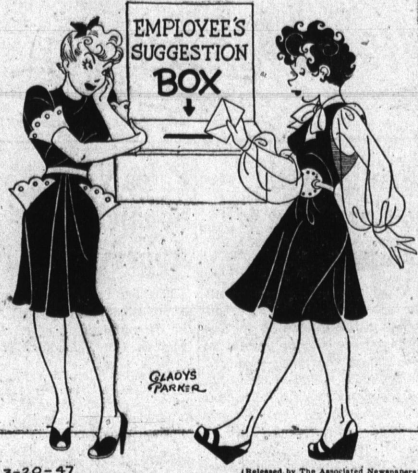


## MOPSY by GLADYS PARKER

IM SUGGESTING THEY GET ME A DATE WITH THAT HANDSOME NEW SALESMAN!



## Twelve Enlist In National Guard Unit

Twelve enlistments in the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard, which will be headquartered in Torrance, were announced this week by M/Sgt. H. M. Cook, Jr., regular army instructor-recruiter assigned to duty here.

They are James G. Browning, who has been commissioned as warrant officer, Leland A. Mitchell, John N. Frippe, Thomas T. Walker, Carl S. Munger, Edwin S. Friberg, William F. Sheehan, Richard B. Coleman, Aaron O. Vaughn, Frank J. Savage, Morton I. Epstein and James F. Wilkes. Many of them are former members of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 38th Regiment, California State Guard.

According to M/Sgt. Cook, there are vacancies in the unit for a first sergeant, motor sergeant, mess sergeant, automobile and tractor mechanics, auto and tractor operators and shovel operators.

Enlistments are being taken Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the State armory in Torrance ball park.

Major Robert F. Lewellen, Sr., who commanded Company H here, has been assigned as assistant executive officer of the new battalion which later will have headquarters at Torrance Municipal airport.

## LOUIS M. DREVES RESIGNS CPA DIRECTOR'S JOB

Louis M. Dreves, Southern California regional director of Civilian Production Administration since 1942, has submitted his resignation to Washington, asking immediate action.

Dreves, a pioneer in the Southern California automobile business, said he believed his war-time assignment to be finished.

## Duration Of Disability Under New State Insurance Less Than Estimated

Duration of illnesses and injuries for which state disability insurance benefits are being paid is proving to be less than estimated by the California Department of Employment. Dr. Bert S. Thomas, medical director of the Department of Employment, today reported that a study made of several hundred cases, chosen at random, revealed an average duration of disability of 3.3 weeks. The Department had estimated the average duration of the cases at 4.6 weeks, while the prognoses of the doctors who certified to the disabilities averaged 6.9 weeks.

Dr. Thomas pointed out that the disability compensation phase of the Unemployment Insurance Act requires a claimant who is unable to work because of a physical or mental illness or injury to obtain a physician's certificate to attest to the disability. Included in the certificate is the doctor's estimate of the length of time he believes it will take for the disability to end.

Apparently through modesty, doctors are estimating that it will take them twice as long to cure their patients as is proving to be the case from actual findings," the medical director said. "The facts reveal that although many doctors have put themselves on record to the contrary, they are proving themselves to be as good as the average doctor in restoring their patients' health."

The tendency to overestimate the duration in the doctors' prognoses as compared with the Department's forecasts is revealed in some examples cited by the department. The state agency estimated that flu cases would return to work in one or two weeks, rather than in two or four; that those who had hernial repairs could reasonably

be expected to return to work in five or six weeks, rather than in 10 or 12; and that most people who have had their appendix removed without complications would return to work in four, five or six weeks, rather than eight to 10 or 12 weeks.

"The possibility of collecting heretofore unavailable morbidity rates and evaluating medical prognostications through a program of this immensity is unfolding," Dr. Thomas declared. "We are heartened by our preliminary study, which apparently disclosed an efficiency which the medical profession does not recognize in itself."

## New Election Granted To G.P. Employees

Manufacturing department employees of the General Petroleum corporation's Southern California division have been granted a new election by the National Labor Relations Board despite a contract by which they are represented by the C.I.O.'s Oil Workers union.

The N.L.R.B. simultaneously refused to call an election to determine whether clerical employees in field offices of General Petroleum's marketing department in Southern California desire separate representation by the A.F.L.'s Union of Operating Engineers and Los Angeles Metal Trades Council.

**FRANCHISE FEES**  
Southern California Edison Co. franchise fees to the City of Torrance were \$1,970.88 during the last fiscal year, according to a report on file with the City Clerk's office.

## Vets Asked To Take Advantage Of Preference

Veterans frequently are reducing their own chances of appointment to state civil service jobs by not taking full advantage of the veterans' preference granted on such examinations, J. G. Caldwell, of the Veterans Service Center, declared today.

In order to receive the extra points granted on examinations, the veteran must file for veterans' preference prior to each examination, Caldwell emphasized. All veterans are eligible for 10 points preference, and disabled veterans receive 15 points. Widows of veterans are also granted 10 points.

Although applications for civil service examinations are filed with the State Personnel Board, veterans' preference applications must be filed with the State Department of Veterans Affairs. The first-time a veteran files application for preference in civil service examinations, he must submit proof of his veteran status. However, it is not necessary to resubmit military

## Charles Fletcher Address Sought For Citation

Two Southern California Navy veterans have been awarded Navy citations and awards for their war-time service, but the Navy is unable to make the presentations as their present whereabouts is not known, the Eleventh Naval District announced.

The two Naval aviation veterans are: Charles Fletcher, Jr., former Seaman First Class, formerly of 1121 Maple st., Torrance, California; and Henry H. Hennes, ex-Aviation Radioman Second Class, formerly of 615 Bassye st., El Monte, California. Anyone knowing the present address of either of these men is asked to contact the Medals and Awards Section, Eleventh Naval District Headquarters, San Diego, California.

Papers when eligibility has once been established. Forms for filing application for veterans' preference and assistance in filling them out may be obtained at the Veterans Service Center located at 1339 Post ave., Torrance.

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## PERMIT DENIED MARY MORENO

There will be no practicing of phrenology in Torrance. At least, Mary Moreno will be unable to construct a building in the 1600 block on Cabrillo ave., for that purpose.

The City Council turned thumbs down on Mrs. Moreno's request declaring that since the city already is free of such practice it is better to keep it that way.

## RETIREES FROM U.S. CUSTOMS POSITION

Arthur J. Kaufman, 69, retired Monday after 35 years in the U. S. Customs Service, most of the time at the Los Angeles Harbor office. He will live in Redlands.

Kaufman, a veteran of the Spanish-American War and World War I, has been stationed at San Pedro for 27 years since the days when only six inspectors were on duty there. Now there are 130.

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