

**Planners To Hear Drilling Request**

Los Angeles City Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing Feb. 24 on a request for the establishment of an oil drilling district on both sides of Hyatt avenue, Wilmington. The district would extend from the Pacific Coast highway to "M" street.

The request was filed with the commission by O. N. Slosson, Wilmington.

**MISSILES NEED NAVY**

Aircraft guided missiles need a Navy, in the opinion of Rear Admiral Daniel V. Gallery, assistant chief of Naval Operations for Guided Missiles. He was instrumental in arranging the successful test-launching of the V-2 rocket at sea from the deck of the Midway, providing that this missile, having a range of only a few hundred miles, can be a trans-oceanic weapon with the help of the Navy.

**Prevention Of Disease Week Observance Due**

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For the fourth successive year Disease Prevention Week, Feb. 15-22, will be officially observed in Los Angeles county.

Disease prevention activities should not be confined to one week in the year but rather to 52. However, this one week can very well be used as a time in which to take inventory of our health stock in preparation for another year of healthful living.

A health examination provides an account of health assets and liabilities. Appointments for this service should be made with the family physician before medical needs become imperative. Blood tests for syphilis and chest X-rays to assist in the detection of tuberculosis should be included in a medical examination. This week has been set aside as a time in which to review the health records of the entire family. Vaccinations against smallpox, and immunizations against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus for the younger children should be checked to see if they are still effective.

Private physicians are assisting with plans for health examinations and immunizations especially during this week, and the Los Angeles city and county health departments, in conjunction with voluntary health and welfare agencies, are ready to assist in matters pertaining to their respective fields of disease prevention effort.

**NAVY DOES RESEARCH**

Navy research and invention was focussed heavily on increased power in the air during 1947. New planes added to the Navy's air arm include the Phantom, the Skystrak, Pirate, Banshee, Panther and Skyrocket. Navy pilots set and reestablished two world speed records. A carrier-based jet fighter squadron was formed. The Navy's progress in the air included also guided missile study, advances in radar, new parachutes for high-speed bail-outs, new self-sealing gas tanks and higher octane fuel.

**Assembly Program Started By Torrance Elementary**

Torrance Elementary School Menmuir's class were: Judy Cook, Gary Cooke, Bobby Coghill, Kathie Curtiss, Donald Elde, Nola Emerson, Iris Epperheimer, Gloria Faren, Beverly Folts, Donna Haynes, Jackie Johnston, Nancy Jones, Louise Lafferty, Gerry Lee, Louis Lisoni, Wayne Martin, Marian Morgan, Larry Probert, Patricia Rigsby, Danny Robinette, Carlene Sandstrom, John Sherfey, Sharon Stewart, Wayne Wilson, Leonard Thornton.

At the first program Friday, the fourth grade classes of Mrs. Bette Lee Huizing, Mrs. Eva G. Barnett and Mrs. Marcia Menmuir provided the program.

According to William Clinkebeard, principal, the programs are in keeping with the social studies, and since the fourth grade pupils have been studying about early days in California, when this state was inhabited by the Spaniards, the first program consisted of colorful songs, dances and dramatic skits, depicting the life and times of that period.

The following students participated from Mrs. Huizing's class: Mexican Hat Dance, Betty Sezate and Vera Escobar. Song Gary Mello; dance, Alice Olson, Lenore Sexton, Gary Mello, Tommy Cook.

Costumed group number: Kendall Beight, Dick Freeman, Jackie Phillips, Earl Reibold, Jerry Seward, Nathan Smith, Stanley Welpton, Carol Bennett, Leta Brady, Elizabeth Hedgecock, Druella Hoops, Loretta Johnston, Sharon Kirks, Alice Olson, Gayla Rickard, Lenore Sexton, Twila Williams, June Winningham, Linda Lou Lane.

From Mrs. Barnett's class Las Chiapanecas were presented by Geraldine Rusk and Susan Holden. Other numbers from the class included: Harmonica duet, James Schmidt and Algene McLaughlin; acrobatic dance, Barbara Calvey; La Cucaracha dance, Martha Ward and Geraldine Rusk. Costumed group included: Lee Beswick, Michael Brian, Richard Kobayashi, Davis Maesterson, Arlene Simmons, Myron Schmidt, Tito Valencia, Vern West, Glen Wright, Sara Jane Burkhalter, Mary Coleman, Elena Floris, Patsy Free, Frances Hernandez, Mary Pritchard, Deanna Shriver, Marian Smith, Ruth Stelleri, Gayle Wilson and Yvonne Luceas.

Children taking part in the assembly program from Mrs.

**Pruning Season For Backyard Orchard Ending**

It's getting toward the end of the pruning season for peaches, apricots, plums, figs and grapes. It is also about time to put the bushberry canes up on the wires. A little more delay on the bushberries may be wise in view of the kind of weather we had during January—if we should go back to dry cold nights there could still be danger of freezing the canes when first put up on the wires.

It's well to remember how your trees bear their fruits so that you won't cut off all the crop. This year's peaches will be borne on wood that grew last summer. So you must leave fruit wood scattered all over the tree. Apricots and plums will set their fruit on fruit spurs which are short and stubby—from one-half to three inches long. These must be left on the tree or you won't have any crop.

Figs will have their main 1948 crop on shoots that grow this year. Trees are usually cut back heavily so as to force a lot of new growth to carry the crop. A small first crop will set on shoots that grew last fall. Some small growth can be left if you want a first crop. Figs can be pruned by thinning out the top of the trees, if you prefer. They can be pruned about like a peach. Trees will soon get too high for easy picking with this system, however. The Black Mission should never be cut back heavily; it is a weak grower and will not stand the shock. Always prune this variety as you would a peach.

The ends of Boysen, Young and other blackberry canes do not need to be cut back. Take out the weakest canes, leaving from six to eight strong ones. Gather in all the branches and wrap them around the wires in a series of coils. For raspberries bring the canes up between two horizontal wires and cut the canes off at about four feet. They will send out fruit spurs below the cuts.

It's getting to be the last call for spraying peaches, apricots and other deciduous fruit trees. If you do not know the sprays to use, call the farm advisor's office, Mutual 3383, or write 808 N. Spring street, Los Angeles 12, for a University of California leaflet on the care of trees on the small farm home. Be sure to spray Young, Boysen and other blackberries with one part of lime-sulphur to 12 parts of water to control redberry mite. Spray when the buds begin to swell after you've put the canes on the wires.

**War Mothers Get Preference In Civil Exams**

Widowed mothers of deceased or totally disabled servicemen are now eligible for a 10-point preference in federal civil service examinations. J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center announced today.

Others entitled to 10-point preference are disabled veterans, wives of disabled veterans who are ineligible for appointment because of disability, and unmarried widows of deceased servicemen who served in the armed forces during any war or recognized campaign.

Non-disabled veterans receive 5 points preference in federal civil service.

Preference was extended to widowed gold star mothers under Public Law 396, passed at the present session of Congress and signed recently by President Truman. The act applies to any widowed mother who has not remarried and who was a widow at the time of death or disability of her son or daughter, provided that the son or daughter died while on active duty in time of war or recognized peacetime campaign, or became permanently and totally disabled because of service connected disability received either during war or peace.

Caldwell added that a divorced or legally separated mother of a deceased or totally disabled serviceman may qualify for preference if the serviceman was her only child.

Full information regarding civil service and other benefits available to veterans and their dependents is available without charge at the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, located at 1339 Post avenue, in Torrance.

Currently available at the local office is a special list of positions for which 10-point eligibles may apply, many of which are not open to other applicants.

**Employers Urged To Grant Military Training Periods**

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce has gone on record encouraging employers to give time off for 15-day training periods to employees who are military reservists without loss of vacation periods or net pay. President B. O. Miller announced today.

Miller said a United States Chamber of Commerce survey of 1,256 companies shows 590 grant training leaves in addition to vacations, 161 give full pay during such leaves, 270 give the difference between military and regular pay and 17 have other pay arrangements.

Assurance that military reserve service may be performed without financial loss will doubtless remove a barrier to full recruitment of the armed services' reserves, the National Guard, Army Organized Reserves, Naval and Marine Corps Reserves, Miller said.

**NAVY DUTY**

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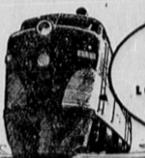
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