48-HOUR SURVIVAL TEST will be taken by Gregg Hornaday (l) and Jack McNeil.

Two Local Explorers Win New Mexico JLT Training

Two boys from the local area have won the coveted 36-day Junior Leader Training course at Philmont, New Mexico. Eagle Explorer Jack McNeil, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. McNeil of 2475-D Torrance blvd., was named top junior leader of the Harbor District, and Eagle Explorer Gregg Hornaday, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hornaday of 2614 Zephyr, Harbor City, was second top junior leader of the district.

Jack is a member of Explorer Post 219x, and attends Junipero Serra high school. Gregg is a member of Explorer Post 569x, and attends Narbonne high school. The boys will leave for the 127,000 acre camp, the largest boys' camp in the world.

Three Other Winners

Three other local winners will represent the Harbor area at the Boy Scout camp at Arrowhead. They are Ronald Walters of Post 315x, Torrance; Billie Joe Haslam of Troop 218, Lomita; and Eugene Polson of Troop 785, Torrance.

Only two boys from the entire Harbor area, however, are selected for the strenuous Philmont course. Explorers from all over the U.S. and foreign counties attend the New Mexico camp each summer. The training consists of 36 days of rugged training in hiking, camping, scout skills, and leadership techniques.

Equal to 4 Years

The 36-day training at Philmont is equivalent to four years of Scouting. After the first week the JLT bids goodby to civilization . . . no more fresh meat, milk, eggs, vegetables, or fruit. Some hikes reach 11,600 ft. altitude with encounters of rain, hail, and night temperatures dropping to 35 degrees. Carrying no tents, the boys must use real ingenuity to stay dry.

48-Hour Survival

The most rugged portion of the training is the 48-hour survival. After 2 days of training the JLT are divided into groups of 4. Wearing regular clothes with no jackets or ponchos, each carries a knife, and one an axe. The only provisions are 1 cup of sugar and ½ cup of salt solely for flavoring.

No fish hooks, matches, or string is carried as they proceed to remote areas where they must survive for two days and nights. The first job is to build a shelter and a fire. And then, of course, the hunt is on for food.

The climax of the adventurous trip is the celebrated Philmont Buffalo Dinner to which parents and famliy of the boys are invited.

Realty Women Hold Meeting

The Women's Division of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors held its dinner meeting last Friday evening at the Ding How Cafe. Highlighting the meeting were the reports of Wilma Castig, Kathleen Kennelly, and Eileen Baker, on the CREA convention in Hawthorne which they had attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Earl Edelen, of 1517 Plaza Del Amo, announce the birth of a daughter, Sandra, weighing 8 pounds and 6 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle A. Watkins, of 2707-D Sonoma St., announce the birth of a son, Lee Matthew, weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces.

Alter to Head New Company

At the first meeting of the board of directors of the newly formed Torrance building maintenance company, Gerald L. Alter was elected president, C. J. Burroughs, vice president and Jack D. Taylor, secretary.

This new corporation whose main objective will be to buy run-down property and fix it up for rental or for sale, will be managed exclusively by Alter Realty & Insurance, local realtors.

Gerald L. Alter is also president of Alter Realty & Insurance, Alter Building Company, and vice president of Leads, Inc. C. J. Burroughs who lives in Wilmington is a painter who is well know in this area. Jack D. Taylor is accountant for the Alter enterprises.

BPW INSTALLS

Virginia Beck, Harbor section chairman of the Business and Professional Woman's Club, was installing officer at the recent 1955-56 investing of officers held by the Redondo Beach BPW at Smith Brothers Fish Shanty. Assisting in the installation was Lily Anthony, junior past Harbor section chairman.

Also present from the Torrance BPW was Bess Tufts, Harbor section hostess.

The next regular business meeting will be held June 6 in Torrance City Hall.

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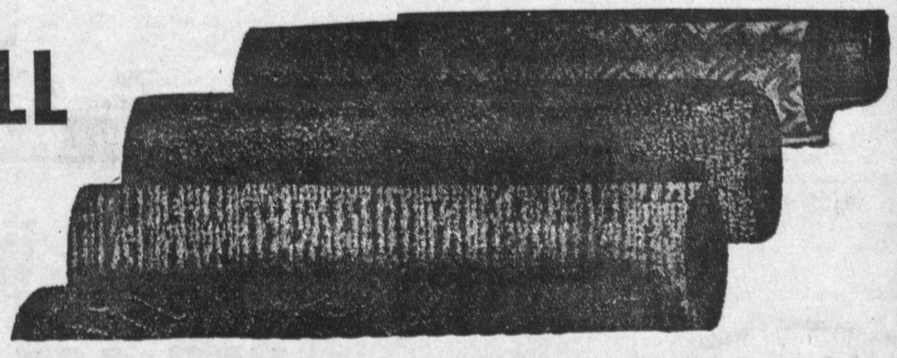

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