

Talk Of New Marine Hospital For Harbor Area Revived By Rep. King

Discussions of plans for the erection of a \$7,000,000 hospital for merchant seamen and federal employees in the Harbor area have been reopened as the result of the recent explosion at Wilmington.

Dr. Otis P. Anderson, head of the hospital section of the U. S. Public Health Service, and Rep. Cecil King (D-Calif.), in whose district the proposed hospital would be located, are scouting the feasibility of pressing for construction of the 500-bed plant.

King said that such tragedies as the Wilmington disaster emphasized the need for such a hospital at Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor.

However, his talks with Anderson are in a preliminary stage and there is very little hope of any concrete action being taken during this session of Congress.

The hospital was authorized more than two years ago and the Public Health Service was instructed to submit its plans to the Bureau of the Budget.

But the plans were shelved after the health service site committee could not reach a decision on the location of the hospital.

At that time the committee submitted tentative recommendations for a site in the San Gabriel Valley, but no further action was taken because various maritime unions protested the valley site on the ground that it was too far from the harbor area, where the need for the hospital is greatest. The Palos Verdes Hills area also had been mentioned as a possible site for the hospital.

While refusing to inject himself into the site argument, King has contended that the hospital would serve a greater purpose if it were located at the harbor or in an area immediately adjacent to the harbor.

King did the original spadework for the proposed hospital and cleared the way for approval by the Public Buildings Administration.

But before an appropriations request can be made it will be necessary to introduce legislation establishing the outside cost of the hospital. The outside cost is the total money required for purchase of the site and equipment and for construction.

The outside cost as proposed by the Public Buildings Administration was fixed at \$7,000,000.

The original plans called for the 500-bed general hospital and a 200-bed annex to be constructed later for tubercular patients.



WHEW! IT'S HOT!—Sinking a pair of Ivories into an ice cream cone with all the eagerness of any child, this woodchuck is the household pet of the Wright W. Jackson family, of Fishkill, N. Y. He was taken in last May weighing less than a pound, fed with medicine dropper, and now weighs a healthy four pounds.

Only Two Months Left For Vets To Claim Leave Pay

Torrance Area Veterans Service Center today reminded veterans of World War II that only two months remain in which to file claims for terminal leave pay.

On Sept. 1 veterans will lose their opportunity to receive remuneration for furloughs and leaves not taken in service. J. G. Caldwell, director, stressed that application should be made well ahead of the Sept. 1 deadline to avoid any confusion or delay in settlement that might result from a last-minute rush.

Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, located at 1339 Post ave., Torrance, has terminal leave applications and is ready to advise and assist veterans in filing now.

Bring photostat copy of discharge, Caldwell said, and we will assist in the filing and notarize claims free of charge.

The Torrance Area Veterans Service Center is sponsored by the Community Chest.

Register For Pre-School On Election Day

Torrance voters who have children who will be ready for kindergarten and first grade in September will be able to do two things in one trip. For the convenience of parents, school officials have set the pre-school registration on the same day the Torrance voters go to the polls (July 22, 1947) to vote on an increase in the local elementary school tax from 90c to \$1.40.

The fact that there will be no State Aid for Torrance schools this year, and that all buildings must be re-equipped and all classrooms re-furnished means that the Board of Education had to go to the voters to get authority for a special 50c tax, according to City Superintendent of Schools J. Henrich Hull.

Hull explained that it is anticipated that this tax will provide the Board of Education with the necessary \$150,000.00, in addition to the regular local tax funds, to meet the most urgent needs of the first year.

It is customary to establish the date of birth of a child in school by means of such evidence as a birth certificate.

Kindergarten children must have been four years of age on or before March 15. First grade children must have been five years of age on or before March 15.

Parents who are registering their children at the kindergarten and first grade pre-school registration to be held July 22, 1947 at the Waveria, Torrance and Perry Elementary schools should bring an official document which is authoritative evidence of the date of birth of the child. This will save those persons who do so the trouble of having to do this at the beginning of the school year.

Cite Rules For Prevention Of Forest Fires

The American Red Cross points out that care will prevent nine out of ten forest fires.

- Remember the rule of five:
- 1.—Break every match in two.
 - 2.—If you must build outdoor fires, first ask if the law requires a permit.
 - 3.—Drown every fire with water, or smother fire with earth from which leaves are removed.
 - 4.—Crush thoroughly your cigarette, cigar or pipe ashes.
 - 5.—See that every member of your family knows these rules.

Torrance Youth Among Oregon U. Honor Students

Stanley A. Pierson, of Torrance, was among 269 students listed on the University of Oregon spring term honor roll, according to a press release from Eugene, Ore. The honor roll is made up of students who receive grade points of 3.50 or better, based on no less than 12 term hours.

Forty-one students received perfect grade averages of 4.00 or all "A's."

Pierson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pierson, 1319 Plaza del Amo, is majoring in Journalism, and during the present summer vacation period is employed by the Torrance Herald.

W. Richwood Accepted Into Army Service

Among the many residents of this community who applied for enlistment in the Regular Army here last week was Wallace Richwood, husband of Dorothy Richwood of 20509 So. Vermont ave. Richwood was formerly employed on the Security force at the Dow Chemical plant and was accepted Saturday in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

Richwood will leave in the near future for Fort Ord, Calif., where he will enter a 13-week course of basic training and will go from there to Holabird Signal Depot in Baltimore, Maryland.

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