

Specialized Civil Defense Course to be Held Today

State leaders in Civil Defense and members of industry will meet here today for a one-day, specialized training course for petroleum industry in Civil Defense.

Heading the list of visiting officials will be Worth Kidd, facility training officer for the State of California, according to George Powell, assistant director of Civil Defense for Torrance.

Kidd will be joined by Ernie Dixon, Region IX Coordinator; Adm. Robert Berry, CD director for the City of Los Angeles; and Lt. Bill Mooney, CD director for the City of Long Beach.

Other officials who will attend include representatives from the Los Angeles City Fire Dept., County Fire Dept., Sheriff's Dept. and members of the petroleum industry.

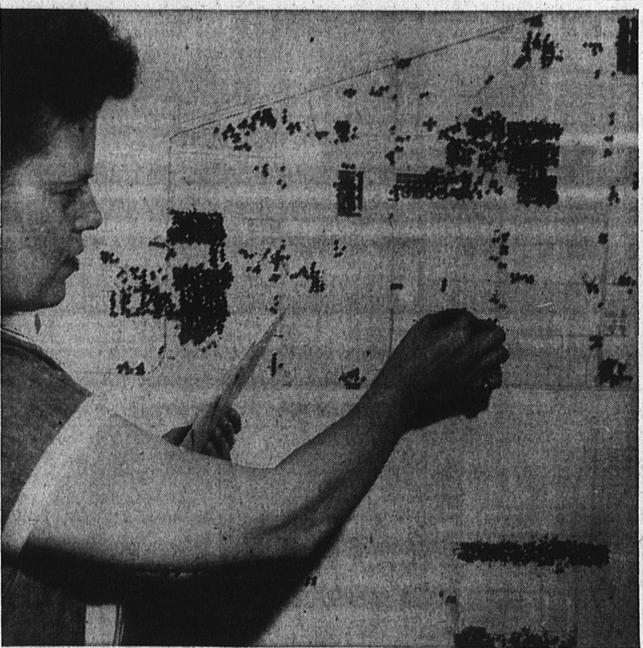
Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools and training coordinator for Area G in the State Civil Defense set up, has arranged a varied program of instruction to be given at the meeting here.

Scheduled for discussion during the day are such items as communications, attack warning systems, security standards, control centers, emergency passes, police and fire coordination, sabotage and panic control, utility squads, radiological consideration, shelters vs. shelter areas, Federal and State role in assistance, warden service, and mutual aid agreements with municipal services.

A specific time has been allotted for a question and answer period at the close of the session, Powell announced. Written questions and suggestions will be considered.

"This course will cover specific problems and procedures peculiar to the petroleum industry," Dr. Hull said to petroleum industry officials. "The subject matter will be patterned to the nomenclature and exceptional conditions associated with your industry."

The intensified course will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. today.



PINS, 6000 OF THEM . . . Red, blue and yellow pins are being placed on this map to show the places of residence of every pupil within the Torrance Unified School District. The map, to be completed this week, will aid in plotting transportation routes and determining locations for future school sites. Mrs. Ruby Rethwisch, Board of Education clerk, adds another pupil to the map.

New Air Outlet Not for Kids---

For people over 45— The Los Angeles area's newest radio station, KPOL, will aim its programming policy at listeners above the age of 45. Hugh R. Murchison, president of Coast Radio Broadcasting Corp., the first new radio outlet here since the late twenties, announced this week.

Fire Blamed On Smoker

A smoldering cigarette was blamed for a fire which destroyed a mattress and box springs in the home of George Brown, 2521 Sierra Ave., Saturday evening.

10 Torrance High Students Honored

Ten students of Torrance High School have been selected as winners of Bank of America Achievement Awards, Principal John K. Steinbaugh announced this week.

These awards are the first phase of the statewide program in which the Bank of America annually presents \$32,000 in cash and some 5000 trophies and certificates.

The awards are made to high school seniors for achievement in scholarship, leadership and promise of future success and service to society. Cup winners at Torrance High include William R. Wilcox, science and mathematics; Martha Merrill Graver, fine arts and Elvyn Higgins, liberal arts.

New Educators Map

Pins Will Point School Problems

Little colored pins, 6000 of them, are being placed on a portable map of the area included in the Torrance Unified School District by employees of the Board.

Following a plan devised by John E. Mook, district school bus superintendent, red, blue and yellow pins are placed carefully on the large map, each indicating a public school pupil.

The map, which will be completed before next week, already has been useful in charting transportation routes and showing the Board of Education where additional school sites are needed.

At a glance the concentration of pupils and their grade classifications can be determined. Red pins indicate those in kindergarten to the third grade, blue pins for fourth to eighth graders, and yellow pins for high school boys and girls.

Mook is assisted in the pin-sticking process by Mrs. Dorothy Hill, secretary to the superintendent of schools and by other clerks in their free time.

Registration cards indicating the true addresses of all pupils within the district are used to determine where the little colored pins are to be placed. Heavy concentrations are very evident in the newer Torrance housing developments.

Fast Pigeons Win Contest

A racing pigeon owned by a Torrance resident and one belonging to a Lomita citizen took first and second places when they out-flew birds from San Pedro by nearly 15 minutes in a race home from Tulare, 180 miles away, last week-end.

Charles Cod, Torrance, owned the pigeon which averaged a speed of 1160 yards per minute, or about 40 miles per hour, over the course. Charles Schlenker of Lomita entered a pigeon which captured second place when his bird averaged 1115 yards per minute on its homeward flight.

The meet was sponsored by the Harbor Area Pigeon Club. Next race will be from Fresno, about 200 miles distant, this week-end.

The cup winners will compete with other schools on April 24 before judging panels made up of civic leaders to determine zone winners. All zone winners will receive cash awards ranging from \$50 to \$1000. How much each student receives is decided by a final board of judges on May 23, when the students are interviewed at final ceremonies in Los Angeles.

Hit, Run Driver Sent to Pokey For 30-Day Term

For failing to stop after his car was involved in a traffic accident, Guy E. Allstot, Hawaiian Gardens, is spending 30 days in the county pokey.

City Judge Otto B. Willett imposed a sentence of \$150 or the jail stay after Allstot, plead guilty to misdemeanor hit-run charges.

Records show that Allstot was traveling east on Pacific Coast Hwy. and plowed into the rear end of a car at Newton St., Waltham. He then made a U-turn and headed back to Redondo Beach, police say.

Several minutes later, Redondo officers arrested the suspect in their area on a drunk charge. Allstot told Judge Willett that he was not drunk when he hit the auto in Waltham, however. He said he would be unable to pay for the damage.

Don Kelley Receives National BSA Medal

Don Kelley, for 15 years active in the leadership of Boy Scout troops in this area, was presented with a National Achievement medal at a meeting of district commissioners held Tuesday night at Harbor Junior College.

Leonard Firestone, president of the Firestone Rubber Co., who is national BSA Council president, made the presentation to Kelley. Kelley is a local realtor.

He will receive a plaque signed by the President of the United States in the near future, he was informed. The award is given to recognize the achievements of those who devote considerable time and energy to Scouting and the organization of Scout groups, it was stated.

At the same time Kelley was named as a Los Angeles area district committeeman. He is organization and extension chairman for the Torrance area Scouts and served as committee member with the Harbor Area Scouting Council.

The request must be in the hands of Ernie Dixon, Region IX Coordinator of Civil Defense, by Saturday morning, Powell said.

Pistol Packin' Bather Bothered

Prowlers, beware! Robert Getty, 1136 Maple Ave., is getting sick and tired of prowlers and Peeping Toms and is giving this fair warning.

"My wife is a crackpot shot with a pistol, and next time some guy sticks his head in the window while she's taking a bath she is going to shoot him!"

Getty issued this warning through Police Officers Harvie Turrentine and A. L. Jackson Saturday morning.

Jail Sentence Follows 85 MPH Chase By Police

Two Torrance men who were chased at 85 miles per hour down Crenshaw Blvd. by a pursuing sheriff's car, then crashed headon into a waiting auto and injured three women, were freed of robbery charges this week, but one was sentenced to spend 10 days in the County Jail.

Miguel Ynguez Jr. of 17831 Crenshaw Blvd., and Florentino G. Reyes, 24, 3634 Garnett Ave., attempted to out-run the police car which was following with red lights flashing and siren screaming, deputies charged. Heading south on Crenshaw Blvd., they turned onto Compton Ave. and smashed into an auto waiting for a signal to change, police said.

Those injured were Mary Fiffer, 21, Avalon Village; Geraldine Gates, 27, Wilmington, and Ruth Bowen, 26, Los Angeles. All were taken to Park Emergency Hospital by Jacob's Ambulance. Miss Fiffer, most seriously injured, was later transported to Seaside Hospital, Long Beach.

Deputies booked Ynguez and Reyes on suspicion of robbery after finding some items which they believed to have been stolen in Ynguez' auto.

Appearing in South Bay Municipal Court Monday, Judge John A. Shidler dismissed the robbery suspicion charge, but sentenced Ynguez to 10 days in County Jail for two traffic violations—speeding and reckless driving. His license was suspended for two months.

Cops Win PCH Auto Drag Race

John J. Kelly took part in a "drag race" along Pacific Coast Hwy. Sunday night, but he didn't win.

Two LAPD motorcycle officers did, and lodged Kelly, 19, of Hermosa Beach, in San Pedro Jail on speed charges. They pulled him over at Vermont Ave. and Highway 101.

Kelly said another driver taunted him into the race—so he accepted. Officers reported they chased him for nearly a mile. The other auto—it got away.



SWEEP BY FLAMES . . . Fire early Sunday morning gutted the front portions of this home at 1916 W. 236th St. Owner R. S. Weslowski came home to find the living room ablaze, and believing his 16-year-old step-daughter was inside, made his way through the smoke to a bedroom. He learned soon after that she was safe and sound.



MARVIN MACARTHUR . . . Named Governor

M'Arthur Named Moose Governor

Marvin MacArthur, an employee of North American Aircraft was named governor of the Torrance Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose, at an election held at the lodge hall Monday night.

He will succeed George C. Powell, who has been governor for the past year.

Elected to serve as junior governor was James Stiles. Other officers include A. Robinson, treasurer; Joseph Platt, prelate; and Gordon Jones and Ralph Fritz, trustees.

Salvage Drive Under Way Here Ends Saturday

Salvation Army Red Shield trucks are busy this week collecting castoff articles donated by Torrance residents who are participating in the annual Salvage Week campaign.

During the salvage drive, which continues through Saturday, a special fleet of trucks is calling at homes and offices for throw-away items which will be reconditioned in workshops of the Salvation Army Social Service Center which serves this area.

This will provide food, shelter and financial assistance to hundreds of men who are unable to find employment in private industry because of their handicaps.

Brigadier Ranson D. Gifford, manager, said that the Social Service Center last year provided 235,000 hours of occupational therapy, 55,350 meals, 20,145 beds and substantial financial assistance to needy and handicapped men.

He said the Salvation Army has continuing need for used clothing, shoes, furniture, bedding, dishes, electrical appliances, radios, stoves, rugs, rags and miscellaneous articles.

Daughter Arrives Later Father Seeks Girl In Blazing House

When R. S. Weslowski learned that his 16-year-old step-daughter, Nancy Jean Lovesque, was not home at 12:30 Sunday morning as she had promised, he was one happy father.

Weslowski, his wife and their two sons stopped their car in front of their house at 1916 W. 236th St. shortly after 1 a.m. and discovered that the living room was a mass of flames.

Hurriedly Weslowski rushed to the back door, flung it open and attempted to crawl into a nearby bedroom. Twice he was forced back by choking smoke and gusts of hot air.

On a third try he succeeded in reaching the bedroom. He jerked at the bed covers and realized that no one was in the bed. Weslowski made his way to the back door and was met by Nancy Jean, who had just arrived home, thirty minutes late from a party.

The father said he became violently ill from the smoke and fumes which he inhaled while inside the burning house.

By this time firemen were working to quell the flames which completely gutted the living room and front portions of the home. A piano was the only recognizable piece of furniture in the front part of the house.

Two engine companies from the headquarters station, under the direction of Fire Chief J. J. Benner, brought the fire under control within 20 minutes.

Back portions of the Weslowski home, the kitchen and two bedrooms, suffered considerable heat and smoke damage. Firemen estimated the fire had been smoldering for several hours before it was discovered.

The fire fighters were forced to don smoke masks in order to enter the burning frame house. The building and the contents were insured, reports show.

Physical Fitness Class Offered

An expanded program of physical fitness classes for men and women is being conducted under supervision of the Torrance Unified School District.

A Monday night class is for men only, while a Tuesday and Thursday night class is for men and women. Each person will receive a physical fitness program tailored to his own needs, the school board says.

The student must provide a pair of trunks, shorts or slacks, a sweat shirt and rubber-soled shoes. Towels are furnished. Activities include volleyball, weight lifting, calisthenics and basketball.

Red Cross Near Quota

The Lomita Red Cross has reached nearly 100 per cent of its \$1000 quota. It was reported this week by Mrs. C. L. Wilson, fund chairman.



GUEST . . . Jean Hersholt, familiar as CBS Radio's "Dr. Christian," will be the guest of honor at dedication ceremonies of the new South Bay Municipal Court Building, April 16. Judge John A. Shidler will preside. Mrs. Shidler, known on the radio and in movies as Rosemary DeCamp, is heard on the "Dr. Christian" program as Nurse Judy Price. The Court building is located in Redondo Beach.