

Vets May Draw Compensation, Disability Too

Service-disabled veterans may draw compensation from the Veterans Administration without forfeiting "after 50" disability payments from the Social Security Administration. If entitled to both benefits they will not have to sacrifice one to obtain the other; they can have both.

So says Mrs. Sara R. Evans, Director, Torrance Veterans Service Center, who points out that since July 1st totally disabled persons having the necessary Social Security coverage can collect their old age benefits at age 50 instead of waiting until they are 65 years old. The disability must be permanent.

A New Change

A last-minute change in the law struck out the limitation which would have required that other federal disability payment be subtracted from

the Social Security benefit. Had the limitation stayed in the law, it would have canceled out compensation paid to veterans for service-incurred injuries or ailments.

Fortunately, this potential injustice was erased a few days after the disability provision took effect. Enactment of Public Law 85-109 on July 17th struck out the so-called offset provision retroactively to July 1st.

Check Advised
Now that the deduction rule has been eliminated, a veteran drawing compensation may also collect the full amount of any Social Security disability pay to which he may be entitled. Veterans who were otherwise informed may check back with the Social Security office and get the matter straightened out.

However, veterans' compensation is the only benefit exempted from the off-set rule. Other VA payments which must still be subtracted from Social Security disability pay at age 50 include death compensation and VA pensions for non-service connected disabilities.

Clarification of these facts may be obtained from Mrs. Evans at 1622 Gramercy Ave.,



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PLAN ANNIVERSARY SALE... Top staff members of the Sears Inglewood Store complete final plans for the annual Anniversary Sale which opens today. Left to right are Harry Bollman, Frank Price, Marion Page, Rowena Peterson, Francis McDonald, Manager Norvel Surbaugh, Don Segale, and Vera Hamlin. All have important special assignments during the Anniversary Sale.

Sears Inglewood Opens Anniversary Sale Today

Employees of the Sears, Roebuck and Co. store in Inglewood will observe the company's 71st birthday with an Anniversary Sale from Sept. 12 to 21st.

The local store will join with more than 700 sister stores in the nationwide Sears family in staging this annual nine-day event, according to Manager N. E. Surbaugh.

"Millions of dollars worth of special merchandise has been ordered and months of preparation have gone into this event," Surbaugh explained.

Employees of the Inglewood store will be competing with

other Sears stores and store staffs from coast to coast for achievement awards during the event. Major prizes for winning stores this year include eight national awards.

Hold Special Jobs

Many veteran Sears employees are handling important assignments in connection with the anniversary celebration.

Francis McDonald will be acting store manager; Don Segale, superintendent; Rowena Peterson and Frank Price, merchandise managers; Marion Page, advertising manager; Vera Hamlin, display manager; and Harry Bollman, personnel manager.

Recalling the early days of the company, Surbaugh reported that Sears began his business career while serving as a railroad station agent in

North Redwood, Minn., receiving an unclaimed shipment of watches, young Sears began selling these watches by mail to fellow station agents.

Soon he was doing such a profitable business that he quit his railroad job and moved to Minneapolis where he opened an office.

Hires Roebuck

In 1887 Sears transferred his business operations to Chicago and hired a watchmaker named Alvah C. Roebuck to assist him in the business. Thus "Sears, Roebuck and Co." was born.

In addition to marking the company's 71st anniversary, this week's Anniversary Sale commemorates the 32nd anniversary of Sears' entry into the retail store field and the 10th anniversary for the Inglewood store.

Japanese to See General Phone Plant

The General Telephone Co. of California will play host to 12 members of the Japanese telecommunications industry for three days beginning Monday, Sept. 30, according to Edwin M. Blakeslee, company president.

The group, a productivity study team, is made up of both management and labor leaders and will be here under the sponsorship of the International Cooperation Administration. Aim of the group is to become acquainted with the telephone industry in the United States, Blakeslee said.

"General Telephone was selected by the Federal Communications Commission to illustrate the activities of the independent telephone industry," he pointed out.

The 12-man delegation will be welcomed by Blakeslee at the start of the tour. The three-day program entails a tour of the area served by the utility, as well as visits to the various operating departments, including the personnel and public relations departments.

13 Enter Council Battle Or It Is Popularity Vote

Thirteen Lomita residents want to be members of the Lomita City Council if the other residents of that unincorporated area decide to become a city in an Oct. 29 election.

Lomitans will vote on that date on the incorporation of Lomita. At the same time, they will vote for members of the City Council. If the incorporation proposal passes, then Lomita will have a city council. If it fails, the city council vote will be only a popularity contest.

Five persons filed for the office shortly before the deadline closed last Friday. Appearing on the ballot will be: Clyde Bernhardt, general contractor, 1914 W. 262nd St.; Mrs. Jean Berseith, housewife, 25018 Lucille Ave.; W. M. Brown, teacher, 25316 Ebony Lane.

Jack Bullard, contractor, 2450 W. 251st St.

A. E. "Doc" Cook, vice president, Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2, 24314 Alliene.

Ray H. Ferrin, owner, Ferrin Woodworking and Supply Co., 1233 W. 254th St.

James Giannosies, owner, Crystal Pool Motel and Trafer Park, 2270 Pacific Coast Hwy.

B. Kenneth Gibson, retired postal employe, 23402 Alliene.

George A. Larson, refinery oil gauger, 2436 W. 248th St.

Eugene E. Meyer, cement contractor, 25350 Narbonne Ave.

G. L. "Jerry" Mobley, certified public accountant, 2467 W. 253rd St.

Norris I. Perry, longshoreman, 1801 W. 257th St.

Ted Wiltz, owner, Wiltz Auto Supply Inc., 2164 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Tartar Teen Talk

Here we go again. Today marks the first day of school, and over 1100 Tartars headed for classrooms of Torrance High when the first bell rang at 7:45 a.m.

For a week now the high school administrators have been busy supplying new teachers with information on traditions, bell schedules, courses, and policy of the school.

Yesterday the student council sponsored the annual "Freshman Day" for all incoming frosh at THS. ASB President Berta Rogan was there to welcome them, as were the administrators. Purpose of the day was to associate the frosh with their new home-room teachers and to give them a look at their schedules.

The Tartar Knights, one of the school's top service clubs, were there to take the ninth graders on a guided tour of the campus.

Speaking of the Tartar Knights, Thursday they met at the YWCA as a welcoming reception committee for our foreign exchange student from Greece, Nadia Basmadjian.

Tomorrow the student newspaper, The TNT, is scheduled to be passed out to all Tartars at snack period. Last year the TNT was issued on the first day of school, a Torrance High "first."

This year another "first" for THS was a special "coffee" for the new teachers at Torrance High, under the sponsorship of

Use of Aqueduct Water Increased By 17 Per Cent

Use of imported Colorado River water in the West Coast Basin of Los Angeles County, which includes Torrance, increased 17 per cent during the 1956-57 season over the previous year.

This was revealed Monday by the California Department of Water Resources when it released its second annual report on watermaster service to the West Coast Basin area.

Ground water extractions for the past year totalled 53,857 acre-feet, approximately the same as the previous year. The report also showed that overall water use in the area during the past year amounted to 185,519 acre-feet, or an increase of about 11 per cent over 1955-56.

A rise in ground water levels resulting from the curtailment of pumping, which was affected under the program during the first year of operation (1955-56), leveled off during this past year as pumping continued at the same rate. Ground water levels remained below sea level throughout the service area, resulting in a continuation of salt water intrusion.

Watermaster service is provided to the basin by the Department of Water Resources under terms of an agreement among practically all of the major water users which was made an order of the Los Angeles County Superior Court in 1955.

the student council. This coffee was held last Thursday in one of the home economics classrooms. Coffee, tea, and orange juice were served, along with doughnuts and breakfast rolls. Each member of the council gave a brief resume of his duties, acquainting the new faculty with our student government program.

Mary Sipple, Torrance High representative for the American Field Service, is scheduled to arrive home Monday after spending the summer in Finland. She was chosen over three other candidates last year by the AFS, who based their choices on such things as scholarship, achievement, maturity, friendliness, character, ability to adjust to new situations, and a sincere interest in the American Field Service.

Mark Caldwell, our vice principal of administration, was recently named to the office of president of the Bay League Council, representing our school. Torrance High moves into the presidency for one year, after which the office will rotate to another school. According to Mr. Caldwell, the purpose of the league council is to "promote better relationships between the schools, and to openly discuss school problems." The council is made up of a cabinet and a representative from each school.

Our varsity football team started workouts last week, preparing for the upcoming season that begins Sept. 27 with the game against Ventura High, here.

A new grid team will be added this year, the C's, following the example of Redondo and Mira Costa. In time, the league schools all may have C football teams and organize an extra league for them.

Kindergarten Pupils Start 'Gradually'

Youngsters who enter kindergarten for the first time today will be able to get used to the idea of school gradually.

They are divided into thirds and for the first two days attend school with their parents in a one-hour session. For the first time, the whole class meets together, without parents, in a two-hour session. The full three-hour sessions start on the fourth school day.

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