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Back to the old grind, a little saddle sore and smelling like fish, after nine days at Lake Vernon inside Yosemite National Park. Lake Vernon is located about 38 miles from the center of Yosemite as the crow flies and about 5836 jolts and jags by horseback. I rode "Pepsi Cola"—so named because she had more bounce to the ounce.



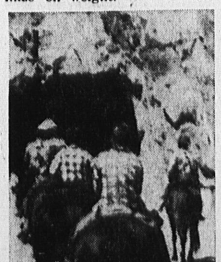
Learned a lot about wild life during the trip. 1. Bears are smarter than people. 2. Fish are equipped with radar. 3. Mosquitoes at Lake Vernon are so big they carry co-pilots.



One of the nice features of vacation is that it gives one the opportunity to see so many new faces.



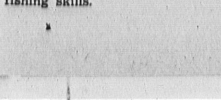
This picture was taken so I could show my kids what I looked like on horseback. Henry Clark, the man that snapped the picture, apologized for having such a small camera.



This is what was left of a 10-pound slab of bacon after Mr. Bear got his fill. We left our razor blades at home to economize on weight.



The scenery was beautiful. The trees were so green.



The crystal-clear lake afforded many opportunities for us to demonstrate our individual fishing skills.

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## Sponsored by Realty Board:

### Noted Lecturer to Speak Here During Constitution Day Fete

Dr. John R. Lechner, executive director of the Americanism Educational League, will be the speaker at the Torrance-Lomita observance of the signing of the Constitution to be held at the Civic Auditorium on September 17, it was announced this week by Realtor William T. Faulkner.

Sponsored by the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board with the support of many local businesses and organizations, the Constitution Day program is slated to get under way in the auditorium at 8:15 p.m., the evening school opens. The celebration will fete the 164th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution.

Program for the evening includes music by the Torrance Area Youth Band under the direction of James Van Dyke, "America the Beautiful," sung by the Torrance Barbershop Chorus, "The National Anthem," sung by the chorus; Pledge of Allegiance led by George W. Stevens, city manager, and invocation by Rev. C. Miles Northrup. Dr. Lechner will speak following the invocation.

At press time 42 local organizations signified intentions of supporting the Constitution Day anniversary, according to Faulkner. Represented are the Torrance and Lomita Masonic lodges, and affiliated women's organizations, veterans and auxiliary groups, two CIO councils, a large majority of church groups both Catholic and Protestant, and Forrest Murdock, president of El Camino College and Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance schools.

**A NON-PROFIT GROUP**  
The Americanism Educational League, which Dr. Lechner represents, is a non-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of the state of California. It was founded by Lechner at the request of scores of leading citizens in 1927, according to Faulkner.

The league originally exposed the German-American Bund and the highly dangerous radical labor's Non-Partisan League. It emancipated the organization in a bitter fight before the Los Angeles School Board. The league has initiated many important, constructive patriotic programs, and conducted the first Bill of Rights program for Southern California. The first meetings were forerunners of the "I Am An American" program, and honored new citizens.

**NOTED SPEAKER**  
Dr. Lechner holds degrees from Denison University, Crozer Theological Seminary and the University of Pennsylvania. He has been recognized as one of the outstanding speakers for the west coast for many years and has a record of more than 10,000 addresses before civic, fraternal, patriotic and women's groups.

### New Catholic School Ready September 25

Catholic officials announced this week that Marymount of Palos Verdes, the new \$250,000 school atop the Palos Verdes hills, would open September 25, and that Mother Cecilia of Corvallis School, San Fernando Valley, would be the school's first mother superior.

The original five structures—students' residence hall, classroom building, kitchen and dining rooms, nuns' convent, and administration-chapel—were now in the finishing stage. Ground for the new school was broken last St. Patrick's Day.

The school will have a capacity of 200 pupils and will accept resident and day girl students from the first through 12th grades. Boy day students will be accepted from the first through fourth grades.

### Dr. Eastham Completes Special Study

Dr. Gerald M. Eastham, whose offices are at 1321 Cravens avenue, has completed his studies in ophthalmology at Westport Junior College, Portland, Maine.

Dr. Eastham attended the 11-week course offered by the Ophthalmological Study Council of Boston, Mass. Sometimes known as the Lancaster courses, they are considered prerequisite for the American Board Exams in ophthalmology. All who register must be M.D.'s and must have standing of 70 per cent in each subject for completion of the course.

The intensive study which started June 23 attracted doctors from 23 states, Canada, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, South America and the Philippines.

The company also heads the list of contributors to the sister group, the YWCA, with an \$1100 contribution.

In tendering his check, Leo M. Harvey, president of the company, wrote: "Being close to the fair City of Torrance, we are interested in its well being. The aim of the YWCA to own its own building in Torrance is a very laudable deed, and I believe it will be supported by the entire community."

The company, although considered a local industrial plant, is not actually in the city of Torrance but in the city of Los Angeles.

The donation was the first in a campaign to raise \$6400 by the Board of Managers of the local YMCA to pay off a mortgage held by the Torrance National Bank and the Bank of America.

Three men, Dr. Rollin Smith, R. T. Whitely and Sam Levy signed a note for \$3400 on the mortgage while Levy signed another note for the \$3000 balance. The money was the balance owed the banks by the VFW, which sold its building at Washington and Arlington avenues to the YMCA.



**IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS, TOO . . .** Local kids bemoaning the start of school next Monday are not so bad off as these 243 teachers and administrators who reported for school this week. The local district has added 23 new personnel members since last year to meet growing needs of the community. Following the initial meeting of the

group on Monday the teachers and staff were hosted to a picnic lunch served in the Torrance City Park by the Torrance Council of Parent Teacher Associations. Addressing the group is Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. (Herald photo).

### Group Tackles City's Parking Meter Problem

A manner of determining just how many of the 6000 automobiles in Torrance are trying to crowd the 893 downtown against-the-curb parking spaces is being sought this week following a meeting of the Torrance Parking Authority on September 6.

Appointed by Chairman C. T. Rippey were two committees composed of members of the Authority. Delegated to investigate the feasibility of installing parking meters in the Central Traffic District were Dean L. Sears and Charles Ver Jone.

**TO PUBLICIZE FACTS**  
Charged with gathering and presenting all the facts to the public were Mrs. Emma Roberts and J. H. Paget. The latter pair will investigate the cost of meters, the operation of meters in other communities and other phases of the problem, and present their findings to the shopping public through newspaper stories and public speakers.

"Our biggest problem," said Chairman Rippey, "is finding means of financing off-the-street parking. The purchase of any property for parking purposes cannot be made with general tax funds. Several means of providing off-the-street parking areas were discussed. One was the purchase of land with funds pledged by local merchants. Another was to use money from the city's surplus funds should any be available. However, nothing definite was decided and no action was taken during our first meeting," he said.

**MUST ISOLATE FACTS**  
"Before we can determine how to solve the problem we must isolate the problem itself. We must find a manner of determining how many parking spaces are needed. We hope to arrive at this figure by comparing sales tax revenue figures with the number of known automobiles owned by persons using the Torrance shopping area."

The parking authority will meet the first and third Thursday of each month in the City Hall at 8 p.m., according to the by-laws written by City Attorney Jim Hall and adopted by the group at its initial meeting last Thursday night.

Under preparation by City Manager George W. Stevens is a map of the city showing the present parking spaces on the streets, the available off-the-street lots and possible future parking lots.



**SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS . . .** Leo M. Harvey (right) president of the Harvey Machine Company hands a check for \$500 to local officials of the Torrance YMCA. Sam Levy accepts the check, which will apply to the \$6400 balance the "Y" owes on its present home. Also representing the local "Y" were L. Milton Isbell, (left) executive secretary of the youth organization and Dr. Rollin Smith, a member of the Board of Managers of the YMCA. (Herald photo).

### Soldier Awarded Silver Star

Corporal Alec C. Elliot, son of Mrs. Loma May Elliot, of 123 East 216th street, has been awarded the Silver Star for courageous action near Yong-gong-ni, Korea, on March 11, 1951, while a member of Company A, 19th Infantry Regiment.

His company was attacking enemy-held positions, well fortified and well concealed on the slopes of hill 854, according to the citation accompanying the award.

An estimated unit of reinforced company strength was defending this objective with many automatic weapons. Forced to take cover from the heavy fire of the enemy machine guns and small arms fire, the whole company was halted.

Corporal Elliot, an assistant squad leader, organized and led a vicious bayonet charge through the wall of enemy fire. Charging swiftly into an enemy machine gun nest, he shot two gunners and drove his bayonet through another, destroying the position.

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the area, he continued the assault. Running headlong into three enemy grenadiers, he killed one and closed with the other two in hand-to-hand combat.

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### National Supply Employee Dies

Funeral services for Lucian Clark, known familiarly to his many Torrance friends as "Pete," were held yesterday afternoon at the Stone and Myers Chapel with Rev. J. C. Derfelt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington officiating.

An employee of the National Supply Company for 15 years, Clark was 64 at the time of his death last Sunday. He was born in Beaver Dam, Kentucky, and was a veteran of infantry service overseas during World War I.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Ruth M. Clark, of 2117 Torrance boulevard; a son Capt. Donald R. Clark, stationed at the Air Force Base in Travis, Calif., and a daughter, Mrs. Jean Sleeth, of Waltham.

Interment in Green Hills Cemetery followed yesterday's rites.

### Breaks Leg in Tumble

ture of his right ankle when he apparently tripped over a small fence between the Gramercy apartments and Cap's Poultry on Cabrillo avenue sometime early yesterday morning was 41-year-old Tony Chaykowski, of 2719 El Dorado street.

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The Baron, object of many a boo and hiss for his villainous conduct in the ring, is more of a villain in tights than in civilian clothes. In addition to appearing locally for the benefit of Torrance kids he has a favorite project on which he spends much time—raising money for the war-mutilated children of Italy.

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### 'Riting Due for More Emphasis in City Schools

Emphasis in local schools this year will be on 'riting, according to Walter Rehwoldt, director of instruction for the Torrance Unified School District. During the last two years the district has stressed the other two "R's"—rithmetic and reading.

To assist the teachers in the district with the program, the Board of Education brought Mrs. Ruth Kittle, penmanship expert and author of a book on teaching of writing to elementary school pupils. Her specialized instruction to teachers was part of an "indoctination" given to both new and old teachers in the district during the past week. Explained to new teachers were board policies, use of district facilities and what is expected of them as teachers.

Noted was an increase of 23 new teachers and staff who have been hired to keep pace with the rapidly expanding population of Torrance. The local district hopes to have three new schools open by the first day of school next Monday. Being rushed to completion are the Greenwood School, the El Nido School and the Crenshaw School.

### Fireman Returns to Job

Bob Moffitt, engineer with the Torrance Fire Department who was seriously burned by exploding gasoline while fighting a fire earlier this summer, returned to work yesterday. He had been off the force for 14 weeks while recuperating from serious burns.

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### 'Full' Sign to Go Out After School Opening

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ers have been added. Although population surveys have been conducted by district officials during the summer it will remain to be seen just what happens on Monday morning as far as double sessions in most of the schools are concerned.

**SCHOOLS LOADED**  
"All of our schools are loaded," stated Walter Rehwoldt, director of instruction. "A few are overloaded and will have one or two classes on double sessions. We'll know more accurately on Monday."

As of Wednesday noon this was the latest report on the nine elementary schools in the Torrance school district and for the Halldale school in the Los Angeles district.

**FERN AVENUE**  
Loaded. Third grade on double sessions. Cafeteria to open. Lunch—25 cents.

**TORRANCE**  
No double sessions to start with. Loaded. Unexpected heavy enrollment could force one or two double sessions. Classes for the handicapped, not held last year, will be conducted this year.

**NORTH TORRANCE**  
Crenshaw school taking some of the load from this school. No double sessions expected.

**EL NIDO**  
It is a race between time and the contractors. Some short sessions may be necessary during the opening weeks while final construction details are completed, according to Emmett W. Ingram, business manager of

the district.

**CRENSHAW**  
A carbon copy of the situation at El Nido—carpenters and painters racing time.

**SEASIDE**  
Loaded! Pre-registration heavy. Double sessions forecast for the first and third grades.

**HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA**  
Start of construction awaiting action on a request for steel from the federal government.

**MADRONA**  
Same story as the Riviera school.

**GREENWOOD**  
Fern avenue students in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades will report to the new Greenwood school. Principal Raymond Ellerman instructs the students to check the list on the doors of the various classes. Grade and student assignments will be found on lists to be posted on the classroom doors. Cafeteria facilities will be available across the street at Fern avenue school. Lunch—25 cents. Crossing guards will stand watch on Torrance boulevard at Fern avenue and Crenshaw boulevard.

**WALTERIA**  
Double sessions in the third grade.

**PERRY**  
No double sessions.

**HALDIALE (Shoestring-Strip, L. A. System)**  
Double sessions high first and low second grades. Minimum day September 17, 8 a.m. until noon. Register today and tomorrow for all new students of the school. Swings and slides have been removed and sand boxes placed under other equipment. Teaching staff has been increased by five members. Five of the staff are men teachers.

### Wardens Voice Appeal for Aid

An urgent need for volunteer workers to staff the Civil Defense setup in North Torrance was pointed out this week by Jim Gray, chief warden of the Northeast Section, who is seeking to enlist doctors and nurses in the area for the program.

Gray and his limited staff are now attempting a survey of the North Torrance area in an effort to interest qualified persons in assisting with the technical aspects of the Civil Defense program, he said.

He also made an appeal for office workers, canteen workers and persons to enlist in home nursing and first aid courses.

### ... Kids Day

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