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THEY ANSWER THE CALL FOR BETTER EDUCATION FOR TORRANCE... Pictured on this page are the members of the Board of Education of Torrance City District, superintendents, principals and other administrators who will have charge of the education of your children this year. They ask your continued support of the educational program undertaken by voting "yes" at the polls Tuesday on school tax measures.



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## VFW Auxiliary, Post Plan July Meetings In Park

Torrance City Park will be the meeting place for members of the VFW Sewing club for the next three weeks. Each member is asked to supply her table service and a hostess will have charge of other arrangements for the informal lunch.

The next scheduled meeting Monday evening, July 28, will be a joint session of VFW Post No. 3251 and the auxiliary in the City Park with a pot luck supper scheduled for 6:00 p. m. A social evening to follow the brief business meeting will feature games and other festivities.

## Club-Sponsored Brownie Troop 409 In Day Camp Program

Among the groups participating in the Girl Scout-Brownie Day Camp program in Torrance City Park is Brownie Troop No. 409, sponsored by Torrance Junior Woman's club. Leader of the troop is Mrs. George A. Bradford, Jr., and the co-leader is Mrs. Marion Welton, who also serves as unit leader for Day Camp.

## Diminutive Miss Excels In Handling Pint-Sized Accordion

Little Gail Thomas, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Thomas, of 1915 Gramercy ave., for the past year has been entertaining Torrance and out-of-town groups with her accordion selections although she is so tiny that seated in an ordinary chair, her feet just barely touch the floor.

Gail's mother, Bettie Thomas, director of the Accordionettes, says that although her young daughter has a repertoire of ten numbers, she has never bothered much with lessons but has been more, or less "on her own."

As soon as she progresses sufficiently in school and is able to read music, Gail will study with Gail Rini, of Los Angeles, top ranking accordion instructor. Until then she will accompany her mother and the Accordionettes in their diversified programs. She has appeared in more than 50 concerts and but for the fact that many of the evening programs would keep her up late she would like to go more often, her mother states. Her accordion, like herself, is pint-sized and she handles it adeptly.

## Torrance Musicians Complete Plans For Concert Attendance

During the last season's Symphonies under the Stars, Compton sponsored the debut of its own Nadine Conner, Metropolitan Opera star, on its 16th annual Hollywood Bowl trek. More than 1,200 Compton music lovers honored her by their attendance.

As a result of her great popularity, Miss Conner was re-engaged to appear this year as soloist for the "Bowl" concert scheduled for the evening of Thursday, July 24. She will be accompanied by the Philharmonic orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Golschmann.

Since Torrance supported the Mid-Cities Philharmonic concert series in such numbers last year, the Allied Arts Committee with Emma M. Bartlett, chairman, felt that Torrance again should be included in the annual concert. In consequence, through the cooperation of Mesdames Luke Nickol and Kathryn Buffington, outstanding Torrance musicians, tickets have been secured at 65 cents each for excellent center aisle seats (aisle 2 behind boxes).

If the demand warrants, bus transportation will be arranged at a reasonable fare, to take the Torrance group directly to and from the bowl on the date above specified. For further information call 368, 463 or Chamber of Commerce, 125.

## Methodist Pastor, Wife To Participate In Iowa Conferences

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde E. Ruckman left this week for Des Moines, Iowa to participate in two important conferences. From July 20 to 23 they will attend the international interdenominational Children's Workers Conference and from July 24-27 their interest will be centered in the International Sunday School convention. They expect to return August 1.

## VACATION ENDS

Mr. and Mrs. Orson Oliver have returned to their home at 2614 Eldorado ave., following an enjoyable vacation in Northern California and Southern Oregon. Enroute they visited their son and relatives.

## COOKS ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook, of 1743 Arlington ave., are entertaining as their house guest her sister, Mrs. Mollie Winkle, of Tulsa, Okla., who will remain for an indefinite visit. Mr. and Mrs. Cook were recent hosts to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ryder and son, Art, Jr., of Bakersfield.

## ON FISHING TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wright and daughters, Marca and Judy, left Sunday for a week's vacation at Rock Creek in the High Sierras.

## Marriage Licenses

Kenneth Roy McDonald, 724 Portola ave., Torrance, and Violet Rose Eabjornson, 618 1/2 W. 80th st., Los Angeles.

Robert R. Isaacs, 2412 W. 156th st., Gardena, and Marian H. Thompson, 21800 S. Moneta ave., Torrance.

William P. Agapito 804 Amalola ave., Torrance and Vonetta A. Ruprecht, 1103 Portola ave., Torrance.

## Hospital Cases

Patients admitted to Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week include the following:

Mrs. Opal Ames, 21812 S. Western ave.

Mrs. Gertrude Bisbocci, 2016 Ameco ave.

Mrs. Susie Carter, 909 B. Sartori ave.

Mrs. Alva Dalton, 2104 Gramercy ave.

Creed Jenkins, 917 Acacia ave.

Mrs. Lydia Massey, 22125 S. Normandie ave.

Patricia Ramsden, 1976 Carson st.

## City Files New Application For Airport Permit

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repair station for engine and airplane maintenance.

"Ame Air Service is contemplating extensive permanent improvements for the overhaul maintenance of aircraft.

"George Batchelor, who has successfully operated an air freight line over a period of one year, is at present occupying temporary quarters on the field. In addition to his 2-engine Cessna and C-47 now based on the field, he intends to add at least 4 more C-47s to accommodate his anticipated increased freight business. Batchelor is now in Honolulu where he has purchased two C-47s.

"At present, although there is quite a little instructing going on at the field, we have been unable as yet to attract an approved flying school, which operation the City of Torrance desires.

"The fire hazards which were very apparent when the City took over the airport, due to barley stubble, weeds, and dry grass, have been eliminated. The fire department, under the direction of J. E. McMaster, chief, has completely overhauled the fire truck, including the installation of a new transmission. This truck was acquired by the city with the airport.

"On assumption of control of the airport by the city the field was invoiced by the manager and 98 ships were accounted for. The hangar was found to be a decidedly dangerous fire hazard due to nitrate dope, paint, rags open paint cans, scrap wood, and fabric being promiscuously piled and strewn about. Junk airplanes and airplane parts were piled in different places. Work was immediately started on a clean-up campaign and the co-operation of the occupants of the hangar was most gratifying. The cleaning up resulted in removal of nine junk airplanes, most of which were

## Superintendent Explains Need For New Tax Levy

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enough to meet the first year's needs.

These are the reasons the Board of Education feels justified in going to the voters for an extra lift for the first year.

An average home owner in Torrance has less than \$1,000.00 assessed valuation of his property for taxation purposes. The 50-cent tax increase proposed by the Board of Education to meet next year's school needs will cost the average home owner less than \$5.00 extra on his 1947 tax bill. Good schools, locally controlled, are worth more than that to Torrance citizens. This is a one year plan.

The Board of Education has been given a job to do. It needs your help to provide the funds for necessities of the first year that cannot be met when no state aid is provided.

**VOTE "YES" JULY 22.**

## SEVEN TEACHERS HIRED BY SCHOOL BOARD TUESDAY

Seven more teachers have been hired by the Torrance City Board of Education. They are: Mollie Marshall, grade 1, \$2,700; Olive M. Marshall, grade 5, salary to be determined; Neva June Lowen, grade 4, \$2,700; Dora Jane Freeman, grade 2, \$3,000; Maud McKibben Fraser, grade 7, \$3,300; Earl W. Eckert, grade 7, \$3,000 and Margaret A. Moore, grade 7, \$2,700.

partially dismantled. The cleaning up of the junk has been completed except for four Army ships that have been found to be in a very unairworthy condition. An attempt is being made at the present time to get the AAF to make disposition of these ships as they are a decided eyesore to any airport.

## LAKE FISHING

Fishing was fair to good last week on Lake Millerton, Fresno County. Although fishing remains poor on Huntington Lake in this same area some large trout were taken there during the past week.

## GILDED SPURS

Gilded spurs were reckoned the badge of knighthood, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and in the rare cases of ceremonial degradation they were hacked from the knight's heels with the cool's chopper.

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