

Torrance Unit Hears Cmmdr. Before Return

Members of the 40th Armored Division, including Torrance's Company E, 132nd Engineer Battalion, were told "The American elements in NATO forces in Europe form the cement which holds together this highly effective force," last week by Maj. Gen. Charles A. Ott Jr. The general is commanding officer of the 40th Armored, which returned this week from a two-week training exercise at Camp Roberts.

General Ott had just returned from a tour of Europe,

including all countries allied with the United States in the NATO force.

On his two trips, the 40th's commanding general visited East and West Berlin, and the U.S. Army's Berlin command. He was also conducted through the U.S. missile bases in Northern Italy.

A highlight of the early trip was a meeting with Maj. Gen. Hans Hellmuth Mader of the West German Army, a former Panzer Division commander. The two generals had been in divisions locked in violent combat in the Battle of the Bulge.

A high point in the 40th's encampment this year was the inspection and review of the unit by Gov. Edmund G. Brown.

Local Girl Gets Social Work Degree

Miss Ann Boyle, 20824 Christens Ave., was one of 55 seniors graduated from Smith College School for Social Work in Northampton, Mass. She received a degree of Master of Social Work.

Miss Boyle is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh.

Manuscripter Group Hears Noted Writer

Paul I. Wellman, noted novelist and historian, spoke on "The Novel" at a recently held meeting of the Southwest Manuscripters in Hermosa Beach. The noted writer told his audience that ideas for novels are born of something that piques one's interest.

Winners in a recent short story contest were announced by the group's president, Loren Roberts. Roberts also announced the deadline for the September playwriting contest as Sept. 15.

Fall classes in creative writing were listed. Ramoncita O'Connor, South Bay writer and

teacher, will conduct a writing workshop, beginning Thursday, Sept. 14. The class will be held at Mira Costa High school.

Other class topics include general writing and specialized writing classes. Information on the classes may be obtained from the Manuscripters, who meet each month at Clark

Stadium in Hermosa Beach.

Persons interested in learning to write or meeting other writers are invited to attend the monthly meetings. Clark Stadium is located at 861 Valley Dr. in the beach city. The next meeting is Sept. 15, beginning at 8 p.m.

Ranunculas and Anemones are among the most colorful spring flowers in California gardens; and you can make the first of several plantings of them this month. Set Anemone bulbs about one inch below the surface, Ranunculas about two inches down. Soak-

ing the dry bulbs overnight before planting will hasten the germination process, but it's not really necessary. Just keep the bulbs watered after planting so the hot September sun won't dry them out after they've once come to life.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT



"I couldn't stand having it stare at me... so I got up and turned it on"

CHP Estimates 43 Will Die Over Weekend

"Don't turn your trip into a tragedy," advised California Highway Patrol Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden this week, referring to journeys planned during the Labor Day holiday.

"Patrol estimates indicate that 43 persons will be killed in traffic accidents during the 78-hour Labor Day weekend which began Friday. If that prediction is borne out, many of those killed will be members of families taking a final vacation trip before school opens," he pointed out.

"But there are measures which you can take to avoid accidents. Remember that many thousands of drivers also will be on the road. Allow an extra margin of time, since travel will be slower.

"Remind yourself there may be delays. Don't become impatient when they occur, and don't take foolish chances trying to make up time.

"Every available patrolman will be on the road during the weekend to help keep the highways accident-free and clear of congestion, but the fact remains that the individual driver's efforts will determine in large measure whether the predicted fatality toll is cut down," he said.

The patrol estimate of 43 deaths compares with 39 last year and 56, the record for California, during the 1948 Labor Day holiday.

Obituaries

MERTON A. TOWNE

Funeral services for Merton Arthur Towne, 69, of 22733 S. Main St., were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary chapel Friday with the Rev. Vincent Irwin officiating.

Mr. Towne was a native of Missouri and had resided here for 50 years. He died Tuesday. His widow, Ruth, survives him. Interment was in Roosevelt Memorial park.

ROBERT H. ROY

Funeral services for Robert Howell Roy, 45, of 2814 Onrado St., were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary chapel Saturday morning with the Rev. Milton Sippel, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating.

Mr. Roy, a native of Oklahoma, had resided here for 25 years. He died at his home Wednesday.

He is survived by his widow, Jo Roy; two sisters, Cornelia Swanson and Olevia Mackey, both of Oklahoma; and a brother, Jerard, of Texas.

Interment was in Green Hills Memorial park.

DORIS M. VILLALPANDO

Requiem Mass for Doris Mary Villalpando, 32, of 2350 Del Amo Blvd., was celebrated at the Nativity Church Saturday morning. Mrs. Villalpando who had resided here since infancy, died Wednesday. Rosary was recited at the Stone and Myers Mortuary chapel Friday evening.

Mrs. Villalpando is survived by her husband, Robert; a daughter and two sons; her parents, and two brothers, Daniel and Lawrence.

Interment was in Holy Cross cemetery.

RICHARD R. NOYER

Funeral services for Richard Rexworth Noyer, 57, of 20907 Amie St., were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary chapel yesterday afternoon with the Rev. Edward Goodell and members of the Torrance Masonic Lodge officiating.

Mr. Noyer, manager of the Bette Thomas Music studio in Torrance, died Wednesday. He had resided here two years.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah; three sons, Ralph, John, and Robert, all of Berea, Ohio.

Interment was in Green Hills Memorial park.

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