Lomita Veterans Decorate Graves

Two parties of Lomita Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary observed Memorial Day by decorating graves of ex-service men at the National Cemetery in Sawtelle and at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

One Lomita contingent went to Sawtelle in the morning and the other group joined the Gardena V.F.W., post and Auxiliary for a Memorial service at noon at Roosevelt.

"Shorty" Becomes Lucky

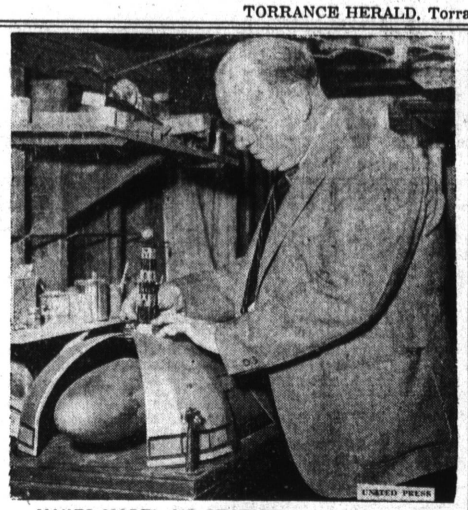
TOLEDO, O. (U.P.) — A 46-year-old man here is lucky that he is but 4 feet, 11 inches tall. When police found him he was trying to turn in a fire alarm—but couldn't reach the box.

Gardena Firemen Badly Hurt In Truck-Car Crash

Two Gardena firemen are recovering at Torrance Memorial hospital from serious injuries sustained Saturday when they were thrown from a fire truck after it collided with an automobile at Market street and Normandie avenue, Gardena, while answering an alarm.

Capt. George Springstead, 28, is being treated for broken arms and Fireman Roy Tracy, 29, for contusions and a sprained back.

Both firemen were catapulted from the fire truck when it collided with a car driven by L. G. Reynolds, 30, of Gardena. Reynolds was cited on a charge of failing to heed a siren.



MAKES MODEL AIR STATION . . . Nathan P. Rogers of Oakland, Cal., whose hobby is model building, fondles his scale model of Sunnyvale air station. Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and other experts urge development of Sunnyvale as a aeronautical research center. Rogers' model will be exhibited at the National Hobby Show in San Francisco, May 25-28.

SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS

PINCH-HITTING FOR VACATIONING BROOKS

While Ray 'The People's Curse' Brooks is getting bunions and taking a gander at the San Francisco Fair, authorship of this column was spurned by everyone from the Boss to Printers Devil and so the guy who usually makes all of The Herald's "typographical" mistakes makes the biggest one in his life by tapping out a few paragraphs.

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Any reader who has come this far in this galley would do well to stop right now and turn to the pictures of the nine June brides elsewhere in this issue . . . Because, for this one time in 52 weeks, Ye Editor can really chop this stuff down to where it will fit without wandering all over a page and taking up good space that could be filled with news.

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Not that we mean to belittle Brooks' weekly stint in print . . . far from it. Every now and then he makes somebody mad with his brittle comments and after all, what do you read a gossip column for? . . . Surely not to agree with the author.

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Brooks, accompanied by his wife, Dulcie, hied themselves northward as soon as he got his check (a day early last week) and we've not even had a post card from them . . . Evidently they're seeing what makes San Francisco tick . . . We'll try and get Shop Talk to do a piece next week on what he did (expurgated), what he saw (with reservations) and what he ate (with gusto.

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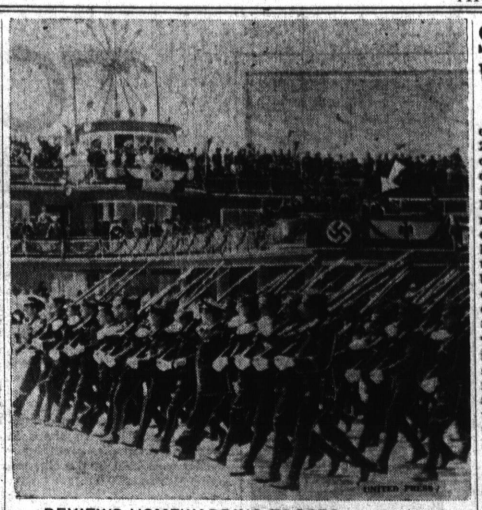
Now let's call this a day.

Vine Coddled; Tomato Ripens

DURHAM, Me. (U.P.)—Mrs. Etta Spier has been rewarded for the tender care she has given a tomato plant found growing in a pot with another plant. A medium sized tomato is ready to be picked.



REVIEWS HOMEWARDING TROOPS . . . German and Italian fliers who helped Franco (indicated by arrow) win Spain's civil war, parade at Barajas, Spain, in farewell review. Franco now has job of rebuilding regions torn by bombs of these foreign fliers.

Scout Troop 219 Wins Rally Here

Competing in six scouting events, Torrance Boy Scout troop 219, sponsored by the Kiwanis club, won the May rally of seven district troops at the Civic Auditorium last Thursday night. Elmer Riley, new district commissioner, was in charge of the event which was attended by a large crowd. A parade preceded the Auditorium program. The boys of Troop 219 came out ahead on points in competition with other local scouts, Keystone, Lomita and Harbor City troops.

The events which attracted great interest from the spectators were signalling, knot-tying, fire by friction and flint and steel, first aid and pantomime. The judges were Dean Roshac, George Figueredo and Joe and Tom McNeil.

State Has Fewer Narcotic Patients

SACRAMENTO, May 4 (U.P.)—Declining number of narcotic patients and an urgent need for state institutional facilities were cited by Dr. A. A. Rosanoff, director of institutions, as cause for closing the state narcotic hospital at Spadra for exclusive narcotic treatment.

Dr. Rosanoff said that all state institutions are overcrowded in spite of a program of major construction at a cost averaging two or three million dollars a year. He declared there is a waiting list of 2,700 for admission to the two institutions for feeble minded and epileptic.

The Spadra Hospital has accommodations for 120 patients but the total dropped to 12 several years ago and has varied between 12 and 25 since then. He added that no state has found it "necessary or desirable" to maintain a special institution for the care of narcotic addicts but emphasized that cases of addicts committed to the state will not be rejected.

"The prevalence of narcotic addicts under the pressure and enforcement of the Federal and State narcotic acts has been dwindling progressively in the past 25 years," Dr. Rosanoff said. "We wish merely to save the state a needless and wasteful expenditure and utilize for extremely urgent needs such facilities are we have at the Spadra Hospital."

County Charter To Be Reprinted; First In 13 Years

First new printing of Los Angeles county's charter in 13 years is due to roll from the presses shortly, with bids being sought this week by officials from two publishing houses.

Five amendments have been made to the county's charter since it went into effect on June 2, 1913. The new printing is being made to insert the amendments, and to annotate it by references to court cases which bear upon particular sections of the charter.

Los Angeles county's charter is declared by legal experts to be unique in that it provides for the recall of appointive officers as well as elective officers. Only seven other counties in the state have charters—San Bernardino, San Diego, Alameda, Butte, Sacramento, San Mateo and Tohama.

Gas Ripens Fruit

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (U.P.)—Acetylene gas is now being used in South Africa for ripening peacher, oranges and other fruits.

Dethiers Again Victims of Petty Thieves

Victims of the third robbery in and about their attractive little home at 903 Acacia, Mr. and Mrs. Amour Dethiers are sadly wondering why they should be the objects of so much attention by petty thieves.

Last Friday night all 10 of their chickens were stolen from the chicken house at the rear of their home. The first robbery at the Dethiers' residence stripped the owners of a large quantity of clothing and household supplies.

None of the thefts have been traced by police.

One Shot, Two Calves, Coyote

WILBUR, Wash. (U.P.)—Paul Douglas, farmer in the Almira region, shot a coyote and when he walked to where it lay he found the same bullet had killed two calves belonging to another farmer.

BELL NEWSMAN HEADS NEW UNIT OF PUBLISHERS' ASSN.

That the time has come when there should be closer organization and cooperation among newspapers in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, and everything possible should be done to bring this about, is the opinion of George O. Wheeler, publisher of the Industrial Post at Bell, president-elect of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Unit of the California Newspaper Publishers Association, that has just been reorganized. President Wheeler hopes to bring this about, through the Metropolitan Unit and this he says will be his main objective. The Unit is organized along business, trade and shop lines.

The Unit will meet regularly at noon on the third Friday of each month, the next meeting being June 16. All weekly member newspapers of the California Newspaper Publishers Association in the Los Angeles Metropolitan area which includes those in Los Angeles and surrounding territory are invited to join the Unit.

GEORGE O. WHEELER . . . seeks met. cooperation

President Wheeler is a well known newspaper man who has been active in the Los Angeles area for years. For the past 15 years he has been owner and publisher of the Industrial Post at Bell. Prior to coming to Southern California he was identified with a number of Canadian newspapers although he is a native of Minnesota having been born at Sauk Center in that state.

For several years, he was a news editor and city editor for the Vancouver Daily Sun, was identified with the Winnipeg Tribune as assistant to the editor and was managing editor of the Calgary Albertan at Calgary.

Assisting President Wheeler in directing the affairs of the Metropolitan Unit will be Vice President Bill Rogers, publisher of the Beverly Hills Citizen and Secretary-Treasurer H. A. Lawson, publisher of the Eagle Rock Sentinel. Grover C. Whyte, publisher of The Herald, was a member of the Metropolitan Unit organization committee and also served on the nominating committee for selection of officers.

Diversion Becomes Hobby

LAWRENCE, Mass. (U.P.)—To while away tedious hours of convalescence four years ago, Mrs. Esther Robinson began making bathrobes from turkish towels. Since then she has made thousands of robes, including one for President Roosevelt and five for the Dionne quintuplets.