

MILEAGE TO BE PAID

A recommendation that Robert C. Morton and William H. Clink be granted mileage compensation at the rate of six and one-half cents a mile for using their cars to attend the Elementary School Principals' conference in San Bernardino was approved last week by the Board of Education.

MOST ESSENTIAL SIGNAL

Traffic authorities will say that the motorist's three hand signals are equally important but that is because they wish the motoring public would treat them so. They don't actually believe it. The most important of the three signals is that for the left hand turn.



OPERATION FARMSITE . . . Farming will be nothing new for Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ablard and son Kenneth when they move onto the \$25,000 site they won in a recent government lottery of farms for veterans in the Tule Lake district. Before coming to Torrance 11 years ago the Ablards were farmers in Kansas.—Herald Photo.

Veteran, Wife to Work Farm Site Won in Lottery

Louis and Mrs. Ablard have started their own independent "back to the farm" movement. And for good reason! The 36-year old Navy veteran recently won a \$25,000 farm site in the last government lottery of homesteads in Tule Lake. Ablard, although 70th on the list, will choose a site ranging between 70 to 130 acres. The nine-year Navy veteran presently owns his own home and lives with his pretty wife, Dony and 12-year-old son, Kenneth, at 2149 West 233rd street. Tilling of the land will be no new experience to either of the Ablards since they were both farmers in Kansas before Ablard joined the Navy and came to California. In fact the farmer-veteran is following the path his father took back in 1870 when, he too, homesteaded a farm in Kansas. Mrs. Ablard, a typist in Office Service at Columbia Steel, is looking forward to "growing things" and says she is, "real excited about it." At the present she is demonstrating her ability to "grow things" by helping her husband raise about 1000 chickens, a flock of pheasants, a dog, and a cat that is half bob-cat. They have lived in Torrance approximately 11 years. Except for a war-time hitch in the Navy, Ablard has worked for the Union Oil Company at the Wilmington refinery for 12 years. The farmer-to-be left this week to go to the Tule Lake District (lying almost on the California-Oregon border) to claim his farm site and arrange for the movement of two 20 by

100-foot former Army barracks onto the acreage. The barracks will serve the Ablards as their temporary home until they can erect a modern and complete farm house in the future.

Young Kenneth, a seventh grader at Torrance Junior High School, already has picked out the tractor he hopes to drive to help his father raise sugar beets, potatoes, barley, and other crops.

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- AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT MECHANIC** (Salary \$242.00 to \$290.00 per month)
- MECHANIC'S HELPER** (Salary \$211.00 to \$253.00 per month)
- STENOGRAPHER - CLERK** (Salary \$184.00 to \$221.00 per month)
- JANITOR** (Salary \$176.00 to \$211.00 per month)

All candidates must be citizens of the United States and bona fide residents of the City of Torrance, for at least one year immediately preceding the date of filing applications. Applications may be secured at the office of the Personnel Clerk, Room 2, City Hall, Torrance, Calif.

LAST DAY FOR FILING APPLICATIONS
Friday, March 11, 1949, at 5:00 p.m.

Gala Week-End Is Enjoyed by College Group

More than half the student body of Palos Verdes College left the campus en masse last Friday afternoon for a gala week-end in the snow as guests at the Running Springs lodge of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Cunningham.

SHOWS NERVOUSNESS

There are drivers fully aware of the evil of riding the clutch who are very careful never to stop at a traffic light with the car in gear. Yet, while waiting with the gears disengaged, many of these have a nervous habit of depressing the clutch pedal from time to time. The habit, like many others, can be formed with its victim entirely unaware of it.

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