Copies Of 1945 Vehicle Code Ready For Public

Officials of the Department of Motor Vehicles announce that sufficient copies of the 1945 Vehicle Code are now available to meet the needs of all persons interested in securing them and that shipments have been made from Sacramento to all branch offices of the department.

Copies may be obtained free of charge from the nearest branch office of the department or the California Highway Patrol. Department officials asked that interested parties refrain from writing to Sacramento for them because of insufficient clerical help to make prompt mail distribution. The new code contains all amendments made by the 1945 Legislature.

New Law On Drunk Driving Being Enforced

Although the new law providing stiffer penalties for driving while intoxicated has been in effect only about a month, California courts already are utilizing it to "crack down" on drunken drivers.

Gordon H. Garland, director of motor vehicles, so reported today in summing up the effects of the new amendment to Section 307 of the Vehicle Code requiring suspension of driving privileges for a 30-day period on the first offense of drunken driving and suspension of 90 days on the second offense with the added requirement that the offender thereafter must show proof of financial ability to respond to damages.

To Open Bids November 9 On New School

Los Angeles City Board of Education will open bids on Nov. 9 for construction of the new semi-permanent building at Fern Avenue school, according to legal notices printed in this week's issue of the Torrance Herald.

The building will contain four class rooms and will provide much needed space at the Fern elementary school. It is estimated that the cost will be in the neighborhood of $25,000.

A two-room building is contemplated for Torrance high school.

Water Resources Board To Hold First Meeting

The State Water Resources Board which the 1945 Legislature directed the governor to appoint has been named by Governor Warren and will hold its first meeting within the next ten days. In announcing the appointments to the board the governor stated:

"The importance of this board cannot be over-estimated. The creation of it by the Legislature is the first real step toward the development of a state-wide water plan which eventually can conserve every drop of water in our streams for all the uses that can be made of it in a state that is as dependent on water as California. It is my intention to call the board together immediately for the purpose of organizing and starting its important work."

BEN LEPKIN

Ben Lepkin, pharmacist's mate, first class, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lepkin, of 1314 Sartori st., Torrance, is returning to the States for release from the Navy after serving as a flight corpsman with Evacuation Squadron 1, Naval Air Transport Service.

More Servicemen Reported Discharged And Returning Home

Servicemen from every branch of the armed forces are continuing the severance from the military, many via the point system while others are returning due to wounds or injuries received during combat.

Sgt. Sam Estes Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estes Sr., 1623 216th st., was discharged Oct. 15 at Camp Livingston, La., after serving four years and seven months with the Army. Estes spent 21 months of this time overseas.

Discharged at Foster Field, Tex., Oct. 17., Cpl. Robert W. Carlson, son of Mrs. Esther Carlson, 1916 Plaza del Amo, formerly employed at the National Supply Co., served 18 months of his 3-years enlistment overseas as crew chief on a B-24 bomber.

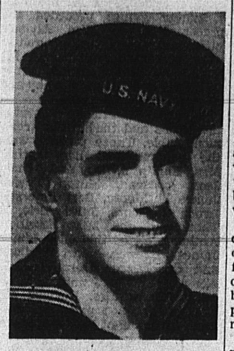
March Field reports the recent discharge of Sgt. Merle M. Burge, 1607 W. 216th st., who had been stationed at the Army Air Field, Deming, N.M.

At San Bernardino Air Base, Sgt. Fred C. Marsteller, 1314 Amapola ave., was discharged Oct. 20 after serving 36 months in the European Theatre of Operations. Among Fred's awards are the ETO ribbon with six battle stars. He enlisted July 28, 1942.

From the Navy, discharged at Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Wash., were: Paul Harestad, 2016 Gramercy ave.; Rex D. Robinson, aviation chief metalsmith, Lomita; George T. Newton, chief boatswain mate, 1661 203rd st. and Howard L. Weber, sonarman 2/c, 1903 Andreo ave.

Nicholas P. Perovich, shipfitter, 1/c, 2067 Carson st., was reported discharged from the Navy at Terminal Island.

Ernest Venema, MoMM, 1/c, arrived by plane Thursday from Key West, Fla., following his discharge from the Navy. The Navy man, who has been in submarine service, has served for six years, 49 months of which has been sea duty aboard the U. S. Submarine Trex. His wife, Dolly, has been living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Livermore of 1716 Watson st. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Venema of 1926 Lomita blvd.



ON 27-DAY LEAVE . . . Ira D. "Ike" Stone, electrician's mate, 3/c, aboard the U.S.S. Iowa, arrived Thursday for a leave with his mother, Mrs. Bessie Hutchins of this city. Letters written by the young Navy man describe conditions existing among the servicemen returning aboard his ship who had been Jap prisoners since 1941. With many pitiful sights and listening to gruesome tales of their torture, "Ike's" praise of the American stamina is prevalent.

Two Torrance Men Enlist In U. S. Navy

Recruiting activities are definitely on the upswing at the local Navy Recruiting Station, according to W. M. Cox, Recruiter in charge.

Increasing numbers of young men are looking to the Navy, as their field of endeavor, Cox states, because the Navy offers them all those things that a man may ask for in the way of life: rapid advancement . . . opportunity to learn a valuable trade in Navy schools . . . good pay . . . present day and future financial security . . . the chance to travel . . . clean, healthful, fun-full life in the best surroundings, and with the best of food, clothing and care.

Taking full advantage of these benefits, are the following young men from this locality, who have enlisted recently and begun their career in the Navy:

Robert C. Warning, 721 Cota ave., Torrance.

Herbert A. Sischo, 24406 Los Codona st., Walteria.

Cox pointed out that men 17 to 30 (inclusive) are now eligible to enlist in the Regular Navy.

Family allowances will be paid to anyone who now enlists or re-enlists, and the benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights are granted to all men signing up for the Regular Navy.

Local Recruiting office is located in the U. S. Post Office Bldg., Beacon at Ninth sts., Room 16, San Pedro, Calif. TErminal 2-0703.

Letters to Editor

Editor, Torrance Herald:

It is not because I received a ticket for not stopping at the boulevard stop located at the corner of 220th and Arlington avenue, but why the stop sign when the City of Torrance hires a school crossing guard at the same location.

Upon checking the crossing, I have observed that less than one half of the drivers bring their automobiles to a complete stop.

The majority of the people that I have talked to, believe that the sign should be removed, as the crossing guard serves the purpose of protecting the school children, so why stop?

I feel that it is up to the City Council to investigate this matter and correct the situation.

MARTIN NELSON
2470 230th st.

BETSY ROSS CLUB IN YEAR'S FINAL PARTY

Betsy Ross Star Club will entertain at the final card party of the year at Masonic Temple Saturday evening, Oct. 27. A door prize will be presented at 8:00 o'clock and the customary games will follow immediately. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Rolive Bever and her committee. Everyone is cordially invited.

Alma's Bakery Expanding To New Quarters

Alma's Bakery, for the past three years located at 1925 Carson st., announces the expansion and removal of the business to the adjoining storeroom at 1927 Carson st., formerly occupied by the USES offices.

Alma's Bakery will continue to cater to weddings with decorated, tiered cakes, to organizations with attractively decorated and wholesome sheet cakes and to private trade for special anniversary, birthday and other party cakes and bakery goods.

Mrs. J. L. Schulz, proprietor, who with her husband and daughter, Kathryn, have just returned from an extended visit in middle western and Rocky Mountain states, has gleaned information and ideas which she will incorporate in the new bakery.

With the completion of work on the new building scheduled for Dec. 1, modern oven installations, renovation and redecorating of the building will enable Alma's Bakery to further improve its service.

WILLIAM SHEEHAN

William F. Sheehan, S 1/c, spent a recent week's rehabilitation leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton, 2219 Gramercy ave. At the conclusion of his leave he returned to Camp Shoemaker for a new assignment.

Gardening Gets Into Full Swing At Torrance High

Local business men have been and will continue to do a booming business in overalls, gloves, and other gardening accessories. The cause of it all it the beautification program at Torrance high school, which went into full swing this week. The shortage of gardening help has prevented the planting of flowers that do not bloom year-round, but with the students doing the work there are no objections.

The school is divided into six different plots of ground. Each class has a plot and is graded for the work it achieves. The classes doing the best work will be rewarded with a moving picture at the end of each month.

The seniors have cleaned the pond in their plot, which was previously a flower bed. The tenth grade have also done commendable work. Already quite a bit of rivalry has popped up between the classes.

Friends Shocked At Suicide Try Of Navy Wife

Mrs. Marjorie W. Stender, 1639 Cabrillo ave., whose husband, Primo Stender, chief warrant gunner, now serving aboard the USS Cascade in the Pacific, tried unsuccessfully to take her life Oct. 22 by shooting herself with a '45' service automatic, is in the Navy hospital at Long Beach. Her condition was said to be improved.

Close friends of Mrs. Stender, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Beal, 1618 Cravens ave., reported last night that she had been despondent for some time due to her husband's continued absence, but her suicide try came as a complete surprise to them.

Beal, a Torrance police officer who recently returned from the service, stated to a Herald reporter that he talked to Mrs. Stender only a few hours before the tragedy and at that time she had told him that she was leaving on a vacation for her health.

Bus Line Suit Hearing Again Is Postponed

Hearings on the order to show cause why the City of Torrance, in selling the Municipal bus lines to Charles F. Koors, should not proceed in accordance with the provisions of Act 5203 have been continued until next Monday, Oct. 29, due to the illness of City Attorney J. E. McCall.

The hearing was continued in Department 34, Superior court, until Oct. 22, when McCall was taken ill, and on the recommendation of his physician, the additional delay was granted by the court on Monday.

W. J. B. Hughes, taxpayer, is seeking to prevent the sale of the lines or to require that they be sold under provisions of Act 5203. This would require the city to present the issue to the people and then sell to the highest bidder.

The City Council in selling the lines and defending this lawsuit alleges that since the lines are not a public utility under terms of the act, since the lines were established by vote of the council, and since Koors is bidding more than their value, they have the right to make the sale as voted several months ago. Koors purchased the bus lines for some $67,000, including inventory, while they are said to be worth less than $50,000.

GRANTED AUDITORIUM

The Torrance High School Scholarship Society was granted use of the Civic Auditorium on the evening of Nov. 16, by the City Council Tuesday.

Girl Scout Week Opens October 28

Girl Scout Week will open on Sunday, Oct. 28, with church attendance of Girl Scouts in uniform. Each day of the week will feature one field of Scouting. The week will end Nov. 3 with a network broadcast over KFI, a coast-to-coast hookup between Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles. Governor Earl Warren and prominent radio and screen stars will participate. During the program Girl Scouts all over the United States will hold listening parties.

Illustrated posters in Torrance store windows depicting Girl Scout activities will announce the observance. Members of all troops will wear uniforms to school during the entire week.

The organization, which embraces girls from 7 to 18 years of age, is the largest in the world with over one million members in the United States. Because of its size it can speak for the Youth of America and Youth can speak through it.

Many people have become community-minded during the war—let's hold that interest by pointing out that youth leadership is citizenship, and with the international organization of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, it is "citizenship in action around the world." One way both girls and women can serve their country and protect its future, is through active participation in Girl Scouting—this is the essence of National Girl Scout Week.

STORKatorials

Doc Stork visited the following parents, among others, at the Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week:

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brenneman, 2044 Lomita blvd., girl, Oct. 24, 3:18 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchel B. Carter, 4415 Torrance blvd., boy, Oct. 20, 11:26 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Celestino Semana, 1830 E. 190th st., boy, Oct. 23, 9:22 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Steelman, 24618 Woodward, girl, Oct. 23, 2:22 a.m.

Trucks Hauling Rubbish May Need Tarpaulins

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Board of Supervisors took action at its Tuesday meeting, ordering the preparation of an ordinance by county counsel which would require trucks carrying rubbish to be covered with tarpaulins to prevent the littering of streets and parkways with droppings from the trucks as they travel through county territory.

Clear-Cut Vote Possible On School Issue

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to see the school issue decided on its merits alone, and this seems to be the only way."

Councilman Hitchcock and Gilbert expressed like opinions.

During the past year, several moves have been made to make it possible to present the issue to the people. One was a bill, presented to the legislature, to amend the education code and allow Sixth Class cities to form separate school districts. It died in committee due to Los Angeles city opposition.

Another was the proposal to become a Fifth Class city without charter. This has been opposed in city employee groups because it might change the civil service status of the employees. This method would automatically give Torrance its own school system.

The third method considered was the writing and adoption of a city charter by a Board of Freeholders. This would entail the calling of two elections and cost several thousand dollars as well as allowing the injection of controversial subjects into the charter to cloud the school issue, it is pointed out.

The state law provides that the City Council may, on its own motion, write a charter and submit it to the people, and the idea of making the school issue the only change in the present city setup is winning general approval.

Youngster Shot By Boys Armed With .22 Revolver

Donald Grimmett, 1615 W. 226th st., reported that his 9-year-old son had been shot by three boys using a 22 caliber revolver loaded with bird shot. Grimmett told police that his son was ordered to run by the older boys. When he refused they fired the gun striking the youngster in back of the head and arm.

Fortunately the Grimmett boy was not injured by the shot due to the distance from which the 22 was fired, the elder Grimmett speculated, but police are on the lookout for the youthful trio.

The shooting occurred at the city dump near the ball park Oct. 23.

FROM OKINAWA

Norman C. Dandoy, a merchant mariner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dandoy, 2221 235th st., arrived recently from Okinawa aboard the S. S. Sylvester Pattie. The young serviceman will enjoy a 30-day leave before he reports for active service.