

# Military Service

## Exercise "Winter Shield"

Hochst, Germany-Army Specialist Five Robert L. Richmond, 27, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Richmond Sr., 19323 Pruitt Dr., Torrance, Calif., is scheduled to participate with personnel from the 31st Surgical Hospital in Exercise Winter Shield at the Grafenwohr-Hohenfels training area in Southern Germany Feb. 1-7.

Winter Shield, an annual winter maneuver designed to determine the combat readiness of the Seventh Army troops, will provide realistic training under simulated combat conditions. Special emphasis will be placed on the role of the individual soldier and the small unit leader. The exercise will involve 60,000 troops and will mark the first time in history that major units of the new German Army will participate jointly with U.S. ground forces in a field exercise.

Specialist Richmond entered the Army in 1950 and arrived overseas on this tour of duty in July 1958. He is a medical specialist with the hospital in Hohenfels.

Young Wac Finishes Basic  
Fort McClellan, Ala. Recruit Barbara Duehring, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malvin J. Duehring, 1691 Gramercy ave., Torrance, Calif., completed eight weeks of basic military training Jan. 6 at the Women's Army Corps Center, Fort McClellan, Ala.

Recruit Duehring received drill and physical fitness training and instruction in Army history, traditions and career fields. The 1959 Torrance High School graduate worked at the Stadium Theatre before entering the Women's Army Corps.

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## Wins Honor

Fort MacArthur, Calif.-Army Specialist four Hugh W. Bailey, son of Curtis W. Bailey, 5800 Olive St., Denver, Colo., recently was named soldier of the Month for Fort MacArthur, Calif.

A clerk in the 108th Artillery Group's Headquarters Battery at the fort, Specialist Bailey was selected for his soldierly appearance, knowledge and performance of duties and military courtesy. The 20-year-old soldier entered the Army in August 1958 and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo.

He was graduated from Adams City High School, Adams City, Colo.

Bailey is the son of Mrs. Alta C. Younger, 20820 Margaret St., Torrance, Calif.

## Women Marines Celebrate

The 17th Anniversary of the Women Marines will be observed on February 13 at 1:00 p.m., in the Garden Room of the Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles. All present and former Women Marines and Women Marine Reserves in the Southern California area are cordially invited.

Reservations will be accepted until February 8, 1960. Further information can be obtained by contacting AGY Sgt. Helen Hannah at Atlantic 4-9234.

The luncheon will feature the traditional cake-cutting ceremony. Guest speaker will be Major General Alan Shapley, former Director of Marine Reserves, and currently the Commanding General of Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

# V. A. Pension Changes Affect Torrance Vets

Note: On July 1, 1960, a new pension system passed by Congress goes into effect. Within the next few months over 44,000 disabled veterans, including 10,000 widows and orphans of veterans in Southern California must make a personal selection, choosing either to remain under the present law or to move over to the new system.

Considering the far-reaching importance to so many members of our community and remembering these people are either severely disabled, elderly, widowed or orphaned, the Press is cooperating with the Veterans Administration to inform these Torrance citizens of their rights and benefits.

From the thousands of questions asked about the new pension law slated to go into effect this year, the Veterans Administration has selected the most pertinent together with the appropriate answer:

Q. When will the new system of pension payments go into effect?

A. On July 1, 1960. The first checks under the new system will not be mailed before Aug. 1, 1960.

Q. Who will be affected by the new system?

A. All veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korean conflict and their dependents who qualify and begin to receive non-service pensions after June 30, 1960, will be under the new system. They can make this choice at any time, but once the election is made, the pension can never revert to the old system.

Q. How does the new law affect those drawing compensation or service-connected benefits?

A. The new law does not affect benefits paid for service-connected disabilities.

Q. Does the new law affect service pensions?

A. No. Service pensions are paid only to Indian War, Civil

War and Spanish American War veterans. These pensions are not affected by the new law.

Q. Does the new law change the eligibility requirements for pensions paid to veterans?

A. Not basically. Ninety days active wartime service and an honorable-type discharge are required. The veteran must also be permanently and totally disabled. There are important changes in the income limits under the new system as well as some changes in the methods employed to compute the pensioner's annual income. Under the new law the veteran's estate or "worth" will become an eligibility factor.

Q. What are the criteria for establishing permanent and total disability?

A. The degree of disability may vary according to the age of the veteran. Generally he must have a disability which at his age prevents him from getting regular, full-time employment. This disability must be such that doctors do not expect it to improve materially.

Q. What are the changes in the veteran's income limits?

A. Under the old law a veteran without dependents could not draw a pension if his annual income exceeded \$1400. Under the new law he may receive some pension if his income is as high as \$1800.

Under the old law a veteran with dependents could not receive a pension if his annual income was more than \$2700. Under the new system his annual income may be as much as \$3000 and he still will be eligible for some pension.

Q. What are the changes in methods to be used in computing income under the new system?

A. Income received by a veteran or by his widow from any source, with few exceptions, will be considered as income under the new system. In cases where the veteran's spouse has a separate income the new law provides that all such income over \$1200 per year shall be counted as the veteran's income, unless to do so would create a hardship.

Q. What would constitute "hardship" in this instance?

A. If the evidence shows that the entire income is needed for large and unusual family expenses—such as those incurred by serious illness or unusual expenses incurred for the education of children—counting all but \$1200 of the spouse's income as the income of the veteran might be regarded as a hardship. Each case of this nature is considered on its own merits.

## Letters

### ATTACKED BY STUDENTS

To the Editor:  
I have been attacked in vicious ways by school children since the school opened on 235th St.

I pay taxes for more than I have. I produced food for their (children's) parents and grandparents.

For a long time I try to live on \$50 a month. But for four years I have been in torture (with): rock-throwing at my house, sneak attacks, attempts on my life, and an arson attempt.

Just before the Christmas school closing, about 15 neighborhood kids took part in an avalanche rock throw at my house.

Last Friday, about 6 p. m., a bottle-bomb (was) thrown, crashing at my front door.

For four years, police and juvenile officers come and go but no one has time to stop these barbarous acts.

The mayor, Albert Isen, City Manager George Stevens and Chief of Police Percy Bennett all can see what is going on in this All-American City of Torrance.

These young Americans go to school to become hoodlums have no respect for an older man. (Signed) C. J. MAHERAS, 23701 Arlington Ave.

### LAUDS "RED SCHOOLHOUSE"

To the Editor:

In answer to the letter questioning the "Little Red Schoolhouse" plan—evidently the writers of the inquiry are not at all familiar with the facts—even though they have been given wide and comprehensive coverage in local papers, trade and professional publications, and national magazines. Even had they read all the available material it would not give them the understanding gained by close personal experience.

My oldest daughter, now 12 and in the eighth grade, was one of the first to have the opportunity of going into a multi-grade at Watteria School—where the "experiment" began. Multi-grades are combinations of first, second and third graders and of fourth, fifth and sixth graders. We parents had the choice of putting our children in one of these groupings or letting them continue in "straight" grades. No one was certain, least of all participating teachers and parents, just how well the experi-

### ment would turn out.

Well, take it from one parent who has now had four children in multi-grades, the results are better than our fondest hopes. It would take volumes to laud all the aspects of the program—suffice it to say that even the most skeptical of teachers and parents are ardent converts.

May I add that the whole idea could have been a complete fiasco had it not been for the solid educational system already functioning in Torrance schools, which comes to full flower in the multi-grades, and the especially high caliber of teachers we enjoy at Watteria, and the system of parent-teacher conferences which go so far in giving the parents and teachers a really comprehensive understanding of the individual child. Out of 20 teachers my four school-age children have had over a period of eight years, only one wasn't up to snuff, and several have been really outstanding.

For a long time I've been reading broadsides fired at the Torrance schools, and because of my own very happy experience with them, have become increasingly angered by the blasts. I'm sure if the critics would really dig for details instead of making blanket statements, they would find just how fine an education is offered the children of Torrance.

For those unfortunate parents who feel their children are not being properly educated, let them blame themselves as inadequate parents, or their children for not extending themselves beyond the necessity to "pass," or an individual teacher for not being as concerned as they should be—but, please, don't knock an educational advance when you don't know what the heck you're talking about.—Mary P. Klempman, 3950 Newton St., Torrance.

## MAKES IT EASIER FOR SENIOR CITIZENS TO GET NEW GLASSES

Although the liberalized pension law makes it possible for many more senior citizens to enjoy improved vision without cost, the necessary formalities are sometimes confusing. Dr. J. M. Soss, optometrist in the Harbor area for 32 years, points out that filling out forms, contacting the social worker, etc., may be avoided entirely by pensioners if they will simply bring the name of their social worker to his convenient, ground floor offices at 1268 Sartori Ave. Dr. Soss states his offices are always available without obligation to pensioners

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Readers are invited to send their health questions to: Attention, Medicine Editor, Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens Ave., Torrance. As space permits, your legitimate questions will be answered by a panel consisting of Los Angeles County doctors through the County Medical Association. No questions asking diagnosis can be answered.

Q—Please tell me how I can get my 5-year-old son to eat a decent meal. When he was smaller, he ate fine, but now he just picks at his food and says he isn't hungry.

A—A number of factors, none of them usually serious, must be taken into consideration. For one thing, you must be sure your son is not "picking" between meals. It is obvious that a child who has had candy, popcorn, nuts, soft drinks or cookies and milk an hour or so before his meal is not apt to want much

at mealtime. At the age mentioned, children need relatively less food because their rate of growth has slowed considerably.

When Growth Slows

Sometimes emotional reasons may cause a child to reject his food. If he feels insecurity, rivalry or lack of family attention in the home for some reason, he may try to compensate for this by arousing parental concern. Children learn quickly that most parents get disturbed if food is rejected.

It is wise to get the opinion of your family doctor about the physical condition of your son. Any child who is ill is apt to eat poorly. Also the possible presence of mouth or tooth disease must be considered. Sometimes a child will reject food because it is painful to eat, but he may not tell the parent this unless questioned closely.

If no physical cause for not eating can be found, the best approach is to accept the child's decision calmly and permit him to leave the table. Make sure that he does not eat anything until next regular mealtime. Under such a routine, indifference about food will disappear quickly, and the child will recognize that eating is a privilege, not a way of promoting family favor. If an emotional problem exists, parents must direct their attention to eliminating it through family adjustments, separating the matter completely from meal time.

Q—A relative suffered a coronary attack and is now on a strict diet, mainly salt-free and cholesterol-free. He was told he could not use butter, which contains animal fat high in cholesterol, but he could use margarine or the different vegetable fats that do not contain cholesterol. Is this true?

Answer—Margarine, being hydrogenated vegetable fat, does not contain cholesterol, but the body can convert vegetable fats into cholesterol. When there is a low intake of dietary cholesterol, there is a higher bodily conversion of vegetable fat to cholesterol, and vice-versa.

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