



SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS is enjoyed by Mrs. Elsie Brown, 22706 Evelyn, who proudly displays six-foot-plus sweetpeas she grew in her back yard.

Mrs. Brown, a new arrival in Torrance last year, says she's had a "green thumb" for years, but never saw sweetpeas bloom like this before.

—PRESS photo

Torrance Students Garner

At a time when thousands of young men are looking at a long military obligation, a 28-year-old Torrance man re-enlisted in the California National Guard for his ninth year of service.

He is Sgt. Lyle DeCuir. "I like the reserves because it's a hobby with me," Sgt. DeCuir said.

"Besides, if a national emergency occurs, I would rather serve with someone I know than to be thrown in with strangers," he said.

Oldest Member
Sgt. DeCuir is the oldest member, in point of service, with Torrance's Company E, 132nd Engineers Battalion.

The nine-year National Guard veteran has also played a small role in the recruiting branch of the service.

Last year, Sgt. DeCuir brought his 22-year-old brother, Pfc. Darryl DeCuir, into the Torrance unit.

He joined the Torrance outfit after his cousin, Sgt. Madison DeCuir, convinced him to transfer from another unit in 1955.

After two years at Torrance, Sgt. DeCuir requested active duty with the United States Army.

He received basic training at Fort Ord, California, and advanced training at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Served in Korea
In the latter part of 1957, Sgt. DeCuir was stationed in Korea.

He served as section chief of fire control for an 8-inch Howitzer Battalion 35 miles north of Seoul.

When he returned to the Torrance unit he was made field first sergeant, a post he still holds.

Sgt. DeCuir also acted as

field sergeant at the engineer company's two summer camps at Fort Ord and Camp Roberts in 1960 and 1963.

He originally joined the National Guard as a combat engineer and his authorized position in the company's Table of Organization and Equipment is a platoon sergeant.

"We throw out the TOE assignments in most National Guard units and do what jobs have to be accomplished," he said.

Pride in Own Unit
"That's one of the unit's strongest points," he said.

"The persons in the unit have the ability to get along with each other no matter what the odds or job. We could get a call in the middle of the night to build a bridge and this unit could come through," he said.

"The men have a pride in their own unit and it makes them work together even if they have an unfamiliar task," he said.

When Sgt. DeCuir isn't blowing a whistle to call formations, he is a purchasing assistant in the Mobil Oil Co. office, Los Angeles.

Sgt. DeCuir and his wife, Janet, are the parents of two children, Eric, 3 and Marla, six months.

Harbor College Grad
He was graduated from Washington High School, Los Angeles, and Harbor College, Los Angeles, with a degree in business administration.

His familiar cry to the members of the Torrance unit is:

"That's right, I re-enlisted for another year just to wake you guys up at summer camp this year."



VOLUNTEERS CITED for their outstanding work in behalf of the 1963 Red Cross fund campaign by George Post, left, retiring chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch, included Mrs. Margaret Barth, Mrs.

Rose Craig and Keith Pichel. Certificates of merit were presented to 13 men and women during a report of the drive made at the annual branch meeting.

RED CROSS FUND-RAISERS PRAISED BY OUTGOING CHAIRMAN GEORGE POST

Fund-raising by hundreds of Torrance-Lomita Red Cross supporters, was praised by George Post, retiring chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Red Cross branch, during the annual meeting when reports were made of the 1963 fund campaign.

Cited for his outstanding leadership in the fund appeal was Bob Lewellen, branch chairman of the campaign.

Certificates were presented to the over-all chairman as well as to Keith Pischel, the commerce and industry drive leader, who directed that solicitation netting over 100 percent of goal, and Charles Gotts, chairman of the business drive, which attained 93 percent of quota.

Also awarded citations were Rose Craig and Bill Brugger who initiated and directed a new phase of solicitation, "Reactors for Red Cross," Dr. Eugene Cook, professional division campaign chairman; and Dr. Stanley Yanes, who headed the drive among community dentists.

Residential campaign leaders, Mesdames Kenneth Uyeda, Margaret Barth, Melvin French, Lucien Burge, Hy Almond and Gerald Gunerty, also received certificates for their fund work.

Post says donations may still be sent to Red Cross for its 1963 campaign. The local

office is at 1617 Cabrillo.

To carry on its 100 year tradition of mercy, Red Cross must rely upon the voluntary fund contributions of the people and our support is needed now as never before to successfully launch Red Cross on its second century of service," Post concluded.

Final thanks and a certificate citing outstanding support of the campaign was given to the Torrance Press for its cooperation in informing the public on Red Cross activities and needs.

William Zappas, The Press publisher, and a newly elected member of the Red Cross Branch board of directors, accepted the award.

Mrs. Mary Pagac Will Head Torrance-Lomita Red Cross

Some 100 community and Red Cross leaders in the Crystal room of The Palms heard reports of Red Cross activities during the past year and elected officers and board members to guide programs of the Torrance-Lomita branch of the Los Angeles Chapter, American Red Cross, during the coming year.

Mrs. Mary Pagac was elected to succeed George Post as branch chairman.

The new cabinet which includes, in addition to Mrs. Pagac, Bob Lewellen, vice-chairman, Mrs. Stanley Himan, secretary, and F. Gerald Anderson, treasurer, will take office July 1.

Elected to the board of directors for three year terms were Keith Pischel, Allen R.

Kuignon, Milt Isbell, Mrs. Gladys Bostick, Mrs. Jean Katherine Raynor, Stanley Himan, William Zappas, Mrs. Himan, Robert Williams and Dr. John McClure.

Following reports of the year's program of activities and service offered by the Red Cross branch in the two communities it encompasses, O. L. Thoreson, deputy manager of the Los Angeles chapter talked on the recent national Red Cross convention and of plans for the centenary observance.

Thoreson, a resident of Rolling Hills, who has been on the Red Cross staff for 30 years, declared, "Only through voluntary support with contributions of our money, time and talents can Red Cross attempt to continue its world-wide humanitarian tradition begun 100 years ago."

The 100th anniversary of the founding of Red Cross movement was featured in elaborate table decorations and a special pictorial display set up by the dinner committee.

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TALLMAN OF DOW CHEMICAL 'MAN OF YEAR'

The 1963 Western Plastics Award was presented to Louis E. Tallman, Dow Chemical Co., here at the 20th annual conference of the western section of the Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI). The award, originated in 1956 by Western Plastics magazine, represents recognition of Tallman as "man of the year" in the plastics industry in the West.

Tallman was chosen for

the award from among nominations sent in from virtually all segments of the industry in the West. Selection was made by the editorial board of Western Plastics magazine, a group of 14 leaders in technology and management in the Western plastics industry.

Now the manager of technical service in plastics on the West Coast for Dow, based in Torrance, Tallman was cited for a broad range

of personal contributions to the betterment of the plastics industry in the West.

These included serving in the area since 1949 in nurturing and participating in society and association affairs, providing top level technical service and advice far beyond reasonable expectation of his position with Dow, and outstanding efforts in enlarging the role of plastics applications in building products and packaging.

7 Torrance Residents Study 1st Aid

Seven Torrance residents are among 82 persons taking a lecture series on "Immediate Care of the Sick and Injured" now being given at South Bay Hospital, Redondo Beach, hospital sources announced.

The course, which now is being given for the fourth time, is designed for persons who need advanced first aid information in their occupational lives, such as policemen, firemen, ambulance drivers, and lifeguards.

Some members of the course are safety personnel from industries in the area. Also, many nurses who have been away from nursing for a period of time use the course for brush-up.

Class enrollment of 82 is greater than it has been during any prior series, according to Dr. Albert E. Ackroyd, Rolling Hills physician who is in charge of the series.

Torrance residents attending the course are Donald W. Clegg, Los Angeles Fire Department, of 23118 Doris Way; John W. Cooke, Good-hew Ambulance Service, 2321 El Dorado St.; Fred Hamilton, Goodhew Ambulance, 2321 Torrance Blvd.; Billy Lewis, L.A. Fire Dept.; 4223 Sepulveda Ave.; Robert Nance, Hughes Aircraft, 5511 Carmelynn St.; Glenn Robinson, L.A. Fire Dept., 5410 Arvada St.; and Edward Witwicke, Goodhew Ambulance, 1323 Madrid Ave.

Subjects covered in the South Bay Hospital lecture hall are first aid, artificial respiration, shock and bleeding, chest injuries and cardiac resuscitation, pediatric emergencies, injuries of the head, neck and back, burns, obstetrical emergencies, psychiatric emergencies, irradiation, disaster planning, and a demonstration with a dum-

my on transportation of injured persons.

The 13-week series is sponsored by the South Bay Hospital Emergency Room Committee in conjunction with the Emergency and Disaster Committee of District 9, Los Angeles County Medical Association, and the Training Division of Area G, Medical Service.

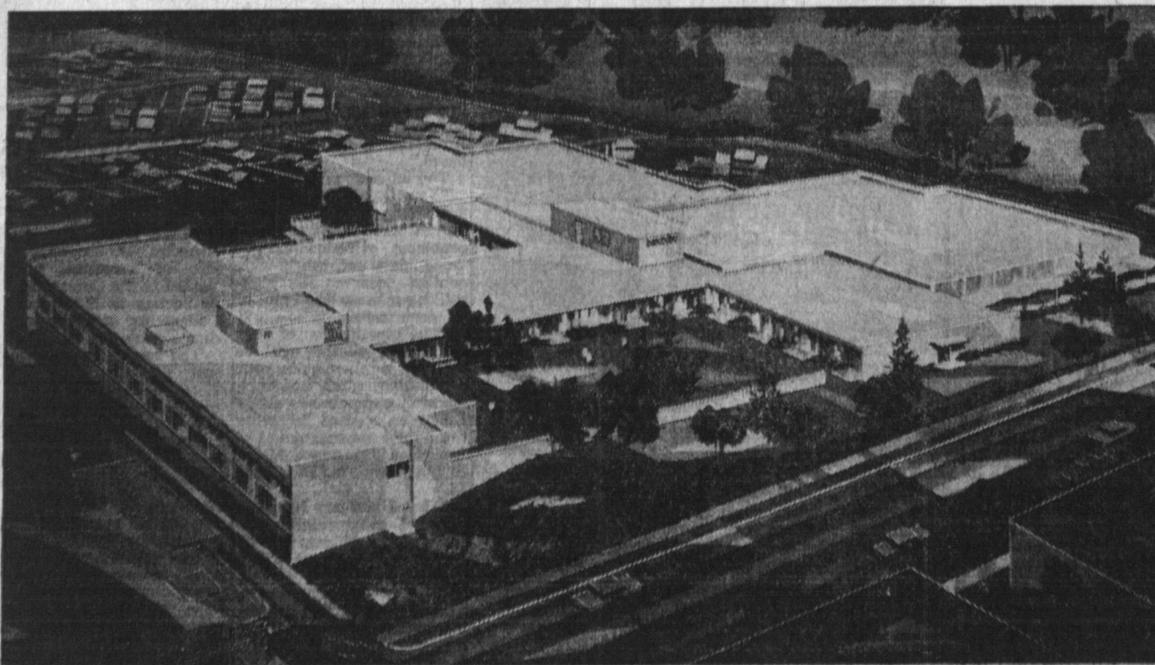
Approximately 150 graduates of three prior lecture series are putting their advanced first-aid knowledge to work in their daily occupational lives, doctors report.

Information on the series, and on the future lecture series, may be obtained from the education department, South Bay Hospital, Redondo Beach. It was announced.

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SGT. LYLE DE CUIR ... Reserves Are His "Hobby"



MODEL SKETCH shows Bay Harbor Hospital as it will look when \$714,950 expansion is completed.

Bay Harbor Hospital Slates Doubling of Bed Capacity

Contract calling for doubling the capacity of the Bay Harbor Hospital, completed as a 50-bed facility just three weeks ago, has been let to Hayes-Vannatta Construction Company of 16301 South Broadway, Gardena. The Gardena firm was low among six bidders for the hospital expansion program, with a bid of \$714,950. Next low bidder was O. L. Dahl of Long Beach with a figure of \$738,235.

Work to be done under the expansion program will include addition of 48 beds in a wing across the west end of present facilities, expansion of obstetrics and operating room facilities, enlargement of X-ray and pathological departments on the east wing, and addition of a new entrance and more administrative office space. Plans for the expansion

have been in the hands of a building committee headed by Dr. George R. Wall of San Pedro. Architect is Hugh R. Davies of Long Beach.

Work on the additions is expected to start within the next 30 days and will take about nine months to complete. The hospital will remain open during the construction period, according to Frank Kredel, administrator. Additional parking area at the rear of the six acre site at 1437 Lomita Boulevard, Harbor City, will be paved and lighted under the contract. Improved dining facilities for doctors and employees and improvements are also figured in the expansion program. Basement of first floor of the new west wing will remain unimproved and used for storage space until a later date.

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