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Dedication



Admiral C. R. Bender, commander of the 12th Coast Guard District, presents a plaque of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Abbott during yesterday's dedication of the Mark Abbott Memorial Lighthouse at Lighthouse Point. The facility is the gift of the Abbots to the city in memory of their son, Mark, who lost his life in a surfing accident. It will serve as a working lighthouse, and is the first ever constructed with private funds for Coast Guard use. Some 100 persons turned out for yesterday's ceremony. Speakers included Admiral Bender, Richard Werner, Santa Cruz city councilman; Carl Bengston, director of the city parks and recreation department; Ian McPhail of Santa Cruz Organization for Progress and Euthenics and Tom Mitchell, a Santa Cruz High School student who was a friend of Mark Abbott. The invocation was asked by Captain M. John Randall of the Salvation Army.