

Fords Adopt 'Tina'

Sharing their home with a foster child has brought untold satisfaction to a local couple in their middle years, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ford of Torrance.

Working through Children's Bureau of Los Angeles, an agency of United Way, the Fords feel they are making a real contribution to society by providing a foster home for 7-year-old Tina.

"We are Christians, and having no children of our own, feel that giving Tina a chance to attend our church, our neighborhood public school, and be part of a loving family will have a very positive effect on her future," explained Mrs. Ford.

Tina has been with the Fords since January. The couple first entertained the idea of becoming foster parents after talking over the Children's Bureau program with another foster family. Mrs. Ford's brother and sister-in-law also make a home for two foster children.

"All the little things of ordinary family living such as treks to the grocery store, plans for an upcoming birthday party, and eating out at a restaurant add up to something very wonderful for the three of us," Ford related. He is with Shell Chemical Company in Torrance.

Tina and the Fords are guided in this unique experience by Ron Ottson, a graduate of the USC School of Social Work. Ottson, formerly with Hathaway Home for Children, a United Way agency, is available three days a week in the Southwest area.

The Inglewood office of Children's Bureau is located at the United Way Service Center, 4632 W. Century Blvd., Inglewood.

"There is a tremendous need for foster homes for youngsters in this community and we are anxious to discuss our program with couples willing to share their love and concern with a child caught in an unhappy situation," Ottson said.

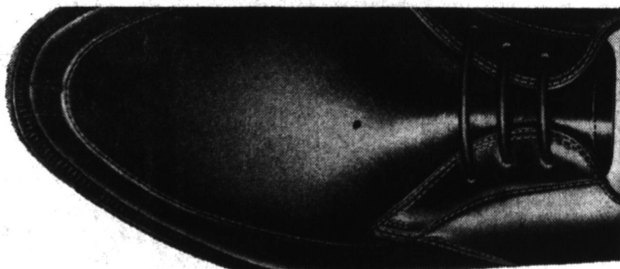
The Old Timer



"An expert is a person who takes something you already know and makes it sound confusing."



FAMILY CIRCLE . . . Homework time is a new experience for Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ford of Torrance, who became foster parents recently when they welcomed 7-year-old Tina into their home. Tina was placed with the Fords through Children's Bureau of Los Angeles, a United Way agency. Any married couple desiring to become foster parents may contact the Bureau, 4632 W. Century Blvd., Inglewood. Many non-delinquent children in this area are waiting to be placed in loving homes.



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Friends of Library Plan Annual Election Meeting

Friends of the Torrance Library are inviting all of their friends to celebrate their organization's first anniversary Thursday evening at 7:30 at Casita, Bullock's Fashion Square.

Rosemary De Camp, popular TV and movie star, will be featured guest of the evening. She will read some of her original poetry.

A graduate of Mills College, holding BA and MA degrees, Miss De Camp has also authored a children's book. In 1963 and 1964, she and her

husband, Judge John Shidler, were sent by the State Department to Pakistan as Cultural Specialists. They spent four months working and teaching drama, reading, English, and poetry.

Coffee will be served at 7:30 and a short business meeting and election of officers will precede the program.

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Armed Forces

Army Spec. 4 Michael L. Van Sant, 20, son of Mrs. Florence W. Brock of 18328 Regina Ave., arrived May 14, Ft. Riley, Kan., from Germany with other members of the 24th Infantry Division.

Spec. Van Sant, a generator mechanic, is assigned to Headquarters Company of the division's 2nd Battalion, 24th Infantry.

Pfc. Lucian M. Bibbs III, 20, whose parents live at 1312 Amethyst, Redondo Beach, recently took part in an Army Air Defense Command "Short Notice Annual Practice" (SNAP), at McGregor Missile Range, N.M.

He is a member of Battery D, 1st Battalion of the 56th Artillery in Palmdale, Ga.

Army Pfc. Chris L. Middlekoff of 2426 W. 256th St., Lomita, was assigned as a medic with the 4th Infantry Division near Pleiku, Vietnam, April 27.

Marine Cpl. Michael J. Coen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard C. Coen of 4171 W. 182nd St., is serving with the Third Military Police Battalion in Vietnam.

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