

Kindergarten Roundups at Two Schools

Two Torrance elementary schools will hold kindergarten round-ups next week in preparation for next fall's program. Hamilton and Torrance Elementary Schools are seeking the names of all students who will enter kindergarten for the first time. Students who will be five years old on or before Dec. 2 may enter kindergarten this fall. Parents should bring some proof of birthdate, such as a birth certificate or baptismal certificate.

Torrance Elementary kindergarten round-ups will be on Tuesday and Thursday, March 29 and 31, while Hamilton round-ups will be on Thursday, March 31.

Local Steel Executive in Morocco to Study Quakes

R. W. Binder, chief engineer, Bethlehem Steel Co. here, is in Agadir, Morocco, as a member of a team of experts on design requirements for earthquake-proof structures.

The mission is sponsored by the American Iron & Steel Institute on behalf of the steel industry in the United States. Binder will be a member of a four-man team which will make a study of damaged structures in the earthquake-ravaged area where 10,000 lives were lost early this month.

ON THE SCENE, inspection is expected to turn up valuable technical information which, when combined with the substantial amount of seismological data available from previous United States investigations, will aid the Moroccan government in rebuilding the devastated area.

Findings and observations of the four-man steel team will be

made available to the Moroccan government which has approved and welcomed the mission. The men will fly to Rabot and from there make their way to the city of Agadir, where some 20,000 people are homeless.

The four engineers are nationally recognized experts in the study of earthquake engineering.

THE TEAM is headed by W. G. Kirkland, chief of the engineering division of the American Iron & Steel Institute. Others are Dr. Ray Clough of the University of California, Berkeley, and T. R. Higgins, director of engineering and research for the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Binder, chief engineer for Bethlehem's Pacific Coast Division, is author of numerous technical papers in the field of seismology and earthquake engineering. He is a director of the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute and chairman of the Seismology Committee of the Structural Engineers Assn. of California.

Scout Trails

Brownie Troop 1576

Brownie Troop No. 1576 held a Hawaiian party Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Tielens, 20955 Halldale Ave. The Brownies wore colorful hula skirts and leis which they had made under the supervision of Troop Leader Mrs. L. B. Brannon and co-leader Mrs. Earl Sanders. An interpretive reading and hula dances performed by members of the troop provided the afternoon's entertainment.

Refreshments carrying out the Hawaiian theme, planned and prepared by the Brownies were served to the following troop members: Peggy Brannon, Sharon Mathews, Peggy Meyer, Terry Mills, Diane Nuttmann, Patricia Phipps, Edithann Sanders, Gail Snudden, Karen Tompkins, Carol Watson, Patti White, and Mary Wood. Guests included Karen White, Beverly Brannon, Deborah Meyer, Lynn Mills, Susan Watson, Diane Brannon, Bobbie Snudden and Mmes. Delbert Mathews, Hubert Meyer, Henry Mills, Robert Snudden, Randolph Watson, L. B. White, L. E. Wood, and Julian Tielens. Members of the troop who were unable to attend were Connie Brannon, Vickie Hargrave, and Linda Farris.

Girl Scout Troop 580

Girl Scout Troop 580 sponsored by the Howard Wood PTA enjoyed Girl Scout Week by attending church services at the First Methodist Church with their leaders, Mmes. Phyllis Morgan and Bonnie Clark. On Saturday, March 12, the troop celebrated the Scouts' 48th birthday with a party at the home of their leader, Mrs. Bonnie Clark. A decorated cake was presented by Mrs. Jean Wigg. Girls belonging to the troop are Terry Braswell, Susan Clark, Nancy Coffey, Susan Coleman, Cleon McComas, Judy Wyrick, Nancy Harrison, Judy Engstrom, Diana DeWitt, Ricky Morgan, Jan Eckersley, Linda Wigg, Diana Zuner, Elizabeth Rye, Sandy Cox, Pat DeTemple, Pamela Hoy and Nancy Juvet.

Five Million Vets to Get GI Dividend

Veteran GI insurance policyholders who are slated to receive dividends this year are reminded by Veterans Service Officer Sara R. Bridges to give some thought of putting the money to work, in advance, on their insurance.

A veteran may, for example, write to the Denver, Colorado, VA Insurance Center and ask that the dividend be held, with interest, as a credit to pay monthly premiums in case he forgets or finds it difficult to pay in the future. Or a veteran might direct the VA to use the dividend in paying a number of premiums ahead of time. The VA offers a discount on premiums paid three or more months ahead.

THOSE WHO have "permanent plan" insurance, which has been converted from their original term policies, have an additional option. They may authorize VA to hold the dividend on deposit, with interest, subject to withdrawal at their request. If not withdrawn, the money, plus interest, will increase the value of the policy. Such interest on dividends, incidentally, is taxable and must be reported on federal income tax returns. The dividends, themselves, however, and all policy proceeds are not taxable.

THE VA announced recently that more than 5,000,000 policyholders will participate in the 1960 dividends, but that another 850,000 will not be eligible. The participating group includes 4,800,000 National Service Life Insurance policyholders. These policies, issued during World War II, have 'V' prefixes.

Also participating in the dividends are 273,000 World War I policyholders who have U. S. Government Life Insurance. These policies have a 'K' prefix. Not participating are Korean Conflict and post-Korean veterans who hold 'RS', 'W' or 'RH' policies; servicemen who placed their V or K policies under in-service premium payment waiver and who have not rescinded the waiver; holders of extended V and K term insurance who have allowed permanent plan policies to lapse; and 'H' policyholders, who are disabled veterans granted special policies during World War II.

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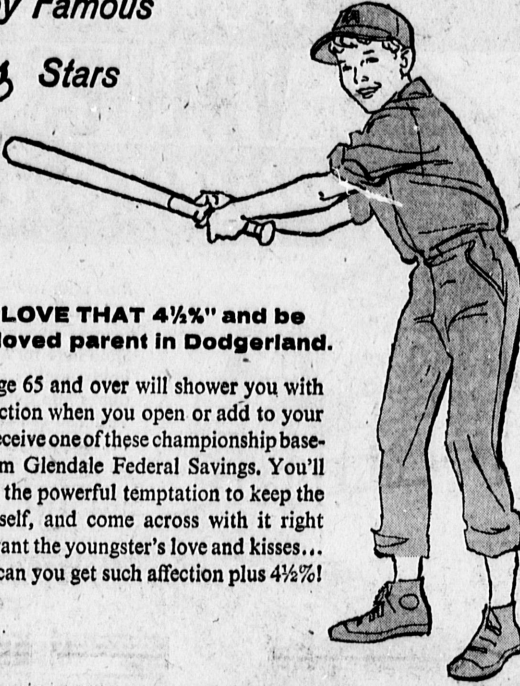
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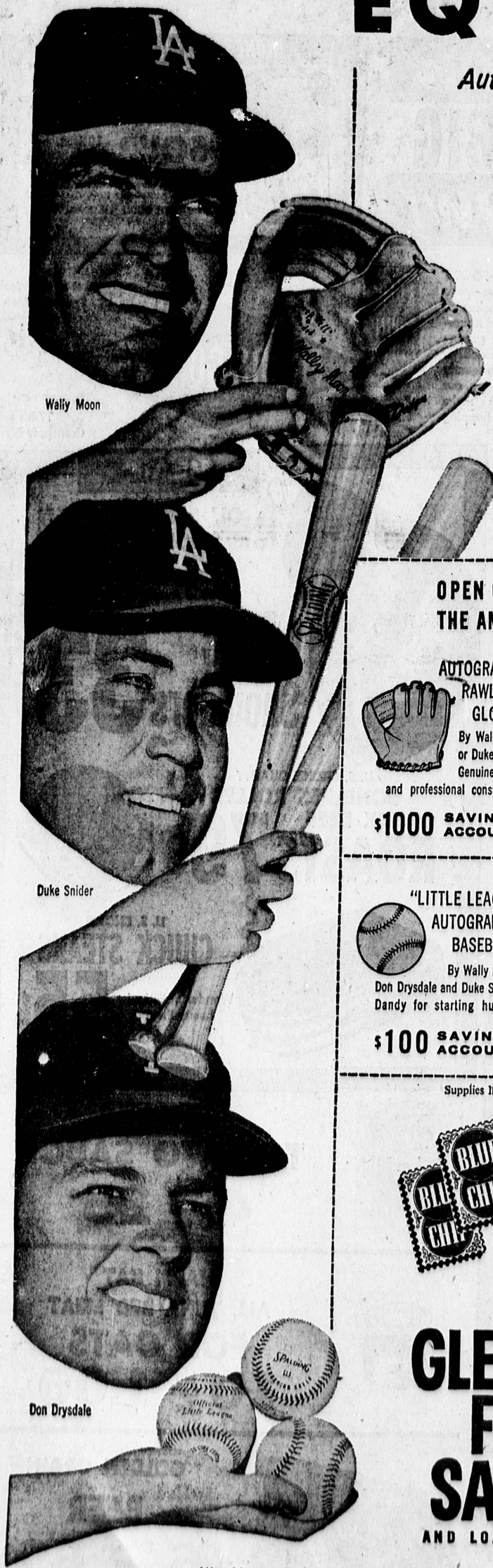


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