

Victoria Pool Leads 'Big Dip'

A total of 5,400 youngsters received an average of more than seven swimming lessons free at county pools during the period between Aug. 12 and Aug. 23, reports Supervisor Kenneth Hahn. Hahn, initiator of "Operation Big Dip," said the free lessons are offered each weekday morning at all pools at county parks.

Total attendance in the program since it began in June now exceeds 184,000. Registration for the two-week session beginning Aug. 12 was 5,400 with attendance totaling 19,432 the week of Aug. 12-16 and 17,942 the week of Aug. 19-23.

The new pool at Victoria Park in Carson continued to record the greatest attendance in the county as more than 2,100 youngsters attended lessons each week, Hahn said.

Signalman 1st/C O'Neal C. Baldwin, USN, son of Mr. O'Neil C. Baldwin of 1036 W. 253rd St., is serving aboard the attack transport USS Okanogan

Fredericks Returns From Republican State Meeting

Fred Fredericks, Republican candidate for the Assembly in the 67th District, has just returned from the Republican State Convention held at the State Capitol in Sacramento last Saturday.

Purpose of the convention was to appoint committees, choose electors for the President and Vice President of the United States, and adopt a state platform for the Republican party.

Upon his return, Fredericks, a member of the Internal Securities Committee and the Platform Committee, stated that "It is apparent from the proceedings of this convention that Republicans have a winning platform statewide, based on principles to which all the people of California can rally in November."

Fredericks, who advocates sound fiscal policies and the preservation of individual rights, said he is "dedicated to solving the fundamental problems of the state and nation."

The 67th District encompasses the cities of Gardena, Lawndale, parts of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hawthorne and Compton.

145 DIE EACH DAY

Motor vehicle deaths averaged 145 per day for the entire year of 1967, according to the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council.



ALEX DOUGLAS

Gas Co. Lecturer To Speak

Gas company community service representative Alex Douglas will demonstrate the cleanliness and safety of natural gas to the Torrance Sertoma Club Wednesday, Sept. 4.

The program, entitled "Blue Energy," will be presented during the group's luncheon meeting being held at Filippone's Restaurant.

The speaker is a member of the public relations staff for Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Cos. The utilities are subsidiaries of the Los Angeles-based Pacific Lighting Corp.

DOUGLAS will use custom-made portable equipment to perform a series of experiments dramatically showing how gas behaves. The non-technical discussion will also bring out key points of good gas usage.

The presentation has been highly rated by the many Southland schools, service groups and other organizations which have seen it.

Part-Time Training Available

Veterans with service-connected disabilities serious enough to qualify for vocational rehabilitation training through the Veterans Administration are now eligible for a part-time training allowance under a new law signed recently by President Johnson, according to Mort Webster of the Los Angeles VA Regional Office.

Before the President signed Public Law 90-341, which went into effect July 26, 1968, only veterans taking full-time vocational rehabilitation training were entitled to a training allowance, Webster explained.

PL 90-341 continues the requirement that the veteran generally be rated at least 30 per cent service-disabled in order to be eligible for vocational rehabilitation, but establishes a pro-rata schedule of training allowances based upon three-quarters and half-time training, Webster said.

The VA regional office manager explained that the full-time vocational rehabilitation training allowance remains at \$110 monthly for veterans with no dependents, \$150 for veterans with one dependent, and \$175 for veterans with two or more dependents.

PERMITTED for the first time under PL 90-431 are three-quarters time training allowance of \$80, \$110, and \$130 monthly, respectively, for veterans with no dependents, one dependent, and two or more dependents.

The newly-authorized half-time training allowances are \$55, \$75, and \$85 monthly.

Webster said that detailed information on the liberalized vocational rehabilitation training program can be obtained from any VA Regional Office handling the 5 claims for eligible disabled veterans.

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