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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Koehr, ices, communications and trans-
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now serving with the Korean on the peninsula.
Base Section.
The base section controls with the 8226th Army Unit, en-
most of the rear-area units tered the Army in March 1952.

VACATION

John Barrington and family,
of Torrance are stopping at El
Rancho Vegas during a brief
vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada.

IT WERE better to be of no
church than to be bitter for
any.—Penn.

P-T-A Board Celebrates Christmas

The Christmas decorations in the home of Mrs. Ray Groover, president of Harbor City P-T-A, aided in the spirit of the season by all executive board members attending a combination board meeting and Christmas party, Wednesday, December 9. Mrs. Leland Van Buren and Mrs. James Alexander, were the co-hostesses during the luncheon. The business session was conducted by Mrs. Groover. The board voted to send \$5 to the Lomita, San Pedro Council for the exceptional children's fund; and \$2 to the Banning Homes Students for their Christmas party.

Mrs. Michael Travers and Mrs. G. S. Andreotti, were appointed as chairmen of the committee to plan the 46 graduation party. Mrs. Lewis Learnard, parent education chairman, announced a change of starting date for the child study groups to be conducted by Mrs. Beatrice Woodbridge at the Harbor City School auditorium. They will begin January 11, instead of January 4, as previously announced.

Paper Drive
Mrs. Corliss Coleman, ways and means chairman, announced a paper and rag drive to be held Wednesday, January 12th, at the school. A movie will be the reward for each child bringing in newspapers, magazines or rags.
The next association meeting will be Thursday evening, December 17, at 7:15 p.m. in the school auditorium. The annual Christmas program put on by the students will highlight the evening.

Attending this gathering were: Mmes. Ray Groover, James Alexander, Leland Van Buren, Ray Leino, D. G. Cheek, G. Andreotti, Robert Kinsey, Glenn Allen, Michael Travers, Carl Gregory, Richard Seden, Eva Snow, Corliss Coleman, Lewis Learnard, Kay Hamasaka, Charles Hillzer, Stephen Silkoteh, Harry Baillie, Avis Creech and James Triffon.

Perry Play Schedule Announced

Torrance Recreation Department has just announced that there will be a Christmas vacation recreation program carried on at the Perry Elementary School, 17831 Prairie Avenue. The program, featuring sports and athletics for boys and girls, will be offered to the neighborhood children on the school playground from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day beginning Saturday, December 19 with the exception of Sundays, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day when the playground will be closed.

Robert Blevins and Jim Williams, both school teachers at the Perry School, will be the recreation directors in charge of the program. Blevins expects to see a large turnout of youngsters over the holidays because of the large numbers who have been attending the Saturday recreation program that is being offered during the school week.

Last Saturday, December 5, over eighty youngsters were on the grounds when the cameramen, making a colored movie of the City of Torrance, came out to shoot pictures of the popular recreation program. The fame and success of the program, conducted by Blevins, has spread to nearby communities and many people are beginning to inquire about the program.

Donna Wolf Places In Tournament

Four students from Santa Barbara College of the University of California placed in the Southern California Championship Speech Tournament held Friday and Saturday at Pepperdine College. It was announced

Adult Club Constitution Awaits O.K.

The Torrance Recreation Commission is studying the recently completed draft of the Torrance Adult Club Constitution and By-Laws. A copy of the Constitution has been sent by the Commission to City Attorney James Hall for his legal opinion. As soon as his opinion is available, the Commission will hold a special meeting on the matter before forwarding the Constitution on to the City Council for its final approval. The proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Torrance Adult Club, now is being organized, was presented to the Torrance Recreation Commission for its approval last Thursday night, December 10 at a special meeting of the Commission.

Darwin Parrish, Chairman of the Commission, noted that since the formation of an Adult Club in Torrance was announced, a great number of new faces have been seen around the Adult Center on Cravens Avenue. "A lot of new interest has been shown in the activities of the Center in the last few weeks," says Parrish, "and it looks like the Adult Club is going to be one of the most popular of the new activities of the Recreation Department."

The Committee which was selected by the adults who attend the Center to work on the Constitution and By-Laws, consisted of Mrs. Iris Steffen, Harlan Haynes, Chris Jones, Guy High, and Claude Martin. Martin was chairman of the Committee, and Harry Van Bellehem, Director of Recreation, acted as advisor to the Committee.

by Dr. Upton S. Palmer, assistant professor of speech and debate director.

Donna Wolf of 21084 Halldale avenue, Torrance, tied for third place in the women's lower division discussion event.

'Destination Jail' Patrol Warns Drivers

"Every drunk driver we find is going right to jail!" This warning was issued by California Highway Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell at the conclusion of a conference held here with commanders of the Patrol's three geographic zones. Plans were discussed for the most effective deployment of uniformed personnel during the Christmas and New Year's holidays which are barely two weeks away.

"Since Christmas and New Year's both fall on Friday and many parties will start as early as noon Thursday the weekends will be extra long," Caldwell observed.

"Unfortunately it means the danger will be greater as many people will attempt long trips and others will attempt to drive after drinking. This combination can lead to disaster. One sure way to prevent much of this danger is to take the suspected drunken drivers out of circulation, and this we are going to do," he declared.

Organized traffic checks will be carried out at various strategic locations throughout the state during the holiday season.

"These spot checks will be under the jurisdiction of the commanding officers in the various areas and, beside apprehending the drunks, are intended to deter potential violators from breaking the law," Caldwell explained.

Mrs. Worthy Paralyzed By Crash

Violet Worthy, a comely resident of Sacramento, has been selected by the California Highway Patrol as a symbol of safety for this year's Patrol Holiday Traffic Safety Program.

Mrs. Worthy, the mother of two children, ages 12 and 15, maintains her home, cares for the children, and also attends business college. She performs these daily tasks from a wheelchair.

"I'm delighted to have a chance to help, and if my efforts will save even one person from spending a lifetime in bed, or in a wheelchair, I will have been well rewarded," she said when invited to participate in the safety program.

Nine years ago, on a foggy night outside Santa Rosa, the car in which this young woman and her two small children were riding left the highway and plummeted down a 180 foot embankment. Though she never lost consciousness, she suffered a broken back and was hospitalized.

Months later following surgery, she was finally informed that she would never walk again.

"I hope people will realize, when they start to take unnecessary chances, that an accident doesn't always end when the glass is swept off the street. A fraction of a second can change an entire lifetime," she commented.

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PRODUCTION INCREASED

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With its production capacity rated at more than 60,000,000 pounds per year this new plant is the first to come into production of the three new polyethylene plants announced earlier this year; the largest expansion program in the history of the plastic industry, according to Dr. Davidson.

BOWLS FLY FAST AND HEAVY...

The North Torrance Rams flag football team gave a good demonstration of fast charging and body blocking recently at McMaster's Park. Roger Snell, Jerry Campbell and Joe Campanizzi led the attack to the Bean Bowl. Tommy Koehn gave a good block to Jimmy Snell to gain possession of the hot meat loaf. Not to be outdone, Darryl Hayden intercepted the salad bowl from his brother Ronnie. Jack Campbell recovered the Macaroni dish when Tom Alexander fumbled. Mel Wagner got in Dowdson stole the pickle jar and ran 20 yards to the table. Jimmy Breitenfelt, team mascot, helped his team also.

Bringing up the rear and dividing the spoils were the parents of the team. "Red" Moon and his wife also were present at the kick off. Les Breitenfelt, volunteer team coach was given an award for his work with the boys during the past football season.

James Snell presented the team with a huge cake that was laid flat by a god tackle by everyone.

The boys and parents enjoyed the films of the Los Angeles Rams games of 1952 to climax the eventful evening.

The score was the closing pot-luck dinner given by the parents to the boys in North Torrance who just completed a successful season in the Recreation Department Flag Football League. The North Torrance Rams tied for second place with Greenwood with a 5 win 2 loss record in the league.

CITY HALL SHAKEN UP

Offices in the city hall are being rearranged to provide more and better working area for officials and employees. "Operation Big Switch" is almost completed now.

Space formerly occupied by the city court is being converted into offices for City Mgr. George Stevens, City Treasurer Harriet Leech, Juvenile Officer D. C. Cook and a conference room.

The office now used by Stevens will be occupied by City Engineer Donald Bishop and Assistant City Engineer John Patrick.

Besides benefitting these officials, the move will provide more working space for draftsmen and other workers in the engineering and building departments.

The rearrangement is expected to be completed by the end of this week.

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