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Pay While Axis Prisoners Due Veterans Later

Former prisoners of war will be entitled to special benefits under the terms of a recently enacted Federal law, but will probably have to wait at least several months more before they can apply for them, according to J. G. Caldwell of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center.

The War Claims Act of 1948, contains a section providing for food allowances of \$1 a day to be paid to veterans for the period during which they were Axis prisoners.

As yet, however, none of the three members of the War Claims Commission established by the Act has been appointed, Caldwell pointed out. Since it is this Commission which must issue instructions and forms for applying for the benefits, the latter must be regarded as existing only on paper for the time being.

The Veterans Service Center will receive full information on the claims procedure as soon as it is available, Caldwell said.

In the meantime, he warned veterans to be suspicious of any private agency or "committee" that offers, generally for a fee, to handle prisoner of war claims for ex-servicemen.

Ft. M'Arthur Reunion Set for Sept. 25

Local residents who want to attend the Fort MacArthur Reunion Saturday, Sept. 25, are asked to notify Secretary L. R. Buchanan as soon as possible. Notices with return post cards have been mailed to the membership.

"Bring along your friends, come early and have a good time," says President Joseph B. Bunning. This year's shindig will be the 28th annual gathering.

A special steak dinner will be served for \$1, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and a show and other refreshments in addition, for the usual \$2 donation.

The affair will be held on the Lower Reservation, in Barracks 39. Further information can be obtained from Roland Gray, Parkway 6937.

M'Arthur May Set Week-end Field Training

Weekend field training sessions at Ft. MacArthur for local army reservists is being considered by the War Department in Washington, D. C.

Brig. Gen. Leroy Watson, commanding general of the southern military district, announced plans for the new training procedure at a meeting of the 69th or composite group in the State building.

General Watson indicated that if plans were approved in Washington, the camp would be equipped with facilities for wives and children of the reservists. A nursery may be maintained at the fort, he said.

Driving is a full-time job. Those who "stay on the job" stay out of accidents.



IT'S TOMORROW . . . Resolution of the Board of Supervisors proclaiming Sept. 17 for county-wide observance and celebration of the 161st anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution is read by Peggy Rice following its introduction by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

Clock Depots for Cycle Change in Lomita, Torrance Opened

The temporary clock depot that opened yesterday at 1627 Cravens avenue, Torrance, has been provided for its Torrance and nearby customers by the Southern California Edison Company as a special service only during its frequency change program, C. C. Bartlett, district manager, has announced. His company is not in the appliance business, Bartlett said, and none of the clocks in the depot can be sold on any basis except in exchange for a customer's 50-cycle clock in operating condition.

Lomita customers will be served at 1923 Pacific Coast highway, beginning Thursday, Sept. 23.

Because all 50-cycle clocks run one-fifth faster on 60 cycles, Edison has developed this special service plan to give its customers a choice of securing new 60-cycle models at low exchange prices or of having their 50-cycle clocks cycle-changed at the company's expense.

To take advantage of Edison's clock program, customers are urged to bring their clocks to the address shown on their identification forms as soon as possible after receiving the forms by mail. Along with the identification form each customer receives full details of the clock plan and a notice stating the exact date on which his current will be changed to 60 cycles.

Special telephones have been installed to receive calls from Edison customers inquiring about the frequency change program. In Torrance and Lomita the numbers are FRontier 2191 and Zenith 6938.

The current is being changed here, as elsewhere in the Edison system, by electric distribution lines, which means that all customers served by the same distribution line will receive the new frequency simultaneously, while nearby customers may not receive 60-cycle current until a few days later. If they happen to be served by a different line.

The first distribution line serving this area will be changed to 60 cycles next Wednesday, Sept. 23. Others will be changed at intervals of a few days until the entire Edison system of about 700,000 customers has been changed by October of this year.

Edison sends 50-cycle clocks to be cycle-changed to the California Electric Service stations, the

Propositions' Defeat Urged by Association

California Taxpayers' association is on record today as urging defeat of Proposition 4, aged and blind aid, along with proposition No. 1—veterans tax exemptions, No. 14—housing bonds, and No. 18—state payment of tax exemption losses.

Among the other bad features of proposition No. 4, the Taxpayers' association listed the following:

The measure proposes to repeal the law which requires that financially-able children and spouses assist in supporting the needy members of their families.

It would increase relief rolls by reducing the age of eligibility for needy aged people from 65 to 63.

It would transfer administration of aged and blind aid from the counties to the state—wiping out any measure of local control and making a tremendous state tax necessary.

It would put administration and formulation of policy with regard to social welfare under a single elected individual, instead of the present state board of social welfare which is named by the governor with the advice and consent of the state senate.

"Relief of the needy in California should be left in the hands of the legislature—not frozen in the state constitution," the association said.

Eight Charter Amendments on General Ballot

Eight proposed county charter amendments and two proposed county bond issues will be on the Nov. 2 general election ballot, local voters were advised this week.

Final decision on the 10 items was made by the Board of Supervisors.

The two bond issues include \$3,500,000 for hospital center and \$5,000,000 for the new Superior Courts building, to be added to \$5,300,000 already made available.

Seven charter amendments deal with civil service policy and routine changes, the eighth with administration of the crippled children's act. County Counsel Harold W. Kennedy has ruled that this job must be handled by General Hospital, whereas private social welfare groups are insisting the county health officer should direct the work.

Under the charter amendment the supervisors would have authority to determine which medical division shall have jurisdiction.

Kennedy has informed the supervisors that he cannot rule that such an amendment would be legal since it is generally recognized that a charter should be positive and not provide alternative discretion.

Questionnaire on Draft Out in Two Weeks

First draft questionnaires will be mailed out to men in the Torrance-Lomita district about the end of the month, according to J. G. Caldwell, director of the Veterans Service Center on Post avenue in Torrance.

Approximately nine men who have registered for the draft probably will be selected for the first call sometime in November, Caldwell estimated after conferring with the area board in Los Angeles.

Permanent officers of the local board, which is No. 317, will be selected sometime this week, consisting of a chairman and a secretary.

Harbor West Basin Slated for Expansion

Wilmington's West Basin will be developed into a \$3,300,000 passenger and freight terminal, the Harbor Commission has disclosed.

Harbor officials have been informed that the U. S. Maritime commission is abandoning the 100-acre tract which it used during the war for production of merchant and Navy ships. Quickly constructed early during the war years, the wharves, ways and dry-docks produced a total of 156 ships.

The transition from the warlike to the peaceful aspect will begin at the West Basin shortly after Sept. 30 when the U. S. agency has cleared out, the harbor commission announced.

Walteria's 'Civic Center' Takes Shape

Alterations to the two buildings which are new additions to Walteria's "civic center" were underway this week, following arrival of the second building for use of the recreation department last week. Foggy weather last week delayed arrival of the two structures.

Both buildings are of substantial construction, and are being placed on foundations just north of 242nd street. Both structures will be ready for occupancy as soon as possible, Dale Riley, city recreation director, said.

Youths Killed in Sepulveda Blvd. Crash

Two youths were burned to death early Saturday when the motorcycle they were riding struck a parked truck at Sepulveda boulevard and Alameda avenue, and caught fire.

Pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital, Torrance, were Jeff Lindly Berry, 21, driver of 2628 Madison street, and Robert C. Sanders, 21, of 2666 Tyler street.



CAMPAIGN FOR HUMANITY . . . Men and women from every city and from all walks of life are in the army captained by medical authorities working in the crusade to "Stamp Out Cancer." Mrs. Robert Leroy, Federation of Women's Clubs official who is local Cancer Control chairman, accepts a contribution from Mrs. Francis Kelly and Mrs. Hazel Rodebaugh.

CONSTITUTION DAY

Great things stand the test of time. The United States Constitution has stood the test of time, for it was 161 years ago on September 17 that the Constitution came into being.

BACK TO ABNORMAL

With the football season already started (with the pros, that is) and the World Series soon to be played, sporting fans throughout the country are preparing to go crazy this fall—as usual.

New Halldale School Has Innovations

One of the most modern school buildings in all Southern California was opened to some 675 elementary grade children this week when the new \$205,000 Halldale Avenue School in the Shoestring Strip was put into service by the Los Angeles City School District.

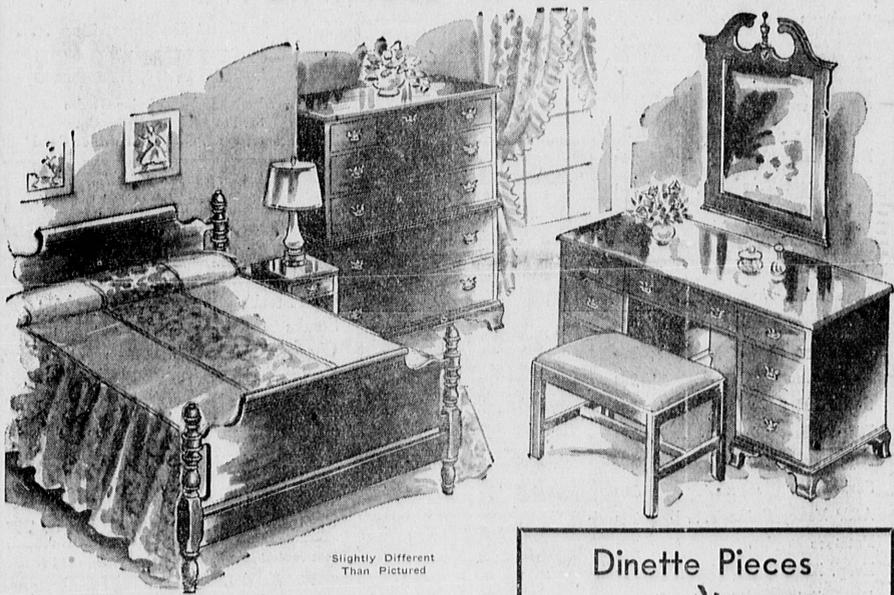
Features of the new school, at 216th street and Halldale avenue, are large rooms, individual tables and chairs that can be arranged as the teacher wishes, new-designed double-sided blackboards that can be removed from the wall, with storage space behind them for paints, chalk and other blackboard equipment.

Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principal of the new school, has invited parents to visit the new school plant, which is designed in three units and connected by arcades, with the principal's office in the central L-shaped unit.

One of the units, for the upper elementary grades, has two motion picture projectors and three portable record players with public address systems. The kindergarten unit has a fenced-in playground.

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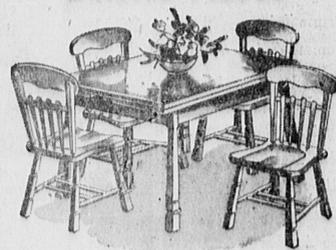
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