



At a hospital in Washington, D. C., Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt does her bit to focus public attention on "March of Dimes" campaign by visiting child victims of dread infantile paralysis. Child she is shown cheering is being treated with special equipment of type which proceeds of campaign helps purchase. (UP-Universal News)

### WHY "MARCH OF DIMES?"

#### FACTS BEHIND DRIVE ENDING JAN. 30 BRIEFLY TOLD

Following are pertinent facts, announced by Postmaster Earl Conner, chairman of the local campaign, regarding the annual "March of Dimes" which is scheduled to end next Thursday night, Jan. 30, with this city's quota of \$800 realized:

• Money raised in the annual "March of Dimes" is divided equally between the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the County Chapter.

• None of this money goes to Georgia Warm Springs—original beneficiary of the President's Birthday Balls of former years—which is amply endowed and is no longer a participant in this campaign.

• That portion going to the National Foundation is devoted to research and epidemic relief, both of which activities can be better co-ordinated and more economically conducted on a national rather than on a local basis.

• Will Aid Anyone The money left with the County Chapter is devoted to local needs.

• Los Angeles County Chapter assists as it can in any program looking to eradication of this disease and correction of its crippling after effects.

• Because of this Chapter—and the "Dimes" it has collected—Los Angeles county has a supply of tested serum. If this Chapter did not pay the cost of testing serum, this section would be without such a product. To this extent, rich as well as poor, profit from this effort.

• Los Angeles County Chapter also aids anyone handicapped by this disease, providing operations, treatments, and appliances that otherwise could not be obtained.

• Privacy Is Respected Los Angeles County Chapter neither owns nor operates any institution but makes use of all available facilities of whatever nature.

• Applicants for assistance are not made proteges of a charity clinic but are given the status of private patients. They elect how, where, and by whom they shall be treated—and the Chapter pays the bills on a rate modification of the fee schedule of the California Workmen's Compensation Act. Privacy of all applicants is respected and no case ever has been exploited in any way.

• Demands show that to carry on this work, an annual fund of 10 cents per capita will be needed.

#### LOAD LESSENS

California's unemployment relief case load dropped 41.27 per cent in the last year, cutting expenditures of the state relief administration nearly in half, State Controller Harry B. Riley, reported this week.

#### BUYS HOME

Carl Feiberg has purchased a home at 1632 Madrid avenue, according to announcement by Lorraine Tope, local real estate agent who handled the deal.

## MARCH OF DIMES

CHANGE THE METER—By H. F. NOAKE

There once was a poet who wrote and wrote, 'til he had enough poems to sink a boat, he sent them away, a prayer on his lips but they soon came back, with rejection slips. One particular slip made the poet see red, we quote, word for word, what an editor said: "In my estimation, your stuff would be sweeter if once in a while, you'd just change the meter." And here's what the poet wrote in reply, a brief but plausible alibi: "Regarding the meter, I want you to know I've a mighty good reason for keeping it so. Our gas bills were running unusually high, so the gas man suggested we'd better try a brand new meter, that's what to do, predicting our bills would be cut in two. We changed the meter, and woe betide, the gas man had taken us for a ride; that meter change brought only grief and came near putting us on relief. So Mr. Editor, don't you see what changing the meter did to me? I hope this letter will fully explain why I refuse to change it again."

## C. C. Directors Discuss Better Transportation

The need of better transportation to Los Angeles and improved mail service into Torrance from outside points were among the important civic problems freely discussed by directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting Monday afternoon. Secretary Gilmeister also reported on the status of the chamber's efforts to attract builders of group housing projects to undertake similar construction in Torrance. All nine directors were present and took part in the discussion, although no action was taken pending further study.

Favorable comment was made concerning the greatly improved telephone service, following a recent complaint made by chamber officials.

The extension of Carson street, or some alternate route over the flood control to connect with Orange county highways was also a topic of considerable discussion. President R. E. Smith recommended that an effort be made to ascertain the best group in the Long Beach area to affiliate with regarding the Carson street extension and to throw the weight of the local chamber with such a group.

R. J. Rogers of the Home Liquor Store was welcomed as a new member.

## Columbia Men's Credit Union Has Annual Meeting

The fourth annual meeting of the Columbia Steel Employee's Credit Union was held at the plant meeting room Tuesday. The report for the past year was read by Secretary Stewart Holland. This showed the organization in splendid condition. The membership is up to 610 and the business for the year amounted to \$46,000. The six percent dividend which has been customary since the beginning of this organization was again voted.

The following directors and committee members were re-elected: Stanley Leonard, president; Richard Detrick, vice president; Stewart Holland, secretary; Neil McConlogue, treasurer; and James Hansen, Robert Olds, William Galletero, Claud Mackey, Duncan McNichols and William Peterson, directors.

Members of the Supervisory committee are Robert D. Wilson, Arthur D. Simpson and Paul Jones. The Credit committee is composed of Claud Mackey, Robert C. Olds and James Hansen.

## L.A. to Erect Fire Station at 182nd, Vermont

A \$30,000 sub-fire station equipped with latest fire fighting paraphernalia and manned by a permanent staff of Los Angeles fire-fighters will be erected within 30 days at 182nd street and Vermont avenue, it was announced late last week by Los Angeles City Councilman Wilder Hartley of San Pedro at a Gardena Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The announcement brings to successful conclusion a campaign waged by civic interests in the Los Angeles shoring strip for two years. The site is said to be agreeable both to the Gardena chamber and the East Torrance chamber. Construction should start within a week and the project be completed in about a month, Wilder said. Through arrangements just completed with the Moneta Water Company, water service will be supplied to the station.

The area has been served by outmoded equipment kept in a private building. The improvement is expected to result in better fire insurance rates, civic leaders pointed out today.

#### RAINFALL FIGURES

Tuesday night's rainstorm added 28 of an inch to the season's total to date, making that precipitation figure now 9.85 inches as compared with 9.90 inches of rain at this time last year.

## Second Service Contingent . . . They're In the Army Now!



INAUGURATION DAY SELECTEES . . . Here are 21 of the 22 volunteers and draftees (one was delayed by car-trouble and just made the bus) who were given a cordial send-off in Torrance Monday morning. They are, left to right, front row: Henry Alfred Miller, Gardena, leader of the contingent from Selective Service Board No. 280; Ernest John Awi, 1729 Cabrillo, Torrance; John Kingman Delano, 2317 Sonoma, Torrance; Eric Chaplin, 1019 Cota, Torrance; Homer Ray Townsend, 24321 Allene, Lomita; Raymond Dias Vargas, Lomita; Frank James Stanley, Torrance; Albert Vincent Roletvitz, 1718 Abalone, Torrance; Bowen Andy Ray, 720 Acacia, Torrance, assistant leader.

Second row, left to right: Manuel Gardea Alvarez, 2219 1/2 203rd, Torrance; Lloyd Leslie Mize, Gardena; Leo Cosmos Zimmersman, Gardena; Leo Ring Nelson, Redondo Beach; Shigeo Yosuitake, Gardena; Jack Norman Martin, Gardena; Joe Nicholas Kalina, 2349 W. 235th, Torrance; Richard Ernest Hough, Palos Verdes Estates; Mack Cage Ray, brother of Bowen Andy Ray, Lomita; and Carl Eric Bergstrom, 25521 Pennsylvania, Lomita.

Volunteer Donald Richard Conn had car-trouble between his home in Gardena and Torrance and arrived just in time to board a special P. E. bus which transported the contingent to a Los Angeles induction center.

## 200 ATTEND GOING-AWAY PROGRAM FOR TRAINEES

While the sun managed to break thru a heavy fog, city, Legion and Chamber of Commerce officials from three communities gave the second Selective Service contingent to leave from Torrance a "send-off" last Monday morning that was witnessed by more than 200 persons in front of the city hall. An hour after they left aboard a special P. E. bus, the group of 11 volunteers and 11 draftees were reported undergoing their induction into the Army at Los Angeles and within a few days all were in uniform and starting their defense training.

In less than 48 hours after their arrival at Fort MacArthur, Monday's selectees, totaling more than 300 men, were sent on to replacement centers at San Diego's Fort Rosecrans, Camp Calan at Torrey Pines, Ford Ord, Camp Roberts near Nacimiento or Presidio of San Francisco, according to their assignments. Some were also scheduled to be sent to north Pacific states for their first three-month training period.

The third draft call is set for Feb. 17 and between 32 and 34 men are expected to be summoned for training then from this area. Selective Service Board No. 280 has 36 volunteers and draftees ready for this call, according to Carl Marsteller, clerk.

The state's 284 draft boards will deliver a total of 6,321 men for induction into the nation's armed services between Jan. 20 and Feb. 3. The National Guard induction date remains tentatively at Feb. 10 although privately many high guard officials believe it will be impossible to rush camps to completion by that time.

First Married Draftee Included in the contingent that was starting Army service at the same time that President Roosevelt was being inaugurated for a third term in Washington, D. C., were the two Ray brothers and Lloyd Leslie Mize of Gardena, believed to be the first married man to be drafted in California. Mize was married Dec. 19 and his bride was present at the ceremony. (Continued from Page 1-A)

fore to bid him an affectionate farewell here.

The Ray Brothers, Bowen Andy of 720 Acacia, Torrance, and Mack Cage of Lomita entered the service as a volunteer and draftee respectively.

Late last Thursday night, Carl Eric Bergstrom of Lomita was added to the list of draftees when John Helmer Jorgenson of Gardena notified the draft board that he had enlisted in the National Guard some three weeks ago. Jorgenson told selective service officials that he was under the impression that the Guard would notify Board No. 280 that he was not eligible for the draft now.

Leader of the contingent, who (Continued on Page 5-A)

## Schools Ending Term Here Next Week with Rites

Next week will be graduation week for the Winter Class of 1941 at Torrance high school, graduation for Junior high students and advancement for boys and girls in elementary schools. The ceremonies begin with a baccalaureate service in the high school assembly hall Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock for the Senior class.

Next Wednesday the Junior high school class of some 58 boys and girls will be advanced into Senior high school, the program being scheduled for 2 o'clock in the high school assembly hall. Thursday morning, Jan. 30, the annual Senior breakfast will be held and in the evening, at 7:30 o'clock, the commencement program is to be presented.

Fern Avenue school has scheduled its graduation program for next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, while the Torrance Elementary school is to hold its term-end observance for Friday morning, Jan. 31, at 9:30 o'clock. Details of these events will be found elsewhere in this edition.

#### BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

The high school baccalaureate program will open at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening with a prelude and the processional of cap-and-gown graduates. The hymn "Come Thou Almighty King" will be sung by the audience and Rev. H. W. Roloff is to ask the invocation. Rev. C. M. Northrup will give the Scriptural reading and there will be special music by the Methodist choir, followed by announcements by Rev. Frank T. Porter.

Rev. Harry Branton's sermon is titled "Know Thyself." The closing hymn will be "Faith of Our Fathers." Rev. Branton will give the benediction and a recessional of the graduates will end the program.

#### ROYALTY SPEAKER

John J. Knezavich, publisher of the Palos Verdes News, will speak on world political side-lights at tonight's dinner-meeting of the Rotary club at American Legion clubhouse.

## "You Guys Wouldn't Hurt Her--Would You?"

Many California fathers must feel as Otto E. Holman, San Franciscan, felt the other day when, alarmed at the winter upshoot in traffic accidents, he sent the following plea for his 7-year-old daughter to the motorists of his city through to the San Francisco "News."

"She's back from school now," he wrote—"back in the nursery sound asleep, with 'Princess Elizabeth' (that's her doll) cuddled in her right arm. You guys wouldn't hurt her, would you? When her doll is broken or her finger cut, or her head gets bumped, I can fix that, but when she starts to school—when she walks across the street—then she's in your hands. She's a nice kid, and she can run like a deer and darts around like a chipmunk. She likes to ride horses and swim and hike with me on Sunday afternoons. But I can't be with her all the time—I have to work to pay for her clothes and her education. So please help me look out for her. Please drive carefully—please drive slowly past the schools and the intersections—and please remember that children run behind parked cars. Please don't run over my little girl.—Her father."

That is a father's plea to be heeded—especially during winter months of long nights and short days, of rain-treacherous pavements and foggy stretches of highway. Simple heeding of that plea for safe driving could save the lives of many older pedestrians and motorists. And surely winter caution should save motorists of this State and all States from the anguish of knowledge that some father's little girl has been terribly hurt—unintentionally but inexorably.

## 34 to Graduate at Torrance High Next Thursday

Torrance high school will award diplomas to 34 Seniors at commencement exercises next Thursday night, Jan. 30. Don Hitchcock has been named Ephebian of the class, which includes:

James Clyde Anderson, Jenoyne Barkdull, John Batovsky, Howard C. Bender, Robert Benigar, Beatrice Irene Ernst, Howard E. Foster, Helen Elizabeth Greiner, Elizabeth Joan Griffith, Charles Grubb, Shirley, Louise Guttenfelder.

Donald J. Hitchcock, Oliver B. Huber, Ileen Jeanette Johnson, Tomiko Kamel, Hazel Louise King, Raymond, Edgar Leake, Fred A. Lincoln jr., Vern Thomas Lovelady, Margaret Anne McNally, Betty Francis Malin, Charles Marck, Ormsby Kenneth Miller, Richard Paul Miller, Gladys Kaeko Nakaoka, Barbara Ann Neff, Pauline June Newell, Manabu Okada, Joan A. Ramskill, Agnes Sopenhinsky, Charles Raymond Steadman, Takayeko Ueda, Carolyn Mae Wilkes.

#### NARBONNE TO GRADUATE '63

Sixty-three Seniors, 34 boys and 29 girls, will graduate from Narbonne high school in Lomita Jan. 30. Ephebian are Stanley Steenbock and Betty Gibson.

## 58 In Junior High Class to Advance Wednesday, Jan. 29

Fifty-eight members of the Junior high school class which will advance into Senior high school next Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 29, will be honored at a program in the high school assembly hall. The class is composed of:

Dorothy Mae Backstrom, Margaret Loretta Baker, Daisy Estelle Blackburn, Lillian Margaret Bradford, Natalie Brown, Ora Buffalo, Leland Floyd Campbell, Virginia Chambers, Darrell Charles Conley, Helen Faye Crawford, Thelma Doris Daniels, Gerald Day, Ramona Ruth DeBra, Rosemarie Disario, Orville Dobbins and Orville Dowell.

Arlene Joan Fariss, Beverly Virginia Fouts, Lois Marie Gray, Yulee Harut, Robert Hatter, David Hawks, Bill Ingram, Dorothy Jane Intermill, Jack Jensen, Thomas Travis Justice, Itaru Kai, Wayne Lovelady, Anna Malay and Lupe Mariscal.

Edward Lescale McCall, Shirley McVicar, Irene Kiyamoto, Margaret Mary Monroe, Beatrice (Continued on Page 5-A)

## R. R. Commission Holding Conference on Edison Findings

Railroad Commissioner Ray L. Riley has invited representatives of 63 cities and communities served by Southern California Edison Co., Ltd. in Southern California (including Torrance) to participate in a conference at Los Angeles today to review the Commission's preliminary findings under its current annual investigation of that utility. "The staff of the California Railroad Commission has prepared a preliminary report of its findings with respect to the operations of the Southern California Edison Co., Ltd.," said Riley, "and that report, copies of which will be available for distribution, will be the basis for the discussion at the conference."

## County to Sell 85 Tax-Deeded Parcels to City

Sale of 85 parcels of tax-deeded land to the city of Torrance, the largest sale made for some months, was approved this week by the board of supervisors.

Consideration agreed upon was \$9,986, which is 93 percent of the total delinquent taxes for the assessed years, according to the county tax delinquent lands committee, which recommended the sale.

The city is given an option to acquire the parcels over a period of two years, for re-sale to individual buyers, after advertising the proposed sale for three weeks to assure adequate notice being given.

Negotiations for the 85 parcels have been pending for more than a year. The county excluded seven parcels from the original plan, revised the prices to range between \$15 and \$608, and allowed the city two years instead of three as requested to complete the acquisition.

The supervisors also approved the sale of a tax-deeded parcel to the city of Avalon.

## Principals Give Data on School Entrance Rules

Principals of Torrance Elementary school, Leonard Dykes, and Fern Avenue school, Mrs. Lillian Billups, jointly announced the following information for parents of youngsters who will be starting or continuing in school next term. The session will begin with minimum sessions Monday, Feb. 3.

On that day and also on the final day of the present term, Friday, Jan. 31, school will begin at 8 o'clock in the morning. Kindergarten pupils will be released at 10:20 a. m., first, second and third grades at 11:40 a. m., and fourth, fifth and sixth grades at 12:20 p. m.

New pupils, kindergarten or grade, may be enrolled Monday, Jan. 27, but they will not start the new term until the following Monday, Feb. 3. Principals Dykes and Billups announced.

Birth Records Necessary For benefit of parents who are not familiar with regulations regarding admission of children to kindergarten, the school heads quoted this bulletin from the Superintendent of Schools: "Beginners who are five years of (Continued on Page 5-A)

## Local Chiefs to Be Installed

Police Chief John Stroth and Fire Chief J. E. McMaster will be installed as directors of the Peace Officers Civil Service Association at the organization's "coronation" meeting next Monday night, Jan. 27, at Topsy's cafe.

Police Chief Frank L. Scott of Monrovia will be seated as president to succeed Chief Charles J. Miller of Lynwood; and Mrs. Vada C. Russell, re-elected, will be installed president of the Ladies' auxiliary. Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz will be installing officer. Chief Stroth served as president of the association two years ago.