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READY FOR POW-WOW . . . Part of the 200 new Y-Indian Guides inducted in mass ceremonies at the YMCA building last week are shown here beating the drums for their groups. Left to right are Phil Bradford, Bill Foster, Lester Foster, Bob Evans, and Tommy Evans. White Hawk and 20 "honest-to-gosh" Indians danced for the group later.

Tom-Toms Beat As 200 New Y-Indian Guides Join Club

The YMCA of Torrance became 200 members stronger last Friday evening when it inducted 12 new Y Indian Guides into National YMCA membership.

A colorful and authentic Indian ceremonial was conducted amid animal pelts, tom toms, feathers, colored lights, and a great deal of war paint. Hank Brewer, chief of the "Wampusti Y Indian Guide Nation," the Torrance YMCA's domain, stated that this was one of the largest mass inductions ever held on the west coast.

The wonderful part of this event is that for every young boy inducted, a dad was also brought into the program. In the Y Indian Guides, dads are members as well as their boys, and both must attend each meeting. The purpose of this phase of our local YMCA is to "Foster companionship between father and son."

Tribes Named
The ceremony was held for these new Y Indian Guide Tribes: Awanees, Tahoes, Senecas, Dakotahs, Sioux, Fox, Pawnee, Crows, Mohicans, Kickapoos, Havasupai, Gabrielenos, and Sequoias.

A second portion of the ceremony saw the Navajo Tribe graduate from Y Indian Guides into the next level of the YMCA program, Gra-Y. Each of the boys received "Graduation Certificates" for having been good Indians during their tribal life. Those receiving certificates were Buddy Isbell, Tommy Posner, Bill McGinnis, Billy Pierce, Jon Chaykoski, and Sam Van Wagner.

White Hawk Dances
Following the ceremony, the 250 dads and sons were entertained with Indian dances in full costume by White Hawk, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian, and his troupe of 20 Indian dancers.

Brewer stated that this program has grown so rapidly that the next Y Indian Guide event will have to be held either out-

of-doors or at the Torrance Civic Auditorium. "We plan to offer this wonderful experience to every dad and son in the first, second, and third grades in Torrance schools before the year is out," Brewer said. And then they'll probably have to hold their pow wows in the Coliseum.

Bob McCann Takes Part In Marine Maneuvers

Pfc. Bob J. McCann, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. McCann, of 17038 Illinois Court, participated in a amphibious ship-to-shore maneuvers with the 9th Marine Regiment of the 3rd Marine Division on the tiny volcanic island of Iwo Jima.

Highlight of the maneuver came Nov. 12 when part of the landing forces, using small landing craft, hit the beach while other Leathernecks hopped over the simulated beach defenses in helicopters to an inland site.



JOINS REALTY FIRM . . . Doris Gress has been named advertising manager and publicity director of the McCarthy Co., real estate brokerage firm with 18 branch offices in Southern California, according to James H. McCarthy, executive vice president of the firm. She will coordinate and place all advertising from the firm's branch offices in Southland newspapers, and will be responsible for publicity releases.

Contract for El Nido Park Work Approved

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced today that the board of supervisors has awarded a contract for major improvements at El Nido park to the Robert Miller construction company for \$27,899.

Work under the contract will include the construction of a public comfort station and grading to specification of a large area of the park for other improvements scheduled there later.

El Nido park is located at 182nd St. and Kingsdale Ave. and serves the people of Lawndale, El Nido, Hawthorne, Torrance and Redondo Beach.

Although the park was acquired several years ago, no major improvements were made there until recently when

Supervisor Hahn succeeded in getting approval of a new community recreation building and a number of pieces of playground equipment.

The park is a popular camping area for Boy and Girl Scouts and other youth groups. All improvements have been planned so as to preserve the primitive atmosphere of the park for the use and enjoyment of campers.

Carl J. Armagost in Field Training Test

Army Specialist Second Class Carl J. Armagost, son of Mrs. Hannah M. Armagost, 1517 W. 224th St., recently participated in "Sabre Knot," a field training exercise with the V Corps' 317th Engineer Battalion in Germany.

Specialist Armagost entered the Army in October 1954 and is assigned to the battalion Headquarters and Service Company.

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