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GUARDSMEN LEAVE FOR CAMP COOKE

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It's no military secret—or a secret of any other kind, that the wives, children and parents of some 165 local National Guardsmen hated to see their men leave yesterday noon.

For many of the guardsmen and their families it was the second time in less than 10 years that they have been forced to say goodbye because of a global scrap.

To the 165 men, many veterans of World War II, in A Company of the 578th Combat Engineer Battalion, it was just like last time. The same bits of advice spoken through tear-soaked hankies—"Write often," "Take care of yourself, son," "Bring me back something, daddy."

As the Camp Cooke-bound Burlington busses took aboard the 100 men in the Headquarters Company at the Torrance

Municipal Airport, each window had a face of a "GI Joe" pressed against it—some were crowded with two or three—all eager to get another look. They couldn't see much out of the small windows, just weeds, with a bunch of stickers in them, some black asphalt road paving, and a kid held high in the arms of a woman whose hair kept blowing into her reddened eyes.

The buses dropped into gear. There was that high-pitched whine of the racing Diesel engine whistling from the rear vent—and that awful stench of half-burned fuel.

Said one woman, about 30, tall, wearing the familiar smock of the expectant.

"Oh, damnit."

Figure Tops All Records

Principals and teachers have been on duty at the schools throughout the Torrance Unified School District since Monday, spending a week in meetings, workshops, and preparing for the opening of school September 11.

Next Monday morning, an estimated 4300 pupils are expected to join the back-to-school parade here.

The school staff totals 192 members for the opening of school, real evidence of the fast-growing school population. School opened last year with a total staff of 153. Last year's opening enrollment was 3656 students.

The following special announcements concerning the various details of enrollment were released this week by the superintendent of schools, J. H. Hull:

Kindergarten

Any child who is 4½ years of age on or before September 1 may enroll in the Kindergarten upon presentation of an acceptable verification of birthdate. Parents are urged to register these children this week at the elementary school which they will attend to avoid the September 11 rush. A special schedule has been planned for these children during the first week of school to help them get off to a good start. Parents' cooperation in this program is essential for it to be effective.

Elementary Schools

Any child who was 5½ years of age on or before September 1, 1950, may enroll in the first grade of the elementary school. Elementary schools will include all eight grades for the first time this year. This will complete the transition from the previous Junior-Senior High combination to the accepted elementary and high school set up. Also for the first time the home-making and shop classes for upper elementary pupils will meet in the new units at Seaside and North Torrance. Pupils from the other schools will be transported by buses to these classes.

High School

The high school has been en-

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LOOK AND LIVE . . . Mayor Bob Haggard (center), dons a shiny aluminum helmet to daub the first "Don't Jay Walk" sign on the asphalt of a Torrance alley. Holding the stencil are Bob Almond (left), and Bob Simmons of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. (Herald photo).

Noted Anti-Reds Set to Speak Here

Band Director's Auto Injures Elderly Man

An 88-year-old Torrance resident was hit by an auto in a crosswalk at the intersection of Torrance boulevard and Cota avenue late Tuesday evening. Police said William H. Greene, of 704 Cota avenue, was crossing Torrance boulevard at Cota avenue after alighting from a bus there when he was struck by a car driven by James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth band.

Hospital attendants said yesterday evening that Greene was resting well and that his injuries were "not serious." Van Dyck was cited for failure to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk, police said.

City Attorney Due Back After Surgery

Expected to be back at his desk in the City Hall next week is City Attorney C. Douglass Smith who underwent an eye operation a week ago last Wednesday morning at the Seaside Hospital.

"Communism isn't a political party but is a criminal, traitorous conspiracy set to overthrow any government which opposes it by using treachery, trickery, force and violence," Alert's managing editor, Norman Jacoby, told the Herald this week.

Jacoby and Ed Gibbons, publishers of the weekly confidential newsletter on Communism and how to combat it, can be expected to repeat this with emphasis an open joint meeting of the Torrance service clubs in the Civic Auditorium at 8 p.m.

The two outspoken foes of pinkos and their fellow travelers are being brought to Torrance under the auspices of the local Kiwanis Club. They are noted throughout the West for their fearlessness in calling a spade a spade where Reds are concerned.

"We're not so worried about the Communists as we are about the ignorance, stupidity and complacency on the other side," according to Jacoby. It is their self-appointed task to wake up Californians to the fact that the communies are dangerous enemies to our way of life.

The Kiwanis Club was virtually assured a full house for the occasion when free tickets went out last week to Torrance service clubs and industries. In addition to the wide distribution there, each Kiwanian received a batch of the tickets this week to pass on to persons wanting to attend.

"No one will be turned away," according to Chief of Police John Stroh, who is handling the lecture arrangements with J. B. Scotton.

Stroh said persons without tickets will be admitted when ticket holders have been seated. There are extra tickets available, however, he emphasized. They may be secured by calling Stroh at Torrance 400.

Jacoby said this week that Alert editors wished to commend the City Council for taking action "for removing from power the Red-dominated United Public Workers Union by putting a halt to the check-off."

This is in line with earlier suggestions made by the editors in their newsletter when they recommended that city governments:

(1) Oust any Communist-controlled public workers union for any recognition or consideration by any governmental agency.

(2) Adopt a good ordinance enforcing the registration with police department or county sheriff's office of every Communist Party member in the area.

(3) Take steps to secure strict enforcement in each city and county area of all federal and state existing anti-subversive legislation by the closest cooperation with all interested state and federal agencies.

"We will make a number of suggestions on how the actions of individuals and organizations can help clean up the Red menace," Jacoby said.

400 Hear Schools Lauded

There are now 70,000 school children in Los Angeles County who are forced to attend half-day sessions, a county school official told members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee yesterday afternoon.

Speaking to the annual meeting of TEAC to welcome new teachers and faculty members to Torrance, Dr. C. C. Carpenter, assistant superintendent of schools for Los Angeles County, complimented the Torrance school district on its position relative to other districts in Southern California.

Because of its ideal position, Torrance is able to attract teachers enough to place the city above most in the number of teachers available. He went on to say that the prospect of adequate housing in this area would enhance still more the district's advantage over other districts in the county.

Dr. Carpenter also commented on the formation of the advisory committee here (TEAC), saying it had attracted national attention. He indicated that other committees were being patterned after the Torrance organization.

VOTE OF THANKS
The 400 persons present at the reception for new teachers rose in a vote of gratitude to Mrs. Evelyn Carr, retired board member. Judge John Shidler, now president of the Board of

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GRAND JURY TO WEIGH FINDINGS

Recommendations of County Grand Jury investigators concerning the last municipal election will be put before the jurors by September 20, a county official said yesterday.

Being questioned by county probers this week were election officials of Precincts 7 and 21. The investigators are attempting to unravel the mystery shrouding the tally of votes from those two precincts.

The discrepancies concern the balloting for Councilman Willis G. Blount and Victor E. Benstead, loser to Blount in a recount action by 17 votes.

The county spokesman said that he hoped the investigations would be completed by September 20. At that time, he said, the investigators would make a recommendation to the Grand Jury whether or not a Grand Jury probe would be warranted on the basis of the investigators' findings.

Copolymer Plant Set To Reopen

Battered about in big business circles this week was the rumor that the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of "Scotch Tape," would reopen the Goodyear Synthetic Rubber plant with an eventual employment of 600 persons.

Local officials of the company dodged questions about the proposed reactivation of the plant, saying that "Such statements would have to come from company officials in St. Paul."

RFC OWNED

The \$17,000,000 Vermont avenue plant was operated during the war by Goodyear Rubber Company for the Rubber Reserve — a U. S. Government agency.

The plant manufacturing synthetic rubber from butadiene & styrene, shut down in September of 1949 when the RFC decided the rubber could be manufactured less expensively in Texas.

During the war the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company operated one of the six Government-owned rubber plants in Tennessee.

TIPS-IN

That the former Goodyear plant would reopen—regardless of who the operating agents would be, tied-in with a recent development concerning the Shell Chemical plant. The latter plant, located directly across the street from the Goodyear plant,

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NO SECRET . . . Sergeant John Trippe, 2227 Andreo avenue, bids wife Ruth and daughter Cheryl Ann, 4, a not-too-dry farewell as his National Guard outfit leaves the Torrance City Park for Camp Cooke. In photo at right 19-year Tallulah (nee Nagy), a bride of three months, gives her hubby Pvt. Willard Specht, 19, the customary farewell greeting shortly before his bus left for war training camp yesterday noon. (Herald photo).

Shooting Victim Rites Set

A Torrance telephone operator will be buried today while her husband recuperates in a local hospital from a gun shot wound inflicted by his wife, who then turned the gun on herself.

The deceased is 48-year-old Grace Ashley, 1339 West 220th street, an operator in the Torrance exchange for the past six years.

Recovering in the Harbor General Hospital from bullet wounds in the lung, cheek, and shoulder is her husband, Roy Ashley, a San Pedro service station operator.

SERVICES SET

Funeral services for the former member of the Torrance Woman's Club and the Torrance Eastern Star will be held at 2 p.m. this afternoon at the Cleveland Funeral Home, 550 West 4th street, San Pedro.

Interment in Roosevelt Memorial Park will follow last rites to be conducted by Rev. Fred Ross of the San Pedro Methodist Church.

The shooting climaxed a family spat which began Friday night, Ashley told San Pedro Police. He said he awoke about 2:30 a. m. Saturday morning when he heard gun shots. He awakened to find his stand-

ing near the bed... a smoking .32-caliber revolver in her hand. He leaped from the bed to call Torrance police. It was while phoning that he first noticed feeling pain and that blood was stream-

If Your Pup Does This Trick, You'd Better Unteach It

When the first school bell of the 1950-51 fall term sounds Monday morning it will be to call back some 4300 children—but not their canine pals, the South Bay Humane Society gently reminds young dog owners.

"If your dog does the old trick of following you to school, you had better teach it a new one—to stay at home," suggests Mrs. Ralph Blonk, head of the local humane society.

All dogs must be on a leash or confined to a fenced-in yard, reminds Mrs. Blonk. Citations (just like the ones motorists receive for lead-footing the throttle) are being issued to owners of stray pups, she said.

ing from his mouth. It was then, he told police, that he realized he had been shot.

HEARS SHOT

His wife left the room and while he phoned for the police she turned the pistol to her temple, the reports indicated. She died at 11 a.m. in the Harbor General Hospital.

Ashley's call to Torrance Police was relayed to the San Pedro Police who have jurisdiction in the Shoestring Strip. The Harbor Police attempted to learn where Mrs. Ashley procured the pistol as her husband denied having seen the gun before the shooting.

ONLY SON AT SEA

The Ashley's only son, Robert, 26, of Long Beach, was at sea aboard a fishing vessel at the time of the shooting.

The deceased is survived by two sisters, Stella Bruanam, of San Pedro, and Mary Barnacle, of Culver City, and three brothers, Leslie, Herbert, and Herman Hargett of Bandon, Oregon, San Pedro, and Wilmington respectively.

Two grandsons, Donald and Richard also survive.

She was a member of the Neighbors of Woodcraft of San Pedro and the Thirty Year Club.



REGAL FELICITATIONS . . . The winners—and quite happy about it all—of the Playground King and Queen titles at the Recreation Department's open house last week were four-year-old Susan Beck (right), and two-year-old Eddie Van Dyke (left). It wasn't all smiles, though, as indicated here. A long wait on the stage during which others of the younger set were entertaining the audience, put the royal pair on edge before the evening was over. (Herald photo).