

SHRINK PREVENTIVE

A new shrink-preventive treatment has been developed to keep woolen socks, issued American soldiers, from shrinking, the Ninth Service Command Quartermaster office, at Fort Douglas, Utah, said today.

BEN YOUNGKEN... a corporal in A.A.F., stationed at Carlsbad, N.M., is enjoying a 15 days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Youngken here.

AT MOUNTAIN RESORT

Mrs. Bessie Myers spent the holidays at her Crestline cabin with her guests, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Smith.

MAKE UP YOUR MIND

Everyone has encountered an after-thought driver—the type of motorist who decides to make a right turn after he's already in the left lane. These after-thought drivers never seem to realize that the time for making their decisions have passed after they are in the wrong lane. The Public Safety Department of the National Automobile Club asks you not to make the mistake of getting into one lane, and then crossing into the other lane in the way of other automobiles. Afterthoughts need to be avoided when you're driving an automobile—think first, and you'll stay alive to think again.

Public Invited

IMPORTANT MEETING

ON
RETURNING JAP PROBLEM
Thursday, Jan. 4, 8 P.M.—Gardena City Hall
1580 W. MARKET ST.—BETWEEN NORMANDIE AND WESTERN

SPEAKER: Dr. John R. Lechner, American League of Cal.
CITIZENS EMERGENCY CORPS of Gardena

SERVICE SHORTS

ADDISON SMITH... chief quartermaster, U.S.N., arrived Christmas morning for a 16 days' leave from Pacific duty to join his wife, Louise, their 10 months old son, whom he had never seen, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, here.

VINSON LARSON... a First Lieut., is enjoying a 10 days leave from his duties at Salt Lake City, where he is serving in Army Flight Control Service at the Municipal Airport. His wife, Naomi, and their children, Gerry and Ronald live here at 1605 Crenshaw blvd.

H. L. (BUDDY) GUTTENFELDER... an aviation cadet, has been transferred from Thunderbird Field, Glendale, Ariz., to Marana Army Air Base, Ariz. He left Torrance last Friday evening following a holiday visit with his parents here.

JAMES F. MILLER... a lieutenant, serving in A.A.F., is enjoying a 15 days leave from his base at Lincoln, Neb., where he is a tactical officer. He arrived in time to spend Christmas with his wife, Jane, and their baby, Sharon Jane.

TONY NADY... Chief Machinists Mate, U.S.N., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Nady, of 710 Acacia ave. He was joined by his wife, Helen, who flew here from Norfolk, Va., to spend the holidays. Nady has participated in the invasion of France and has seen action in almost all the major naval engagements in the Atlantic and Mediterranean waters.

CONRAD V. CHRISTENSEN... a corporal, serving as an interviewer at the Personnel Affairs Office with the ATC Ferrying Division training school at Homestead, Fla., arrived just before Christmas for a 25-days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Christensen, of 1520 Marelna ave.

GEORGE S. WINTERS... a fireman, 1/c, serving in the South Pacific, sent Christmas greetings to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Winters of 1210 El Prado.

MILTON A. YOUNGKEN... a private, with the Army Engineering Corps, is serving in Holland and Germany, according to his mother, Mrs. C. E. Youngken of 1222 Portola ave.



COMPLETES COURSE... Harvel L. Guttenfelder Jr., 19, has just completed the Army's primary flight training course at Thunderbird Field No. 1, Glendale, Ariz. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvel L. Guttenfelder, 1427 Post ave., the young flier attended Torrance high school and St. Andrew's Episcopal church. He has been in the service for 13 months and has had 100 hours of flying in L2A-PT-17 planes.

Olds Issues New Year's Statement

By IRVING S. OLDS

Chairman of Board of Directors of United States Steel Corp. V.E. day has not arrived, and the primary job of all of us must continue to be an all-out effort to attain complete victory over both Germany and Japan.

American industry can be proud of its remarkable production record since Pearl Harbor. But this is not the time to lessen the nation's productive effort, or to rest content with past achievements. The character of the war is constantly changing, and with these changes come demands from our armed forces for huge quantities of new and improved munitions and materiel, made of steel. The steel industry, which so far has met every war call made upon it, is resolved to do its utmost toward supplying steel in full quantity when and as needed in the war program.

We of U. S. Steel are honored to have had one of our mills selected as the pilot plant for the production of eight-inch shells. Other corporation plants are also delivering big shells in large quantities. Men and management at all of these mills will not be content until their shell production schedules are met completely and on time.

When the war has been won, the patriotism, courage, energy and resourcefulness of the American people—outstandingly demonstrated during the war—will be a most vital factor in the solution of any difficulties of the postwar period.

BILLY DILLON... serving in A.A.F., in the Dutch East Indies, sends greetings to his friends here. He is a former Naumene and Notre Dame track star.

ALICE BURGER McELDERY... (Editor's Note—While it is the policy of the Torrance Herald to refuse for publication letters which are unsigned, and the writers of which are unknown, the following is printed as an exception, because of the true spirit of Christianity and Brotherly Love which it reflects.)

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—TORRANCE—

Letters to Editor

(Editor's Note — Joseph C. Ferro, commander of the Gardena Veterans of Foreign Wars post, General Rosecrans No. 3261, has issued a statement denying the allegation of Drew Pearson, a columnist, that the names of Japanese-American heroes of the United States armed forces will be left off the Gardena civic honor roll. Ferro said, in a published statement, that "these boys (loyal Japanese-Americans) are entitled to the same recognition as any other American who is serving in the armed forces. All efforts will be made to secure their names and place them on the Gardena Honor Roll." The letter of Mrs. Alice Burger McElderry on this subject is being published with this explanation.)

Editor of Torrance Herald: On Dec. 21, an article was published in (a Los Angeles newspaper) which stated that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Gen. William T. Rosecrans at Gardena, has banned the names of Japanese-American soldiers from its service plaque. The soldier mentioned in this article, Kiyoshi Muranaga, of Gardena, was killed in action fighting with the American Army in Italy. Muranaga was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism.

Now his home town won't even give him recognition because he happened to have parents of Japanese ancestry. What is the point of fighting Fascism and intolerance in Germany when we have such terrible examples of it at home?

If we don't give all loyal American citizens (civilians and soldiers) fair play and decent treatment, regardless of their racial background, national origin, or religious creed — our country isn't worth the sacrifice of all the fellows dying now in Belgium and the Pacific Islands. By depriving a Japanese-American boy, killed in battle for his country, from receiving recognition for one of the highest military honors in the U. S., we're not acting any differently than the Nazis, whose theory of racial superiority we SAY we're fighting against.

America is really lost if she doesn't soon start recognizing people for their worth as human beings and QUIT rating people like a color chart with the pale faces at top and those of darker skin coloration further down on the scale.

In the post-war flying world with all the peoples in the earth within 24 hours flying distance from our doors—we must learn it's good business, good sense, and good PEACE, to get rid of our outdated and unscientific racial attitudes and appreciate people for what they are regardless of the color of their skin. We'll soon be next door neighbors to all the peoples of the earth, and the way to start getting on more peaceful terms with them, is to begin at home to have honest, democratic, fair treatment of the racial minorities in our country.

The loyal Japanese-Americans will have an especially difficult time in our "free, democratic" United States. Let's not make living any harder for them by such gross discrimination and such short-sighted action as was shown by the Gardena V.F.W. Post.

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State Guard Troops Take Place of Regular Army Infantry, Says Officer

Members of the California State Guard are relieving overseas duty regular Army infantry troops, in the setup of the Western Defense Command, Maj. J. G. Braden, intelligence officer, on the staff of Maj. Gen. Cortlandt Parker, commanding the Southern California sector of the Western Defense Command, told a radio audience Thursday night.

Speaking on the program arranged by Maj. A. Milton Fish, commanding officer of the Second Battalion, 38th Regiment, of the State Guard, and Lt. Frank S. Selover, city editor of the Torrance Herald, battalion public relations and signal officer, through Chief of Police John Stroth and the Peace Officers Civil Service Association of California, Maj. Braden declared that "the men we see in these State Guard units are making a real sacrifice, but it is a patriotic one—one essential to the successful prosecution of the war, for if these troops did not exist we would have to hold back regular Army infantry forces to do the job which is now charged to the State Guard."

A young soldier came in. He had been wounded overseas. Both of his arms will be useless for a while. He came over to my table and spoke to me. You see we are real old pals. I was really glad to see him not the way he had come back but he was happy to be home with his friends. Not a word about his injury or what he had done for us all.

People around us were moaning about not having gas to go out. All this boy wanted was to be home. Oh yes some of them looked at him with pity in their eyes and said to each other how terrible it was to be wounded. I am sure that this boy would rather have known that these people had been in back of him and his buddies who are still over there than to see pity.

Let me tell you it is really a good feeling to look a boy like that in the eyes and say, "Pal, I have been in back of you," and be able to really mean it. People don't seem to realize that their sons can come home the same way. It is possible. The war is far from over.

These boys want two things from us at home. The first is to write them at least once a week. The other is to buy War Bonds so they can come home soon.

If we do this, which is very small to what they will do, they are ready to give their lives. Some people might think this is just some person spouting off. Well it is time somebody did. This may stop some of the moaning and groaning of the poor people at home who have to take so much.

Thank you,
ANONYMOUS.

December 29, 1944.

Editor, Torrance Herald:

On behalf of the War Finance Committee for Southern California, may I express our appreciation for the splendid support given us by all Southern California newspapers in the Sixth War Loan Drive. Once again the Press has proved how valuable a job it is doing in winning the war on the home front. Your editorial cooperation and the fine work of your advertising department in obtaining sponsors for War Bond ads were both a vital factor in the success of the campaign.

In order to provide a continuing service to newspapers in this area, we will have available a supply of new advertising matrices in full page, five column and three column sizes. These mats may be obtained by calling at this office, if this is more convenient than sending directly to Chicago for them. The Treasury Department is urging that the newspaper advertising on War Bonds be continued between drives as an important educational factor. I know we can depend on your continued assistance.

Cordially yours,
ELWOOD J. ROBINSON
Vice Chairman
War Finance Committee
for Southern California
Treasury Department
621 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

As it is, these citizen soldiers are relieving regular Army soldiers for service overseas.

"Close liaison is maintained between the Southern California sector of the Western Defense Command and the State Guard. Within a few minutes after orders are issued, Col. John C. French and his Ninth Tactical Command staff are at Gen. Parker's headquarters, in constant and direct communication with the battalions of his command which are mobilized immediately. The work of these State Guard units is definite, and their ability to perform has been demonstrated. We find them prepared, equipped, and ready to take the field as striking forces on a few moments notice to do a real job."

"The time they are putting into guard training and maneuvers is worthwhile and a necessary part of the military service."

First Lt. Robert Ward, United States Infantry, an inspector and instructor of State Guard troops for the Ninth Tactical Command, also spoke highly of the state infantrymen. Lt. Ward said: "As an instructor of State Guardsmen in schools conducted by the Adjutant General's department, I can say that they are men of the highest quality, eager to learn and easy to train. As an inspector of State Guard troops, I have found that they stand up to regular Army standards in most instances, and could take their place beside regular Army troops, except that the regular infantry, of course, has the benefit of additional training which is not felt necessary to these state infantrymen serving the home front."

"Working with these State Guard troops as I have been doing since returning to the United States, I can say that the majority of them right now could take short refresher courses and, if their age permitted, could do service right beside our soldiers at the front. They know their training, they take good care of their equipment, and know their job and are willing to make the sacrifices to do it."

Also appearing on the program were Chief of Police Stroth, who praised the liaison between his department and Company H, Torrance, commanded by Capt. R. L. Lewellen, Chief of Police Alvin F. Slaght, of Long Beach, who gave like praise to the Long Beach units.

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