

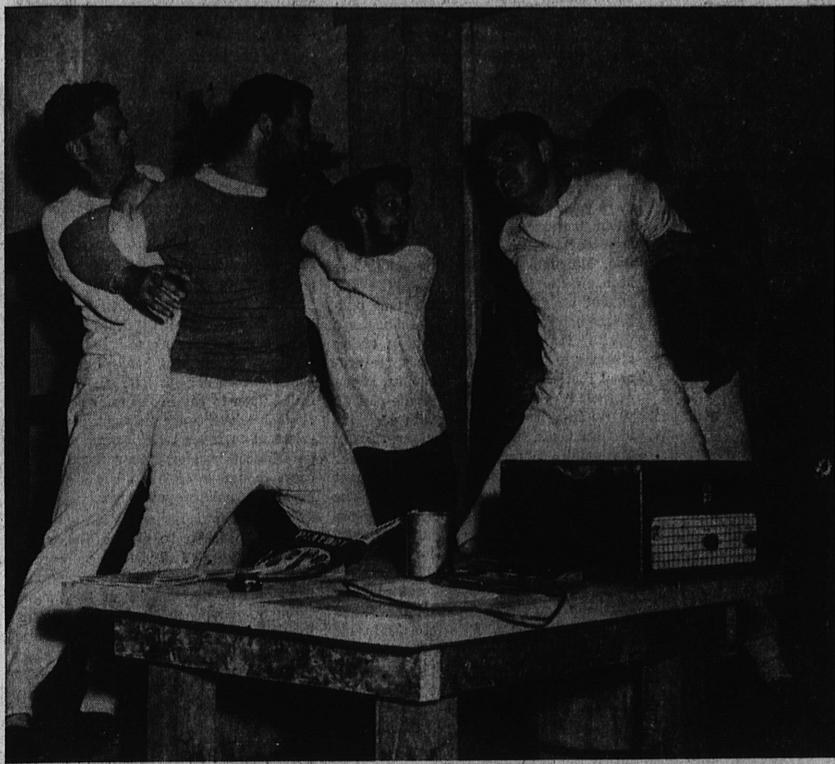
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**TEMPERS FLARE . . .** Tension mounts in the prison camp barracks as local thespians of Accent Theatre readies its next production, "Stalag 17," for its April 25 opening. Shown here during rehearsals for the gripping drama are

(left to right) Lee Oberholtzer, Ed Cook, Lou Ehrlich, Ed Long, and Phil Shaffer. The production will be staged at the Playhouse, Cabrillo and El Prado.



**GRADUATE DRIVERS . . .** Thirteen men of the city's street department were graduated recently from Drivers School at the Washington Adult School. Receiving congratulations here are Joseph J. Gollas, Stephen Daugherty, Richard Marlon, George J. Webel, and Thomas C. Todd on

(Herald Photo) the front row. On the back row are Ernest Mata, Raymond Ramsey, Lester R. Clouch, James H. Specht, and Don G. Sclarrotta. Superintendent Ralph Perkins is doing the honors. Not available for the picture were Merle P. Case and Joseph C. LaPorte.

## Fiesta Set April 27 At Serra High School

The Mothers' and Dads' Clubs of Serra High School, 14830 S. Van Ness Ave., Gardena, will sponsor the annual fiesta on Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28.

Barbecue beef dinner will be served Sunday from 12:30 to 7 p.m. Adult tickets cost \$1.50 and children's 75 cents. There will be a snack bar, booth, chance booths, rides for children, and entertainment for all. A free car show of coupes, dragsters, and roadsters will be held Sunday evening, 7 to 11 p.m.

## 'Stalag 17' to Open Here Next Thursday Evening

Members of Accent Theatre will launch a new era of entertainment here next Thursday evening, April 25, when they open "Stalag 17," a tense drama of prison camp life, in the Playhouse, the former Four-square Church property at El Prado and Cabrillo.

Staged under the direction of Charles Gray, an accomplished director with many top credits, the new drama will be opened amid a gala "first night" patterned after Hollywood spectaculars. The night will be accented by attendance of a large number of local cultural and civic leaders who will be joined by a number of Hollywood movie personalities, guests of the director.

At the same time, the Torrance Art Group will feature an exhibit of their latest work at the Playhouse.

Twelve performances of the ambitious drama will be presented beginning next Thursday. The play will be staged each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights through May 18th. It features an all-male cast.

Ticket reservations may be made by calling Mrs. R. A. Kelsey, or by contacting any Accent Theatre member.

## Former Navy Air Counsel Joins N.A.A.

Daniel P. Byrnes, former assistant counsel of the Navy Department's Bureau of Aeronautics, joined North American Aviation Monday as assistant general counsel. Vice President and General Counsel, Gerald B. Brophy, announced today.

Byrnes' tenure with the Office of the General Counsel of the Navy Department commenced in October 1950 and he served as assistant counsel for the Office of the Navy Comptroller until June 1952. Until his recent resignation from government service, he served as assistant counsel for the Bureau of Aeronautics.

Byrnes was the active Navy member of the Legal Division of the Air Coordinating Committee and had a wide experience in all legal phases of the Navy Department's activities in procurement and related matters. He also was in charge of legislation for the Bureau of Aeronautics in the course of his service as assistant counsel in that office.



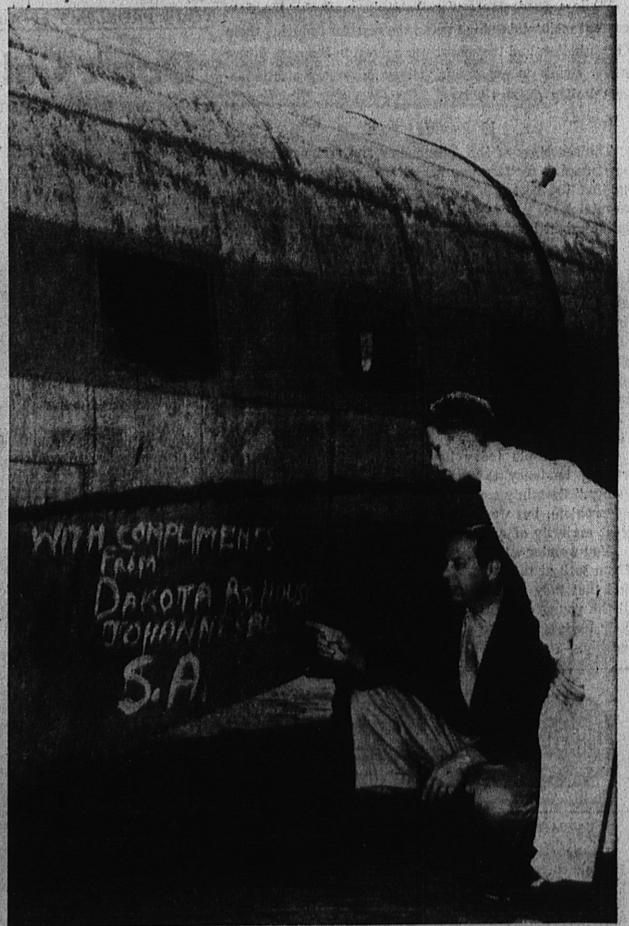
(Herald Photo)

**PROSPECTING . . .** Not looking for gold but new members for the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion are these three Legionnaires. Left to right are Gordon Arnold, Max Bentley, and Blaine Staker. Arnold and Bentley are chairmen of the membership committee, Staker is Post Commander. New members will be initiated Friday night, April 26.



**AWARD WINNERS . . .** Three Torrance students have been named winners in the annual Bank of America Achievement Award Program. On the left, Dr. George E. Dotson, assistant superintendent of Long Beach City Schools and chairman of the judging program, presents awards to Richard Hoan of Jordan High and June Nakawatase, North High School.

In the center, he presents awards to Jolene Mautz, Paramount; LaVonne Miller, Jordan; and Barbara Carter, North High. On the right, he gives the top zone award in liberal arts to Richard Bentwood, Torrance High School.



**QUITS HONKY-TONK . . .** This World War II version of the C-47 has been rescued from its unglamorous life as an ornament on a South Africa gin mill and is now undergoing a reconversion program at Torrance Municipal Airport. The plane was delivered to the South African Air Force near the end of the war.

## Three Torrance Students Named Bank Award Winners

One Torrance High School student has won at least \$100. Another \$25 and a North High student has won \$50 in the annual Bank of America Achievement Awards program zone competition.

Richard Bentwood of Torrance High has won first place in liberal arts in the zone competition and will receive at least \$100 in cash awards. He will compete in Southern California finals May 15 and can win up to \$1000.

June Nakawatase of North High School was second in the science and mathematics judging, and will receive a \$50 cash award.

Placing third in the vocational arts category was Barbara Carter of Torrance High who will receive a \$25 cash award. Bentwood won the zone competition over students repre-

senting most of the south section of the County at the recent judging at Long Beach City College.

He will now compete with students in the liberal arts field at the Statler Hotel. First place winners from nine zones will compete at this time. Winners will receive their awards that night at a banquet.

## Board Boosts Salary Of Superintendent

The salary of School Superintendent J. H. Hull was raised to \$18,500 by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night.

The change was made after board members cited a study of 20 cities of comparable size, showing that Torrance ranked next to the bottom in salary of the superintendent. The old salary was \$16,500.

## 212TH ST. DRAIN BID RECEIVED

An apparent low bid of \$246,607 has been submitted for construction of the second and last unit of the 212th St. storm drain, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The Goudesume Construction Corp., Ralph Collins Co., and the Julius Beuselink Co. entered the combined low bid. Ten other firms submitted proposals.

The contract is expected to be awarded next week, with a completion date set for early next year.

The project calls for construction of a concrete, box-type drain extending from the terminus of the first unit at 212th St. to the Dominguez Channel.

## Cub Pack 761-C

Cub Pack 761-C held a fund-raising event Sunday to augment the pack treasury for camp-outs and other activities.