

# Onions Make No Tears in Army



Privates Charles A. Looney and Lloyd C. Simpson have a tip for long-suffering housewives, as they peel onions with help of gas masks for 1000 men at California's Fresno kitchen.

## Barrington Named on Draft Board; Gardena Legion to Honor Selectees

H. C. "Jack" Barrington, well-known Torrance welding and machine shop owner, was appointed by Gov. Olson this week to serve as a member of Selective Service Board No. 280. He succeeds A. E. Cameron of Palos Verdes Estates, who resigned July 30. Barrington's appointment brings Board No. 280 up to its full strength of three men, the others being Carl Steele, Torrance, chairman, and James W. Loughridge, Walthers.

The new board member has been a resident of Torrance for the past 18 years. He operates the Barrington Welding and Machine Shop at 1124 Border ave., and lives with his wife and two children, son J. A., 16, and daughter Frances, 13, at 2368 Torrance Blvd.

The local board members are a unit of the 15,000 California civilians serving without pay in the work incident to the induction of 800,000 men a year for peace-time military training. The gratis workers' duties are divided between local board members, medical examiners, appeal board members, advisory boards and their associates, medical advisory boards and appeal agents.

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**Waiting For The I. C. C.**  
Last week they thought all the formalities had been concluded when the California State Railroad Commission's approval of the line abandonment was received. This week they learned that the I. C. C. (which moves (Continued on Page 4A))

## 29 Scheduled For Induction On October 15

Members of the 17th contingent — second largest to be inducted from this area since the Selective Service Act — are an initial four men into training Nov. 22, 1940 — who will be inducted from here next Wednesday morning, October 15, are:

Eugene Frederick Stegelmeyer, 24, liquor store clerk and student, 1104 Beech st., Torrance. Walter Toshaki Miyamoto, 21, farm laborer, M. E. 4 Torrance. Ralph Kenyon Palmer, 21, heat treat trainee, 2422 Los Codona, Walthers. Adolph Diridic Anderson, 21, apprentice carpenter, Rt. 1, Box 229, Lomita. Wilfred Arndt, 23, farm laborer, 2431 Chapman st., Lomita. Kiyoshi Kido, 28, florist, Rt. 1, Box 115, Torrance. Akira Roy Shimatsu, 24, farmer, 5851 West Boulevard, Los Angeles. John Richard Medicus, 25, grocery store clerk, 1141 West 162nd st., Gardena.

Kzuo Minami, 21, nursery laborer, 14101 Budlong st., Gardena. Harvey Andrew Cleveland, 23, chauffeur, Plaza Hotel, Torrance. Clyde Lee Bailey, 21, electrician's helper, 26515 Narbonne ave., Lomita. Henry Edward Artigue, 20, unemployed, 1000 Gardena Blvd., Gardena. Tsutomu Jumbo Mochizuki, 22, horticulturalist, R.F.D. Box 95-A, Torrance. Everard Jesus Martinez, 26, laborer, 2200 W. Main st., Hollywood. Leo Bernard Schriever, 26, herpetologist, Rt. 1, Box 239, Lomita. Pedro Reyes Pina, 21, pre-medical student, 716 E. Amapola st., Torrance. Yutaka Sugawara, 22, celery packer, Rt. 2, Box 208-B, Gardena. Louis Thomas Madore, 22, service station worker, Cravens Apts., Torrance. Elmer Ensign Armstrong, 22, apprentice plumber, 24822 Oak st., Lomita. Sammy Saishyo, 25, service station attendant, 15509 South Broadway, Gardena. Albert Vincent Dougherty, 28, carpenter, 18512 Durin ave., El Nido. George Sibon, 25, shoe repairer, 2164 West 294th st., Lomita. Robert Henry Kastner, 21, shipping clerk, 666 So. Coronado st., Los Angeles. Toyomoto Kollmoto, 25, nurseryman, Rt. 1, Box 199, Redondo Beach.

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**High School Getting Desk Replacements**  
One hundred and twenty brand-new desks were received at Torrance high school Monday, first of several shipments which will replace all of the desks now in use there, according to Principal Thomas H. Elson. He said the high school will exchange about 1,000 of its desks for either new ones or those which have been entirely refinished.

## New Building in Nine Months Totals \$361,247

New construction during the first three-quarters of the year has totaled \$361,247 in Torrance as compared with \$272,850 for the same period last year. The September building permits amounted to \$27,350 while the construction during the same month in 1940 was \$24,790.

Four new homes were erected here last month at a total cost of \$10,350. Other construction included 11 new non-residential structures, \$15,325, and seven alterations, repair or addition jobs, \$1,675, according to records at the city engineer's office.

New building permits, issued during the past week were: Adele K. Tautrup, two-car garage at 1831 182nd st., \$250; Don Howard Rae, Wilmington, three-room frame house at 24226 Neece ave., Walthers, \$2,000; M. J. Beale, stucco and screen porch addition to residence at 1402 Acacia ave., \$300; F. O. Bacon, five-room frame and stucco residence and two-car garage with a "rumpus" room above, at 1308 Portola ave., \$4,250; and the San Lorenzo Nursery, two 23 by 300-foot glass greenhouses at 18400 Greenash Blvd., \$6,000.

## County Approves Civil Service Work for City

Civil service functions for the city of Torrance will be performed by the county under an agreement approved by the board of supervisors this week, making Torrance the 11th city to receive similar service from the county.

The service will cost Torrance \$475 for the first year, it is estimated, on a basis of 70 employees, although this is expected to drop to \$285 the second and subsequent years. County examiners will give all of the examination for city employees.

Other cities that contract with the county for civil service work are Bell, Burbank, Culver City, Hawthorne, Gardena, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Maywood, South Gate and Redondo Beach.

## Woman Hurt in Bus-Car Crash

A collision between a Torrance municipal bus and a Packard sedan at the intersection of 190th st. and Vermont ave., resulted in injuries to a woman occupant of the sedan last Thursday evening, according to police reports. She was Mrs. Mable Senyohi, mother of Mrs. Gaen Blanche Ray, Los Angeles, driver of the sedan.

The bus was going west on 190th and the sedan was traveling south on Vermont, according to reports given police here. Mrs. Senyohi was reported out and bruised. She was taken to a San Pedro hospital for treatment.

**TO DESCRIBE PRISONS**  
George R. Briggs, member of the State Board of Prisons, will describe "California Prisons" to members of the Torrance Rotary club at the dinner-meeting to-night in the Legion clubhouse.

## State Guard Opens Alondra Park Training Camp Oct. 15; Site Will House 4,000 Potential Officers

It's "full speed ahead" these days on plans that the California State Guard are drafting for opening the state's first "Plattsburg" military training camp for business and professional men at Alondra Park next Wednesday, Oct. 15. The camp, which will continue to Nov. 1, will be open to all California men between 21 and 60 years, subject to physical examination. Its purpose is to develop commissioned officer material for the State Guard, according to Brigadier General Joseph C. Donovan, state adjutant general.

Plans for the establishing of the training camp for the purpose of developing leaders for the rapidly growing California State Guard, the general said, have been under way the past several months with all details of organization and administration worked out for the contemporary, streamlined Plattsburg.

## Elementary Principal Called to Colors



**SHOWS SUCCESSOR CAMPUS**... Leonard R. Dykes, who is now on active duty with the Organized Reserves as a major, is shown at the left with his successor as principal of Torrance Elementary school, Bernhard J. Strand, formerly of Carmelita Avenue school in Huntington Park. The change in administration was effected Monday.

The first public school man to be called to the colors from Torrance, Principal Leonard R. Dykes who became head of Torrance Elementary school with the start of the 1939-40 term, turned his office over to Bernhard J. Strand Monday and left immediately to report as a major in the Reserve Army at headquarters in the Los Angeles postoffice building. He was ordered to report last Saturday by telegram from Col. Bowen, chief of staff at the Presidio in San Francisco, but the wire was delayed enroute.

Dykes joined the Army in January 1918 and served in France as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance department. He has been a member of the Reserve Army since the Armistice. He was on active duty the last time at Monterey during the summer of 1939 as commander of the First Battalion, C.M.T.C., and underwent a month's training at Fort Lewis, Washington in the summer of 1940.

His successor as principal of the Elementary school came here this week from Carmelita Avenue school in Huntington Park where he had served as principal for the past two years. He has been with the Los Angeles city school system for 15 years. A graduate of the U.S.C.

## COPS MAKING DRIVE ON WHITE SLIPS

Have you got your registration (white) slip in your car where it is easily visible? Torrance police are making a drive on this regulation, it was indicated at Judge John Shidler's traffic court when eight high school boys appeared in answer to citations.

When all of them either produced their registration slips or satisfactorily explained why the certificates were not in their cars, all were dismissed without penalty. Several brought in sales slips to show they had recently purchased cars and the registration slips had not been received as yet from the State Department of Motor Vehicles at Sacramento.

"There's a lot of cars going around in the state without registration slips. This indicates these machines were either stolen or the owners are indulging in willful evasion of the law. It is the duty of the Torrance police department to enforce this law as well as any other," Judge Shidler pronounced.

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**\$7,000 Addition To Phone Bldg. Planned Here**  
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## MEXICAN VICTIM OF KNIFE FRAY FOUND IN PARKED CAR EARLY TODAY; MAY RECOVER

Stabbed three times in the stomach by an unknown assailant, Pablo Picaso, 51-year-old Torrance farm laborer, was discovered early this morning in a parked car on Arlington ave., north of the Columbia Steel plant.

Rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital, Picaso was given emergency treatment and then taken to the county general hospital. Physicians said that unless complications develop, the knife victim should recover although his wounds were described as serious.

Unable to talk very much and unwilling to give the meagre details prodded out of him by investigating officers, Picaso said he "did not know" who his assailant was or where the attack took place. Police believe it occurred in or near the Pueblo and Picaso walked from there to the steel plant where he climbed in a car owned by Francis Derouin of 2463 Sonoma ave. Picaso told officers he had gone to a local theatre earlier in the evening with Isabel Ibarra but had left Ybarra to go with another Mexican and get some liquor. He claimed he did not know who his second companion was or if that Mexican did the stabbing. They went to the Pueblo. Doctors at the hospital hazarded that the stabbing took place about six hours before the man was found. Although his intentions were not punctured, they were exposed by the gashes, probably as result of his hike back to Arlington ave., from the Pueblo. Picaso said he worked for a Japanese truck gardener at Amie and Spencer streets.

## Error Forces "Back Track" On Lot Sales

Because the city council, acting on the advice of the Associated Assessment Engineers, started selling tax-deeded lots to the highest bidders on July 21, instead of July 24, the first date such sales could be legally made, the entire proceedings must be started all over.

This was the substance of a "confession of a mistake" made by Basil R. Gregg, of the Engineers, in a letter read to the council at a special meeting Monday afternoon. He said the error became known when the title company refused to give its approval to the property transactions involving sale of seven lots to six purchasers.

The council, on recommendation of the Engineers, authorized by resolution the refunding of all moneys deposited by the purchasers and endorsed the re-advertising of the tax-deeded lots by public auction. It was understood that the Associated Assessment Engineers will pay all of the costs incident to the "back-tracking" on the proceedings.

**105 Lots Involved**  
That this may prove more expensive than merely publishing the legal notices all over was indicated by Councilman George V. Powell who suggested the council should have the opinion of City Attorney John E. McCall before any action was taken. He expressed fears that the city "may be held responsible to the people who have already purchased lots in good faith." The council went ahead, however, without waiting for McCall's opinion, the attorney not being present at the special session.

One purchaser, Calvin P. Alverson, of 1675 Gramercy ave., who bought two lots at the southwest corner of Beech ave. and Torrance Blvd., was reported to have the plans and specifications for two homes already completed and was ready to start building.

Gregg, in his letter to the council, stated that the county board of supervisors had instructed the city to advertise the tax-deeded lot auctions for some 105 pieces of property obtained by the city under a settlement method designed to return the land to the tax rolls three times once weekly in consecutive orders. The advertisements were published in The Torrance Herald, Gregg reported on July 8, 10 and 17 and the first auction sale was held July 21.

**Engineers to Pay Costs**  
The title company, however, refused to issue titles to the purchased lots because the city did not wait a full 21 days after the first publication. The correct legal date, Gregg said he learned should have been July 24.

He advised the city to return the money now in escrow for the purchase of seven lots to the buyers, re-advertise the sale and start all over. The Associated Assessment Engineers, Gregg stated, will pay the costs of this proceeding and "other expense involved."

**Councilman Vern Babcock** moved that the council "go on record to do all in its power to protect those who purchased lots but when there was no second withdrawal the motion was said to have netted him approximately \$200.

His local victims, according to police, were T. S. Lovelady of the Torrance Feed and Fuel Co., J. C. Penney Co., and William Martin, operator of a roadside cafe on Redondo - Wilmington Blvd. He was recently tried for Los Angeles theft charges and sentenced to 60 days in the county jail.

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