

## County Workers Clearing Away Area Flood Damage

Emergency crews of the Los Angeles County Road Department — bolstered by all available road department office personnel — have been working around the clock to reopen roads that were blocked by the recent rainstorms, reports Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

More than 75 office workers, including many engineers, technicians and supervisors, were called into

service of the maintenance department to help restore highways to their normal capacities as soon as possible.

Office workers and emergency crews also are in service to handle any flooded conditions caused by additional storms.

Highways drainage systems, clogged with mud and debris, are being cleaned out to allow high waters to drain off.

Where necessary, pumping operations are aiding in subsiding standing waters, Supervisor Hahn said.

Work is being coordinated by use of the County's two-way radio communication system, allowing work crews to be readily shifted where urgency requires.

Heaviest rainstorm since 1956 triggered landslides, felled trees, inundated homes and closed many roadways throughout the County.

Supervisor Hahn toured areas most heavily hit in his district in a U.S. Army "Duck" during the height of the storm and immediately called for a full investigation by County Flood Control officials as to the cause of flooding in the Gardena-Torrance area.

## Murphy Named as King Harbor Ass't General Manager



Daniel F. Murphy, Jr., small craft expert, has been named assistant general manager of King Harbor and Development Co., Redondo Beach. Development company president Morley M. Kasler made the announcement yesterday.

Company is building 800 boat slips and other facilities in a \$6 million marina project as new King Harbor, Redondo.

Murphy was security manager for the USAF AMC Ballistic Missiles Center here, a federal agent in this country and Europe, and in small craft management for the USCG. He has handled small boats on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts for more than 20 years.

A native of New York, he now lives in Torrance.

## Edison PTA Has Honorary Life Presentation

Edison PTA surprised Mrs. William Cassida at their annual spaghetti dinner Feb. 14 with the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership Award. Mrs. Cassida is the past president and current budget and finance chairman for the association and is very active with the youth in our community.

A Founder's Day skit was delightfully presented by Mrs. Carl Miller with the following cast: Mrs. Sandra Eads, a teacher at Edison; Mrs. Raymond Huggard and her daughters; and Darlene Comber.

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## Brother-Sister Duo Entertains At High School

Father Frank Jansen, OMI, principal of Fermin Lasuen High School for boys, will address members of Las Damas de Lasuen at the February meeting scheduled for 8 p.m. in the main study hall at the school, Mrs. Henry J. Smith, president, announced.

Preceding Father Jansen's address Verna and Michael Butcher, talented San Pedro brother and sister duo, will entertain. A junior at Lasuen, Michael, 16, began his piano studies under the direction of Emerson Trent

and is now doing advanced work under the direction of Dr. Franz Darvis, dean of the school of music at Immaculate Heart College. Verna, 19, is a sophomore at Los Angeles City College where she is majoring in music with a minor in drama. Her voice teacher is Miss Margaret Mansfield of San Pedro. Miss Butcher's repertoire will include classical and light opera favorites sung in German, English, and Italian and accompanied by her brother.

Mrs. Francis Henry, general chairman for the forthcoming Las Damas de Lasuen fashion luncheon slated for March 3 at the Plush Horse Inn, will reveal detailed plans for the elaborate affair to the membership.

Mrs. Robert Rados, program chairman, notes that guests will be cordially welcomed to the meeting and to the coffee hour which will conclude the evening.

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## Torrance Collector In Charge

Rare specie orchids that flourish on tree barks and pieces of cork will be displayed at the second annual Spring Orchid Show to be co-sponsored by the South Bay Orchid Society and the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. The show will be held at the Alondra Park Recreation Building Saturday and Sunday March 10 and 11 and will be open to the public without charge.

Last year's show was viewed by nearly 10,000 persons and so much interest

was shown by amateur photographers interested in obtaining color pictures that a special photography time has been set aside from 9 to 11 a.m. on Sunday.

### TORRANCE MAN

James Calhoun of Torrance, in charge of the special display and who has himself collected species in Mexico, said today that many collectors of plants from Mexico and the South American jungles have indicated that they will exhibit. A special area for these species will be set aside.

Any orchid grower whether, a member of the organization or not is invited to participate and to share the beauty of his flowers with others. Entries will be received at the Community Building, 3535 Redondo Beach Blvd., starting at 4 p.m. Friday, March 9 through 9 p.m. and from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday.

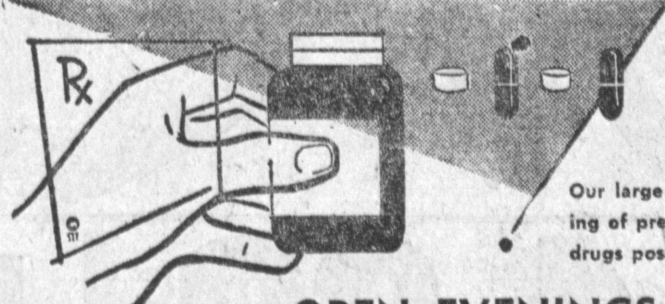
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