

Elks Form Anti-Narcotic Committee

Joseph E. Yates was elected chairman of the anti-narcotics committee of Torrance Elks Lodge 1948 and he invited other organizations to join in the

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Bleeding Gums Cause Loss of Teeth

"The gums around my lower front teeth bleed very easily. How can this condition be cured?" asks Mrs. R. K. of Lomita.

Bleeding of the gums around the teeth might be caused by either of two things—tartar accumulation irritating the gums or excessive pressure caused by chewing mainly towards the front of the mouth.

Where the back teeth are missing and not replaced, the two jaws will come closer together than they should so that the upper front teeth come down over the lower more than they did before. Overlapping creates more pressure, resulting in strain on the teeth and damage to the bony support, which in turn is accompanied by inflammation and congestion of the gums. Then, the gums bleed easily.

So you can see that bleeding of the gums around the front teeth often comes as a result of missing teeth in the back of the mouth. This is also aggravated by tartar accumulations on the inside surfaces of the teeth.

If these conditions are not corrected, the overtaxed teeth will be endangered. Of course, there are other causes for bleeding gums but the two above are among the most prominent.

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committee's work. The objective of this committee is to launch an educational program to better inform the public of the serious threat to the health of our youth and to the security of our country that is presented by the use of narcotics, Yates said.

Statistics show that one out of every five students of high school age has used narcotics in some form. They are first talked into using narcotics for a "kick," and later called "chicken" if they refuse it again.

Some, or I should say most, of those who are talked into using it begin by using what are commonly known as "Goof Balls" or "Bennies." Later, they are told that they can get a real kick by smoking a marijuana cigarette, so they try that.

From marijuana, they soon graduate to heroin and after two or three shots, they have reached the point of no return. The demand becomes greater each day.

The result is that in order to

satisfy their craving, they turn to robbery and, eventually to murder. The female victims, having to leave school to earn money to buy the drug, eventually turn to prostitution and white slavery.

Our law enforcement agencies have done their best to cope with the situation, but their hands are tied by existing laws, Yates said. They cannot make an arrest merely upon a complaint. They must catch the user or pusher in the act or with the drug on their person.

In the past five years, 19,000 arrests have been made in California for violation of narcotics laws. Of this number, 14,000 were in Los Angeles county.

"We feel," Yates declared that the only way left to attack the problem is through proper education of the school children and their parents. There is available through the Narcotics Educational Foundation of America, literature and sound films for this purpose.

As chairman of this committee, Yates added: "I feel that

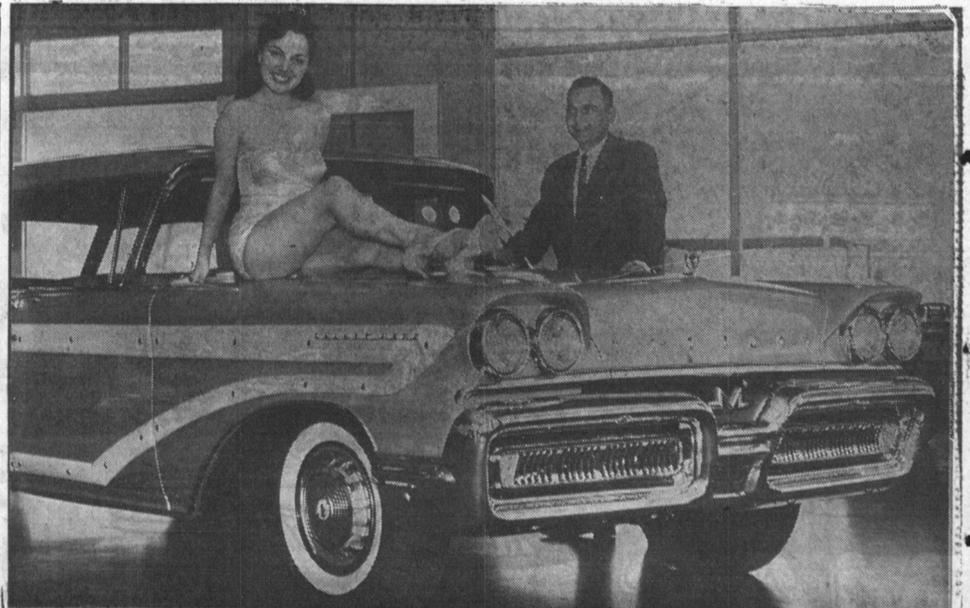
Local GI Visits Berchtesgaden

Cpl. Frank D. Valencia, son of Alex C. Valencia, 2063 1/2 W. 203rd st., recently spent a three-day pass at the army's recreation center at Berchtesgaden in Germany's Bavarian Alps.

Corporal Valencia is assigned to Company A of the Eleventh Airborne Division's 503rd infantry at Munich. He entered the army in January, 1955, and arrived overseas in January, 1956. He attended Torrance high school.

In Los Angeles County, reports the Greater Los Angeles Safety Council, one out of every three pedestrian fatalities involves a pedestrian who had been drinking.

this should be a community-wide project, not alone an Elk's undertaking." He invited other organizations to join this committee. There will be an open meeting of the committee at the Elk's Lodge on Thursday, January 9. The address is: 1951 W. Carson st.



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U.S. Weighs Shipbuilding Award to LA

Congressman Cecil R. King announced that the U.S. Maritime Commission is seriously considering the award of a major shipbuilding contract to the Los Angeles area.

The veteran legislator last week called upon Maritime Administrator Clarence G. Morse to award at least a portion of the new shipbuilding program now being planned for the Moore-McCormack Steamship Lines to the Los Angeles area

in an effort to offset the rising unemployment in defense industries.

Commissioner Morse notified Congressman King that his request to allocate a portion of the ship construction awards under provisions of Public Law 805 to Southern California is now being reviewed by the Federal Maritime Board.

"In connection with this review," Morse told King, "you may be assured that the critical you pointed out is being given careful attention by the Board in considering the award of contracts for the construction of the Moore-McCormack ships."

The Maritime Commission will shortly announce the shipyards where seven new vessels will be constructed.

Congressman King stated that the award of a shipbuilding contract now to the Los Angeles area would not only help restore the sagging shipbuilding industry here but would make available hundreds of new jobs and tend to offset the effects of the aircraft industry layoffs.

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