

PLANS FOR BIG MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM IN TORRANCE ON MAY 27 ARE FORMULATED

Torrance will pay honor to its war dead on Sunday, May 27, with a Memorial day parade and a ceremony at El Prado park participated in by various veterans and patriotic orders of the community.

A feature of the ceremony will be the dedication by the City of Torrance of a plot of ground at the northeast end of El Prado park to the memory of those Torrance men who have made the supreme sacrifice in this and other wars.

To start at 2 p.m. with a parade on Cabrillo ave., Sartori st. and El Prado, the program will be the first of its kind in Torrance for some years, and Gold Star Mothers and Fathers will be honored, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars which organization, with the American Legion and auxiliaries of the two groups, is sponsoring the program.

In the parade formation will be the official cars of the City of Torrance, containing city officials, color guard and massed colors, the Gold Star Mothers, American Legion and Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary, the 2nd battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard band, several companies of State Guard troops, Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scout formations and other patriotic units.

Members of various Torrance labor unions who are in various veterans organizations will be urged to participate in the parade, Commander Conner said. Captain R. L. Lewellen, commander of Co. H, 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, has been named as parade marshal, and Lt. Col. A. Milton Fish, commander of Group 3, Southern California Area, CSG, announced that permission to participate had been granted the State Guard troops.

Principal speaker at the Memorial day ceremony in the park will be Captain T. R. Applebury, chaplain at Torrance Army hospital. Local pastors will give the invocation and closing prayers.

The roll call of the Torrance boys who have given their lives to the cause of liberty and peace, will be called, volleys fired by a State Guard firing squad and taps rendered by buglers. The State Guard band will play several pieces.

Dedication of the plot of ground to the memory of the fallen Torrance service men will be the first step in the eventual construction of a fitting memorial to the men, it was said.

Another feature of the program will be the presentation by the Torrance Lions club to the City of Torrance of a scroll to contain the names of all Torrance men and women in service, to be installed in the corridor of the City Hall until a Memorial building is erected in Torrance.

The parade will form at Plaza del Amo and Cabrillo. The Torrance Herald next week will carry a special section devoted to the memory of the men of Torrance who have made the supreme sacrifice, and is appealing to all who may know of some soldier, sailor or marine whose name is not on the following list, to contact the office by calling Torrance 444:

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LEAVE ENDS
Lieut. Harold Stevenson returned Monday to Alameda Naval Air Base, where he is stationed, following ten days leave with his parents and his wife.



ADVANCED . . . Robert H. Tolson, son of Mayor and Mrs. W. H. Tolson, has been advanced to lieutenant, senior grade and has been assigned to a fighter plane squadron for active duty. Lieut. Tolson, serving in Naval aviation, has been stationed on the Pacific Coast at an undisclosed base for the past two months and before that time was stationed for more than two years at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he served as an instructor.

McMaster in Warning of Bad Fuses

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster issued a warning to all home owners today to be on the lookout for cheap molded fuses of unglazed clay designed for use in fusing home electrical circuits. They do not bear a label of approval by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

"These fuses," the chief said, "have made their appearance in stores during the past few months. They are easily recognized by their trade name, 'Electro,' which is molded into the top portion of the fuse, and also by the fusing strip of metal that is not completely contained within the body of the fuse itself but runs along the outside over the threads."

Although the wholesale distribution of these fuses has been stopped, a great many of them are undoubtedly still on sale in retail stores.

Investigation has proved that the majority of electrical fires could have been prevented by adherence to three simple rules:

- (1) Be sure that all fuses in your home are rated at 15 amperes and bear an approved label.
- (2) When a fuse blows out, cut down on the number of lights or appliances you are using on that circuit, then replace the burned out fuse with a new one of the same ampere rating.
- (3) Never place a penny or other metal object behind a fuse.

Pfc. Friberg Is Visitor at XV Corps Center

Pfc. Edwin S. Friberg of Torrance, Calif., a member of the XV Corps headquarters staff, was a recent visitor at the Corps Rest Center.

"I've just spent some of the most enjoyable days I've known since I entered the Army," he commented appreciatively when asked how he was enjoying his stay.

The Rest Center is operated by Major General Wade H. Haislip's veteran XV Corps which has been engaged in spectacular military operations from Normandy to well beyond the Rhine. An Army colonel, who was a resort manager for many years, is in charge of this "G. I. Dream Hotel."

Fleet Units Repaired at Sea by Navy

One of the miracles of the Pacific war has been the ability of fleet units to range over vast ocean areas without the necessity of frequent and time-consuming trips back to Navy yards for overhaul and repair.

Behind this miracle have been the fabulously equipped repair ships manned by highly-skilled ship repair men, who establish themselves in forward areas to repair and refit battle-worn and battle-scarred fighting ships.

Preparing himself for one of these important roles aboard some type of Navy repair ship is Lester Donald Anderson, ship fitter, 3/c, 238 E. Carson st., Torrance, who is presently attached to ship repair training unit at Mare Island Navy yard, Calif.

Like the more highly publicized Navy Seabees, the ship repair men are a necessity born of battle experience. Ship repair training units were established in the summer of 1943 after it became evident the Navy could not fight a long range war without skilled repair men on the job not far from the fighting.

The units are made up of picked men, chosen from shipbuilding and allied trades in civilian life. Under training such as that given at Mare Island, their skills are broadened so they will be equipped to perform the greater variety of tasks demanded of them overseas.

An officer recently back from duty aboard a submarine tender says the special qualities of the ship repair men show up fast when they get out to sea. "They know their jobs and they require comparatively little breaking in."

"We do work out there now that we never would have thought possible in peace time," he said. "Submarine refitting is now accomplished in less than 20 per cent of the time allotted in peace time for the same job."

Ship repair men are assigned to three main types of repair ship, submarine tenders, destroyer tenders and fleet tenders, the latter designed to handle cruisers, battleships, and carriers. These repair ships do not limit themselves to one class of ship, however. For instance, submarine tenders can and do perform repairs on any type of vessel, including a battleship.

Tenders can't replace Navy yards ashore, but many times they can do a repair job that will put a damaged ship back into fighting trim. Or if the damage is too great, they can perform emergency repairs that will enable the ship to steam safely back to a Navy yard for more extensive overhaul.

They are shifted periodically to get the widest possible experience within the scope of their trades. This training is supplemented by school work under division officers and by technical and indoctrination films.

The son of L. D. Anderson, a contractor, young Anderson, formerly served on the U. S. Tennessee and a Navy repair base. He has a brother, Ernest L. Anderson, also in the Navy.

Arrives Back in United States

Pfc. George Snow, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Snow of 1612 Post ave., arrived here recently. Snow who had been serving with the U. S. Infantry (104th Timberwolf Division) has received an honorable medical discharge from DeWitt General hospital, Auburn, Calif.

The young serviceman has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in the battle in Germany, and is the holder of the Distinguished Service Badge, the expert rifleman's badge and two campaign stars.

Graduated from Torrance High school and from Compton Junior college, he had been in service since June '43.

He has a brother, Ernest L. Anderson, also in the Navy.

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