

Legion Fells Longren '9', Smith Stars

Gordie Smith, third baseman and manager of the American Legion softball team was the toast of all his teammates and team followers following last Monday's game with the league leading Longren Aeros.

Gordie smacked a seventh inning two-run homer to left field to pull the contest out of the fire with a 3-2 win and keep his team's championship hopes alive with a mathematical chance for the title.

A Pittsburg Paint victory over Longren in next Monday's game at Torrance Park would create a three-way tie for the top spot, providing the Legion crew wins over the weak Watteria B.M.C. in the second game that evening.

In the event the teams will flip for a bye and the two losers will play one game for the right to meet the bye winner in a one game playoff for the City Championship.

However, a Longren victory Monday will give them the championship laurels and possession of the Perpetual Trophy for one year. Bert Kuhn's Marine Clerk Team were last year's winners.



TOWARDS YOUTH: The National Supply company is one of aign. Sidney Staxrud (left), fund raising campaign chairman, the latest contributors to the local YMCA 1955 fund raising campaign commented to Scott Albright (right) superintendent of industrial relations, "This \$200 check from National is received with utmost gratitude by YMCA."

ZCs Back Guard Unit Civic Plans

Phil Lisman, president of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, revealed today that

the club has unanimously gone on record as backing the local National Guard Unit, Company E, in many community and civic projects.

The JCs will co-sponsor events of various kinds for the youth as well as the adults of this area, Lisman said.

He added that the community is very fortunate to have a guard unit and armory here.

60 Torrance Guardsmen Ready for Encampment

Sixty men, comprising Torrance's Company E, California National Guard, will leave Saturday, August 13, for two weeks of summer field training at Camp Roberts, California.

The company will embark from the Torrance armory under the command of Capt. Douglas J. Horlander late Friday evening, in convoy, taking all its trucks and equipment. The convoy will rendezvous with other guard elements en route to Camp Roberts.

Mayor's Day

Thursday, August 18, will be mayor's day, and Torrance's Mayor Al Isen will be picked

up at the Torrance airport in a special army transport and flown to Camp Roberts to review the local company and be feted at a special company party that evening, Capt. Horlander said.

Gov. Goodwin Knight as commanding general of the California National Guard will inspect the Division in an annual governor's day parade.

Regular Troops

Capt. Horlander pointed out that summer camp is the one big chance each year for the Guardsmen to work and live together like regular army troops. While attending summer camp the men will learn how

it feels to be a part of an engineer company on active duty. For the ex-GIs in the unit it will be old sturr, for the new recruits it will be an entirely new experience, he stated.

The activities during these two weeks, which end August 27, will be a varied assortment of engineering training such as actually building a bridge, setting off different types of explosives, operating many types of heavy construction equipment, building field fortifications, as well as attending many special schools on engineering subjects. There will be the many types of combat training, drilling and marching.

What Next?

A jack-rabbit was observed chasing sea-gulls along the Hermosa beach, according to South Bay Humane society.

Capt. Douglas Horland, chief of the local guard unit, disclosed that it is customary for the guard to work closely with service clubs and that armory facilities are always available for civic functions.

The armory is a federally owned and operated facility, administered under state control. It is available, for a rental fee, to any organization in the community, the captain said.

STEELE SCHOOL WILL OPEN ON TIME, BUT...

Construction of the Steele elementary school was behind schedule, with the possibility that some work will still have to be done after the children return to school in September.

A number of factors seemed responsible and a few conflicting reports were given the Torrance Press upon investigation.

Edward T. McGourty, business agent and secretary of the Tile Setters union, denied that a lack of tile setters was the cause for the delay.

"The problem is not with labor but with the tile firm," he said, claiming that the necessary tile was not always available. He indicated that school construction received top priority with the union.

Thinks Otherwise

Frazer McIntosh of Select Tile co. was of a different mind. "There is a definite shortage of tile setters," he exclaimed. "The tile is available."

He claimed that there were not enough tile setters to handle the vast amount of construction jobs during the summer.

He also said that construction strikes threw the building program off schedule and that "we're the ones who suffer because we are on the tail end of the construction game."

"We'll let any job in town suffer rather than hold up a school," he concluded.

School Report

In a report to the Board of Education, Dr. J. H. Hull stated: "The contractor has experienced considerable difficulty in obtaining ceramic tile layers, and also sufficient electricians to keep the job moving on schedule."

"A call was made to Mr. McGourty of the tile layers' union and he promised to assist the tile subcontractor in obtaining additional tile layers to keep the job moving on schedule."

Hull also informed the board that "we shall move into Newton, North High, and Steele under very adverse conditions, since construction will still be in progress at all three sites at the opening of school."

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MISSING: Original Chief High Trader, flagpole sitter at the Twin Pontiac agency, 505 Pacific Coast Highway, Hermosa, shown in center with Robert and Richard Greenwald, disappeared from his perch last Thursday. A new sitter went up the next day and now has eight days towards beating the present world's record of 196 days.—Adv.

What Does Flagpole Sitter Do?

Have you wondered what a flagpole sitter does while sitting on top of a 65 foot pole?

"I like to read and listen to records," Chief High Trader,

Hermosa Beach's flag pole sitter, stated today. "My problem is that I have read all the magazines and books I have and I'm tiring of the records I have. I would sure appreciate it if anyone would bring me more magazines—any kind and more records—any kind."

Chief High Trader's pole is located at Twin Pontiac at 505 Pacific Coast Highway in Hermosa Beach.

Visitors may talk to the chief by skyphone at the bottom of the pole. Kids will receive a souvenir photograph.

Donors of photograph records are able to hear the records along with all those he plays through a public address system which throws the music up and down the Pacific Coast Highway. (Adv.)



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Hershey and Miss Whitley worked together on Torrance high school productions where he was her teacher.

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The set, depicting the warden's office of a state prison, was impressively constructed by Herman Boodman.

The lighting, which effectively produced the mood, was handled by Guy Hight and John Stimbach.

The cast gave a very realistic and dramatic performance of a "heavy" plot. Ramon Davis played the part of the warden and handled the part capably. Terry Baker was impressive in his role as the priest who

came to administer the last rites to the condemned man.

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