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Section B

GEN. O'SULLIVAN SEEKS COOPERATION WITH N.G.

Company A, 578th Combat Engineers Battalion, California National Guard, was granted Federal recognition last week, the second unit of the 578th to be so recognized. The previous unit is the headquarters and service detachment of the 578th.

The company was inspected by Federal officers and became the first line unit of the 578th, according to Major Clyde Carpenter, commanding officer. Facilities of the California National Guard in this area were inspected this week by Major Gen. Curtis D. O'Sullivan, adjutant general of the State of California, who has been devoting most of his time in recent weeks to working out armory problems of various communities of the southern part of the state.

Visiting Torrance Monday afternoon, he said: "While the record in California is good, we are having our

V.F.W. Plans Celebration

Harry H. Harding, managing director of the Armistice day celebration "America United," sponsored by the Los Angeles County Council Veterans of Foreign Wars, states that, "rehearsals are under way for 'The Big Show.'"

"Truck loads of special scenic effects have been prepared for the Coliseum, tons of explosives have been ordered, big guns and weapons near and far have been collected, batteries of brilliant lighting ordered, sound effects and affirmative directives received for the movement on the Coliseum, of over 2000 armed combat troops of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps," Harding said.

Planned for the purpose of raising much needed funds for assisting veterans and their families in Los Angeles County, every person that attends the great evening of entertainment on the night of Nov. 11, will aid a veteran. It will start at 8 p. m.

De-Activate Los Angeles

Because of a "shortage of personnel," the Heavy Cruiser Los Angeles will be de-activated without having ever seen action. Financed solely by the war bond sales in Los Angeles, the cruiser is one of the Navy's newest.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron, commenting on the decision to take the vessel into the reserve "moth-ball" fleet, said:

"Naturally, I can't question the judgment or decision of those who pick the particular ships for inactive service, but it does seem a crying shame that one of the newest and best has to be among them."

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Did You Report All Profits On That Big Deal?

One of the most determined tax drives ever instituted by the local United States Internal Revenue Office has been under way for almost a month, it was revealed today by Collector Harry C. Westover.

A special trained squad of 15 men have been examining every escrow transaction covering the sale of real property in Los Angeles County since the beginning of the current housing shortage. Deputy Collector John Bachman, former bank official, is in charge of the investigation.

Banks, title companies, trust companies, and escrow offices are being combed for evidence of profitable sales. Tax returns of the parties involved are immediately examined for veracity.

Of the first 3,000 returns audited, Westover stated that 1338 were accepted as filed and the balance indicate additional taxes of more than \$250,000 to be due the Government.

Quite a few of these cases, Westover declared, will result in criminal complaints being filed. He added, however, that charges will not be preferred against taxpayers making voluntary disclosures of deficiencies.

"We are especially concerned," Westover declared, "with such tax evasion devices as sales partially in and partially out of escrow; and false mortgage recordings."

"We will continue this drive until every sale of property in Los Angeles county has been scrutinized and we will then move on to the other nine counties in Southern California," Westover added.

Christmas Jobs Open

"There is an urgent need at present for a man with auto glass installation experience," stated Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office of the California State Employment Service. "This is one of the many openings listed for skilled workers," continued Mrs. Ellis. Other jobs listed are for cement finishers, tile setters, pharmacists, nurses, and one opening for an industrial nurse. There is still a need for machinists, machine operators, and some demand for semi- and unskilled workers.

A continued effort is being made by the Torrance office to obtain temporary employment for the Christmas holiday. There are many such jobs available for veterans at the present. Veterans and others over the age of 20 desiring holiday employment should contact the Torrance CSES office at once.

Tax Bills Are Mailed

This week 1,250,000 tax bills addressed to 625,000 property owners of Los Angeles County are in the mails.

Tax Collector H. L. Byram and his entire staff have been working during the past three weeks to get the bills out, which under the statutes must be mailed on this date. Tax payments cannot be received until after Nov. 1. The first installment of the 1947-48 taxes, due and payable on and after Nov. 1, become delinquent Dec. 5.

This year the Collector has mailed out 67,000 more bills than in 1946 due to newly subdivided acreage and lots.

None Hurt As Browns 'Meet'

Curtis Brown of 1967 Plaza del Amo, stood on the curb and watched a car driven by Noel A. Brown Jr., 21, accompanied by his father, Noel A. Brown Sr., 49, of 1937 Pacific Blvd., Lomita, collide with an automobile driven by William A. Brown, 64, of 503 1/2 Heliotrope drive.

When Traffic Investigator E. R. Brown arrived on behalf of the Los Angeles Police department, he found no one injured.

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