

## American Legion Post Planning Two Major Meetings in December

Heading the list of activities for Torrance American Legion Post for December are two important events which are ex-

pected to attract many visitors to the city.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, the post will hold the biggest public initiation of new members in its history with the famous champion drill team of Maywood Post conducting the impressive ceremonies.

First Vice Commander N. M. Mathis, in charge of membership, has extended a special invitation to all veterans not now members of the American Legion to attend this meeting, together with their wives, and to enjoy the free dance which

will follow the ceremony.

ON WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13, Torrance Post will play host to the more than 50 posts comprising the 19th District. Commander Earle Sumpter announces that the meeting will be attended by delegations from Catalina Island, Long Beach, Montebello, Norwalk, Riviera, Whittier, San Pedro, and all nearby posts including Redondo, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Gardena, Lynwood, and Lomita.

The meeting will be pre-

sided over by District Commander Nathan Sommer. Preceding the meeting there will be a big banquet starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 and reservations must be made. Call Adjutant Louis Deininger at FA 8-7685.

THIS MEETING offers an excellent opportunity to veterans not now members of the American Legion to familiarize themselves with the work of the organization, for chairmen of all the many committees of the district will make their

regular monthly reports at that time.

Torrance Post is located in its own building at 1109 Bor-

der Ave. in downtown Torrance. The post meets regularly the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

### Thrifmart Plans Sale

A chainwide sale has been scheduled to celebrate the opening of a new Thrifmart — the 63rd — in Fullerton on Nov. 28.

The new store, in College Plaza Shopping Center, will contain 31,152 square feet, and

will include many features including air conditioning, automatic entrance doors, air curtain dairy case, background music, and central checkout.

A Sav-On Drug Store and Security First National Bank will open in the center soon, it was reported.

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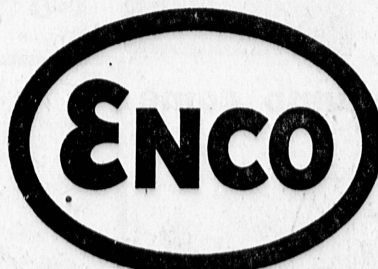
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AWARD SHOWN . . . JoAnne Beziel, insurance executive and president of the San Pedro - Wilmington Insurance Assn., displays the "Menn Award," presented by the California Assn. of Insurance Agents to the local organization. It is the highest honor the association awards to independent agents for service to the community. (Herald photo.)

### South High Debate Team Wins Grand Sweepstakes

Seventy-six Spartan speakers made a clean sweep at the Fall Novice Debate and individual events speech tournament held last Friday and Saturday at Bishop Montgomery High School.

Competing against top schools in the Southern California Debate League, South High ranked first in debate Friday night with nine debate teams, and then went on to claim the grand sweepstakes on Saturday by also placing first in individual events.

By the end of the tournament, South had garnered 51 sweepstakes points, nearly twice as many as second-place North High, which had 27 points.

THE FOLLOWING Spartans were presented with awards for their outstanding performance:

Debate: Allen Luger, Steven Fisher, Sherrie Farmer, and Duke Baxter, gold medals. Rudolph Lisa, Ric Gilbert, Michael Carter, and Judy Sykes, certificates of excellence.

Impromptu: Richard Vogl and Steven Fisher, gold medals. Sally Morrison and Duke Baxter, certificates of superiority. Judy Sykes, Michael Carter, and Sharon Burkhardt, certificates of excellence.

Extemporaneous: Sherrie Farmer and Diane Shore, certificates of excellence.

ORIGINAL ORATORY: Toni Santaella, gold medal.

Oratorical interpretation: Toni Santaella and Joseph Seliken, gold medals. Sherrie Stewart and Duke Baxter, certificates of superiority. Judy Moye, Jay Doegay, Carol Bonnette, and Dennis Robinson,

certificates of excellence.

Dramatic interpretation: Patricia Patterson, Sue Hovey, and Sherrie Sneider, certificates of superiority. Elizabeth Walker, Patricia Carey, Valerie Shidler, and Clara Gillenberg, certificates of excellence.

Humorous interpretation: Richard Vogl and Barbara Miller, gold medals. Jan Harrell and Anita Bakove, certificates of superiority.

### New Rapid Transit Plans 'Up in Air'

The use of a "jet age" fleet of passenger helicopters to complement the rapid transit system planned for the Los Angeles area is being investigated by the MTA, according to Board Chairman A. J. Eyraud.

Eyraud said discussions are under way with President Clarence Belinn and other officials of Los Angeles Airways, Inc., to determine how passenger helicopter service can best be integrated into the entire public transit operation.

MTA and Los Angeles Airways officials will take a test ride on one of the new twin turbine helicopters Dec. 7 following a luncheon meeting at International Airport coordinated by MTA board member Don Belding.

"IF WE ARE to keep pace with the jet age," Eyraud said, "we must plan for a variety of commuter services which will meet all the public transit demands of the greatest metropolitan area in the nation."

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