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Around and About

A CLASS of 16 County firemen (plus eight others from Long Beach and Monrovia) will be graduated today from the County's paramedic program at Harbor General hospital—bringing to 206 the total who have been trained at Harbor and County-USC Medical Center in how to man the emergency mobile units. Their job: to keep heart attack and accident victims alive until they reach a hospital. Training takes five months.

FEDERAL FUNDS have enabled the sheriff's department to obtain a "video van." The 28-foot motor home is loaded with cameras and video tape equipment so that an investigator may photograph a complete crime scene before it is disturbed. Total price tag: close to \$100,000.

THE MANAGEMENT subcouncil is cranking up plans for its annual Spring Management Conference—this year at Goleta on June 7, 8, and 9. It is open to the 1,000 or so management employees who rank below the chief deputy level. For \$45 the conferees get room, meals, and lectures from CAO Arthur Will, health services director Liston Witherill, and U. of Colorado professor Howard Higman. For further info, call Doug Routh, personnel, extension 64307.

PPOA Fights off Election Challenge

AN ATTEMPT to oust the Professional Peace Officers association as representative of County deputy sheriffs lost by a nearly 2 to 1 margin in an election called by the employee relations commission.

Registrar-recorder James Allison certified that a vote count (March 5) showed 1,513 favoring PPOA, 798 voting for the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs, and 70 wanting neither representative. Thirty-six void ballots were cast. The turnout of 2,417 votes was barely above the 60 percent minimum required under ERCOM rules.

As a result of the election, PPOA will continue to represent the deputy sheriffs in negotiations with County management.

In other employee relations developments:

—A unit of 150 Supervising Children's Services Workers voted to merge with a larger unit of Supervisory Social Services Employees. The tally showed 74 favoring merger, 11 against.

—Some 1,350 County physicians and interns will have a chance to vote next week (March 20, 21, 22) on whether they wish to be represented by a joint council of the Intern-Resident Alumni Association

of County Osteopathic hospital and the Harbor General intern and residents association. Ballot boxes will be set up at six hospitals—County-USC Medical Center, Harbor, King, Rancho Los Amigos, Wesley, and Olive View hospitals.

—Approximately 140 accountants and accounting officers will receive mail-in ballots from ERCOM, asking if they want to be represented by California Association of Professional Employees, or by Los Angeles County Employees association Local 660, or by neither. Ballots will go into the mail March 28.

Cabell Takes Over

THE 900 employees of the County clerk's office will have a new boss, Clarence Cabell, starting next Monday. The Board of Supervisors appointed him, following a civil service promotional examination, to succeed retiring William Sharp.

The Board also named assistant DPSS director Leonard Panish (March 13) to the registrar-recorder post from which James Allison is retiring. Panish, now 53, obtained a UCLA economics degree in 1949 and became a CAO trainee, then transferred to the County's old charities department bureau of public assistance. When BPA was spun off in 1967 as DPSS, Panish was named assistant director.

Cabell, 51, an alumnus of Florida A & M and UCLA, had been Sharp's chief deputy since May 1970. Previously he served 14 years in the probation department as a counselor, director, and head of administrative services.

Four other department head jobs
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Nearly 49 Years with County

ANN MARGARET Royal, a County employee for 48 years and 11 months, is retiring this month from her job as intermediate typist-clerk in the milk inspection division, community health services.

Two other retiring veterans are Isadore Murstein, County clerk's office, with 47 years, and Frank Jones, road department, with more than 45 years service.

The retirement board also listed the following who are departing with more than 40 years service:

R. L. Alvarado, municipal court; Gertrude Hays, probation; Herminia Lopez, hospitals; David Ragains, road; Sam Tatilian, assessor's office; Lois Thomas, building services; and Esther Visser, public administrator.

Those retiring with more than 35 years service are:

Clair Champlin, fire department; Michael Avila, probation; William Sharp, Alice Boesmiller and Olive Hedges, County clerk; Helen Johnson, DPSS; Manley Linville, animal control; Marshall Mosher, health; Marian Nossaman, County engineer; Mary Pettijohn, Martin Roedema, and William Shopp, hospitals; Milan Ransom, flood; Ronald Sherlock, auditor-controller; Norman Johnson, parks; and Rebello Robusto, road.

DIRECTORS

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remain to be filled as the incumbents retire.

The civil service commission has scheduled interviews next Monday (March 19) for eight candidates for data processing director. The eight, chosen as best qualified from a field of 139 applicants, include acting director Tom Kidwell and seven outside computer experts.

No examinations yet have been scheduled for the positions of air pollution control officer, director of parks and recreation, and director of animal control.

Those leaving with more than 30 years service include:

John Bessent, Gene Ardinger, Alene Kent, and Earl Major, all of the fire department; Clarence Stammers and Melvin Harris, sheriff; Rella Abner, Effie Cook, H. W. Giersen, Geraldine Lewis, and Florence Lombardo, hospitals; Edward Bondo, parks; Ursuline Conti, purchasing; Floyd Davis, public defender; Lucille Gatewood, library; Malcolm Harris, D-A; John James, personnel; Warren Murphy, animal control; James Ramsey and Anita Terrill, health; Louis Thiebaut and Walter Haveman, flood; Beatrice Wilson, municipal court; Herbert Beuer, road; Lyle Maloney, DPSS; Jack Cohen, data processing; Lavana Foster, County clerk; and Nathaniel Nelson, County engineer's department.

Letters:

To the DIGEST:

Our office distributed 95,000 W-2 forms for 1972 income among County employees and former employees, and, as usual, some individuals came in to complain that the W-2 forms were wrong—that they showed the employee earning more money than he did, or paying less withholding tax than he did.

In these cases we ask the employee if he has checked the W-2 form against his paycheck stubs for the year. And all too often he says he doesn't have the stubs, he did not save them. But he is still sure that our computer is wrong.

In nearly all cases we find the computer knew how to add and subtract correctly.

I want to appeal to all county employees to save *all* their paycheck stubs in 1973. I'm sure it will do a lot to improve our computer's reputation, and to reduce our quota of gray hair.

MARK BLOODGOOD
Auditor-Controller

Maternity Rule Is Liberalized Further

THE CIVIL service commission has further liberalized its new rule on maternity leave to permit a woman employee to continue working into her ninth month of pregnancy if her doctor approves.

The revised portion of rule 17.04 now reads:

"No employee shall be allowed to work beyond the end of the eighth month of pregnancy, except that the appointing power shall allow an employee to work for a longer period if she provides written certification from competent medical authority, that she is medically able to perform the duties of her position for a specified period of time with no risk to herself or the County . . . Confirmation from competent medical authority of expected date of delivery or other termination of pregnancy will be required."

In a companion action last Tuesday (March 13), the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance allowing women employees to use accumulated sick leave as paid maternity leave.

Schools Dept. Moves

THE COUNTY superintendent of schools staff has left its venerable home at 155 West Washington Boulevard and moved into new quarters at 9300 East Imperial Highway, Downey. The direct-dial number for general information is 922-6111; Superintendent Richard Clowes, 922-6127.

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