

Open House Is Public Schools Week Feature

Torrance High School will hold open house for the parents and citizens of Torrance, Tuesday evening, Apr. 24. The open house is under the direction of Mrs. E. W. Clark, P.T.A. program chairman and E. M. Mosher, Worshipful Master of the Torrance Masonic Lodge.

The open house will start at 7:30 p.m. with a short meeting in the High School Auditorium. At the conclusion of this meeting the parents will go through a model school day following the program of their children. For those who do not have children, special tours will be conducted through the school showing classrooms and displays of particular interest. The open house will conclude with a program and refreshments in the High School Library.

The purpose of this open house is to better acquaint the parents and citizens of Torrance with the workings of their school, and to allow the parents to meet and talk with the teachers.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A gigantic memorial exercise to the late president has been scheduled by Mayor Fletcher Bowman to be held just prior to the opening of the San Francisco conference, possibly next Monday, if arrangements can be made, in Hollywood Bowl.



OVERSEAS . . . Lieut. Bertha Mae Fix, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Fix of 2271 231st St., is serving with the Army Nurse Corps. Miss Fix, a Torrance High school graduate, arrived overseas before Christmas and is now on duty at the 224th General Hospital in Northern France. She received her nurse's training at Seaside Hospital, Long Beach and prior to her enlistment had served with the Los Angeles Public Health Service and as a Red Cross visiting nurse.

TO FT. LEONARD WOOD

Pvt. Gerald L. Alter has been transferred to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for training with the U. S. Engineers.

Torrance Man Sees Torrance Steel 'Out West'

Use of Torrance materials by Torrance service men "way out west" is disclosed in a letter received by the Torrance Herald from Leroy W. Pascoe EM1/c, written under date of April 8. A Seabee, he gives his address as NCB 116 Co. B-3, FPO San Francisco, Calif. He said:

"Very often we use Torrance manufactured materials, etc., in our work. I've seen lots of Columbia Steel sheets go into buildings out here. So I feel we are working together to win this war."

"This letter is to thank you for the wonderful service you have rendered the past 13 months of my service overseas. I have received the Herald regularly and I enjoy it very much. Keeps me in touch with the happenings at home."

"So far everything has gone nicely, except for the usual homesickness, that goes with this life, I am feeling fine."

Pascoe also gave a definition of a Seabee as follows:

"A Seabee is a soldier in sailor's clothes trained by a Marine and who does WPA work at half the price twice as fast."

MEMORIAL PLANNED

Establishment of a Roosevelt memorial foundation in Southern California as a tribute to the late president was proposed to the Los Angeles city council Tuesday.

National Brake Drive of Police Opens; All Cars Will Be Checked

Today the police of the United States and Canada have opened their special program aimed at saving passenger cars and saving lives and limbs by means of a unique check to be given cars involved in moving traffic violations and in accidents.

"Need for such an unprecedented program should be clear to all motorists—and to all pedestrians," asserted Brigadier General D. C. Draper, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, sponsors of the six-week program.

"Evidence indicates that 10 percent of the passenger cars in the United States and Canada have brakes which range from unsafe to plain dangerous," General Draper said.

The keystone of the police program is a small wooden block one inch thick which po-

lice officers will use in checking brakes. Officers will place the block on the floorboard under the foot pedal. The pedal is gently depressed. If it strikes the block before the brakes begin to grip, the officer will know immediately that the brakes are probably unsafe.

Motorists will be warned or required to have inspections and repairs made in accordance with local enforcement procedures.

"This nationwide police program is a war emergency effort to conserve cars and to prevent traffic accidents which are hindering the war effort to an unbelievable degree," General Draper added.

Every two minutes a passenger car heads for the scrap pile because it was damaged beyond repair in a traffic accident.

Every 24 hours 65 people lose their lives and 2,330 more are injured. "War or no war, those are economic and human losses we can ill afford," General Draper declared.

"Since in many accidents car damage is such that brake conditions cannot be ascertained, there are no figures which show accurately how bad brakes contribute to accidents, police point out. However, records in a dozen states show that up to 11 percent of the accidents are caused by brakes that couldn't stop cars in time. Moreover, brakes, good or bad, are employed in nearly all emergencies."

Some 5,000 police chiefs in the United States and the nine provinces of Canada, heading tens of thousands of officers, are conducting the program which will terminate June 1.

Police manpower shortages

will not permit giving the check to all cars, consequently the public is urged to cooperate by having their servicemen inspect their brakes and make needed repairs.

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