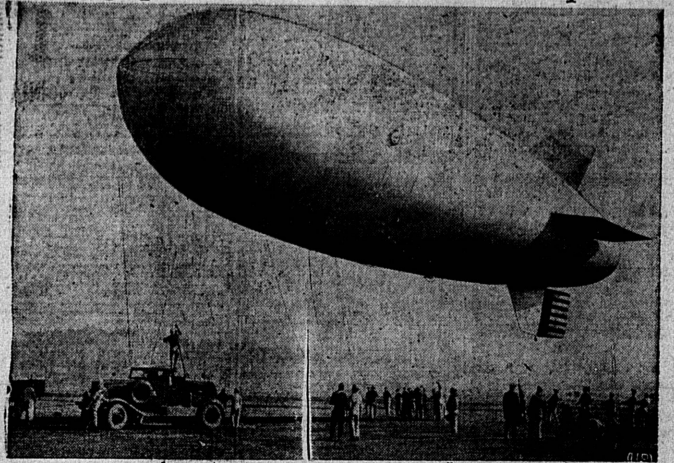


### Old Equipment Serves New Balloon Squadron



Undismayed by temporary lack of new equipment, Third Barrage Balloon Squadron at Ft. Lewis, Wash., began extensive training

in tactics by using this old observation balloon from which motorized gondola was removed.

### 148-Year-Old Bible Oldest Yet Found Owned in Torrance

An old family Bible that has been in her family for generations is owned by Mrs. Stephen Nyland of Hawthorne boulevard. It's age—148 years—is 12 years older than a Bible which is owned by Mrs. Chris Jones of 2112 Carson street.

Mrs. Nyland's yellowed tome was published in England in 1789 by Mark and Charles Kerr. "His Majesty's Printers." It was originally purchased in Scotland, Mrs. Nyland says and was brought to this country by her mother, Mrs. Martin Claffin Riton, now of San Diego.

As one of the family's prized possessions it travelled westward to Sandfield, Mass., and then to Oconomowoc, Wis., before arriving on the Pacific coast to be treasured as a rare contact with the 18th Century.

Mrs. Nyland's Bible is the oldest yet uncovered by The Herald—but we have heard of a Holy Writ that is more than 100 years older than the 1789 edition and will report that one next week.

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### Where U. S. Outposts in Pacific Are Located



Location of U. S. outposts in Pacific and distances to strategic points are shown on this map. Renewed plans to fortify Guam are "provocative," according to Japanese, but Washington seems intent on proceeding nevertheless. British are pouring thousands of Australian troops into vital Singapore. U. S. has moved fleet units from Honolulu Navy base to Manila.

### Barrows Cites U. S. Defense Requirements

BERKELEY—The question of what may be adequate and inadequate American defensive forces rests upon the future organization of the continent of Europe and the Far East, says Dr. David P. Barrows, University of California professor of political science. Dr. Barrows is a retired major general in the United States Army.

"In both Europe and the Far East war is being conducted to liquidate all balance of power and create in each area a somewhat new type of empire, each under the hegemony of an aggressive and military nation," Dr. Barrows said.

"Throughout American history this country has singularly benefited by the former European balance of power and by the predominance of British naval power, both in Europe and in the Far East. The existing threat to the future of both of these advantages is the element that gives great uncertainty to the question of adequate American armament.

"If the United States is committed under any circumstances to the defense of the western hemisphere, it is obvious that this defense should be pushed to as great a distance from the territory and waters of the western world as is practicable.

"This means either the acquisition by the United States of naval bases that are strictly not American at all, or the ability to deny such bases, from which the western hemisphere could be attacked at disadvantage, to any power whose strength and aggressive policy appear to threaten American independence. To put it in another way, the west coast of Africa and the Far Eastern archipelagoes are involved in the defense of America."

### To Argentina



Angling for improved trade relations in Latin America, Japan is giving new prestige to its representation there. Baron Shu Tomii, above, becomes first ambassador to Argentina, which formerly had legation. He's former minister to Canada.

### Rains Causing Delay, Damage to Spring Crops

Serious delay in planting spring crops that normally would be in the ground at this time has been necessitated by prolonged rains, according to Harold J. Ryan, county agricultural commissioner.

Tomatoes, sweet corn, beets, early canteloupe, carrots, turnips and parsnips will be delayed in coming on the market, with the prospect that the produce market may be glutted due to too many of them maturing at the same time.

Wind Monday was welcomed by citrus growers, since it aided in drying off oranges that already are being damaged by water spot, but the storm that followed offset the benefit of the wind. The strawberry crop was further retarded by each succeeding rainstorm.

**Rains Wash Spray Off**  
Lettuce was growing too rapidly, and some San Fernando valley fields were flooded. Sweet corn seed, planted before February storms, was reported to be rotting in the ground.

H. H. Wilcomb, orchard pest control expert, said it was too early to tell whether there would be more fungus diseases as result of the prolonged rainy spell. Fumigation work on citrus trees continued to be impossible because trucks could not be gotten into the orchards.

Celery blight was reported making inroads on the current crop because growers likewise could not get into the fields to spray the plants. Where spraying had been done, the rains kept washing off the spray almost as fast as it was applied.

There are 30,070 miles of navigable rivers in Brazil, with regular service of vessels over 17,130.

—Dollar Value Days, Fri. & Sat.—

The New Tay bridge across the Firth of Tay, near Dundee, Scotland, is believed the longest in the world. It is 10,780 feet long.

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Brazil has decided to grant future mining and waterfall concessions only to Brazilians.

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Approximately 11,000,000 Christmas trees were used in the United States in the 1940 Christmas season.

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The U. S. army had some 800,000 men at the end of 1940 compared with 215,488 at the end of 1939.

### Army-Bound Police Officers Dinner-Guests

To Sergeant Gene Garner, Military Police Company, 160th Infantry, California National Guard, late of the Torrance police department, his Army service will be a continuation of his chosen career as a peace officer. That's what he told his fellow officers, members of the city council and other guests Sunday night at a gala dinner party at Daniels cafe.

Also honored with Garner, who left the following morning to join his outfit at the Shrine Auditorium preparatory to going to camp at San Luis Obispo next week, was Willard "Barney" Barnett, who is scheduled to exchange his motor officer's badge for Army insignia in a few weeks. "Barney" expects to leave with a draft contingent in April and wants to join his fellow-officer Garner in the Military Police outfit.

Sergeant Bill Evans was master-of-ceremonies at the dinner gathering. In addition to nearly every member of the police department who was not on active duty, those present included Councilmen George V. Powell, John V. Murray, Vern Babcock and James Hitchcock, Judge Robert Lessing and Michael Strasser of The Herald.

Garner and Barnett were presented with leather billfolds—minus any bills—by their brother officers. The tables were decorated with toy soldiers, planes and guns with a silk flag over all.

### KITCHEN AT HARBOR HILLS MOST POPULAR

Most popular room in the demonstration home opened by the County Housing Authority at the Harbor Hills low-rent housing development, Western Ave. and N. Palos Verdes Dr., is the kitchen, officials reported today. During the past week-end when approximately 800 persons visited the three-bedroom home, officials listened carefully to comments and found that the kitchen, with its large corner windows and dinette, evoked the most enthusiasm.

Women visitors were particularly pleased with the modern conveniences, such as automatic refrigerator, four-burner gas range, laundry tub, water heater, and double-tile drainboard around the sink, according to officials. Second most popular room in the home was the living room. This also has large corner windows. Officials said that all visitors were impressed by the generous size of the rooms. Next to the home itself, which was completely furnished for only \$98.38, the view from Harbor Hills and the clear, fresh air on the hillside site elicited the most comment. Harbor Hills will provide homes for 300 families with limited income who are now living in overcrowded or run-down homes. Average rent of homes will be \$18.51 a month, including water.

The demonstration home, typical of those in the development, is open daily from 1 to 5 p. m. Hostesses in attendance are Betty Harline and Betty Gibson, recent graduates of Narbonne high school.

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