dieting."

Other contestants were: Bill Sherman with "It Ain't Necessarily So," "Keep 'em Laughing" by Tom Parks, and Tony Toth described the value of "Enthusiasm."

Ron Green was awarded the Table Topics Trophy for his extemporaneous account of "What I will do with my extra leisure when I start working a 4-day week." His competitors were: Don Sanders, Bob Goodwin, Neil Campbell and Dr. Sumner Saul.

The governor of Area 3 Toastmasters, Bob White, presided over the contests. Walt Tanner, lieutenant governor of District 51, presented the trophies. Ross Potter was toastmaster for the evening, while Terry Groskrej performed the duties of the table topics master.

# Anti-Ice Box Drive Begins

Alarmed at the continuing number of deaths of young children trapped in abandoned refrigerators and ice-boxes, the State Rubbish Collectors Association has announced plans for a drive to eliminate these deathtraps.

William Ohanesian, president of the Association, stated that all police departments in Los Angeles County have been notified that upon discovery of such a refrigerator or ice-box a call to the Association headquarters, RA 3-5312, will bring a truck and quick disposal of the hazard to children, without cost.

In making the announcement Ohanesian said, "We are extremely anxious to do our utmost to eliminate this deadly nuisance which has caused so much tragedy in recent years because most of the members of our association are parents of young children too."

He also issued a plea to all county residents, service organizations, churches and children's groups to cooperate in making everyone aware of this menace.

# Civilians Hear Dr. Barney Katz

Torrance Civilians will hear Barney Katz, Ph.D., Wednesday evening according to Civitan president Albert F. Kline. Katz has lectured in psychology at U.S.C. and Santa Ana College for nine years. He is the author of many books and articles dealing with parent education, mental hygiene, etc.

Katz also has many professional affiliations, among them California State Psychological Association.

Program Chairman A. A. Rauch says Katz's subject will be "Improving Marital Relations." Due to the popularity of his lectures several neighboring Civitan clubs will be in attendance as well as wives and guests of the local club.

Meeting time will be 7:30 p.m. at the Jump 'N Jack.

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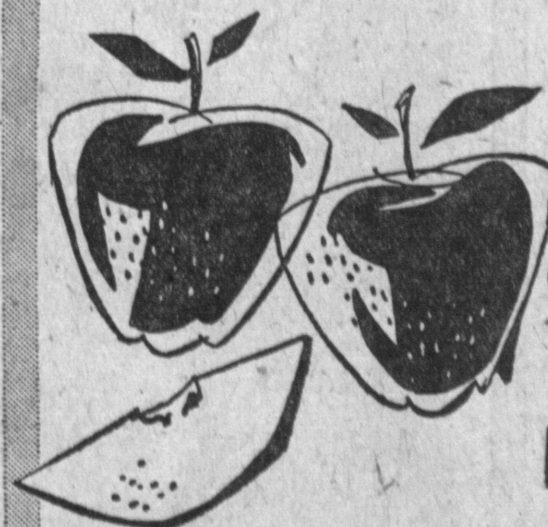
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