



## State Guard Battalion In Maneuver Here

May 21, City Park, Set for Units to Stage Local Drill

The entire Second Battalion, California State Guard, will engage in exercises at Torrance City Park on May 21, Maj. Milton Fish, commanding officer, said. The day will be devoted to tactical training, maneuvers and a battalion review. Major Fish appealed for a full attendance at the exercises and has ordered that all companies in the battalion be brought up to full strength.

"The Regular Army is anxious for all State Guard units to become fully manned and is issuing more than \$100 worth of uniform and equipment to each soldier of the State Guard."

Company H drills three hours weekly and is subject to call in emergency only within the county. The Army is assisting in the training of the guard and the units in the harbor district have been engaging in maneuvers with the federal forces for the past several months.

The training of the State Guard is excellent for those who are subject to call to federal service. The ages for membership are 18 to 60. Many veterans of World War II have joined the guard since discharge from the Army for over-age or other reasons.

Capt. Robert L. Lewellen, commanding officer of Company H, second battalion, "Torrance and Lomita's Own" of the guard, said today enlistments are being accepted in the company Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. or Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Torrance ball park.

An opportunity to aid in local defense plans as well as participate in regular operations with Army units is offered recruits of the Torrance and Lomita companies of the State Guard.

Fifty more men may be accepted for Company H, Second Battalion of the 39th Infantry Regiment, according to Captain Lewellen.

The company, fully authorized by the government as an infantry unit, meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Torrance municipal park for instruction and drill. Men between the ages of 18 and 60, who are interested in joining the local unit should see First Sergeant T. Ramskill on Tuesday night at the ball park.

## Most Meats Point Free, Says Daniels

Housewives who are worried about their red points, or rather the red points they don't have, can sleep tonight and buy hubby and the children all the meat they want for their Sunday dinner without spending a single point—except points are still required for beef steaks and roasts!

This is the good news released today by Frank Daniels, chief clerk of the local War Ration Board, when he announced today point-free meat products effective as of now would be pork and pork products, veal and veal products, lamb and mutton, sausage, meat in glass containers, canned fish, variety meats, steaks and other cuts, hamburger, flank steaks and lunch meats.

## Arrests Face Violators of Dumping Laws

A drive against violators of the county anti-dumping ordinance was started this week by officers of the sheriff's office, according to Capt. R. L. Bergh of the Vermont Avenue Substation, which serves this area.

"We are determined to halt the practice of dumping refuse on the city streets and vacant lots," Capt. Bergh stated. Six arrests were made Sunday and the drive will be continued until all persons learn to dispose of rubbish at designated dumping grounds, the officer stated. Violators are liable both under the county ordinance and the state law. City law enforcement officers are also cooperating in the drive to keep the streets and private property free of refuse, Capt. Bergh reports.

MELVILLE FAINTS. CAR HITS BARBER SHOP. John Melville, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board, fainted at the wheel of his automobile Wednesday morning and the car hit the front of a barber and beauty shop at Torrance blvd. and Portola ave. Melville had suffered a painful hand injury the night before. He was not injured in the accident. Damage to the building was estimated at \$80.

## Special Edition on Rubber Development Brings Praise

The Herald has received a number of verbal and written congratulations on last week's issue, which contained a special section devoted to the synthetic rubber industry centered here.

Among the letters received:

Mr. Grover C. Whyte, Publisher, Torrance Herald, Torrance, Calif.

Dear Mr. Whyte:

Please permit us to manifest our grateful appreciation for publishing the more than excellent special section on the local synthetic rubber industry.

Realizing the expense incurred in editions of this type, we know that your primary interest was the publishing of our city linked with an admirable sense of civic pride.

The two hundred copies of the special section you so kindly furnished this office will be used to great advantage in our general publicity and mailing programs.

Again thanking you for your spirited community interest. Very truly yours,

TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
By H. B. Lewis, Executive Secretary.

Torrance Herald, 1336 El Prado Street, Torrance, California.

Gentlemen:

Congratulations upon your excellent and complete story with pictures of the California Synthetic Rubber Project presented in your issue of April 27th. We were pleased also that your story was correct and followed the publicity releases given to press correspondents on April 20th.

We have forwarded copies of the issue to our company's officials in Akron, Ohio, who, we are sure, will be greatly interested and appreciative.

Very truly yours,  
P. S. SHOAFF, Plant Manager.  
Rubber Reserve Company, Goodyear Synthetic Rubber Corp., its agent.



MISSING... Sgt. Walter C. West, Torrance, on casualty list.

## Two Local Men Are Casualties

Two more Torrance families were saddened this week by messages from the War Department.

Tech. Sgt. Walter C. West, 1619 W. 216th st., was listed as missing in action.

PFC. Lloyd E. Peele, 2115 Cabrillo ave., was also listed as missing in action.

Sgt. West enlisted in the Army five years ago, four of which was spent in the Canal Zone. He was promoted to corporal at Albrook Field in 1942 and to staff sergeant April 1, 1943. He received his technical training in Panama. Returning to the United States for further schooling, Sgt. West advanced to technical sergeant at Gowan Field, Idaho. He also graduated from the gunnery school at Wendover, Utah. He was serving in the European theater of war when reported missing. He went overseas as a member of a B-24 crew.

Sergeant West wrote a letter to his mother, Mrs. Allie West, three days before the date on the War Department telegram. Mrs. West has two other sons in the armed forces: E. T. (Eddie) West, pharmacist's mate 1/c, U.S.M.C., who last March was awarded the Purple Heart for action in the Battle of Tarawa; and Sgt. Frederick Jack West, who some time ago suffered a foot injury at Camp White, Oregon, and was transferred to Camp Howse, Texas.

Mrs. West also has a son-in-law, Harry B. Mathewson, who is serving in the Pacific area.

PFC. Peele, also reported this week as missing in action, has his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peele, in Torrance; also a sister, Miss Laverne Peele, an employee of the International Derrick & Equipment Company here.

## Registration Figures Given

Tabulation of the numbers of political affiliations of registered voters in political subdivisions of the south half of the county has been accomplished by county authorities.

The 68th Assembly District has 37,868 voters, of which 27,420 are Democrats and 9,075 are Republicans.

There are 69,519 voters in the 69th District, including 41,550 Democrats and 16,774 Republicans.

Torrance figures: Torrance, 4509; Democrats, 3109; Republicans, 1210.

Avdon registrations total 648, including 358 Democrats and 259 Republicans.

Compton, 9121; Democrats, 5907; Republicans, 2744.

Gardena, 3029; Democrats, 2118; Republicans, 801.

Hermosa Beach, 4029; Democrats, 2176; Republicans, 1669.

Lynwood, 6522; Democrats, 4525; Republicans, 1768.

Manhattan Beach, 4144; Democrats, 2145; Republicans, 1748.

Maywood, 4766; Democrats, 3434; Republicans, 1123.

Palos Verdes, 627; Democrats, 162; Republicans, 425.

Redondo Beach, 6787; Democrats, 4291; Republicans, 2012.

## Amaranth Meeting Monday Evening

The Lomita Court of Amaranth will hold its first meeting with new officers in charge Monday night at 8 o'clock in V.F.W. Hall.

Mrs. Ada Anderson will preside as royal matron, with William Sykes as royal patron.

During the meeting, general practice for all the new officers will be held. All officers and members will also practice for the memorial services, which will be held at their last meeting in May.

## Meeting of Writers' Guild Is Postponed

The Writers' Guild is postponing its meeting which was to be held Friday, May 19, to the next regular meeting date, May 26, owing to the illness of Miss Yvonne Newhard, daughter of the guild's member and hostess, Mrs. Beatrice Newhard, Yvonne, who has been employed at a war plant in Torrance, became ill Saturday, April 23, and was removed to the General Hospital Sunday.

## All Organization to Join In Mother's Day Program

A community-wide tribute to all mothers at the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, was outlined at a meeting of representative organizations held Tuesday evening. The celebration is being sponsored by the Moose Lodge in cooperation with other clubs and organizations.

Gold Star mothers and convalescent veterans from the Army Station Hospital at Torrance will be guests of honor at the ceremonies, which will begin at 7:45 p.m. May 14. All local churches have been asked to combine their Sunday evening services at the auditorium exercises.

Present at the meeting held this week to plan the celebration were: Mayor William H. Tolson, representing the City Council; Merton Gilbert, Boy Scouts; Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, ministerial union; R. A. Larson, Latter Day Saints church; Roy Palmer, Cub Scouts; Paul Sloecker, WALTERIA Civic Organization; Vern Babcock, American Legion; A. H. Bartlett, J. A. Evans and T. J. Wilkes, Moose Lodge, and Oscar Butterfield, city employees. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, 1217 Coia ave.

After discussion of the program to be presented, sub-committee chairmen were appointed. The State Guard, High School Orchestra, Boy Scouts and American Legion have been invited to participate in the program. John E. McCall will be master of ceremonies. Final arrangements will be made at another meeting of the committee tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30 in the Moose Hall, 1951 Carson st., according to J. A. Evans, Junior Governor of the Moose Lodge, who is acting as chairman of Mother's Day celebration.

## Girl Molester Faces 2 Counts

Raymond L. Reed, about 40, arrested last week by Torrance police and sheriff's deputies on a charge involving molesting of school children, was sentenced in Inglewood justice court to pay a fine of \$100 or to serve 40 days in jail.

Chief of Police John Stroth of this city has placed a "hold" charge against Reed and when he is released by the Inglewood authorities he will be brought here to face a similar charge. He is alleged to have made obnoxious remarks to a young girl on her way to school.

Reed, who is married, lives at 1100 El Prado. The local child has identified him as the man who stopped his automobile and allegedly talked improperly to her.

## Softball Sked Is Announced

The schedule of softball games of the Torrance Industrial league was announced today by Dale Riley, city recreation department superintendent.

All games will be played at the city park, the first contest Monday, May 8, finding National Supply and Doak Aircraft hanging at 6 p.m. The second contest that evening will see the Torrance Army Hospital squad taking on the American Barbers. This game is slated to start at 8 o'clock.

Wednesday, May 10, at 6 o'clock, Dow Chemical and the 35th Brigade will tangle.

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## Third Time Charm; Dog at Large Costs Woman \$20 In Fines

Mrs. Pauline Wright of 713 Madrid ave. has been having dog trouble.

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## Rehabilitation Program Set at Army Hospital

Handicraft, Sports, Exercise Included To Re-fit Wounded

In line with the War Department memorandum of Feb. 11 that all military hospitals above a certain size maintain a complete convalescence and reconditioning program, the Torrance Station Hospital has swung full blast into an energetic, well-planned drive to fulfill all the requirements set out in the adjutant general's official message.

The purpose of the program is the return to duty of service personnel, recovered from disease or injury, in the best possible physical conditioning, and the constructive use of leisure time in educational pursuits designed to effect a greater realization of personal importance and produce a more informed soldier. Graded exercises, games, drill, indoctrination and entertainment of various sorts will be fully utilized to the end that reconditioning of the disabled soldier may be rapid and complete.

As the program develops and expands, a full list of interesting and original steps to supplement and increase the effectiveness of the reconditioning program will be undertaken. Included and in some cases already instituted, are such measures as handicraft conferences and programs, victory gardens, lectures and discussions on current events and the progress of the war, talks on soldier welfare and training and educational films.

In time, riding classes will be instituted and organized mass recreation and sports will be set into motion. The entire program will be directed by the commanding officer, Lt. Col. Westbrook, and will be supervised by the registrar and the special services officer under Lt. Smith and Lt. Ecton.

The American Red Cross is also giving its full cooperation and assistance to the program.

## Army Wins Ball Game, 12 to 6

By PFC. DAVID DORTORT

In their second straight preseason victory, the Torrance Army Hospital softball team soundly crushed the National Supply Co. outfit in a thrilling, fast-moving game that featured a truly sensational sixth-inning rally by the military medics. The game was played Wednesday night at the Torrance Municipal Park before a fairly-sized crowd of spectators, and the final score was 12 to 6, in favor of the Army.

With "Red" Moon pitching for National, the game started off in a manner that seemed to indicate that "Red" could handle the Army as though it were a toy. With the able support of purchasing department man Schneider, production office employee Evans, electrician Carlin and forgers Patterson and Malone, "Red" held the Army to two runs while his own teammates pushed six runs across the plate in the first five innings.

Then came the sensational sixth and the terrific rally of the medical commandoes. Lt. Smith started it off with a smash single past third. The National infield seemed to go to pieces after that and two errors filled the bases. Then came hits by Morgenstern, Bernardi and Lt. Smith again, and then, with the bases loaded and two men out, Sgt. Don Alexander hit a mighty home run to clear the bags.

When the dust had lifted it was found that nine runs had been made, and then pitcher "Ole" Olson doubled in the final inning to bring in another tally, bringing the result to 12 against 6.

## Youth Has Its Day In Guidance of City Business—Marking Boys' Week

As a part of the International Boys' Week observance at Torrance, civic administrative offices will as usual open their doors to the local boys, who will take over the reins of the city tomorrow, Friday, for a day.

The annual recognition of boys in community life, who will be the future citizens and voters, will culminate a week of intensive activity in the schools and the community.

## Post-war Plan Survey Started

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week began a survey, believed to be the first of its kind undertaken in the United States, to determine how many immigrant war workers now here plan to stay after the war, what occupations they intend to follow and what their needs will be.

Harry B. Lewis, secretary of the chamber, has prepared a detailed questionnaire which is being delivered to every employer of each Torrance industrial plant. When all returns are in, Lewis believes he will have an accurate picture of the post-war situation in Torrance.

The questionnaire says: "Your company is cooperating in the Torrance Post-war Planning Council for the ultimate benefit of local residents and employees."

"To enable us to furnish the information desired by this council, it will be necessary to obtain certain information from you. Your cooperation in this survey is earnestly canvassed and it is requested that the completed questionnaire be delivered to your department head as soon as possible."

The following questions are asked:

Name of employee; present address; present trade or job assignment; previous trade or profession; how long have you lived at present address; if not a Torrance resident, would you move to Torrance if adequate housing facilities were available; how long have you worked in Torrance; do you intend to retain present work assignment after the war; do you intend to return to your previous trade; if so, do you plan to remain in the Torrance area.

Do you rent your home; own your own home; live with relatives; hold a mortgage on FHA loan; do you intend to buy, build, sell or improve your own home; how many members in your family, boys, girls; do you have children in school in Torrance, elsewhere; do you have relatives in the armed services; number; do they intend to return to Torrance to live; to work; what was his or her trade or profession prior to entering service; additional training received in service; do you own an automobile, model; do you intend to purchase a washing machine, stove, electric iron, refrigerator, car, furniture, other household goods.

## Four Street Names Changed To Del Amo Blvd.

The confusion of having four different names for one continuous roadway was eliminated Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors on motion of Supervisor Oscar Haug. The names of Huntington st., 203rd st., James st. and Del Amo st., located east of Torrance, were all changed to the single name of Del Amo blvd.