Marine Air Detachment Still Needs Reservists

There are still openings for enlistments in the Marine Air Detachment, Air Reserve Training Command, at the Los Alamitos Naval Air Station, it has been announced.

Former Marine fliers and aviation personnel are especially wanted, although there are openings for veterans of any service.

Immediate enlistment will mean retention of rank held at the time of discharge. Information may be obtained by calling at the station, or by telephoning Long Beach 9-6851.

CATTLE USE

Domestication of cattle is said to have begun 10,000 years ago.

Series of One-Act Plays Slated Here

Members of the Hampton Players of Torrance and the San Pedro Footlighters will join forces next Tuesday evening here to present a series of one-act plays in the Torrance Elementary School auditorium.

Leading local thespians, including those having experience with the Hampton Players and other amateur productions, will be presented by Danny Desmond, drama instructor in the Adult School of Education.

Jo McClay and Howard Coursey will be seen in "Suspense," a short dramatic scene.

"Goodnight Please," a one-act farce by James L. Daggett, will feature Doug McClay, Elbert Laycock Ed Soucek, Jim Craig, Ethel Dowling, Jacque Lafferty and Dorothy Tunis. It will be directed by Mary Woodson with the assistance of Elda Monroe.

The plays are open to the public, Desmond said. They were performed recently in San Pedro, where they were received by an enthusiastic audience.

The San Pedro Footlighters will present a series of experimental plays including "Aria Da Capo,'" an experiment in symbolism, and a symbolic fantasy bolism, and a symbolic fantasy by Edna St. Vincent Millay.

"Hello, Out There," a tragedy by William Saroyan, will also be presented along with "Moonshine," a comedy by Arthur Hopkins.

JO McCLAY
. . . In "Suspense"

DOUG McCLAY
. . . Footlights Call

Post Office Opens In Portuguese Bend

A special first day postal cover and a unique mail pickup featured the opening of an official United States postoffice at Portuguese Bend Wednesday, January 2.

The first day cover, a replica of the Palos Verdes Peninsula coastline with a spouting whale and a four-masted schooner, was imprinted on each envelope leaving the new postoffice on the opening day.

TEA GROWERS

Tea is grown principally now in Ceylon, as well as in India, Java, Sumatra, China, Japan and Formosa.

STORM CAUSE

Thunderstorms generally develop whenever moist warm air rises in considerable quantities.

New Rule for Work Insurance Starts Jan. 1

Unemployment insurance claims filed on and after Jan. 1, 1952, are subject to a new provision of the California Unemployment Insurance Act, Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office of the State Department of Employment said today.

"Heretofore an individual, if otherwise eligible, could file a claim for benefits and draw out his award; and on the anniversary date of his original claim file another claim and draw additional benefits without the necessity of having worked during that year," Mrs. Ellis said. "The new amendment makes this impossible since it is now mandatory that a claimant earn sufficient wages during the year that he draws unemployment insurance benefits to qualify for a claim during the following year."

Local seasonal workers who follow a pattern of employment year after year usually earn enough each year to qualify for insurance payments under the new provision, Mrs. Ellis said. "But," she added, "we expect there will be some persons who will fail to qualify under this new amendment."

Mrs. Ellis pointed out that the amendment does not apply to the receipt of benefits under the disability insurance provisions of the act.

She also asked persons interested in further information or individual interpretations of the new section to contact the Department of Employment office at 1628 Cravens avenue Torrance.

Young Musicians Slated for TV Talent Contest

Torrance teenagers will be well represented on the "High Talent Battle" over television station KLAC-TV tomorrow evening when a jazz combo, two singers, and an accordionist will vie for honors in the popular talent show.

Heading the list of Torrance entertainers who will compete with young talent from Hamilton High School, will be the Tartar Jazz Cats, a Dixie combo made up of John Meyers, bass horn; Jerry Johnson, trombone; Virgil Brenenstahl, guitar; Greg Jenkins, trumpet, and Rudy Bowen, drums. They will play "When the Saints Go Marching In," traditional jazz number.

Also slated for TV appearances tomorrow evening are Yolanda Francis, pop singer; Ann Flannigan, classic singer, and Pat Dunmyer, accordionist.

The program will hit video screens in the area at 7 p.m. tomorrow on Channel 13. Tickets for the show can be obtained by calling Nadine Nickol at Torrance 2197. Judging will be conducted during the program and viewers may vote for their favorite by sending in a two-cent postcard (the penny card is now history).

Mail votes should be sent to Pictsweet, Station KLAC-TV, Hollywood, California.

WATER BRIQUETS

Small briquets are used to absorb the salt from sea water and thus provide life boat survivors with a supply of drinking water.

2 REPUBLICS

Haiti and Liberia are the only Negro republics in the world.