

## Apartment Owners Set Meet Here

Allin Bears, architectural service manager for Dunn Edwards Paints of Los Angeles, will speak to the regular monthly meeting of the Apartment and Motel Association of California Tuesday, March 25.

Sponsored by the Torrance office, the meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, 4111 Pacific Coast Hwy., at 8 p.m.

Bears' topic will be "Maintenance Painting" and will include information on limiting costs in repainting existing structures.

## 'Buddhist' Christmas Is Warm, Memorable

What is Christmas like in a Buddhist land? "Really warm and memorable," according to Joe Wilcox, former executive secretary of the Torrance Family YMCA.

Wilcox and his family have been working at the YMCA center in Bangkok, Thailand, since last summer.

The 'Y' executive noted that it was a strange feeling to see workmen toiling and children going to school as usual on Christmas day. But the Wilcox family and other Christians celebrated Christmas as usual —

with the help of some of their Buddhist friends.

"We received a real Christmas tree from Switzerland, given to us by my senior partner, Murray Faulkner, after it had entertained 400 orphan kids, patients at a leper colony, a blind school, and our Sunday School classes," Wilcox writes.

"And Christmas Eve, I was a Wise Man in our church Christmas Pageant. Soon after, 35 Buddhist students came to our home to sing Christmas carols to us—their first such experience, under the leadership of

Anan Laramon, a truly sharp young program secretary here.

"A few weeks before, Anan directed a Christmas play at the YMCA, using high school students. Most of the cast and audience were Buddhists. Mary Lou and I were interested in the great emphasis they placed on the scene of Joseph finding no room at the inn, and later, the scene where the Roman soldiers were slaying baby boys. Reflecting on it, the scarcity of housing and the reality of war close by were scenes of immediacy for these young Thais."

## Poetess Will Speak To Writers

Helen Luster, director of the Los Angeles Poetry Center, will speak at the meeting of the Southwest Manuscripts Club at 8 p.m. Friday in the Hermosa Beach City Council chambers.

She is well-known for her readings at various locations in the Southland, and has been published in numerous publications.

Southwest Manuscripts is an association of professional and amateur writers which meets the third Friday of each month at the council room. The public is welcome to the meetings, and there is no admission charge.

**SIGNS PROCLAMATION** . . . March 23 through 29 officially became Chamber of Commerce Week when Governor Ronald Reagan signed the proclamation at his office in Sacramento last week. Shown here witnessing the signing are Senator John McCarthy, who introduced the resolution, and J. Walker Owens, who is the California Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives President. Owens is also vice president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

## United Crusade Awards Readied

Harbor area "natives" will assemble Thursday, March 27, at the Indian Village Restaurant for the annual United Crusade awards dinner.

Honors will be given to local United Crusade volunteers who did exceptional jobs of the volunteer task of soliciting "wampum" to support upwards of 240 United Way agencies and American Red Cross services. Gold and silver plaques presentations will be made in addition to the awarding of outstanding service certificates to a number of men and women.

SILVER bowls will be presented to the top residential community chairmen as well as outstanding service certificates to door-to-door volunteers. In addition, the 1969 United Way board of directors chair-

man and some of his executive committee will be introduced.

Robert Sprague, 1968 Harbor United Crusade campaign chairman and manager-treasurer of Shell Oil Co. in Wilmington, will give latest figures on results of the annual campaign.

**VOLUNTEERS** from Homer Toberman Settlement House in San Pedro are making bright Indian table decorations for the meeting in the "Pow Wow" room. Harbor area Boy Scouts will lead the flag salute.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner planned for 7 p.m. Persons interested in further information about the awards dinner may telephone the United Way office, 328-8650.

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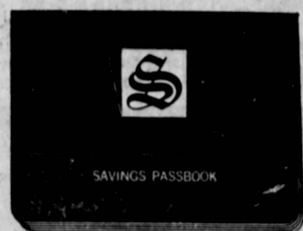
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## Solon Named To Accident Commission

Assemblyman Robert G. Beverly (R-46th District) has been reappointed by Speaker of the Assembly Bob Monagan to the Automobile Accident Study Commission.

The 16-member commission was created at the 1967 session of the Legislature and is engaged in the study of "automobile accidents, including their prevention and consequences" and related problems of insurance, motor vehicle laws and financial recourse of accident victims.



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