



MRS. NELL JESSUP retires from the service of Los Angeles County after 34 years, 16 of which were spent as registrar of Harbor General Hospital. She organized the office when the county purchased the hospital from the U.S. Army in 1946.

This Is How It All Began . .

The steady droning overhead suddenly changed to the sputtering and "coughing" of an aircraft motor in trouble.

The members of the embryonic staff of L.A. County's newly acquired Harbor General Hospital rushed outside, eyes skyward in time to see two white "mushrooms" against the blue, a plane falling.

In seconds, by order of J. E. Smits, administrator, a doctor and Mrs. Bernadine Clark, RN, now nursing director, were in an ambulance speeding to a field east of Vermont and South of Carson St.

A third member of the staff grabbed a chart and hurried to a "C" wing room set up for emergency admitting.

That third member was Mrs. Nell Jessup, registrar. The scene — August 2, 1946 — was vividly recalled by Mrs. Jessup as she gathered her belongings from her desk she was leaving for the last time.

Mrs. Jessup retires May 1, but has two weeks accumulated leave.

"That plane incident," she said, brought Harbor General Hospital its first emergency patient. It was the duty of those in the ambulance to bring in the plane's personnel, mine to record their histories.

"Fortunately, the pilot was not seriously injured,"

she said. "Nor was the co-pilot."

Since that date, Mrs. Jessup's chart domain grew to 267,000 patient charts filed in 7,000 lineal feet of shelving.

Her opening day staff on July 15, 1946, of one typist-clerk expanded to today's 66 in various categories and include her successor, Mrs. Bernice Martin, from General Hospital.

Mrs. Jessup pointed out that there were 4,788 patients discharged the fiscal year 1946-47, compared to the 6,710 in January, 1963, alone.

"Truly an indication of the population growth in the area," she said.

Hickerson Transferred

Airman Third Class James F. Hickerson, of Lomita, has been reassigned to Kindley AFB, Bermuda, following his graduation from the United States Air Force technical training course for aircraft mechanics at Shep-

Circulate Lomita Light Petition

A petition is being circulated to obtain three new street lights along 254th St. between Pennsylvania Ave. and the Torrance city boundary easterly of Atkinson Ave., Supervisor Burton W. Chace has disclosed.

Residents in the area seek installation of the new 4000-lumen lights of existing poles along the northerly side of the street, located within the Lomita Lighting District.

Upon approval of the petition by the board of supervisors, the lights will be installed by Southern California Edison Co., Chace said.

The petition must be signed by 20 or more taxpayers within the lighting district.

pard (Tex.) AFB.

Hickerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Hickerson Sr. of 25053 Eshelman Ave., was trained to maintain and service reciprocating engine aircraft and aircraft systems. The airman is a graduate of Narbonne High School.

Major Arndt Of Torrance Wins Medal

Major Paul C. Arndt, of 21702 Evalyn Ave., Torrance, has received the United States Air Force Certificate of Retirement after being awarded the Air

Force Commendation Medal. Major Arndt, a veteran of more than 20 years of active military duty, was cited for his meritorious service as a project officer for Space Sys-

tems Division in Los Angeles. The major is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto W. Arndt of Baraboo, Wis., and is a graduate of Baraboo High School.

A former student at Amherst (Mass.) College, he received his B.S. degree from Ohio State University.

The major was commissioned in 1944, and during World War II, served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of operations. He also has served overseas in England and France. Making the presentation was Brigadier General H. W. Powell, SSD vice commander.

11 Women To Get Caps

Traditional "capping ceremonies" will honor eleven women from South Bay Communities serving as Red Cross "Gray Ladies" at Harbor General Hospital, Thursday, April 18.

The capping, together with awarding of pins and certificates, will be in recognition of having served the minimum 50 hours of volunteer services.

The ceremonies will be preceded by a luncheon at 12:30 in the Hospital's dining room with the capping in the Assembly Room at 2 p.m.

Mrs. James Whitney, chairman of the Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter, Grey Ladies Service, will officiate.

The eleven to be honored are:

Mrs. Edward M. Cash, Mrs. Curtis Jackson, of Palos Verdes; Mrs. Donald Malary, Rolling Hills; Mrs. Jerome B. Cummings, and Mrs. Clarence Hart; Garden a; Mrs. Richard D. Hines, Mrs. Allen Maxwell, and Mrs. Billy Joe Waters, Torrance.

Mrs. Donald Chase, and Mrs. Theodore Nelson, San Pedro; Mrs. Richard C. Hiller, Manhattan Beach.

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Montgomery Thinclads Drop Dual Meet to Lasuen; But Set Record

By JIM FRENCH
 Mermin Lasuen High of San Pedro danted past host Bishop Montgomery 71-23 in a dual track meet held Friday.

Pat Byrnes took first place in the mile and in so doing, broke the old school record with his time of 4:44 flat. The former record was 4:47.

Top scorer for Montgomery was Pat McClain who took second place in the 70 and 120 yard high hurdles and a third in the broad jump.

The Luck of the Irish held fast as Tim O'Keefe placed first in the shot put with his thrust of 43 ft. 10 in.

Other second place finishers were Pat Alworth, 100 and 220 yd. dash and Chester Faurholt, 440.

Receiving third place medals were Pat Fernandez, shot put; John Erickson, 440; Bob Vasquez, mile; John O'Rourke, high jump; James Moritz, pole vault.

Two Bee team members recently moved up to the varsity also ran in the show column, Terry Keating, 220.

and Gilbert Lippman, 880. Montgomery "B" and "C" team members dropped preliminary contests to Lasuen by scores of 50-33 and 58-26.

Friday marks Montgomery's final league meet and is with St. Monica's on the local oval.

Open House Set For Narbonne

Open House will be observed by Narbonne High School, 24300 S. Western Ave., Harbor City, Monday, April 22.

Its purpose is to give community members a chance to view the school and to understand the purpose, methods, accomplishments, and benefits of the educational program as they relate to the theme of "Family, Faith and Freedom."

A short musical program will be presented featuring Narbonne's A Capella Choir, Girls' Glee Club, and the band, to be followed by visits to the classrooms.

West High's Music Pupils Spring Concert

Students in the music department at West High School present their first spring concert on April 29, at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Four musical groups will perform. Donnelly Fenn will direct the girls' glee club and the A Capella choir. Ronald Large will direct the chamber orchestra and the Warrior varsity band. Approximately 160 students will take part.

Music will include "Moon River," "Kum Ba Yah," "I Enjoy Being a Girl," "Nantucket," "Elijah Rock," "Second Movement of Haydn's Surprise Symphony," "The Great of Kiev" from "Pictures at an Exhibition," and "Claire de Lune."

The grand finale is a performance of selections from "My Fair Lady" by the combined glee club, choir, orchestra, and band. Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets are available without change from a member of the performing group or the music department at West High.

The concert will serve as the kick-off for the fund raising campaign for band uniforms and choir robes.

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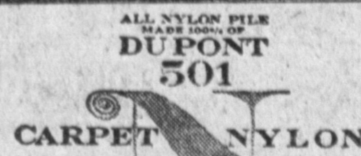
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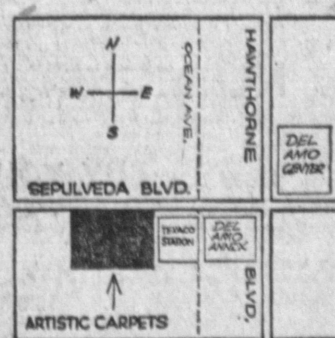
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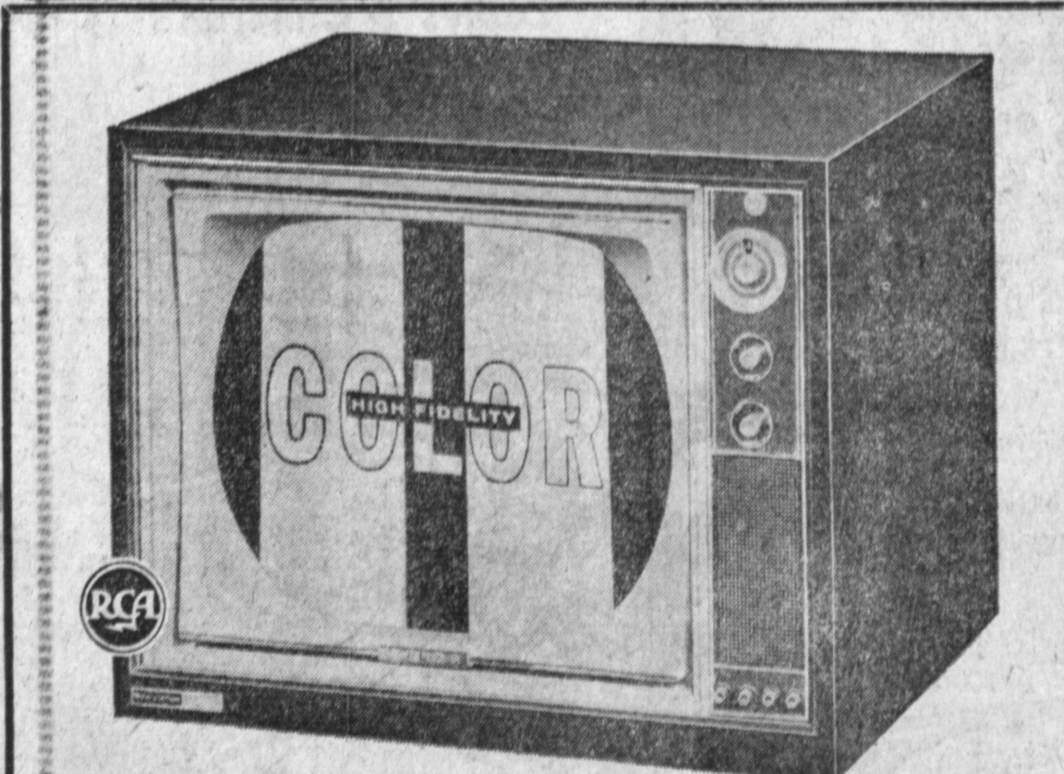
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