

YMCA Begins Christmas Drive for Navajos

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FOR THE NAVAJOS . . . Students at Madrona Elementary School currently are working in a Torrance Family YMCA program to collect food stuffs, toys, and clothing for Navajo Indians who live near Monument Valley, Ariz. Debbie Smith (at left) tosses a box to Danny Mormorstein as Paul Harenski checks off the items. Also working are John Coker and Roger Fagan, stacking the boxes, and Rocky Hollis, student council president, who packs another box. The YMCA will deliver the items during a . . . Arizona community scheduled to begin Dec. 27. (Press-Herald Photo)

Youths Plan Trip To Deliver Gifts

Members of the Torrance Family YMCA will observe the 10th anniversary of the YMCA's "Needy Navajo" project this year by delivering clothing, toys, blankets, and food stuffs to some 6,000 Indians living in Northern Arizona.

The drive, which swings into high gear with the arrival of December, has been under way throughout the city for several months, according to Joe Wilcox Jr., executive secretary of the "Y."

More than 15 tons of goods have been delivered in the past nine years, Wilcox told the Press-Herald.

"The project," he said, "was born out of a desire to witness Christian love and compassion during the season of Jesus' birth."

FOOD STUFFS, clothing,

toys, and blankets will be delivered to the Navajos by 30 young people from the YMCA, Wilcox said. The youths will leave Torrance Dec. 27 for the Navajo Reservation near Monument Valley, Ariz.

The items will be packed in boxes which have been donated for that purpose by the Boise Cascade Co. and carried to Arizona in a 40-foot van which Leon Goldsmith of Terminal Trucking Co. will provide.

The groups will distribute the gifts to the Navajos at a Christmas party to be held Dec. 28 at Kayenta, Ariz.

"The Indians will cook huge pots of mutton and bread and share their fare with the YMCA group," Wilcox added.

AMOS BELEON, an Indian who first called the attention

of the local "Y" to the Navajo needs, will be on hand to help distribute the gifts. Those with the greater needs will receive more, Wilcox said, and some gifts will be set aside in an Indian hogan for future delivery to the remote back country.

"It is the hope and prayer of the YMCA that each child will receive one toy and a few pieces of candy," Wilcox said, "and that each family will receive a few cans of food and some badly needed clothing."

Churches, schools, serv-

THE THEFT was reported by a real estate salesman who discovered the ransacked rooms during a routine check of the home, officers said. The second burglary occurred between 6 and 11:30 p.m. Friday at the home of Richard L. Owston at 3709 W. 186th St. Burglars ripped off a window screen and opened the unlocked window, officers said.

AN UNDETERMINED amount of cash and jewelry was reported missing, along with a portable stereo unit and a clock-radio.

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Wet Streets Blamed as Police Log 12 Crashes

Thieves Ransack Houses

Burglars ransacked two Torrance homes Friday and escaped with a color television set, a stereo unit, and an undetermined amount of cash and jewelry.

Police said the first burglary occurred at the home of Francis Tierney of south Torrance. Burglars entered the home by smashing the glass in a side door and ransacked several rooms in the house.

The color television set was taken and other items may have been removed, officers said. Tierney is on vacation, police said, and a full inventory of the missing items will not be made until he returns.

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Six Are Hurt in Traffic

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Police said six persons suffered injuries — none serious — in a dozen crashes reported between noon and midnight.

Some street flooding was reported in the north and west sections of the city, although no streets had been closed to traffic as of early yesterday.

TOTALS through yesterday morning show 3.45 inches of rain in Torrance for the current season, compared to 9.41 inches as of this date last year.

Forecasters indicated another 2 to 3 inches of rain may fall before the storm passes sometime today.

Two persons were injured in the last of five reported injury accidents about midnight Friday. Mrs. Gail Orloff, 23, of 23015 Madison Ave., said she would seek private medical attention, while Dale H. Hanks, 54, of Redondo Beach, was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of minor cuts.

POLICE SAID Mrs. Orloff was attempting a left turn from Hawthorne Boulevard onto 225th Street when her car was struck by the Hanks vehicle. Hanks told police he was unable to stop because of the wet street.

A third person suffered minor injuries when the car in which she was riding was struck in the 3800 block of Pacific Coast Highway about 9:30 p.m. Friday. Mrs. Gwen (See RAINS, Page A-2)

Work to Begin In Lomita Area

Award of a \$583,741.92 highway contract to the Sully-Miller Contracting Co. of Long Beach for the improvement of Lomita Boulevard between Normandie Avenue and Main Street has been announced by Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Six bids were submitted for the project ranging from a high of \$647,276 to the awarded bidder. Project plans and specifications were prepared by the County Road Department and construction is slated for completion in August, 1967.

Work on the 1.5-mile stretch of Lomita Boulevard will consist of providing a four-lane, curbed, divided and channelized highway within a 100-foot right of way. The section between Normandie Avenue and Vermont Avenue will be a paved shoulder on the north side of the roadway with provision for future curb and gutter.

Included in the project will be the construction of curb, gutter, pavement, drives and roadway drainage structures. In addition, the traffic control signals will be upgraded at the intersections of Lomita Boulevard with Normandie, Vermont and Wilmington avenues and with Figueroa Street.

Chace said this is a first-phase project in a proposed three-stage project for the programmed improvement of the 3.5-mile section of Lomita Boulevard between Normandie Avenue and Alameda Street.

"The completed project," he said, "will provide for a traffic capacity of 32,000 vehicles per day and thereby reduce traffic congestion and increase safety. The project is another phase in the development of this important east-west arterial highway serving the southern portion of the County."



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Police Auction Slated . . .

The Torrance Police Department will conduct its semi-annual public auction next Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the rear of the Police Department building. Bicycles and other miscellaneous items will be offered to the highest bidders, according to Lt. Donald E. Nash, commander of the department's personnel and training division.

City Fathers on Trip . . .

Tuesday's regular meeting of the City Council has been cancelled because only one of the seven members will be in town. Mayor Albert Isen and five of the six councilmen are in Las Vegas for the annual convention of the National Municipal League. Sessions of the convention get under way this afternoon and will end Wednesday. The next meeting of the city fathers is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The Knights Win—Again . . .

Bishop Montgomery's football team scored a 34-7 victory over Magnolia High Friday night to earn a spot in the CIF "AAA" semi-finals next week. Fullback Ed Gilles scored three touchdowns and quarterback Danny Graham scored two more to lead the Knights to the victory. Morningside was a 26-6 winner over Santa Fe and will meet the Montgomery Knights next Friday at El Camino College in the semi-finals. Details are in today's sports section, which begins on page B-1.