

## Torrance Woman Denies Guilt In Child's Death

Mrs. Oella Murray of 2039 W. 231st st., Torrance Thursday pleaded not guilty to a misdemeanor charge of manslaughter filed as the result of an auto accident in which Donald L. Dexter, 9, of 1153 Ravenna ave., was killed June 21.

The complaint brought against Mrs. Murray charges that she was the driver of a car which struck young Dexter as he was crossing Anaheim st. at Lagoon ave., Wilmington. A coroner's jury did not establish blame for the accident.

Jury trial was set for July 24 in division 7 of the Los Angeles municipal court. Mrs. Murray was released on her own recognizance.

### HONEY BRIDES

In ancient Egypt bridegrooms were required to promise to supply their brides every year of their married life with a certain amount of honey.

## City Housing Authority Takes Vets Applications

The Los Angeles City Housing Authority will again accept applications for housing from veterans of World War II in the Harbor area. It was announced by Lloyd A. Mashburn, acting chairman of the City Housing Commission.

Application-taking was suspended last Nov. 21 in order to allow the Veterans' Advisory Committee to screen the huge backlog of applications and make recommendations as to eligibility and degree of need. This task has now been completed, Mashburn said, and new applications will be accepted until further notice. Housing Authority developments in the Harbor area are graded to provide facilities for from two people to large families of seven or eight persons. Rents range from \$23.50 to \$43.00 per month. Immediate housing is not guaranteed, however.

Applications may be filed at 401 Hawaiian avenue, Wilmington. All applicants must be veterans of World War II.

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## Child Safety Campaign Is Launched

The Public Safety department of the Automobile Club of Southern California has launched its 1947 Summer Child Safety campaign through which it is hoped that the number of vacation accidents involving Southland youngsters will be reduced drastically this year.

"With school out and no crossing guards and school patrols in operation, the child on the street again becomes the greatest single concern of the motorists," the club emphasizes, "and motor vehicle operators and parents must shoulder the major responsibility of preventing these accidents for children too frequently are not aware of their thoughtless actions."

The club declares that parents can best cooperate in this safety campaign by keeping their children away from the streets as much as possible and by directing them to supervised playgrounds. It is pointed out that every community in Southern California has at least one such recreation area where child activities and safety programs are supervised by trained directors. Parents are also cautioned against sending their children on rush errands.

The club likewise warns that motorists should always expect the unexpected when children are visible. A child in the street, a game in progress, or a ball in motion, should alert motorists to imminent dangers.



EDWARD R. VALENTINE, (right) veteran of World War II and civic leader, who has just been named as general chairman for the fall Community Chest campaign, receives congratulations from Alden Roach, who will head the major industries division. There will be nearly 40,000 volunteers in the Red Feather appeal which will be conducted simultaneously in Bell, Beverly Hills, Compton, Culver City, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Maywood, Monterey Park, Palos Verdes Estates, San Fernando, South Gate, Torrance, Vernon, all incorporated cities, San Fernando Valley, San Pedro, Wilmington and scores of other important localities.

## Valentine Will Lead Annual Chest Drive In Metropolitan Area Cities

General chairman for the fall Community Chest campaign will be Edward R. Valentine, war veteran and civic leader, it was announced last week, July 3, by P. G. Winnett, president of the Welfare Federation of the Los Angeles area. Chairman for the Chest campaign in Torrance, who will work in cooperation with the new general chairman will be announced shortly.

Valentine in this top post, will head the activities of 45,000 volunteers who annually contribute to the Red Feather health and welfare agencies of the Chest. The campaign combines in one single appeal 152 causes which might otherwise conduct separate fund raising campaigns.

Harvey S. Mudd, noted engineer, civic leader, and past War Chest president was announced by Winnett, as head of the Community Chest Advisory committee which is composed of representatives of business, industry and labor, and community organizations. This group will cooperate with Valentine in organizing the campaign.

Valentine is a Fullerton Oil Co. executive and last year's co-chairman of the Special Gifts committee. He served as Lt. Commander in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

The meeting at which Valentine and Mudd were elected to top volunteer posts was attended by many outstanding community leaders including Justin W. Dart,

## Justice Court Division Is Completed

With Raymond V. Darby, chairman of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, officiating, the newly organized Gardena Township was formally instituted July 2.

Ceremonies in which Justice of the Peace Frank Carrell was sworn in as presiding justice of the new township Justice Court were attended by more than 100 officials of participating communities.

The new township comprises the southern one-half of the former Inglewood Township in which Torrance and Lomita are included. Carrell was elected in 1934. The Inglewood district also becomes a separate township with Frank Parent as presiding Justice of the Peace.

Carrell, who has served many appointments in Municipal and Superior courts, described the new measure as a more equitable arrangement due to enormous growth of this area.

Probable outcome of the new setup may include a branch court to serve beach communities, he said.

Headquarters will continue to be maintained at 166th st. and Western avenue.

## GASOLINE HELD IN STORAGE JULY 1 MUST BE REPORTED

Service station operators, garage men, wholesalers, contractors, industrial concerns and others owning 500 gallons or more of gasoline on July 1, will be subject to a special storage tax of 1 1/2 cents per gallon under a bill just approved. The tax must be paid by July 15 and is to be reported to the State Board of Equalization as the administrative agency.



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## Branch Driver's License Offices Closed In July

It was announced this week that all branch offices of the State Highway department drivers' license division will be closed for the month of July.

The Torrance branch, which is open on the first, third and fifth Mondays of each month, will be open again on August 4, it was said. Persons desiring to obtain or renew licenses may apply to the main offices in Los Angeles during the vacation month.

It was also reported by the Torrance Police department that bicycle licenses should be obtained during July. The fee for new licenses is 50 cents, for renewals, 25 cents.

## Tri-Cities DAV Meetings Are Being Alternated

Tri-Cities Chapter No. 63, Disabled American Veterans, at a regular meeting held at their hall, Gardena, July 2, 1947, initiated the following disabled veterans: James Moore, 1630 West 216th st., Torrance; B. J. Osendorf, 16013 Manhattan pl., Gardena; Carl J. Tester, 4157 West 170th st., Lawndale.

This chapter, which is growing very rapidly, meets the first Wednesday in each month in the DAV hall, Gardena, California and the third Wednesday in the CIO hall, Torrance, California.

The Gardena meeting is a social night. Food and other refreshments are served by the DAV Auxiliary.

## COUNTY ASKS FOR YACHT ANCHORAGE AT FT. MacARTHUR

In answer to a petition from 170 boat owners and operators in Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution requesting the various branches of the Federal armed services to designate the west side of the West Channel adjacent to Ft. MacArthur as a yacht harbor.

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