

Rites Held Torrance Soldier Wins For Former Silver Star in Vietnam Resident

Funeral rites for a former resident and frequent visitor here were held in Missouri last Saturday.

Mrs. L. J. Pfeifer, known in Torrance as Mrs. H. H. Cribbs, died at the age of 72 after a prolonged illness. She is the mother of Mrs. W. C. Boswell, a long-time Torrance resident and civic leader.

Mrs. Pfeifer was an accomplished musician. She also was active in politics, serving as president of the Fifth Congressional District Women's Democratic Club in Missouri.

In addition to Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Pfeifer is survived by another daughter, Mrs. John Voss of Mission, Kan.; a son, John Paul Hudson of New York City; a granddaughter, Pamela Boswell, a freshman at California Western University in San Diego; and her present husband, L. J. Pfeifer.

Mrs. Pfeifer was preceded in death by Mrs. Boswell's father, Claude W. Hudson, and Mr. Cribbs.

Singlehandedly knocking out three enemy bunkers has earned the Silver Star Medal for Army Staff Sgt. Richard L. Dement, whose wife, Maggie, lives at 5032 Lillian St.

The award, third highest for heroism in combat, was presented in ceremonies near Rach Kien, Vietnam, Oct. 27.

The action occurred last Sept. 10 while Sergeant Dement was serving as a platoon sergeant with his infantry company on an airborne assault mission in Long An Province. During the fight, part of the company was pinned down by intense fire from an enemy bunker complex.

Sergeant Dement immediately moved forward to within 15 meters of a bunker and destroyed it with a hand grenade. Then, using the rubble as cover, he crawled close to another emplacement and silenced it with rifle fire.

He then knocked out the third bunker with another hand grenade.

Sergeant Dement is a pla-

toon sergeant in Company B, 2nd Battalion, of the 9th Infantry Division's 39th Infantry. He entered the Army in June, 1967, and the arrangement will be completed basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky. He arrived in Vietnam last June.

He also holds two awards of the Bronze Star Medal for heroism, and two Army Commendation Medals for heroism.

The sergeant is a 1962 graduate of Lennox High School.

His parents live in Inglewood.

Aquarium Club Sets Meeting

The November meeting of the Harbor Aquarium Society of the harbor and South Bay area will be held on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Recreation Hall at Harbor City Recreation Center, Lomita Boulevard and Frampton Avenue in Harbor City. President Dick Saleh will open the meeting.

CHP Retirement Plan Outlined for Council

A representative from the State Public Employees Retirement Agency in Sacramento urged the City Council not to adopt the "50-20" retirement plan at a pre-council meeting last night.

Bill Paine, a member of the Board of Administration of the state agency, argued that the 50-20 plan is "archaic" and "encourages the hiring of older people when young blood is in demand."

To replace the 50-20 plan, a system that permits a 20-year employee to receive 50 per cent of his salary if he retires at age 50, Paine suggested consideration of the plan being used by the California Highway Patrol.

Under the CHP plan, an employe may retire at 50 years of age and collect 2 per cent of his salary for every year he worked. He must retire at age 55, but by working the extra five years, he boosts his benefits to 2.7 per cent of his salary per year employed.

This program is more expensive, admitted Paine, but it prevents the inequity that

occurs in the 50-20 plan, where a man hired at age 35 would collect the same retirement as a man who had been employed since he was 20.

The council did not discuss Paine's suggestions, but indicated the item would soon be up on the agenda.

Area Teachers At Conference

Representing the Torrance Unified School District at a workshop for foreign language teachers conducted Saturday at San Fernando Valley State College in Northridge by the California State Department of Education were four Torrance educators.

Attending were Mrs. Margaret Collin, curriculum consultant; Robert Clairmont, Spanish resource teacher; Patricia Ferguson, teacher at Wood Elementary School; and Dr. Mercedes Dalmau, teacher at Calle Mayor Elementary School.

Attorney Hired for Law Suit

The city will hire additional legal help to prepare for a condemnation suit against Quinn's Dairy.

City Councilmen last night approved the hiring of Richard A. Reimer, an attorney, at the rate of \$50 an hour for consultation and preparation for trial, and 300 a day for actual trial time. City Attorney Stanley E. Remelmever termed this a "standard fee."

The litigation is the result of the widening of Del Amo Boulevard between Hawthorne Boulevard and Anza Avenue. All the major property interests have been settled and purchased except the Quinn parcel. Work has been completed on the street.

Turkey Time

For the sixth consecutive year, Imperial Bank is giving each of its 162 employes a turkey for Thanksgiving. Imperial started in 1963 with 20 employes and today is the fourth largest of all banks opened in the United States that year.

Service Date

A special Thanksgiving service will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 1551 El Prado. The service will feature seasonal music and a message from the Rev. Arthur Nagel, pastor.

Educators Set Anaheim Meet

Six teachers and a curriculum consultant are representing Torrance Unified School District at the annual conference of the California Mathematics Council in Anaheim this weekend.

Attending will be: Dr. Duncan, curriculum consultant; Merl Railsback, North High School; Miss Evelyn Nardi, South High School; Mrs. Beth Fruchey, Torrance High School; David Akins, West High School; Robert Fine, Newton Elementary School; and Carl Edwards, Carr Elementary School.

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