

## Salvation Army Working

One of the surest harbingers of Christmas is the appearance on downtown street corners of the Salvation Army red-and-green collection receptacles, which took to the streets Monday in anticipation of the Army's busiest Christmas season since 1938 according to L. Col. Russell E. Clarke, Southern California divisional commander.

"Our welfare load is heavier than it has been for years, and is increasing constantly," Clarke said. "Undoubtedly this December finds more families in need of supplementary assistance than at any time within the last ten years."

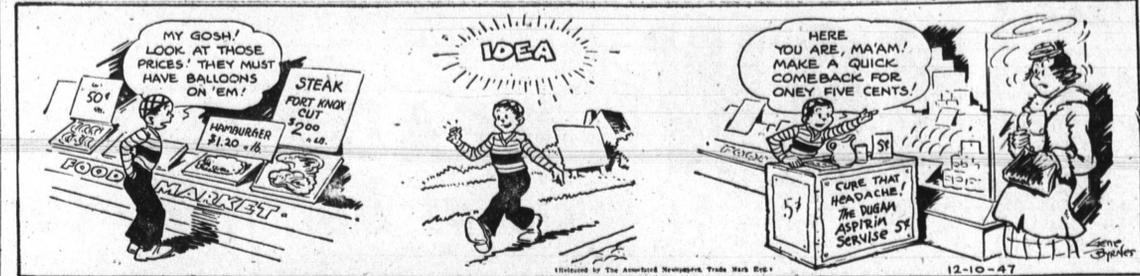
## Income Tax Forms Ready

Income tax blanks for 1947 will be available Dec. 17 to accountants, certified public accountants and attorneys, Collector of Internal Revenue Harry C. Westover announced.

Westover cautioned applicants desiring large quantities of forms that only attorneys and certified public accountants may legally prepare income tax reports for others.

Tax forms may be obtained in quantity from the Collector of Internal Revenue at the Federal building or from any branch office.

## REG'LAR FELLERS—First Aid Station



By GENE BYRNES

## SPEED LIMIT ON WILMINGTON-SAN PEDRO ROAD CUT

Speed limits on the Wilmington-San Pedro road between Harbor boulevard and Battery street, have been reduced by the Los Angeles City Council to 35 miles an hour.

An ordinance providing for the new speed limit passed unanimously. The speed limit as present is 45 miles an hour.

## JOURNALIST-PRESIDENT

Warren G. Harding is the only journalist to become President of the United States.

## Three Arts Studio

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### Presents Its CHRISTMAS DANCE FESTIVAL

Torrance High School Auditorium  
Tuesday, December 16 — 7:30 p.m.

A Few Tickets Still Available for Public Sale at  
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## Veterans' Widows, Dependents Told Of Due Benefits

In many cases, widows children and dependent parents of deceased veterans are not aware of the numerous benefits which are made available to them by federal and state laws, J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, said today.

Among benefits to which survivors may be entitled are back military pay and allowances, burial benefits, rights of citizenship, preference in federal and state civil service examinations; civil service or other employee retirement benefits; government compensation or pension, death gratuity from military service, decorations and awards, review of unfavorable discharge, state educational benefits for widows and orphans, flight bonus in the case of certain Air Corps reserve officers, homestead credits, hospitalization and medical care of widows of deceased Naval or Marine Corps personnel, National Service Life Insurance, social security benefits, tax abatement, terminal leave pay, war bonds, and repatriation of war dead.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS . . . Hamilton M. Maddaford, music director at El Camino Junior College, rehearses Las Alondras (The Larks), student choral group, for a Christmas program to be presented Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Leuzinger High School auditorium.

## El Camino To Present First Christmas Musical Festival

The Music department of El Camino College, headed by Hamilton Maddaford, will present its first annual Christmas musical festival, to which the public is cordially invited, on Wednesday Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Leuzinger High School auditorium.

One of the featured groups on the program will be the El Camino band which will put away their fight songs and quick tempos of the victorious football season and turn to the traditional music of Christmas.

Las Alondras (The Larks), a mixed chorus of 30 voices under the direction of Maddaford, will render interesting interpretations of seasonal songs such as "White Christmas," "Jolly and the Ivy" and "Joy to the World."

The string ensemble will add variety to the program with special arrangements for strings and voices, and will also play

## Average Gain In Assessment 32.1 Percent

Assessed value of taxable property in Los Angeles County for 1947-48 was 32.1 percent greater than that for 1946-47, California Taxpayers' association reported today.

The increase is made up of 31.7 percent increase in the valuation of land, 29 percent increase in value of improvements on land, 32.8 percent increase in taxable value of personal property and money, and a 6.8 percent increase in exemptions, the association found.

The Torrance average is reported to be up 25 percent, but in some instances it increased 150 percent.

Total valuation of taxable property in the county for 1947-48 is \$4,358,891,362, the association said. Value of land is \$1,591,840,620; improvements on land, \$1,866,167,725, personal property and money, \$1,081,653,932. Exemptions reduce these items by \$180,770,915.

Over the state as a whole, total taxable valuation for 1947-48 is 20.8 percent higher than that for 1946-47. This increase is made up of a 19.8 percent increase in the value of land, 18.5 percent increase in valuation of improvements, 29 percent increase in value of personal property and money. Exemptions, statewide, increased by 27.6 percent.

Total value of taxable property in California reached \$10,994,622,625 for 1947-48, the association said. Of this, \$4,230,053,385 was in land, \$4,741,961,635 in improvements on land, and \$2,447,020,780 in personal property and money. Exemptions from taxation have an assessed value of \$424,413,175.

"The 20.8 percent increase in total taxable valuation throughout the state means that each cent of tax rate levied for 1947-48 is bringing in one-fifth more than a cent did for 1946-47, on the average," the association said.

## Safety Drive Starting Now

The National Safety Council announced today a nationwide campaign to check the huge annual Christmas holiday accident toll.

The Christmas-New Year holiday season is the most hazardous single period of the year, according to Council statistics. In traffic accidents alone, three times as many persons are killed during a Christmas holiday period than on the same days of the preceding two weeks.

Heavier travel and the festive spirit of the holiday season increase the normal winter hazards, such as bad weather, slippery roads and more hours of darkness.

More than 130 national organizations, city and state officials, safety councils and civic leaders have joined forces with the Council in the year-end campaign.

## U. S. POPULATION

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## Torrance Man In Japan Promoted To Corporal

Corp. Hannibal R. Lopez, now serving the 187th Glider Infantry Regiment, 11th Air-Borne Division, on the Island of Hokkaido in northern Japan, was recently promoted to his above grade from the rank of Private First Class. Cpl. Lopez is married to Mrs. Kathleen Lopez, who resides at 1026 W. 213th street, Torrance.

Lopez entered the service in March of 1947 for second enlistment. Having attended the Airborne Training School in Fort Benning, Ga., in Feb., 1945, where he became a qualified parachutist, Lopez was assigned to the 11th Airborne Division.

Lopez is undecided as to his plans upon receiving his discharge from the service.

## Mrs. Purdom To Talk Here

Mrs. Lorna M. Purdom, senior nutritionist of the Los Angeles County Health department will be the guest speaker at the expectant mothers' class in the Torrance health center, 2300 Carson st., Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17 at 1:30 o'clock. Mrs. Mary Ulmer, public health nurse instructor, announced at the first session of the new series last Wednesday.

In addition to Mrs. Purdom's talk, two films, "Fun in Food" and the Walt Disney technicolor "Something You Didn't Eat," will be shown.

Although the course has already started, each class is complete in itself and prospective mothers may register at any time. "Catch-up" classes are held in order that those who miss certain sessions may receive the "diploma" offered for the completion of the entire course.

## MINERAL RESOURCES

The mineral resources of the United States comprise the cornerstone of American manufacturing.

## 5 Permits Issued In S.P.

Five permits totaling \$37,030 were issued during the past week by the San Pedro building office for construction work in this area.

The permits, all for home building, were issued to the following persons:

George Fresenius, 25891 Western ave., residence at 1670 W. 262nd st., \$11,700.

C. C. and A. M. Moton, Wilmington, residence at 1611 W. 253rd st., \$6,800.

Mrs. Annabelle M. Gelineau, 2013 Pacific Coast highway, residence at 26202 Alta Vista dr., \$7,500.

Gale A. Ford, 26315 Alta Vista drive, residence at 26321 Ozone ave., \$7,720.

Edward F. Hundt, Wilmington, residence at 1427 W. 251st st., \$3,250.

## Del Amo To Abandon 2 Oil Wells Here, Deepen, Redrill 3rd

The Del Amo Estate Company has announced plans to deepen and redrill its well No. 29 located in section 9, township 4S, range 14W of the Torrance oil field, according to the latest bulletin of the oil and gas division of the State Department of Natural Resources.

Also disclosed were Del Amo's plans to abandon wells 70 and 76 in section 17, township 4S, range 14W, of the local field.

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—and—  
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Coming Wed., December 17.  
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"HELLDORADO"

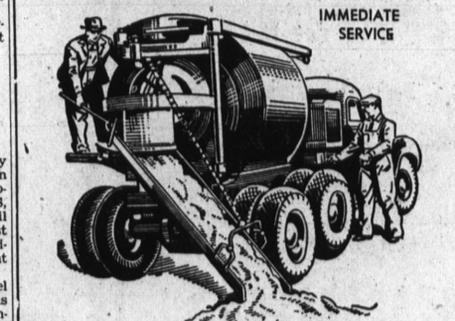
## GRAND TORRANCE

Now Playing Walter Pidgeon - Maureen O'Hara <b>HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY</b> and Walter Brennan - Anne Baxter <b>SWAMP WATER</b> Sun., Mon., Tues. Katharine Hepburn Robert Walker <b>SONG OF LOVE</b> and Harry Davenport Michael Duane <b>KEEPER OF THE BEES</b> Next Week—Starts Wed. <b>THE UNSUSPECTED</b> —Plus— <b>SECOND BIG FEATURE</b>	Now Playing Marianne Dietrich Randolph Scott <b>THE SPOILERS</b> and Tim Holt - Nan Leslie <b>UNDER THE TONTO RIM</b> Sun., Mon., Tues. Greer Garson-Robert Mitchum <b>DESIRE ME</b> — and — Robert Lowery-Helen Gilbert <b>DEATH VALLEY</b> in Color Next Week—Starts Wed. <b>DIAMOND JIM</b> —and— <b>BELLS OF SAN FERNANDO</b>
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## GARDENA PARK

NOW <b>THE UNSUSPECTED</b> —And— <b>HIGH CONQUEST</b> Sun., Mon., Tues. <b>BLACK GOLD</b> in Color —And— <b>SINGAPORE</b>	NOW <b>VARIETY GIRL</b> —And— <b>DEATH VALLEY</b> Sun., Mon., Tues. <b>HEAVEN ONLY KNOWS</b> —And— <b>UNDER THE TONTO RIM</b>
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