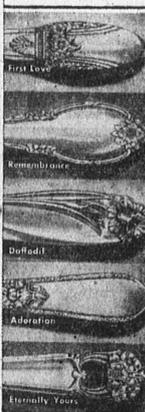


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## Felix Herrera Wins Coveted Combat Award

Cpl. Felix J. Herrera, 2164 W. 203rd St., is among the first members of the 40th Infantry Division to be awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, symbol of the front line fighting man, since the unit's arrival in Korea. The badge shows a miniature Revolutionary War flintlock rifle mounted against a blue rectangle which is surrounded by a wreath.

The 40th, a National Guard unit from Southern California, was the first organization of its kind to arrive overseas after the start of the Korean conflict. It trained for 16 months in Japan before it was committed to Korea in January.

Corporal Herrera is a member of the 223rd Infantry Regiment's Company B.



JACK WHITE AT HOME  
... Answers Some Questions

## Peninsula Homes Tour Dates Set

Third Annual Peninsula Homes Tour presented by the Palos Verdes College will be held Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19, it was announced this week.

Five peninsula homes and the homes of President and Mrs. John Howard and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weir at the college will be open.

The five homes to be opened for the April tour include those of Mrs. Donald H. Wilson, at 3808 Via Palomino; Mr. and Mrs. George A. Pope, of 3849 Paseo Del Camino; Dr. and Mrs. Harold H. Eshelman, at 13 Crest Road West, Rolling Hills; Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Yeomans, Portuguese Bend Club, and Mayor and Mrs. H. F. B. Roessler, 909 Via Coronel.

Hours of the tour are from 12 noon until 5 p.m. on the two days. Refreshments will be served at the college. Tickets will be on sale for \$1.25 at each home and at the Palos Verdes Plaza and the Portuguese Bend Club gatehouse.

Co-chairmen for the tour are Mrs. John B. McDonald and Mrs. Andrew D. Shaw.

## MICHIGAN PICNIC SLATED SATURDAY

Former residents of Michigan will meet Saturday afternoon at Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, for the annual Michigan State Association Picnic. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided, it was stated.

## Credit Union League Names Torrance Men as Leaders

Joseph R. Alden, secretary-treasurer of Enesco Federal Credit Union, serving employees of National Supply Company, was elected as vice president of the Long Beach chapter, California Credit Union League, at a business meeting recently.

He also was named as state alternate director of the league.

Credit unions from the Torrance area who were represented at the meeting included Amstar Employees Federal Credit Union, serving workers of American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp.; Columbia Steel Employees Credit Union; Enesco; Harbor Hospital Employees Federal Credit Union and the El Camino College Credit Union.

Alden, who has been serving as credit secretary for the past two years, was just reelected to his second term as secretary-treasurer of the Enesco organization at a meeting in the Legion hall here recently.

Others named to head this organization were Charles Shifler, Gardena, president; A. J. Fevrey, Los Angeles, vice president; William Hood and William Miller of Torrance, B. D. O'Neal of Hermosa Beach and Leonard Hadden, Redondo, all directors.

Albert Martin and Ernest Treloar, both of Torrance, and Clinton Cooke, Gardena, will

## Civil Defense Official Addresses Gardena PTA

George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense and first aid chairman of the Torrance Red Cross, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Gardena Elementary PTA last week.

Approximately 75 people heard Powell speak on the importance of Red Cross in Civil Defense. He stressed the importance of first aid and home nursing knowledge in the home and in the school.

# White Takes Stand On Current Issues

While the City Council election on April 8 so far seems to hinge on personalities, there are a number of issues involved which are of considerable concern to the people of Torrance.

Here Jack White, president of the highly active North Torrance Civic Improvement Association and one of the eight candidates vying for one of the three seats on the council which will be filled at the election, presents his views on a number of the issues involved.

**Q. What is your opinion of the move to annex Alondra Park and El Camino College to the City of Torrance?**

A. "I am against the annexation of both the college and the park. The City of Gardena cannot annex the college without special permission of the State Legislature, so there is no need for the City of Torrance to 'grab' the college before Gardena. Secondly, the Board of Trustees of the college have decided in an official action that the future development of the college would be put in jeopardy if Torrance annexed the school. As for the park, the residents of Torrance now enjoy all the privileges it has to offer. We would gain nothing except slight prestige if we annexed the park. We would be saddled with the expense of policing and providing fire protection for the area. These and other services the city would have to provide would cost more than \$35,000 a year—a cost which is now borne by the county.

**Q. Can you give us your views on gambling? Is there a threat that gambling interests are trying to muscle in on Torrance?**

"There is a definite threat. Gardena's laws provide for six permits for gambling halls. All six permits have been issued. Torrance, lying adjacent to Gardena, is regarded as the ideal source for additional gambling hall permits. I will vote against any legislation which would open the way for gambling halls of any type whether they be poker clubs, keno, bingo or any other form of gambling. I would vote against any change in our city ordinances which would foster the return of pinball machines and punchboards."

**Q. What is your stand on bus service for the City of Torrance?**

"The bus lines operate at a loss. The lines are subsidized by non-riders. However, the people of Torrance have voted to maintain and operate the lines. This is their wish. I will attempt to keep this loss as low as is possible while still giving the

people the service they have indicated they want."

**Q. What is your opinion of parking meters as a solution to the downtown parking problem?**

"Personally I have no objection to meters. In communities where I have visited which have meters I have usually been able to find a spot to park not too far from where I have wished to go. However, I cannot say that parking meters are the golden solution to Torrance's parking problem. City-purchased, off-street parking lots will be the solution to the problem. It is a method of providing parking spaces, however. The formation of an assessment district is another method. It may be that a combination of these and other methods may be the solution to the problem. I believe it will require considerable study before a workable solution is discovered. It is a real problem and one which I would be eager to tackle if I am elected to the council."

**Q. If you are elected what action can the voters expect from you which might affect the city tax picture?**

"I am no exception to the group of tax-bitten citizens who would like to see taxes lowered. Some of my opponents have proposed that they would install more police protection, more fire protection, an expanded recreation program, annexation of El Camino College and Alondra Park, improved bus service and free public off-street parking. They have promised to do all of this AND lower taxes. No clear-thinking citizen can really believe this possible. Especially in face of the growth of Torrance during the last two years, which has boosted the population from 22,000 to 31,550.

"However, by careful planning and budgeting I believe it possible for the city to hold the line on taxes where they will be attractive to industry, the homeowner and the small businessman."

**Q. What is your opinion of the proposed 15-year recreation program and the means**

of financing it? "I believe basically the plan is sound. There are some details which might be reevaluated, but otherwise the idea of planning for the future is a good one. The people decide they want it and I believe it should be left to them as how they wish to finance it."

**Q. You live in North Torrance. What are your campaign promises to the people of the area?**

"My promise to them is that I will give careful consideration to their problems. I promise to do just one section. As president of its home owners group I am naturally more cognizant of the problem of the area. If I am elected I would be glad to serve all of the residents of North Torrance while claiming to represent the entire city. The area as all other areas, will give careful consideration and why I would consider to be a fair share of its municipal services."

## Court to Hear Injunction Suit Against School

Hearing on the suit for an injunction against the operation of the South Bay Christian School was postponed until tomorrow when it came up in the Inglewood Superior Court earlier this week.

The Hollywood Riviera Community Association is seeking an injunction against continuation of the school on the grounds that the building does not conform with a deed restriction which makes it mandatory for all plans to be approved by the association in writing.

Basis of the action is the claim that the school is harmful to property values in the area.

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