

Handicapped Earn Own Livelihood at Goodwill

Handicapped people benefited from more than \$390,000 paid in wages last year by the Goodwill Industries of Long Beach, according to the annual report just released by Walter L. Case, executive vice president. Copies of the report are being mailed to all persons who are interested. Rehabilitation services were highlighted by the contrast to industry's desire to hold down employe turnover. Case said, Goodwill secured other jobs for 49 of its employes and many others se-

ured their own jobs. Only 117 of the 310 employes listed remained on the payroll for the entire 12-month period.

While handicaps are usually thought of in terms of physical conditions, Goodwill reports that orthopedic cases ranked fifth, with 5 per cent of the employes suffering an orthopedic disability. Visual defects also were reported at 5 per cent. Aged and infirm conditions were noted in 27 per cent of the employes, while 18 per cent suffered neurological handicaps.

Where did the \$550,000 needed to support the program come from? Most of it, reported Case, was derived from the contributions of 250,000 items that 10 trucks drove 140,000 miles to collect. These items were refurbished and sold in the six Goodwill Stores. What couldn't be salvaged was sold "as is" or for salvage.

Plans for the coming year include a new store, to be located at 22755 S. Western Ave., in Torrance. Additional jobs for the handicapped will be made by doubling the laundry and drycleaning capacity and by expanding operations of the contract department, which does jobs that are a bother to large concerns. These include making scratch pads, packaging merchandise, and polishing silverware.

At St. James

Teacher Course To Begin

A teacher training course is being offered at St. James Church in Redondo Beach for all persons interested in the Catechetical training of the mentally retarded.

Special emphasis will be placed on the course of methods. Instruction will be given in the use of visual aids, music, and arts and crafts.

The orientation course will run for 10 weeks, two hours weekly, and is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Sister May John, SHF, consultant of the Holy Innocents Guild will be the instructor.

THE FIRST class will be held Feb. 24, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. James Parish Hall, Vincent Street and Pacific Coast Highway. Classes are open to all persons interested in religious instruction for the retarded or increasing their ability to understand retardates.

Further information is available by telephoning Helen Taylor, 374-7916.

Board Okays Change in Storm Drain

Change in the type of construction for one line of the proposed three-pronged Palos Verdes Estates storm drain has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Originally slated to be of open rectangular reinforced concrete, line "B" located near the intersection of Via Elvada and Via Casapalina, has been changed to reinforced concrete pipe.

Studies indicated building the open channel on a hillside alignment is undesirable since it would require placement of high fills on steep slopes above a residential area. Using the pipe will make it unnecessary to use such fill and the construction will better accomplish purposes of the drain.

Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity at Harbor College will be formally installed as a chapter of the national Alpha Phi Omega Saturday. The Harbor chapter is headed by Jim Chalman.

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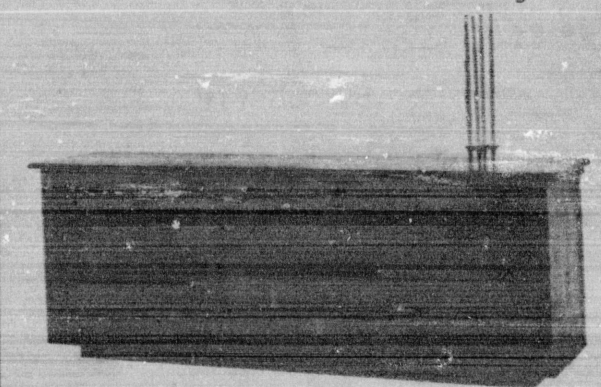
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