

### Your Park Department

Most people have the idea of cutting off the small branches along the trunk of the small trees. It is best to leave them as for a period of time as they help build the calliper. If they extend over the sidewalk or into the street they should be taken off or cut back, or better yet you may call the Park Department for this service.

In pruning trees, we try to cut them high so people can walk under them, and the street sweeper can sweep close to the curb without being struck by branches. We try to thin them out so the wind doesn't blow them over, as most of them are shallow rooted due to shallow watering. After the tree gets enough caliper and height it should be pruned and shaped, and after it is thinned out we can remove the stake.

OCCASIONALLY some amusing incidents take place during our work. One lady threatened to turn the water on us if we continued; then she called the office and stated that she was repentant. Her tree blew over in the next strong wind we had. Another lady asked us not to prune her tree, because if we did the boys wouldn't have any trees to climb.

People should try to protect the trees and try to teach the children the value of plant life in general. Some folks fail to replace their tree if it is broken off or blows over. If we all had this same attitude our city wouldn't look very good.

The cost of a tree isn't very much considering its beauty when mature. If your city were to put in all the trees that are out, our taxes would have to be raised. Also a tree in front increases your property value.

WE HAVE a variety of parkway trees in Torrance, and some facts about them, including their names, diseases, and insects and pests will be considered in the next few articles.

The trees will be listed in alphabetical order, starting with:

(Acacia) Silverwattle

(Acacia) Blackwood

These trees are relatively free of insects and diseases. They sometimes have thrips and scales. They are not planted by the city anymore because of their short life span, and their shallow root system.

(Ash) Arizona

Relatively free of insects and disease — sometimes red spiders are present. This tree is not planted by the city because of maintenance problems.

(Redwood) Hornetall oak

This tree is still planted in the west part of the city. It needs very little water, is relatively free of insects and disease, but does have a shallow root system.

(Birch) White

There are some white birch planted in our city. They need plenty of moisture in summer, have a deep root system, and are relatively free of disease. They are attacked by borer and should be sprayed with D.D.T. If there are any signs of insects call the Park Department.

ment and have the trees sprayed.

WE MIGHT state here that the are many arborvitae and cedars planted in your city's main park. There are also many varieties of pines to be seen there.

The next parkway tree to be considered is the carob (St. John's Bread).

This tree is still planted in the city and is one of the oldest trees in existence, dating back to biblical times or before. This is a good tree, relatively free of disease and insects. It is sometimes attacked by verticillium wilt. This disease is caused by a fungi that attacks through the roots due to shallow watering around the tree roots. There is no known cure for this disease, so be sure to water your carob trees deeply.

The next article will continue the naming of parkway trees and the diseases and insects that attack them.

#### HEAVY RAINS

The Olympic peninsula in northwest Washington, also takes the heaviest rainfall in the nation, it is believed, with 200 inches in some of the wet years.

### Guards Make Biggest Move Since Korea

Convoys of military vehicles and chartered buses bearing over 7600 National Guardsmen of Southern California's 40th Armored Division rolled out of hometown armories in 50 Southland communities shortly after midnight Saturday, bound for Camp Roberts, near Paso Robles.

The 40th is undergoing 15 days of summer field training at Camp Roberts and at huge Hunter-Liggett Military Reservation nearby.

Major General Homer O. Eaton Jr., division commander, said the troop movement started at one minute after midnight Saturday and was completed 4 p.m. Sunday.

Torrance's unit, a company of the 532nd Engineer Bn., left here Saturday for the two-

### Backers Plan Kickoff for DiMiceli Bid

A "kickoff" meeting for the Citizens' Committee for DiMiceli for Congress will be held this evening at 8 at the Hacienda Hotel in San Pedro.

Candidate Leonard DiMiceli will introduce Patricia C. Speer to all precinct chairmen and persons interested in the DiMiceli for Congress campaign in the 17th Congressional District.

Mrs. Speer will be active in the forthcoming campaign as director, and has extended an invitation for residents of the district to attend tonight's meeting to meet the candidate.

He also pointed out that Sept. 1 is the last date to register before the November general elections.

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### North Torrance Demos to Meet

The North Torrance Democrat Club will hold a breakfast meeting at Archie's Coffee Shop, 174th and Grenshaw, Saturday morning at 9. It was announced yesterday by John Mulvihill, president of the group.

Mulvihill said the breakfast meeting was being repeated because it proved so popular when held once before.

"We are working very hard to establish a precinct organization," the president said. He reported that half of the 52 precincts in North Torrance have new captains.

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