



RESERVISTS VISIT NEVADA . . . Weekend warrior George Ballantyne of 22229 Warm-side, center, and two El Segundo fellow reservists, Larry Hamilton, left, and Eugene Wray, right, recently spent 10 days in Fallon, Nev. with their squadron, VF 777, where they completed two weeks of active training duty which began five days previously at Los Alamitos Naval Air Station. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)

School Questionnaires Save Taxpayers' Money

SCHOOL Questionnaire 2/24. Every three months, Junior comes home from school with a questionnaire asking where Mom and Pop work. Many Torrance parents may ask, "Why should the schools care what we do?"

The reason the schools do care is because the answers on those questionnaires have saved Torrance taxpayers nearly \$5.5 million during the past seven years and provided classrooms for nearly one-sixth of the children in local schools. This year, answers on the questionnaires have kept local tax bills 11 cents lower per \$100 assessed valuation.

Purpose of the questionnaire is to determine how many parents are employed in federal work or in federally-connected industries. Two federal "aid-to-school" laws provide funds to local school districts on the basis of the number of parents employed in such work. In Torrance, parents of about 3000 children are in this category.

DURING THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, the Torrance Unified School District has received from the federal government:

1. More than \$4.4 million in building funds, which were used to build most of South High School, a classroom wing at Walteria School, and all of Wood, Steele, Crenshaw, and Carr Elementary Schools. This money provided classrooms for nearly 3800 students, about one-sixth of the current enrollment.
2. More than \$1 million in funds for the annual current operating budgets of the district. The annual allotment this year will provide about \$203,000. Without this federal grant, local tax bills would be about 11 cents higher per \$100 assessed valuation.

SOME 3000 STUDENTS—about one-seventh of those currently in school—have parents who work in eligible jobs at

such places as Douglas Aircraft, Ft. MacArthur, the Long Beach Naval Shipyard, and others.

Money for current operating expenses (annual costs of running the educational program) is given to the district each year, based on the number of parents in federal jobs. The questionnaires are needed to determine the number of parents.

BUILDING FUNDS from the federal government are given only to school districts which have used up their own building money and still do not have enough classrooms for all students. Torrance is getting help from the state loan program, but still has nearly 4000 students on double session.

Federal funds, unlike the state loan funds, do not have to be repaid.

"The federal government, along with other industries and employers, has recognized its responsibility for supporting children," Superintendent J. H. Hull noted. "The Board of Education and school officials are grateful that parents take the time to fill out those questionnaires."

The district currently has an application for an additional \$1,900,000 in federal building funds. Although officials aren't sure that the application, which would be used to complete South High and begin West High, will be approved, they feel it is "worth a try."

Calle Mayor Class Receives Letter From Ike

Mrs. Jane Choppe's class at Calle Mayor School has received a letter from President Eisenhower's office, thanking them for sending him Robert Koppensteiner's design for a 49-star American flag.

Robert's design was voted the best of all those in his fifth and sixth grade class and sent to the president.

Wilton B. Persons, assistant to the president, sent the letter to the class, thanking them for sending in the design. More than 1900 suggestions already have been received, he said, and the president has appointed a commission to recommend a new flag. The new design will be announced shortly and will go into effect next July 4.

Robert's winning design was a rather radical departure from the present Old Glory, with the stripes arranged in a triangle and the stars in two smaller triangles. The whole class project arose out of discussions about the admission of Alaska to the union.

Pensioned Vets To File IBM Income Cards

Veterans Service Officer Mrs. Sara R. Bridges today called the attention of pensioned veterans, their widows and children to the fact that income questionnaires being sent out this year are in the form of an IBM card.

It is most important, she stressed, that recipients do not bend, staple, pin, cut or tear the card, in order that the Veterans Administration may machine process it accurately. The check-size questionnaire cards must be filled out completely and accurately. Mrs. Bridges said that she will be glad to assist veterans or their survivors in doing this. Her office is at 1622 Gramercy Ave.

By "child," the VA means an unmarried person under 18 (or under 21 if attending an approved school), unless before the age of 18 the child becomes permanently incapable of self-support because of mental or physical defect, Mrs. Bridges pointed out.

Service Officer Bridges emphasized that cards must be returned to the VA within 30 days from the date shown in item 1 on the card, or pension payment will be discontinued.

Board Wants Victor Tract In School District

Recommendation of a plan to bring the Victor Tract into the Torrance Unified School District was voted by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

The board voted to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors, which sets the school boundaries, approving the transfer of the area from the Redondo Beach elementary and South Bay high school districts into the Torrance Unified School District. The area was annexed to the city of Torrance in 1956, but remained a part of the Redondo School Districts. Redondo and South Bay board already have recommended the change.

A majority of the residents of the area have petitioned the County Superintendent of Schools to transfer the area to Torrance.

ALTHOUGH THE annexation will mean more children and another elementary school to be built, the board indicated that it felt that the boundaries of the city and the school district should be the same, if possible.

Since a new elementary school will be needed for the area, it probably would be to the district's advantage to be able to obtain the site now, before land values increase. The site for proposed West High School is located in the Victor Tract.

The area should be a financial asset to the district, according to indications for future development, Superintendent J. H. Hull told the board.

The Board of Supervisors must approve the change in boundaries by Feb. 1, if the area is to become a part of the Torrance school system for the 1959-60 school year.

The Victor Tract is bounded by Torrance Blvd., Del Amo, Hawthorne, and the Redondo Beach boundary.

OPENS NEW OFFICE

Ryan Aeronautical Co. this week announced establishment of a military relations office at Huntsville, Ala.

YMCA Sponsors Boys' Outings Next Weekend

Climaxing the tail end of the winter vacation for Torrance schoolboys in the six to 12 age bracket will be two all-day outings sponsored by the YMCA next weekend.

Known as the Snow Moon Fun Club, the Y-sponsored group will spend Friday, Jan. 2, in the snow near Mt. Waterman, where sledding, tobogganing, and snow men will be the order of the day. The group will visit Pacific Ocean Park on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Boys interested in joining the club are invited to contact the YMCA, 2080 Washington Ave., FA 8-1272.

Seaside Men Elect Slate

Officers were elected by the Men's Fellowship of the Seaside Community (E & R) United Church of Christ at a dinner meeting held Tuesday, Dec. 16 at the church, 239th and Ocean Avenue.

Elected to serve for the 1959 calendar year were: Harry Dice, president; Nick Evans, vice president; Dean Fisher, secretary, and John Moss, Sr., treasurer.

Serving the Chinese dinner were the following ladies of the Women's Guild: Mmes. Roger Schriefer, Roy Burt, Andy Dolan, and Elmer Peterson.

Plans are under way to enlarge the scope of the Fellowship during the coming year.

FREEDOM GAINED

Negroes in the Virgin Islands gained freedom from slavery in 1848.



MOVES UP . . . Gerald A. Woods, division traffic superintendent for the General Telephone Co. in Pomona, has been named public relations supervisor for the firm in Santa Monica. He will succeed Stan Prather who is being assigned as public relations director for the firm in Illinois.

'Do It Today' Pleads T. B. Seal Chief

Two hats were worn by Postmaster Otto K. Olesen today as he made a "Do It Today" plea for county residents to answer their Christmas Seal letters in an effort to reach the county TB control goal.

Olesen, official guardian of the mail in Los Angeles, is also volunteer chairman of the 1958 Seal Sale here which is conducted entirely by mail. The campaign is now \$350,000 short of its \$850,000 goal.

"Let's make our contribution to tuberculosis control now," Olesen urged, "and put our Christmas Seal money to work on the vital program of combating this public health menace."

Christmas Seal funds support programs to find dangerous active cases of TB, and provide medical research, rehabilitation services and health education for prevention.

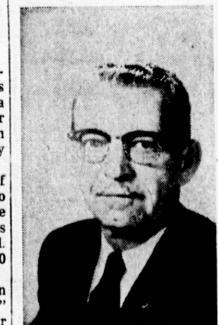
To Present Cash Bonds

A new wrinkle in fostering thrift and savings features 189 free \$100 cash Savings Awards to be given by American Savings and Loan Assn. during their giant January Savings event, starting Jan. 2.

\$100 Savings Awards will be presented every weekday at noon at each of the nine local American Savings offices, a total of over \$18,900 to be awarded to lucky ticket holders. Winners' names will be immediately posted in the office windows.

As an additional factor in stepping up savings, a double award will be made to American Savings account holders of \$25 or more.

Registration will begin Jan. 2 in all American Savings offices, and will be limited to one person, to be fair to all. Only one award can be made to a winner, and the winner does not have to be present to win. The contest is open to everyone 18 or older.



HONORED . . . William Shannon of 21400 S. Harvard St., a stock clerk in the turbomachinery laboratory at the Garrett Corp.'s AIRESEARCH Mfg. Div., was recently presented with a diamond pin on his 15th anniversary with the firm.



OPENS HERE . . . Rosalie Stephenson, the "Princess of Hawaiian Melodies," opened a two-week singing engagement last Sunday at the Polynesian Restaurant in Walteria, marking her first appearance in the United States.

INDIAN SHOWS ART

Kee-Yi-Onny-Bayeh, Navaio artist, creator of unique Southwest Indian designs, will show paintings, ceramics, and contemporary jewelry at the Open Gallery, 335 Culver Blvd., Playa del Rey, in a one-man show opening Saturday, which will continue until Jan. 18.

TREE FARMS

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