

National Guard Members Join Parents in Little League Jobs

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Our 200 young baseball players who could not get into Pacific Coast Little League, and for whom a new Little League was formed in this area, ran their new-found lucky streak into more progress this week—thanks to the National Guard.

The 132nd Armored Engineers of the National Guard responded immediately when it was found last week that dirt-moving and grading were essential to the success of the new league. Last Saturday they moved their men and equipment into the area adjacent to Kissell Field and began the task of leveling the new field.

The need for such help became apparent after the group of parents sponsoring the new Little League group found themselves bogged down in efforts to get their new field graded. Don Owen, chairman of the group, expressed appreciation for all the parents of his organization at the prompt way in which the Guard moved into action. Owen said that thanks to their help, the new field should be ready for play by June 15.

This latest step by the National Guard is one in a series of moves calculated to get 200 local youngsters into baseball. It all started when the two hundred found themselves "left over" following Pacific Coast Little League tryouts. Irate parents and citizens went up in arms at the unhappiness rampant among these youngsters. A series of emergency meetings by Pacific Coast Little League officials and parents brought a new unofficial league into being, set up a committee headed by Don Owen, procured raw land adjacent to Kissell Field, and now has the land graded and ready for grass planting. All shows you what citizens can do when they get their dander up.

An eight year campaign by certain Rivierans to procure street lights for Riviera almost saw fruition through a surprise source. At Council last week, Bob Jahn moved to form lighting districts throughout Torrance, in which residents would pay an estimated 25c per month to have their streets illuminated. He pointed out that if residents would pay this monthly amount, it would be sufficient not only to pay for the electricity but to provide ornamental lighting as well. Mayor Isen backed him to the hilt and for a moment it looked as though our dark nights were over. Then Victor Bonstead, followed by Nick Drake but the thumbs down on Jahn's motion and we went back to the dark ages again.

What a blessing it would be to have street lights in Hollywood Riviera! No more dark streets to menace our wives and children; to make night driving more hazardous; to provide the blackness necessary for auto and auto accessory

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thieves who ply their trade more and more on our darkened streets.

There are several openings for membership in Cub pack 656 in lower Riviera. Cubmaster Tom Backus announced last week. Boys eight years through 10, whose parents will help in pack activities, are invited to see or call Backus, 245 Vista del Parque, Frontiers 5-8503.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Carlson Green, 134 de Gracia. Their new son, named Jon Leslie, was born May 1 at Hawthorne Community hospital.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mortimer, 409 Via Malaga, were twins, a boy and a girl, whom they have named Leslie Lynn and Mark. They were born April 23 at Hawthorne Community hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Norman, 224 Calle de Andalucia, returned recently from an emergency trip east. Her father's illness caused the trip to Akron, Ohio. They were gone three weeks. Mrs. Norman reported fighting through a sandstorm in Arizona, a flash flood in Texas, and the edges of four tornadoes. That's doing it the hard way.

It was this same Mrs. Norman who last week, upon taking the trash to her garage, found a brightly colored, 4 1/2 foot snake curled up and perfectly at home in her garage. She fled, called the police, who in turn summoned the Humane Society. A newspaper photographer arrived on the scene shortly after the Humane Society showed up. "Well," said the Humane man to the photographer, "what are you going to do about this?"

"What am I going to do?" retorted the photographer. "The question is, what are you going to do about it?" "Why, I wouldn't touch that snake with a ten-foot pole, think I'm crazy?"

The photographer finally took Mrs. Norman's snake off to Rolling Hills where he released the reptile.

P. S. The photographer knew it was only a big gopher snake.

UP HILL AND DOWN DALE: Men's Brotherhood group of Hollywood Riviera's Lutheran Church met for dinner last Friday. Scene was the home of Bob McLaughlin, 324 Via Linda Vista. . . . Paul Cockrell, 240 Avenida Atezada, was a guest of the Sandpipers. The affair was their annual

Mother's Day and Reciprocity tea held last week at the Neptunian clubhouse in Manhattan. Mrs. Henry Schmal, presenect-of Las Vecinas, also attended. . . . Stop lights at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Highway have been okayed by the Council. Welcome news for all Rivieran motorists. . . . John Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, 345 Paseo de Gracia, has graduated from the Navy's boot camp at San Diego. . . .

And James O'Hara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore O'Hara, 236 Via Buena Ventura, has been assigned to Fort Sill, Okla. He's a private. . . . Mmes. James Reese, Edward Fay, Henry Schmal and David David, son, all of Riviera, will attend the City of Hope benefit at Redondo Elks Club this Saturday evening. . . . Lee Scott and Jack Newville, both of Riviera, are also both on the board for the Council of Engineers for the State of California. Quite unusual to have two directors from one locality but then this is an unusual locality. Lee's also secretary - treasurer for this important group. . . . The Riviera Mariners will purchase a sabot with that money donated by the Sportmen's Club from their Christmas tree sales. . . . apropos the Sportmen, Al Koester and Marvin Kauffman will serve on their committee for their annual fireworks sale, proceeds to further our youth movements in Riviera. . . .

The trend of homeowner associations to join forces for greater recognition was given new impetus at the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Assn. meeting last Monday night. William Barclay, traffic committee chairman, urged joining other associations and reported on a meeting he attended where other homeowner groups discussed banding together for greater voice.

Mike Backus, new manager of the Beach Club invited the Riviera Homeowners group to use the facilities of the clubhouse for their meetings. Mrs. Lucille Gillespie, treasurer, reported on her inspection tour of the clubhouse, which is now being completely renovated. After the business meeting, refreshments were served with Mrs. William Parker as hospitality chairman. About two dozen homeowners attended the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Duval, 241 Via Alameda, announced the marriage of their son on May 31 to Miss Mary DeGard, daughter of Mrs. William Smothers, of Stanwood, Mich.

The wedding will take place in Big Rapids, Mich. The Duvals said. Following their honeymoon, the couple plan to reside in Redondo Beach.

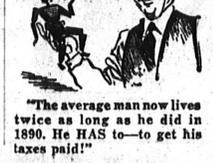
Tryouts for Song Queens at El Camino were held May 7, and three of the six Queens will be Hollywood Riviera girls. It was reported this week. The three Riviera girls are Audrey Stevens, 425 Via Pasqual; Vicki Hagan, 233 Via Pasqual; and Penny Phillips, 514 Palos Verdes Blvd. Vicki Hagan was Homecoming Queen at El Camino last fall. Miss Phillips, in addition to being chosen Song Queen, will also appear in the school's production of "The Mikado" on May 29. She will play the part of "Yum-Yum." The girls were chosen for Song Queen by tests including their poise, rhythm and routine.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Agnifilli, at Daniel Freeman hospital on Jan. 20 was a 9 lb. 4 oz. girl, whom they have named Cynthia Lynn. The new daughter joined sister Stephanie, 5, at the Agnifilli home, 709 Calle Miramar.

Nearly 300 parents and teachers attend the Newton School PTA spring tea held last week at the school cafeteria. Mrs. Henry Graef, president, greeted each guest personally. Also welcoming the parents was principal Webster Smith, whose classes were holding open house in conjunction with the tea. Mrs. John Holmes, third vice president, was in charge of arrangements.

Pouring from silver tea and coffee services were Mmes. Marvin Sims, first vice president; Albert Wilson, second vice president; W. G. Knapp, fourth vice president; D. C. Robbins, parliamentary; Otto Willett, TEAC chairman; William Blakeney, citizenship chairman; C. A. Fischer, News-ette chairman; and Orville Robinson, budget and finance chairman.

The meeting especially honored parents of children who will enter kindergarten next year.



Keep Your Car Safe, CHP Says

Be sure your car is in safe mechanical condition, warns the California Highway Patrol. There were 5200 vehicles involved in fatal and injury traffic accidents in 1956 found to have been defective prior to the collisions.

"It is evident proper maintenance is a necessary adjunct to safe driving," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "Defective brakes led the list of defects with tire defects second in frequency.

Practically all traffic accidents caused by vehicle defect could be prevented," Caldwell continued. "Checking by qualified mechanics, adequate adjustments and repairs when necessary will help keep your car in safe mechanical condition."

Caldwell listed the following key points for special attention when checking your car:

1. Hand and foot brakes working properly and evenly.
2. Headlamps legally adjusted to provide maximum lighting under all load conditions.
3. Tires checked for excessive wear and wheels properly aligned.
4. Tail light, stop light and turn indicators all working.
5. Steering mechanism correctly adjusted and wheels lubricated.

"But remember, the best equipment is of little value without good driving," Caldwell concluded.

HOME and GARDEN

2 Torrancites Get Offices In New Group

Two Torrance school employees were elected to offices in the newly formed South Bay-Eds, composed of educational office employees, at an El Segundo meeting last Thursday.

June Ascolai was elected treasurer, while Martha Coburn was named publicity chairman. School districts represented include Torrance, Palos Verdes, Redondo, Hermosa, Manhattan, El Segundo, Hawthorne, and Lawndale.

Other officers include Helen Mainey, Redondo Beach, president; Beth Given, Hermosa Beach, vice president; Dorothy Kimport, El Segundo, recording secretary, and Dora Holm, Hawthorne, corresponding secretary.

The group's next meeting will be June 6 with installation of officers at a dinner party.

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