

# Torrance Medic Awarded Bronze Star Accolades

A former South High School and El Camino College student and long-time resident of Torrance has won two purple hearts, a coveted Bronze Star and a certificate of commendation for his actions of the past year as a medic in Viet'nam.



**HERO HONORED** ... Russell Noles, a hospital Corpsman with the United States Navy, receives a Bronze Star Medal, two Purple Hearts and a Certificate of Commendation from his commanding officer aboard the hospital ship Repose. Noles won these honors, along with the Vietnamese Cross, for bravery, while serving in the Con Thien battle with the 1st Marine Division. (U.S. Navy Photo)

## Carr Gets New Vice Principal

John R. Ducar, math teacher at Seaside Elementary School, has been named vice principal of Carr Elementary School. The appointment became effective Tuesday.

An employee of the Torrance Unified School District for the past ten years, Ducar taught instrumental music until two years ago.

Born in East Syracuse, N.Y., Ducar received his bachelor of music degree from Syracuse University in 1958. He was awarded a master's degree in school administration from California State College at Long Beach in 1965.

Father of five sons, Ducar resides at 19922 Gravelle St. He is a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, and formerly played clarinet and saxophone with the Les Brown band.

A survey of current and anticipated manpower needs of all U.S. restaurants with 100 or more employees has been launched by the Labor Department.

## Cal-Poly Holds Commencement

California State Polytechnic College in Pomona awarded bachelor degrees to three Torrance residents Saturday in commencement ceremonies held on that campus.

Graduates included Thomas W. Blackburn (business management), Dennis R. Delzeit (civil engineering), and Virginia A. Dostalek (math).

Russell Noles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester A. Noles of 4800 Zakon Road, returned home June 1 to a proud family which includes his parents, a sister, Mrs. Marie Moreno of Torrance, and brothers Frank of Rossmore and Andy of Torrance.

**THE CITATION** from the President of the United States that accompanied his Bronze Star Medal tells of his being hit with shrapnel while attempting to aid his wounded Lieutenant:

"Disregarding his painful injury and the increasing intensity of enemy fire, he steadfastly continued to administer first aid to his comrade. His resolute determination and sincere concern for the welfare of his fellow Marines were in inspiration to all who observed him... (his) bold initiative and selfless devotion to the duty in the face of extreme personal danger were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

The wife of the Lieutenant whom Russell aided phoned his sister from Hawaii to thank Noles for saving her husband's life.

Russell was graduated from South High School in 1964 and attended El Camino College for a year before entering the service. He left for Vietnam in June of 1967. After receiving training as a hospital corpsman he was selected to serve as a medic for the 1st Marine Division.

## Obituaries

### Thomas Cook

Services will be held at Halverson-Leavell Mortuary tomorrow at 2 p.m. for Thomas F. Cook, who died in a Lomita retirement home Monday after living in the Torrance area for seven years.

Formerly of 22600 S. Normandie Ave., Mr. Cook was born Nov. 4, 1885, in Missouri. He is survived by his widow, Callie, of Torrance; a daughter, Carletta Rix of Los Angeles; two grandchildren; three great grandchildren; two sisters; and a niece.

Interment follows the services in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

### Elbert Winter

Services were held today at First Lutheran Church for Elbert Winter, 65, who died Sunday after residing in Torrance for 11 years. The service was officiated by the Rev. William Roeder and followed by interment in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Mr. Winter, born in South Dakota May 31, 1903, had served as a postal clerk at the Torrance post office. He is survived by his wife Hulda of Torrance, sons Elmer of Wilmington and Melvin of Torrance; daughters Velda Keane of Fountain Valley, Janice Bradley of Wilmington, and Joyce Spencer and Mar-

jorie Weisser of Torrance. Also brothers Frederick, Solomon, and Emanuel; sisters Lidia Bietz, Maria Goehling, and Adina Issak of South Dakota; and 19 grandchildren. Green Hills Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

### Sophia Koonz

A requiem mass will be celebrated Friday morning at 11 at the Church of the Nativity for Sophia E. Koonz, who died here yesterday after living in Torrance for 1½ years.

Mrs. Koonz, formerly of 20544 Eastwood Ave., was born April 28, 1891 in Eagle Grove, Iowa. She is survived by her husband, Harold, of Torrance; sons Thomas and Robert of Torrance, and Harold of Redondo Beach; a daughter, Jean Miller, of Torrance; 19 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

A rosary will be recited tomorrow night at Nativity Catholic Church. Interment will follow the Mass at Green Hills Memorial Park, Stone and Myers in charge of arrangements.

Alcatraz Island, situated some two miles north of the San Francisco mainland and once a famous federal penitentiary, derived its name from the Spanish word for pelican.

## Council

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through to Pennsylvania Avenue, however, but will terminate at the Killingsworth property, locate about ¾ of the way through the block.

The council also voted to put in the city's share of curbs and gutters needed for the improvement.

**TEMPORARY** asphalt sidewalks will be built for students walking to Torrance High School this summer from the Sam Levy School area.

On a request from the Torrance Unified School District, councilmen voted unanimously to appropriate \$2,000 for construction of walkways on two one-block stretches on Sepulveda Boulevard west of Crenshaw and a one-block stretch on Crenshaw north of Sepulveda, where there are no sidewalks.

The students must walk the 2½ miles to Torrance High because no bus transportation is available for summer sessions. School district officials considered the unpaved stretches of road a hazard because students would be tempted to walk out in the heavily-trafficked street.

**REVISED** plans for the new Main Branch of the Torrance City Library System were approved Monday by members of the Library Commission. Councilmen learned Tuesday. The council will consider the revised plans at a pre-meeting next Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Councilmen accepted the resignation of Airport Commissioner Bud Blankenship, who stepped down from his post due to increased community service with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

**SITTING** as members of the city's Redevelopment Agency, councilmen learned at last night's meeting that the city has received a favorable low-

bid on preliminary loan notes for funds needed to continue progress on the Meadow Park Redevelopment Project.

City Treasurer Thomas Rupert told councilmen that Security First National Bank had won the \$4,000,000 bid for a low interest rate of 3.84 per cent. The city had previously been borrowing the money from the federal government for a 5% per cent has received a favorable low-interest charge.

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