

Armed Forces Day Events to Begin Friday

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BEAUTY AND BEAST . . . Miss Torrance, Sharon Terrill, gives Gomer, an Air Force sentry dog, a friendly pat on the back as Airman 1/C Ed Grogans of Victoria, Tex., explains how he and the dog work together. Members from Grogans' unit, the 414th Combat Squadron (ADC) from Oxnard AFB will show their sentry techniques during the ninth annual Armed Forces Day celebration which gets under way here Friday.

Parade Highlights Salute to Services

Two days of events saluting the nation's Armed Forces will be climaxed by one of the largest parades of its kind in the nation - will get under way here Friday.

The celebration will get under way Friday at 7 p.m. when military and aerospace exhibits are opened at the Torrance Civic Center, according to George S. Wing, general chairman. The exhibits will remain open throughout Saturday until late afternoon.

A reception and dinner honoring General Woolnough and other parade guests and officials is scheduled Friday evening at the Latitude 20 Restaurant. General Woolnough will meet with newsmen at breakfast Saturday morning.

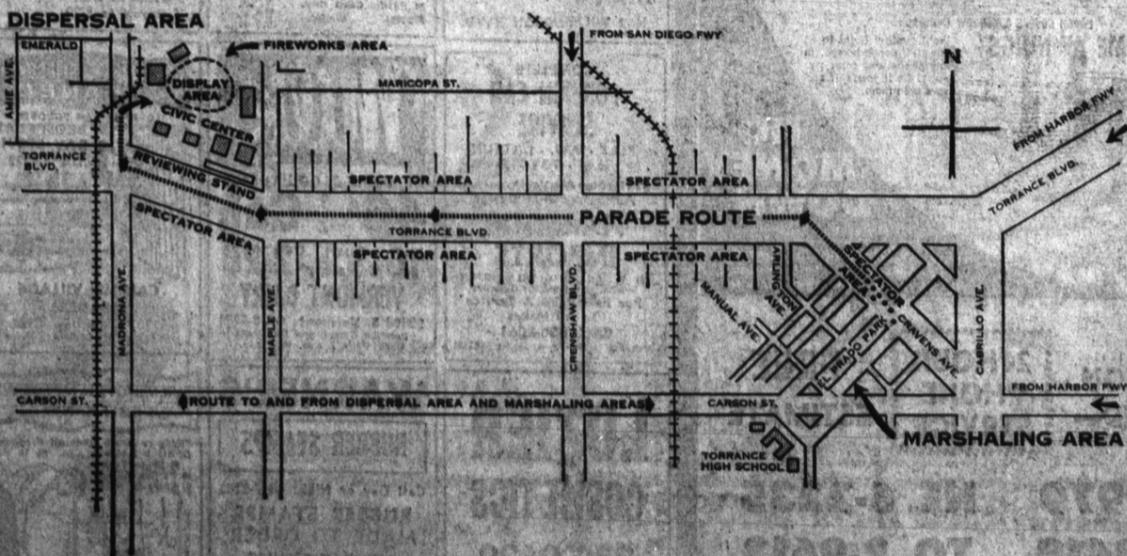
The parade will be led by the Torrance Mounted Police and the North High School Saxon Marching Band, winner of the 1967 trophy as the best civilian music entry. The parade has been divided into five sections. Civic officials and General Woolnough will comprise the prologue and each of the four divisions will be devoted to regular forces, reserve units, the National Guard, and high school and college ROTC units.

A HUGE fireworks show will be presented Friday at 8:30 p.m. by the city and the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the two-day salute.

Highlight of the program will be mammoth military parade, scheduled to move from the downtown Torrance area at 10 a.m. Saturday. The parade will consist mainly of military entries from all branches of the active and reserve forces, as well as units from the California Army and Air National Guard. Selected high school and university bands and drill teams also have been invited.

Grand marshal of the parade will be Gen. James K. Woolnough, commanding general, United States Continental Army Command, Ft. Monroe, Va. The general will arrive here Friday afternoon.

The parade will be taped for a Sunday afternoon telecast by KTLA, Channel 5. Broadcast time is 5:30 p.m. Sunday.



SEVEN perpetual trophies and eight other trophies will be awarded to units participating in the parade during an awards luncheon to be held at the Commissioned Of-

PARADE ROUTE . . . Saturday's huge Armed Forces Day Parade, the ninth to be held here, will form in the downtown Torrance area and move west along Torrance Boulevard to Madrona Avenue and the dispersal area adjacent to the civic center. Displays will be locat-

ed in the area behind the Police Station and City Hall complex. Reviewing stands will be located on Torrance Boulevard in front of the City Hall. The parade, largest of its kind in the nation, will move from the formation area at 10 a.m.

Teachers, Board Agree On Some Salary Issues

6.75 Per Cent Hike Proposed; Benefits Voted

School Trustees Name Industrial Leader to Board

Burton E. Belzer, president of Tool Components, Inc. of Gardena, was appointed to the Torrance Board of Education Monday.

The four remaining board members received applications from residents of Torrance to select a candidate. Personal interviews were held last Saturday.

New Post Office Planned

Competitive bids to build and lease a new North Torrance Post Office near Crenshaw Boulevard and 182nd Street have been called by the Post Office Department. Specifications call for a structure containing 7,175 square feet of space, a loading platform of 480 square feet, and 24,846 square feet of paved area for parking.

Belzer was also a candidate last year when Dr. Owen Griffith was appointed to replace the late Dr. Kurt T. Shery. Griffith, recently named president of the board, introduced Belzer to 800 persons who packed a Torrance High gymnasium Monday for a hearing on teacher salaries.

Belzer took advantage of the opportunity to thank the gathering for "showing up for my first meeting."

Present were his wife, Geraldyn, and three sons, Michael, 18, John, 16, and Richard, 12.

THE NEW board member attended schools in Racine, Wis. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Wisconsin and has done graduate work in management at UCLA.



BURTON E. BELZER

Ex-Soldier Is Citizen Of Month

Lance A. Diestelhorst, a Torrance resident who was separated from the Army this month, has been named Citizen of the Month for May. Diestelhorst was honored for his outstanding record as a soldier in the Vietnam War.

His selection was announced this morning by spokesmen for Great Lakes Properties, Inc., sponsors of the community awards program. Diestelhorst will be honored Friday at a luncheon meeting of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce.

A graduate of Carson High School, he is the son of the Chester Diestelhorsts of Gardena. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart.

The Bronze Star came as a result of an action in which he volunteered to enter a Viet Cong tunnel to search for the enemy. When Diestelhorst and two comrades were well into the

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Torrance teachers have at least until Monday to convince the Board of Education they are entitled to more than a 6.75 per cent pay hike for the 1968-69 school year. The teachers are bargaining for 8 per cent.

Almost 500 persons attended an adjourned meeting of the board last Monday at the Torrance High girls' gymnasium to take part in the latest round of negotiations for salaries and other benefits.

A rollback and adjustment of Column E in the salary grid was approved by the board. Increment pay will be given on a 13-step basis. The scale proposed by the board together with a 6.75 per cent increase would give a starting teacher \$6,619 per year. The maximum is \$13,028.

THE SALARY package amounts to an increase of approximately \$1,100,000.

The board rejected additional pay of \$25,000 for departmental chairmen. Only W. J. Hanson favored the proposal.

Extra pay amounting to \$9,160 for teachers with extra duty was temporarily ruled out by a 2-2 vote, but a final decision will be made after new board member Burton Belzer has had an opportunity to study the measure.

BOARD President Owen

Griffith and Mrs. Polly Watts voted for the extra pay while Bert Lynn and Hanson opposed it.

The board approved un-animously a plan to give adult education teachers the same average percentage increase voted regular teachers.

A rate of 10 cents a mile as opposed to 12 cents will be allowed for teachers using a private automobile on school duty.

THE NUMBER of years of credit for a teacher joining the district was increased from four to five years for seven years of previous experience.

The school district will pay \$120 on health insurance premium, an increase of about \$20.

Previously adopted were the advancement of an additional step on the salary grid without a master's degree and a provision to receive credit for additional college units during the year.

MRS. WATTS, who proposed the rollback of Step 14 and the adjustments to Column E, said she was opposed to a complete overhaul of the salary schedule, but was in favor of the modification of Column E only.

She said the 6.75 per cent salary increase would be acceptable to the community and would provide a united front when a tax override measure is presented to the taxpayers in 1969.

Area Men Die in Vietnam - - -

Two area men were listed by the Department of Defense as killed in action in Vietnam this week. They were identified as Army Cpl. Terrence Kandler, son of Robert B. Kandler of 21310 S. Neptune Ave., Carson, and Marine Cpl. Anthony P. Eversull, son of Antoinette J. Okamoto of 18505 Regina Ave. Corporal Kandler was wounded in April and had been hospitalized in Lai. He was killed May 8 near Hue. No details were given about Eversull's death.

Three Killed in Crash - - -

Three persons were killed early Monday morning when two cars collided on the Harbor Freeway, then rolled down a 40-foot bank. The crash occurred at 12:20 a.m. in the northbound lanes near the Del Amo Boulevard overcrossing. Dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital were John Joseph Shilling, 66, and his wife, Helen, of North Hollywood, and Terry Joe Runyan, 24, of Covina. Runyan was a passenger in a car driven by Dale Alan Bender, 23, of Los Angeles. Bender was treated for injuries at Harbor General Hospital and released.

Attempted Theft Fails - - -

Burglars attempted to break into a vault at Crocker-Citizens National Bank, 2663 Pacific Coast Hwy., early Monday morning, but abandoned the project without getting anything. Police said the suspects cut through the roof near the night deposit vault and attempted to open the vault with a brace and bit. The burglars tripped a silent alarm, police said, but left the bank before police arrived. The alarm was sounded at 3:35 a.m. Monday, it was reported.