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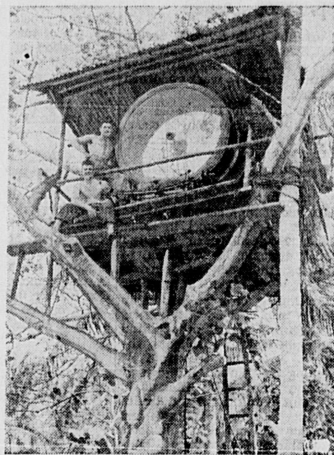
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Searchlight Seeks Jap Raiders

This huge searchlight is set high in a tree on the New Guinea beach. Carefully camouflaged, this light seeks out Jap raiders, making it possible for the anti-aircraft battery to get to work.



Falling Limbs Disrupt Power For War Plants

Workmen engaged in topping eucalyptus trees on the old Calhoun factory site let some limbs fall onto the high-power electric lines of the Southern California Edison Co. shortly before noon yesterday. That no one was killed or seriously injured is a miracle, according to John E. McMaster, Torrance fire department chief.

The falling trees damaged the power lines, sent a current along about 800 feet of wire fence on Abalone ave. to the Torrance Lumber Co.'s corrugated steel storage shed, burned a hole in the concrete pavement to penetrate a Southern California Gas Co. conduit and ignited the gas. Electric power was shut off from the Doak Aircraft plant for at least two hours, also at the Salm Mfg. Co.'s plant where workmen were dismissed for the shift to go to their homes, the fire chief advised.

"Slim" Silligo, one of the owners of the lumber yard, was sitting in his office when the incandescent globes pepped on all sides. He made his exit outside in a hurry.

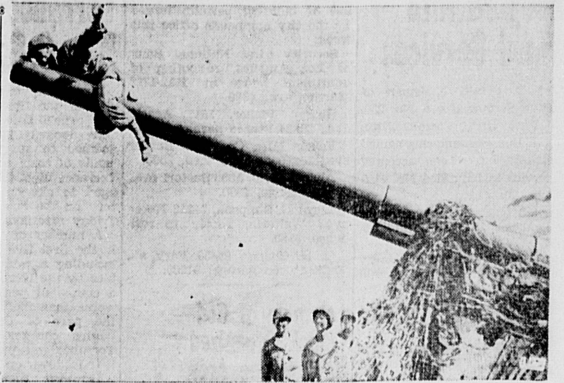
"In all my experience in fire fighting and prevention I have never been called to such a freakish fire. Actually the fire from the gas main was of in-consequence. We put that out with sand. But with all the charged wires and steel buildings threatening dire harm for a few moments, it simply was fortunate no casualties resulted," declared Chief McMaster.

The only serious damage was sustained by the power company. Loss to the gas company was slight. The tree tappers fled from the scene when they saw the live wires sputtering around.

The excitement was scarcely over when a second fire call

Soldiers Show Affection for Their Weapons

American soldiers far away from friends and relatives often endow their inanimate companions with human traits. Private Nick Cucinotti climbs to the muzzle of this 155-mm. Long Tom rifle to plant an affectionate kiss before the gun hurls a shell against the enemy in Sicily operations.



Former Torrance Steelworker Back From War Service

Returned to the United States from months of service in the South Pacific with a Marine Air Squadron is James Hoyt Moore, pharmacist's mate, second class, of Gardena.

The former Torrance high school football player is attached to the first outfit to go into battle with the new Vought Corsair plane. The squadron was credited officially with knocking down 68 Japanese planes and 20 probables.

Before he enlisted in the Navy, in March, 1942, Moore worked at the Columbia Steel Co.

He is the son of James Wilson Moore of 2615 158th st., Gardena.

He came in from 190th st. and Western ave., where the department extinguished a grass blaze.

Functions of War Chest Cover Many Fields to Fit Human Needs

(This is the second installment of a statement about the Los Angeles Area War Chest—What is it? What does it do? The concluding installment will be published in a later edition of this newspaper.)

The second field is the home community. Its problems are all those of normal times and past years, plus many new ones and increased emphasis on old ones which war time conditions have imposed upon us.

We have referred to the large increase in industrial population, the division of homes, the entry of women, including mothers, into war plant work. Torrance is a member of the area War Chest. It will look to the War Chest appeal for funds required to carry on its essential work. This year the Community Chest has a membership of 92 agencies, which will be administered, as usual, under the supervision of the Los Angeles County Welfare Federation. Additional communities also have applied for and been admitted to membership. Altogether the area covered by Chest agency membership exceeds 500 square miles, believed to be the largest such area in the country.

One of the three fronts is the home front, guarded well in the Los Angeles area by 92 Community Chest agencies. It must continue to be guarded by these agencies, not merely to make this community a bet-

ter place for all, but also to reinforce it as the base of a mighty war effort. — P. G. Winnett.

We must be victorious on the home front, too. Our enemies there are familiar:—home and individual insolvency, defective human forms, unattended sick, undernourished children and aged, orphaned children, juvenile delinquency, broken family ties. We must continue to fight these. It is the duty and the privilege of the strong to build character and health and well-being in weaker neighbors. The reward is increased strength for the whole community; confidence, hope, unity, the saving that comes from tackling unhealthy community ailments at the outset and at the roots. The Community Chest has given Los Angeles of its experience, knowledge, planning ahead, trained field workers, competent administration.

Chest's Aims Told  
What are some of the details of Community Chest work? The major portion of its services are devoted to child health and welfare. This is extended through clinics, hospitals, institutions, foster homes, day nurseries, youth activities and in family welfare. No child should avoidably be denied its birthright of sound body and trained mind,—that is the thesis which guides the Chest in this work. The Chest has become the strong right arm of the whole community for the building of competent citizenship, for the salvage of damaged citizenship prospects. Eyes and hopes are upon tomorrow, while hands work to-day. Every community must vigilantly fight the spectre of forgotten children. The conscience and the courage of this community works through its Community Chest. Our first job is to care for our home, and to a rational, realistic extent this means to care for all our homes.

Guard Home Front.  
Now, in war time, it is a morale-building factor to the fighting front to know that necessary jobs for the defense of human values are being done on the home front. The curve of juvenile delinquency is rising, there is danger of malnutrition and its resultant evils. These call for greater watchfulness in regard to child and family health and welfare.

Chest agencies have mobilized for emergencies in cooperation with the office of volunteer Civilian Defense. Emergency hospital care for children and adults, casualty dressing stations and first aid depots, emergency housing facilities, canteens for emergency feeding of homeless, evacuation centers, and numerous other facilities have had the attention of Chest agencies.

Social Welfare Work  
War always intensifies social evils which undermine the welfare of the whole,—communicable diseases, delinquency, crime, illegitimacy, mental illness, child neglect, housing needs. Organized defense against these afflictions always is in order. We rely upon Community Chest agencies to perform a major share of defense and prevention efforts.

Care of the needy sick in hospitals and clinics, assistance to the aged, homeless men, transient men and women, young men and women in need of counsel and worthy of assistance, desolate rubles of broken homes. All the human impediments that is inevitably the lot of every great metropolis and a busy base for the provisioning of all our citizens. The work requires understanding, solicitude, courage, patience and willing labor. For all these attributes the Community Chest has earned the confidence of the public.

October Building Increase Reported

Building construction values in Torrance during the month of October this year was placed at \$139,735, compared with \$15,600 during the corresponding period a year ago, according to the re-

cord of permits issued by the city building department. Permits for the nine months ending Oct. 31 amounted to \$4,602,943, compared with \$7,242,849 during the first three-quarters of 1942.

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