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Smoke Over Hills Explained, Dead Whale Burned on Beach

Smoke which late last Thursday enveloped the Palos Verdes hills came from burning of a huge dead whale which washed ashore two weeks ago at Portuguese bend, county authorities announced after complaints were received about the nostril-irritating aroma.

Efforts to salvage the mammal for oil failed, said Dr. Oscar Hauge, county supervisor, because the whale could not be reached by boat because the shore line is rocky, nor by truck because the hills are steep.

The dead whale was first reported to Hauge by Mrs. A. A. Jones, who owns property in the

area. After two weeks, said county officials, the whale became a problem for health authorities, and they turned the disposal job over to the army, which sent in soldiers on foot. With the aid of driftwood and kerosene the soldiers took care of the whale. County officials assumed the soldiers carried gas masks.

Privately-owned forest land in the United States totals 434,000,000 acres.

Manufacture of cosmetics in Canada is restricted as to number of shades and odors.

Father Enlists Son In Air Corps

When Norman Marsteller, who was graduated from Torrance high school with the class of '42, enlisted in the Army Air Force this week, he was accompanied by his father, Carl Marsteller, corporal technician 5/c, who is attached to a Los Angeles induction station in Los Angeles.

Corporal Marsteller, who was formerly chief clerk for Selective Service Board No. 280, has another son, Fred, in the Army.

THEATER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zuber enjoyed a theater party in Los Angeles Saturday evening.

Read Our Want Ads

Workers Needed to Make Surgical Dressings

To meet an urgent call by the Red Cross for surgical dressings, Torrance women not otherwise engaged in Red Cross work are urged to register now.

More than one million dressings per month during the next several months will be required as Los Angeles Chapter's quota to meet the demand. Those interested in helping should register at headquarters or call Torrance 1524.

If prices of civilian goods are held to present control levels until Jan. 1, 1944, consumers will have saved an average of \$170 for every man, woman, and child in the country.

Lomita Youth Who Served Aboard Boise In Sea Fight Home on Leave

Good ships with fighting crews and capable commanders will insure victory in the Pacific war zone and the men in the Navy figure that the time is not so far away.

That's the impression you get from talking to Bob Neiswender, 18-year-old Lomita veteran of the famous engagement in which the 10,000-ton light cruiser, Boise, sent six Jap ships to the bottom in the record time of 27 minutes.

Last February Bob (they called him Bobby then) made up his mind that despite his youth he was going to get himself a few Jap scalps. Bob's father didn't want to see him go but having been a soldier in France in World War I at 17 and having a hitch in both the Army and Navy behind him, couldn't put up much of an argument.

Tribute To Captain

And so Bob, a member of the Harbor City Sons of the American Legion squadron, enlisted for naval service Feb. 3, 1941 and after his basic training was sent into the Pacific war zone. Bob has been around since then and there never was a sailor more in love with his ship than this slight built, cool, straight talking lad from Lomita. He is sincere in his praise of the doughty skipper of the U. S. S. Boise, Capt. "Mike" Moran.

"Capt. Moran is a sailor and an executive, his efficiency and seamanship saved our hides in that engagement in the South Pacific," Seaman Neiswender declared. "He is the idol of his men, about 1,000 of 'em who man the Boise and we would rather serve with him than anyone else."

The youngster, now a seasoned sailor with a rating of seaman, first class, lives at 1686 259th st. He is at home on leave for a few days during which he is being entertained by his folks and his school day pals.

Tells Real Heroes
Speaking of the famous engagement in which the Boise made such an unusual record, Neiswender is reluctant to talk but he did say:

"Before we ran into the Japs we had been in a submarine zone. We had been on constant alert, we were jumpy and nervous and when we really went into action it was a relief from the tension."

"Every man on a battleship has a job to do. I was assigned to the magazine of a gun turret and I never had any time to worry about what was happening. Serving powder to the guns is a full time job. It's hard, exciting and hot work and every man sure was on his toes. I believe that the heroes are the boys that get killed or injured—they die and are hurt to save the rest of us and a lot of people should give that a little serious thought."

How To Lick Japs

"We performed our duties to the best of our ability and every time we knocked off another Jap ship we felt that we were closer to a trip home to the states."

"Let me tell you—there is nothing like getting home after a few months' experience like ours. We know we are going to lick the Japs but don't sell them too short—those birds have good ships, good guns and they can shoot. It's just a question of getting there first and getting your guns blazing."

"The war may last quite a



BATTLE VETERAN—Bob Neiswender of Lomita contributed to Boise's victorious sea fight.

while but most of us think it is going to be over sooner than many people think. Ships like the Boise, commanded by officers like Capt. Moran will win it damned quick," Seaman Neiswender declared.

Stardom Ahead



Joan Carroll, 19, proudly tucks away newly signed contract after approval by Los Angeles court.

OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis club will observe "Kiwanis Anniversary Night" at the dinner meeting next Monday night, Jan. 18, according to President James Rahl. Former and prospective members will be honor guests.

Read our want ads!

Tenney Proposes Penalty for Race Discrimination

Senator Jack B. Tenney, Los Angeles county's representative in the legislature, last week introduced an amendment to the labor code to alleviate the manpower shortage in war industries which would make it unlawful to refuse employment to any person "on account of race, color, creed or sex."

"Certainly, in times like these when we are facing a drastic labor shortage in nearly every industry and particularly those industries engaged in the manufacture of war materials, no person, willing to work, should be kept out of employment by reasons of race or creed," Senator Tenney said.

The measure would make it a misdemeanor for "any person, firm or corporation within the jurisdiction of this state, any-wise engaged in the production, manufacture or distribution of military or naval material, equipment or supplies for the state of California or the United States government to refuse to employ any person in any capacity" on account of racial prejudices.

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Loans and Discounts	\$347,991.86	\$436,250.89	\$386,972.59
Overdrafts	544.21	1,037.46	534.43
U. S. Government Bonds	256,456.25	204,265.63	556,167.19
Municipal and Other Bonds	17,955.00	27,867.50	27,867.50
Stock, Federal Reserve Bank	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Other Assets	9.14	340.36	15,484.30
Banking House	41,212.56	40,979.06	52,588.11
OTHER REAL ESTATE	None	None	None
Cash Due from Banks	241,860.16	289,865.68	539,520.37
TOTAL	\$909,629.18	\$1,004,206.58	\$1,582,734.49

LIABILITIES

	AS OF DEC. 31 1940	AS OF DEC. 31 1941	AS OF DEC. 31 1942
Capital Stock—Common	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$80,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	30,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Reserves and Undivided Profits	30,312.71	30,273.60	30,578.37
Total Capital	\$150,312.71	\$150,273.60	\$150,578.37
Other Liabilities	2,511.71	3,179.68	17,324.73
REDISCOUNTS	None	None	None
BILLS PAYABLE	None	None	None
Deposits	756,804.76	850,753.30	1,414,831.39
TOTALS	\$909,629.18	\$1,004,206.58	\$1,582,734.49

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