



TESTING FOR RADIO-ACTIVITY

Charles Deck (r), county deputy for Civil Defense, demonstrates the use of a Geiger counter for detecting minute radio-activity (20 milli-Roentgen) while George Powell, assistant Civil Defense director for Torrance, studies an ion chamber which tests up to 500 Roentgen. An area which radio-activity contains 600 Roentgen or above is immediately fatal. Residents should not stay in an area above 25 Roentgen.—Press Photo

Civil Defense, First Aid Classes Scheduled Here

Charles Deck, county deputy for Civil Defense will conduct classes in a combination Civil Defense and First Aid course for citizens in the Torrance area starting Tuesday, February 19, at 2761 West 190th st., in the Church of the Brethren social hall.

Top county authorities in the field of Civil Defense will assist on different Tuesday evenings.

Capt. Cecil A. Conley of the County Fire dept. will discuss the quickest methods of putting out fires and prevention measures.

Edward Pia, head of the Sheriff's disaster law-enforcement services from Culver City to Long Beach area, will discuss law-enforcement's role in disasters and how trained Civil Defense wardens can assist.

Robert Dailey, health educator of the Disaster Public Health and First Aid Services, will deal with the problems involving natural and war-born disasters.

Larry Crow, of the Welfare Department will instruct in the handling of mass care of people displaced from their homes, and deal with the important part the volunteer warden service plays in assisting the small permanent staff.

Deck said that there will be a 25 minute motion picture each session demonstrating the subject at hand.

At the conclusion of the series scheduled for six Tuesday nights, Civil Defense certificate and a first aid certificate will be awarded. Students who find it necessary to miss a Tuesday session which they wish to make up, can do so on Wednesday nights at the Richard Dana school, 135th st. and Aviation ave., in the Lawndale area.

Deck graduated over 100 Civil Defense wardens on January 8 in the Inglewood-Lennox area and says that since then many requests have come in from the Torrance area which is the reason for the present class.

Refreshments are served at each session and the public is urged to attend.

NTCIA Takes Stand on Civic Center Issue

Members of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. went on record opposing the condemnation of acreage for park purposes near the civic center.

The majority decision stated that the land should be used for industrial purposes. Since nearby hog ranches are moving out, such land could be used for park purposes, it was indicated.

Apartments Suggested For Approval

Councilmanic approval for the construction of apartment houses was recommended by the Planning Commission last week.

The area involved is located at Redondo Beach Blvd., and Ainsworth Ave., which will require a zone change from R-1 to R-3.

Strong disapproval of the action was voiced by nearby homeowners.

Rezoning would allow petitioner Wayne L. Nelson of Gardena to build several apartment buildings at the location. Homeowners said that this will devalue their property.

Homeowners said the only compromise they would make is to allow three-unit apartments.

The commission recommended approval on three conditions, including: garages are to be constructed so they are between each apartment building, apartment structures are to be limited to triplexes with two ground units and one unit on the second story, solid fences and doors are to enclose the area leading to the alley, and no windows, stairs or sun decks are to be constructed at the rear.

The petition now goes to councilmen for action at the February 19 meeting.

OPTOMETRISTS CONVENE IN S. F. BAY AREA

Some 200 of California's leading optometrists convened in San Francisco last week to study the latest in eye care and correction, and to stress the importance of optometrical research to National Defense.

New optometry aids in correcting defective vision were discussed. Dr. Fred Raulino, president of the National Association of Optometrists, estimates that eye accidents in American industry, occurring twice every minute, result in a \$20,000,000 annual loss to industry and to the family budget.

Dr. J. M. Ross, representing the Wilmington-Torrance area, is on the board of directors.

Youngsters Becoming 'Orators'

Fourth grade youngsters in Bill Clemenger's class at Torrance Elementary school may grow up to be orators.

Clemenger, a member of the Rolling Hills Toastmasters club, devoted to furthering good public speaking, decided to form a Junior Toastmasters club out of his class.

Youngsters look eagerly forward to the weekly experience, Clemenger said.

On the day of the "meeting," the class is set up along regular Toastmaster lines. There is a toastmaster, two evaluators, a grammarian and a timer.

As each youngster makes his report on a specific subject, his talk is evaluated critically by one of the two evaluators.

At the end of the meeting,

'All-America' City Story

The February issue of "Southern California Views" magazine is featuring Torrance as the "All-America" city. It will contain a history of Torrance and why it was selected, with about 25 pictures, showing points of interest.

It is published by John Cronan. Bertha McNeil assisted with publicity and pictures.

It will be available at some of the local markets.

RED CROSS CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED

"Plans for the 1957 American Red Cross Fund campaign are moving along strictly on schedule," said Mrs. Clara Conner, Torrance postmaster and this year's volunteer Area Chairman for the annual Red Cross drive.

Helping her will be: M. C. Farrell, manager of Public Finance Corp., who will be chairman of the Small Business committee; and Scott F. Albright, Supt. of industrial relations for the National Supply Co., who will head the committee for Commerce and Industry.

Mrs. Virginia Stoddard will be chairman and Mrs. Millie West co-chairman of the residential committee which will organize the women volunteers to make the door-to-door solicitation.

"Torrance should make an outstanding record in the fund campaign this year," Mrs. Conner said this week as she pointed out the increased interest in local Red Cross work due to the blood program which contributed almost 2200 pints of blood free to patients in the two Torrance hospitals.

"Not only is the civilian Red Cross blood program of importance to every family in a time of emergency, but the recent accident in Pacoima sharply pointed out its necessity in a time of community disaster. On the job—when it counts" is the 1957 campaign slogan," added Mrs. Conner, "and it is never more true than when applied to the volunteer workers who make the contacts which enable us to put over this annual fund drive. These men and women are truly like their Red Cross—on the job—when it counts."

the class chooses a winner, who is presented with a trophy.

Last week's winner was Shelby Venable, 9, who told of a humorous experience at a lion farm. Toastmistress was Lynn Williams. Evaluators were Carol Johnson and Bob Vaughan.

Other officials were Rodney Clarke, grammarian, and Freddie Babb, timer.

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