

Know Your Traffic Laws

Prepared in cooperation with the Traffic Education Bureau of the Torrance Police Department

No matter how good the brakes are on a vehicle it still takes so many feet to bring the vehicle to a complete stop, the Torrance Police Department warned this week.

Too many drivers do not realize how much distance they are covering per second not do they realize that no matter how good the brakes are it still takes time to stop, the department said.

involved in an accident and risking serious injury or even death.

The Torrance Police Department joins the Torrance Traffic Safety Council in requesting motorists to place new respect for city speed laws and in driving habits. By placing new values on speed and the many accidents speed causes motorists will have done much to help keep Torrance safe, the department said.

SPEED IS one of the leading causes of accidents in Torrance and across the nation. Each year a great deal of attention is given to speed and yet not enough drivers heed the warnings. Every year thousands are killed in traffic accidents because the driver did not have the proper respect for excessive speed.

Today's high powered vehicles make driving at unsafe speeds easy because of their comfort, and unless the driver is watching his speedometer he does not sense the speed he is driving. Many times he is driving far faster than he wishes to.

ONLY WAY to combat the problem is to respect speed zones, keep a close watch on the speed, evaluate the conditions under which the car is being driven and reduce the speed to what is safe and reasonable. A good rule of thumb is to drive with the surrounding traffic and maintain a speed which is normal traffic flow.

While sitting behind the wheel of a vehicle the driver is in command of a weapon that is just as lethal as any gun ever manufactured and it is up to the motorist to control the weapon.

A **VEHICLE** being driven at 40 miles per hour is covering about 30 feet per second but at 60 miles per hour would be covering ground at the rate of 45 feet per second. This additional 15 feet could well be the difference between being able to avoid an impact with another vehicle or becoming

Couples Club Plans Mexico Theme Event

A potluck Mexican dinner, films on Mexico and Central America, and a speech by Keith Crown, professor of Fine Arts at USC, will be featured at the "South of the Border" evening planned by the Couples Club of The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection to be held Saturday, 7 p.m., at the church.

Crown will also show his collection of rare and unique pre-Columbian artifacts.

Guest members with Mexican clothes and souvenirs are requested to wear or bring them.

Host couples will be Mr. and Mrs. Oris Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson and Pastor and Mrs. Marvin Rygh.

Tournament Award Won

North High School orator took third place in a speech tournament held recently at USC.

In debate Bud Baumgarten and Mike Jones took second place in finals, which qualified them for state tournament.

North High's debate team has won 29 debates and lost 3 this year.

Mike Jones took first place in boys extemporaneous, and Judy Wolford took fourth in original oratory.

Semi-finalists were Maureen Bureskin, oratory; David Hagg boys oratorical interpretation and Judy Morgan, oratorical interpretation.

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Special Marine Platoon Open to Local Recruits

Gunnery Sgt. Sam Zavodny, Torrance area Marine recruiter, released news this week that the Marine Corps is forming a special platoon of new Marines for recruit training.

Formation of the Southern California Platoon is under way now and will continue until Feb. 8.

All men enlisting in the Marines through the Torrance office during this time will have the opportunity of undergoing recruit training in this special platoon.

ing enlisted from this part of the state. They will leave for boot camp at San Diego on Feb. 12. Colorful ceremonies marking the departure of the group for boot camp will include an appearance by the Marine Band from El Toro.

In addition, invitations have been extended to civic leaders of the area, including Governor Brown and Mayor Yorty to attend the mass swearing in of the new Marines.

According to Sergeant Zavodny, Marines enlisting in this special platoon are taking advantage of the Marine Corps

120 day delay enlistment program.

Under this plan, young men may enlist in the Marine Corps and delay their reporting date up to four months. This permits the fledgling Marine to pick the day he leaves to commence his training.

The time spent at home waiting to go to boot camp counts toward the first promotion and the new Marine's first raise in pay. In addition, any delay time is counted toward fulfillment of the military obligation every young man has.

While waiting to report for active duty, the newly enlisted

Marine does not attend any meetings or drills.

SERGEANT Zavodny stressed the advantages of attending recruit training with the Southern California Platoon. By enlisting for this special platoon, local young men are assured that they will be in training along with men from this area.

The probability is increased that local men will be assigned to permanent duty stations together, either in the United States or in an overseas Marine Corps unit.

The size of the platoon is being limited to 65 men, said

Offers Bridge Course

An eight week "Magic of Bridge" course started at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 W. Car-

Zavodny. This is fewer than there are in a regular recruit platoon.

For this reason, interested young men should contact the Torrance Marine Corps Recruiting Office now for an appointment to take the necessary physical examination and written tests.

The local Marine Corps office is located at 2165 Torrance Blvd. The telephone number is FA 8-2330.

son St., Jan. 15 and today at 12:30 p.m.

John McDonough, instructor, set up these introductory lessons at no cost. The beginner course teaches the popular Goren point count system. Beginners and current players are welcome.

Signups for a new class, to begin next week will be taken following today's bridge lesson. The course is eight weeks in length, scheduled to run from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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