

AIR RAID SIGNALS EXPLAINED

"Up-to-date information on air raid siren signals was received today by Captain Karney from Howard Earl, County Civil Defense Director." Deputy William Kennard, Mutual Aid District Civil Defense coordinator, said.

Captain Karney, who heads the Lennox Sheriff Station for Sheriff E. W. Biscalluz, is commander of the Lennox Mutual Aid Station.

"At present only one signal—the 'take cover' (red alert) signal—will be used in Los Angeles County. This is a 3-minute wailing signal," he emphasized.

"When a dispersal plan is ready and more warning time can be expected, the new FCDA 'alert' signal—meaning to disperse or evacuate—will be adopted by the County," he added.

The Federal Civil Defense Administration, on March 4, 1955, adopted these two new civil defense action signals to be sounded by public warning devices and abolished the former "all clear" signal. The State has discontinued further siren tests until a new test signal is developed.

"It will always be wise to turn on your radio when the sirens sound," Deputy Kennard concluded.

Class For Umpires Scheduled

Plans have been made for a softball umpire training course to qualify new umpires for certification into the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Umpires' association and to recertify those who qualified in last year's test.

The program is being organized by the Harbor Division of the Los Angeles City Park and Recreation department in conjunction with the Torrance Recreation department.

Sessions on the mechanics of umpiring and rules interpretation will be held in San Pedro during the evenings of April 13 and April 20. Field tests are to be given to all candidates at Torrance Park April 27.

All persons in this area who are interested in becoming members of this umpires' association are urged to register with Elmer "Red" Moon, Torrance city director of athletics, at the Torrance recreation office, 1347 El Prado, Torrance, or phone FA. 8-4108 for further information.

Edgar Wood With Army In Germany

Pvt. Edgar Wood, whose wife, Theresa, lives at 23617 Park st., Torrance, recently participated in an army winter training maneuver in southern Germany with the 5th Infantry Division.

Cold weather fighting and survival were emphasized in the exercise, part of the division's year-round training program.

Private Wood, an automatic rifleman in Company G of the division's 11th Regiment, entered the army in March 1953 and completed basic training at Fort Dix N. J. He arrived in Europe the following August.

Wood is the son of Nelson Wood, 74 Meadow st., Wilhamantic, Conn.

Local Girl In \$1000 AID Contest

Martha Gruver of 5411 Carol drive, Torrance, has been accepted as an entrant in the 1955 Student Design contest sponsored by the Southern California chapter of the American Institute of Decorators, according to contest chairman Adele Faulkner.

Miss Gruver, 20, is a third year student at UCLA. She is one of the 110 students enrolled in Southern California and Arizona colleges who qualified for the competition.

First prize award is a trip to Europe or a \$1000 scholarship to the school of the winner's choice.

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