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# In Emergency, Stay Home, Keep Cool, People Told



**FOOD FOR EMERGENCY . . .** Mrs. Henry Miller and her son, Edward Lee, of 22308 Eastwood Ct., learn about the food survival kits now being sold in local grocery stores from Civil Defense Director George Powell. The kits, which sell for about \$6.50, are designed to provide a minimum diet for four people for three days in case of emergency.



**THE STUDENTS HONORED . . .** Six Torrance High School musicians were named to the All-California High School Symphony Orchestra in Santa Barbara last week-end. The 181-piece orchestra was directed by Dr. Richard Leht, conductor of the Pasadena Symphony, and Maurice Faulkner, of the UCSB music faculty. Honored were Fabiola Madrigal, violinist; Jim Thompson, solo trombonist; Joan Vachalek, violinist; Jack Johnston, clarinetist; and Sally Bridgeman, violinist. Not shown is Leonard Kissel, clarinetist.

## Los Cancioneros Plan March 19 Music Workshop

South Bay church choirs and choral groups and choral enthusiasts from surrounding communities will receive announcements this week concerning the first choral workshop in this area to be held Saturday, March 19, at the Redondo Beach Women's Club. Dr. Lara Hogard, former choral director of Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians, will be instructor. Los Cancioneros, well known

choral group, will host the event. For many years, they have sought to hold an instructive workshop for all choral singers in this area. Early this month Los Cancioneros received word through its workshop chairman, Mrs. Paul Bennett, that Dr. Hogard has accepted the March engagement. Better word projection, choral tone, rhythm and aids to faster sight reading will be included

in the study. In addition to work with professional groups, he is known nationally as teacher, lecturer, festival conductor, choral arranger and editor.

He now lives in Hemet, Calif., where he serves as minister of music in the Methodist Church. During the summer session he is guest professor of music at the University of Utah.

Interested persons are urged to register early with the Los Cancioneros committee because of the limited capacity of the clubhouse. Registration can be arranged by writing Los Cancioneros, Box 292, Redondo Beach, or calling FR 5-1633.

## Three Navy Men Help In Tachen Evacuation

Three local Navy men were among those participating on the ships which helped to evacuate the Tachen Islands. Seaman John L. G. Bullock, of 1929 W. 222nd St., was aboard the heavy cruiser USS Helena, while Donald R. McCue, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McCue, of 20907 S. Denker St., served on the destroyer USS Hammer. Seaman Thomas W. Burns, son of Mrs. Diane Burns, of 3523 Newton St., was aboard the heavy cruiser USS Pittsburgh.

## Marine Due in U.S. From Overseas Duty

The USNS Gen. Howze is expected to arrive at Pier 17 in Treasure Island, San Francisco, today with 1850 veterans of the First Marine Division aboard. They have served in Korea. Among those returning is Cpl. Bobby G. Tally, of 1809 W. 224th St.



**FIRST AID EQUIPMENT . . .** Discussing the first aid equipment for civil defense at a recent workshop are George Powell, city civil defense director; Henry S. Eaton, area director; Mrs. E. C. Osterlind, Girl Scout Leader; and Mrs. Paul Stonecker, of the Walteria Civil Assn. Various plans for defense in case of emergency were discussed at the meeting.

## DEFENSE PLANS BEING MADE, POWELL STATES

In case an air raid were to come tomorrow, what would most Torrance residents do?

A survey made in Los Angeles last week showed that most persons weren't sure just what they were supposed to do if bombs started falling.

George Powell, local Civil Defense head, is trying to correct this condition, by telling the proper procedure in case of emergency.

The most important thing, he says, for the average person to do is to keep calm and stay inside.

"Curiosity and panic have many times killed more people than the actual disasters themselves," he said.

### Stay Inside

People should stay inside their houses, and gather in a hallway, he declared. Since halls are usually better protected than most other parts of the house, this is one of the safe

est places to be, if no shelter is available.

Persons who hop in their cars and head for the hills probably won't get very far, he pointed out, because police and other defense workers will be holding the roads open for disaster and military use, and will halt non-essential traffic.

When authorities are ready, they will tell the people in their homes that they can move, and provide a route for them.

Thus, Powell declared, the best place to be is at home, with a radio tuned to either KECA or KFJ, which have been designated as emergency stations, to be on the air constantly during an alert.

If the electricity is knocked out, either a battery or car radio may suffice.

### Food for Emergency

Food survival kits, containing enough food for a family of four persons for three days, went on sale in local grocery stores last week. These are designed to provide food if communications are severed.

Everyone should keep an emergency flashlight in a hall closet, Powell advised, as well as a ready supply of protective clothing.

In recent years, Powell has been addressing various groups throughout the city, trying to recruit local zone and block wardens for the various parts of the city.

With a rash of interest in civil defense in recent months due to increased talk of radioactive fallout, Powell's schedule has become so jammed with requests to speak that he may soon recruit assistants to speak to local groups.

### Meetings Held

Many areas of the city have held local meetings to discuss the defense problems of their district, and have chosen block and zone wardens.

The block warden is expected to know the people in his block, the general layout of the area, the fire hydrants and other key people. Officials try to obtain an alternate block warden to act in case the regular warden is gone or unable to participate.

The zone warden is responsible for a given area. The block wardens report to him, and he is responsible for seeing that all precautions are taken in needed areas.

City officials and employees are responsible for various tasks, in registration and taking care of emergency workers.

### Officials Cooperate

The police department would help to direct traffic and perform other needed functions, while the fire department would stand ready to act where needed. Mounted police would be available wherever needed.

Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain has a list of all commercial and industrial vehicles in the area which could be used for transportation of needed material and personnel.

The city engineer has a list of all construction equipment which could be marshaled to clear blocked routes.

A city rescue trailer, complete with everything from gas masks to portable saws stands ready to be rushed to areas of need. It is equipped with a portable generator and giant floodlights in case power is cut off. It is really a workshop on wheels.

Certain major thoroughfares in the city have already been designated as routes for military travel, while others are marked for emergency vehicle use.

### Routes Designated

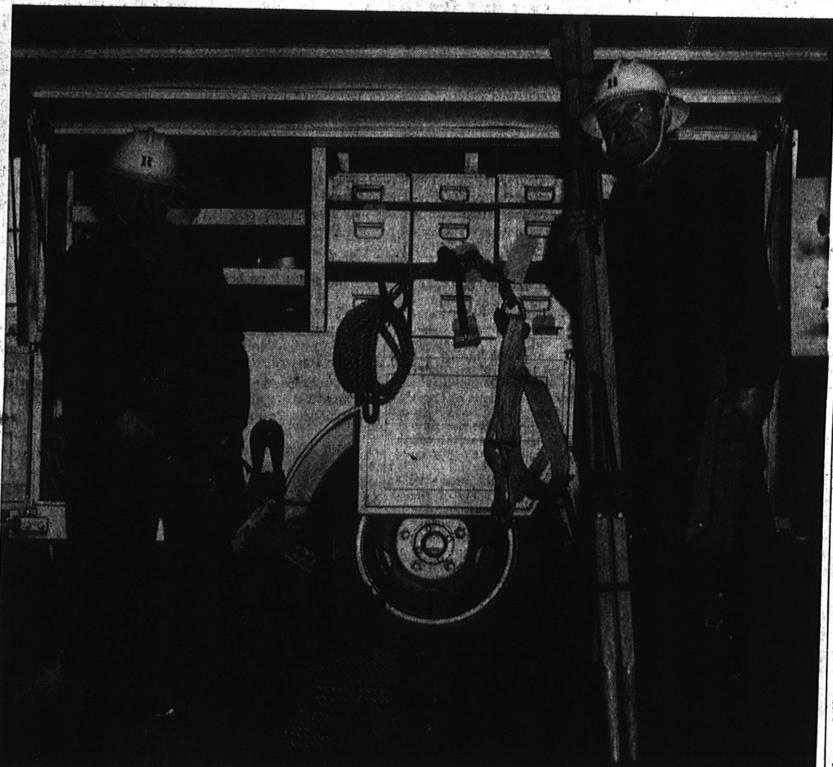
Other streets are designated for dispersal routes, but these will be open only under civil defense direction.

Defense officials have decided tentatively that the best dispersal area would be the Palms Verdes hills, since this district is somewhat protected and is close at hand. Evacuation to the east would probably be congested with traffic from other cities in that area.

Loud speakers would inform residents when they could leave the area.

The best thing the public can do, Powell said, is to keep informed, and if an emergency comes, keep calm, and stay inside.

Curiosity killed the cat, he said, and it could kill you.



**READY FOR ACTION . . .** Some of the equipment which would be available in case of an air raid or other emergency is demonstrated here by Paul Hughes and Ivan L. Eckerley. The equipment is all contained on the rescue trailer in the

background, which contains both medical and salvage equipment, and is equipped with a portable generator. Hughes is holding a portable saw, while Eckerley holds a stretcher and first-aid kit.



**MOUNTED POLICE TO THE RESCUE . . .** In a practice drill held last fall by the Torrance Mounted Police, problems of rescue work were studied. Here, Lloyd Woolver briefs the men before their departure. Atop the horse are, from

left, Arthur Moore, Al Robins, Bill Blocker, George Berry, Ed Alken, Frenchy Valquette, Ted Schroeder, Jim Garrett, Virgil Boles, and M. R. Houdashelt.

## Ozenne Gets Engineer Post At AmStan

Gilbert Ozenne has been named plant engineer of the American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., replacing Clyde M. Johnson, H. W. Creeger, plant manager, announced Monday.

A master mechanic at the plant since 1948, Ozenne will be in charge of all plant maintenance work. Johnson, with the firm since it opened, will operate his own summer resort in Three Rivers, Calif.

Floyd M. Stephen will take Ozenne's place as master mechanic and foreman of maintenance, Creeger announced. He

## Thieves Get Aerial

An aerial, valued at \$10, was taken from his car Friday, Emanuel Schwartz, of 4564 Cadison St., told Torrance police. Schwartz has been chief electrician, and has worked at the local plant for eight years.

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