

Poppy Sales Bring Aid To War Veterans, Families

Memorial Poppies to Bloom in Torrance

Millions of Americans will wear bright red poppies tomorrow to honor the memory of America's dead in the two world wars. Women of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets here early in the morning with baskets of the memorial flowers to pin on the coats of passers-by. They expect practically everyone in the city to be wearing a poppy before nightfall.

More than 35 million crepe paper poppies have been made for the Auxiliary by disabled veterans for this year's observance of Poppy Day, according to Mrs. Alice Thompson, Auxiliary poppy chairman, who is directing the observance here. Approximately 150,000 women and girls, all serving as unpaid volunteers, will distribute the flowers throughout the country. Contributions to American Legion and Auxiliary rehabilitation and child welfare funds, given in exchange for the poppies, will reach a total of \$3,500,000, it is estimated.

Employment for thousands of

disabled veterans confined to hospitals or unable to do other work has been provided by the Auxiliary's poppy-making program. The work has given these men the encouraging experience of earning money again and has filled empty hospital days with interesting, beneficial activity.

Poppies to be distributed here have been made at Sawtelle, where patients have worked in their beds and in the occupational therapy shop. The flowers are lifelike replicas of the European wild poppy which Col. John McCrae, Canadian medical officer, made into the war memorial flower of the English-speaking world with his poem which begins:

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row

"Here tomorrow," said Mrs. Thompson, "we hope to see the poppies blooming over every remembering heart."

Elect Staff for Women of B'nai B'rith

At a meeting held Monday at Mrs. Sam Franklin's Hermosa Beach home, the following officers were elected to serve as the women's first executive board of South Bay Area Women's B'nai B'rith.

Mmes. Steve Brodie, president; Robert Firstman, Irving Lessin, vice presidents; Earl Erdman, financial secretary; Mack Brown, treasurer; Mark Bennett, recording secretary; Arthur Fine, corresponding secretary; Bernard Robinson, Counselor; Harvey Cole, sentinel; Sam Raphaelson, guardian; Herbert Schakne, Murray Rosenfeld, Sam Franklin, trustees.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 31, at 8 p. m. at 15122 Crenshaw boulevard in the Alondra Professional building. Guests will be welcome.

* First public schools west of the Mississippi river were established in Hawaii.

V. F. W. Buddy Poppy Is 'Flower of Remembrance'

"The purpose of our Buddy Poppy sale is to bring aid which might otherwise never come to needy veterans or the widows and orphans of veterans." So stated Frankie Brown, president of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 3251, and her Poppy Chairman Mable Moore.

This requires each year a large sum of money, the major portion of which we obtain through the annual Buddy Poppy sale. The degree of success of this yearly sale determines to what extent we can fulfill the obligation we have assumed.

Mothers of DeMolays Attend Meet

Members of DeMolay Circle met last week at the home of Mrs. Frank Schmidt on Cabrillo avenue. Mrs. Paul Findley, president, conducted the session and at its close delicious refreshments were served.

Next meeting of the group will be at 7:30 Tuesday evening, June 20 at the 'Amapola' avenue home of Mrs. Frank Paour Jr.

Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary will be able to contribute more to veterans welfare and rehabilitation than ever before. Just remember, no matter how small or how high each contribution is, it will be given from the heart in appreciation to the veterans for their aid to us, the people.



IT'S ANOTHER FIRST . . . for Mayor Bob L. Haggard, who is shown launching the annual Poppy Days sale by pinning a "remembrance flower" to Mrs. Mable Wiegand Moore's uniform lapel. Mrs. Moore, Poppy chairman for V. F. W. Auxiliary to Post 3251 is accompanied by her Auxiliary president, Mrs. Frankie Brown. Staff photo.



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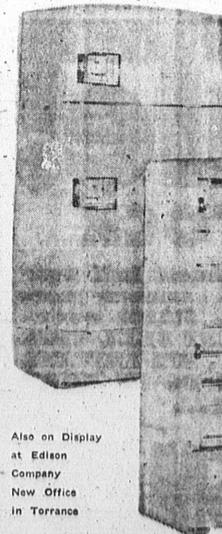
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