



MEET IN FAR OFF NEW GUINEA . . . Machinist Mate 1/c Cecil W. Brown, Lomita, met WAC Pvt. Eleanor B. True, Venice, his niece, at a WAC camp at a New Guinea forward area, according to word received from the government. The meeting, the first in many months, came about when Brown came into port and found his niece's APO in the immediate vicinity.

CITY SALES TAX SUGGESTED FOR STUDY BY TORRANCE TO RAISE POSTWAR FUNDS

A sales tax, amusement tax and a comprehensive upward revision of the business license tax ordinance in Torrance, to finance a postwar improvement program, has been suggested for study by the City Council by Councilman James E. Hitchcock. While not endorsing the idea, the councilman explained that he thought the city council of Torrance should "look ahead" and give some consideration to the problems which might confront the community after the close of hostilities throughout the world.

He said that San Bernardino already has adopted such a program, divided into three classifications as follows:

1. A one percent city sales tax to be levied under the general rules and regulations of the state sales tax during the year 1945. Effective on Jan. 1, 1945, it is estimated it will raise \$400,000.

2. An amusement tax generally based at three cents per admission for all theaters, motion picture houses, athletic games, boxing and wrestling matches, circuses, rodeos, public dances, ice or roller skating rinks, museums and store shows. This is to raise an estimated \$100,000 a year and is a permanent tax feature.

3. A three-quarter mill tax on general merchants, a half mill tax on food merchants, a one-quarter mill tax on wholesalers and manufacturers, and a general upward adjustment in other miscellaneous license tax rates. This is to raise about \$200,000 a year, it is estimated.

San Bernardino officials said that there was not a single protestant to the program, and that important projects for the expenditure of the money so raised include:

Sewers and a water reservoir, public buildings including hall of justice, public toilets, fire stations, library building, cross-town drains, airport site, water mains, a plunge, colored center, youths' center, street widening, pedestrian underpasses, vehicle and pedestrian underpasses.

To date, plans call for expenditure of about \$2,800,000, it was said.

Five New Oil Derricks for Torrance Field

Permits for five new steel oil derricks in the Torrance area field were issued by the city building department during the past week.

Howard C. Black, of Redondo Beach, secured the permits to construct the derricks for Le-Boy & McNeel, Torrance operators, at 4211, 4401, 4601, 4613 and 4829 Huntington st. Each permit was for \$5,000, and the derricks will be constructed on the Dominguez Estates lease.

Two other permits were issued during the past week, one to Wilson O. Wade, 1339 El Prado, for a \$250 repair job, and the other to Earl M. Gipe, 24431 Hawthorne blvd., for a \$400 garage.

Albert Goodman Is Bound Over to Superior Court

Albert Goodman Tuesday was bound over to Superior court on charges of burglary growing out of his alleged entry into the Union Cafe, in Torrance, recently. He is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$1000 bail fixed by City Judge Otto B. Willett.

J. Sullivan is serving a 9-day jail sentence in the city jail on his third recent charge of intoxication. He was sentenced to pay \$40 or serve the term, and took the jail sentence.

Navy Project In Torrance to Cost \$1,800,000

The U. S. Navy material redistribution and disposal center to be built in Torrance is among the several projects to cost a total of \$44,000,000 which the Navy has announced for the harbor district, according to an announcement of Capt. H. E. Wilson, Navy public works officer at the Naval Operating Base, Terminal Island.

The Torrance project, to be constructed on an area south of Carson st. and east of Crenshaw blvd., will cost a total of \$1,800,000, and it will involve construction of several huge warehouse buildings, numerous railroad spurs, administration building, a cafeteria, and other improvements. It will be in use for at least five years after the war, it was said.

Included in the work already under way, costing about \$17,000,000, are a mole-type breakwater on the seaward side of Roosevelt base; a pier at the Naval dry docks; pier extensions, a four-story reinforced storage warehouse, and other improvements.

Also planned, in the harbor district, are a \$14,000,000 access roadway and bridge across Ceritos channel from the mainland to Terminal Island, a permanent naval supply depot at San Pedro, a housing project in San Pedro, additions to the Long Beach Naval hospital, and other additions.

Surveys have been completed of the Torrance site for the redistribution and disposal center, and it is anticipated that work soon will actually start on the structure.

Blaze Damages Calship Rigging Loft Building

Los Angeles harbor, Calship and Coast Guard fireboats, fire engines and equipment yesterday fought an early morning blaze in the two-story rigging loft at the California Shipbuilding Corp., yard which company officials said might amount to \$100,000 in damages.

James Warfield, general manager of the corporation, said the fire, believed to have been started by oil heating equipment in the huge building, destroyed the attic and second floor of the building, but fire fighters' efforts saved an important sheet metal shop on the first floor.

The upper story contained various outfitting, administrative, and engineering offices.

Warfield said water damage to the sheet metal shop would somewhat delay ship production at the 14-way yard.

The office of the captain of the port, U. S. Coast Guard, was the first to respond to the alarm sounded at 3:30 a. m. and before 5 o'clock jeeps and fireboats from the Coast Guard's Naval Operating Base and all available fire trucks from San Pedro and Wilmington had quenched the blaze.

Fire fighters, however, were detailed to guard the building throughout the day to prevent any new outburst of flame.

James Ford Is Doak Aircraft Vice President

At a meeting Thursday of the board of directors of the Doak Aircraft Co., Inc., in Torrance, James B. Ford was elected vice president in charge of engineering. It has been announced by Edmond R. Doak, president.

Also elected were Miss Patricia R. Summerbell as assistant secretary and Karel Mansfield as assistant treasurer.

Formerly senior aeronautical engineer for the Civil Aeronautics Administration and chief draftsman of the El Segundo division of the Douglas Aircraft Co., Ford has been with the Doak Company as chief engineer for the past year. A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he pioneered design of several military and commercial types of airplane. While trying to eliminate heavy shock struts for landing gear by using shock-absorbing tires, he developed what later became the Goodyear Lifeguard tire.

HARRY B. LEWIS NAMED AS CHAIRMAN OF RED CROSS DRIVE IN TORRANCE AREA

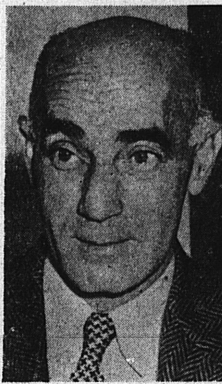
Paul K. Yost, chairman of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Red Cross 1945 fund campaign, has announced the appointment of Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to serve as Torrance chairman this year. Chairman Lewis has appointed the following committee to serve with him:

Vice chairmen: Mrs. Lola Hoover, headquarters division; Reed H. Parkin, secretary-treasurer of Doak Aircraft Company and president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, industry division; Mayor William H. Tolson, public employees division; William R. Lee, manager J. C. Penney Company, commerce division; Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector St. Andrew's Episcopal church, geographic division; George L. Johnson, assistant manager Bank of America, special projects division; Philip Van Dyke, secretary Longren Aircraft Company, theater patrons division; Frank S. Selover, city editor Torrance Herald, publicity division.

"During wartime and the period immediately following, demands upon the Red Cross increase so materially that the local quotas must be raised in increasing amounts to insure continuation of services at home and abroad," Chairman Lewis said.

"The current year's drive will cover every industry, business and home within the Torrance area."

"We are assured of the co-



HARRY B. LEWIS Heads Red Cross Fund Drive

operation of volunteers and we are certain that Torrance will meet the quota to be assigned in the very near future."

L.A. Schools Get Setback Before State Board as Five Areas Win Point

Got Tough With Ration Board; Now Sits In Jail

It doesn't pay to get "tough" with the ration board, even if you are intoxicated.

L. Dawson, residing at the Lomita hotel, found that out and he is "sweating" over the subject in the city jail.

Charged with being drunk and disturbing the peace, he was arrested at the Ration Board office after his conduct resulted in a call for police assistance.

City Judge Otto B. Willett Tuesday fined the man \$25, and gave him the alternative of serving five days in jail, on the drunk charge. On the disturbing the peace charge, he sentenced the man to 30 days in jail, suspended on condition he apologize to the Ration Board workers and that he lay off liquor altogether.

He is serving five days in jail in lieu of the fine of \$25.

Additional Lots For Pueblo Play Area Unavailable

While the City Council already has purchased two lots on 203rd st. as a recreation area for some 250 Mexican children of the Pueblo district, the two additional lots on which option is sought already are under option to a contracting firm, according to information given to the Torrance Area Welfare Council meeting Thursday by Father Wood, of St. Joseph's Catholic church.

The welfare council voted to ask the contracting firm, McGrath & Hilcock, holding option on all vacant lots in the Pueblo except those bought by the city, to consider donating the lots to the city for recreational purposes.

The two lots purchased by the city also adjoin the site on which the Catholic church will construct a social hall, to cost about \$5000.

While a building permit has been issued, it was pointed out, the financing of the building has not been completed, and means of raising the necessary funds were discussed. No decision was reached at the welfare council meeting on this matter.

NEW STENOGRAPHER
Phyllis McVicar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McVicar, is a new stenographer working in the office of the Torrance Service Center. A graduate of Torrance high school, she attended Compton Junior College, and worked for a time at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation.

Schools Group Studies Other District Cases

Torrance Parents' Association, preparing a campaign to withdraw the schools inside the city limits of Torrance from the Los Angeles city school system, are studying each and every move of other districts pulling away from Los Angeles, and will profit by the gains and losses in each case, according to Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of the association.

The most parallel case discovered to date has been that of Beverly Hills, she said, where first the elementary schools withdrew, and because the children and the district under independent operation, the high schools later withdrew.

Data from the Beverly Hills campaign is being gathered for use in Torrance, she said, and the advice of those connected with the drive in the film community is to be utilized.

Culver City's move to eject Los Angeles from the half of its schools within the corporate limits of that community also is being watched with interest, and the data obtained will be used to advantage.

The case of Newhall, Saugus, Castaic and several other San Fernando valley districts in recently winning a case before the State Board of Education, permitting them to ballot on the formation of a new high school district, also is being studied.

Mrs. Carr said that she was not ready to announce the date and time of the next parents association meeting, originally scheduled for Jan. 16, because the maze of legal data which has been discovered to support the association's drive for "Torrance Schools for Torrance Children" is taking considerably more time to prepare for presentation than at first anticipated.

Meanwhile more and more support is coming to the cause of giving Torrance children full benefit of every dollar raised for their education, instead of turning it over to Los Angeles to spend elsewhere, it was said.

Torrance children can have and will have the finest schools and educational opportunities obtainable under the new program, according to Mrs. Carr.

Torrance Woman Suicide After Marital Trouble

Margaret Ellen Satterfield, 48, of 2487-C Torrance blvd., died Tuesday at 12:45 p. m. of gunshot wounds through the heart, and after investigation by Torrance police is declared to have been a suicide.

Whether or not there will be an inquest had not been decided last night.

According to the police report, Mrs. Satterfield and her husband, Clyde B. Satterfield, state funds engineer at Consolidated Steel Corp., shipyard in Wilmington, had separated last Friday night after differences. She called him at the shipyard Tuesday and asked him to come home and discuss some of their problems. This he did, the report states, and they were sitting at a table at about 11:45 a. m. when she jumped up and left the room. Satterfield said he heard a shot and went to the bathroom to find his wife slumped to the floor with a 22-caliber revolver in her hand. He called police, an ambulance and a doctor, and she was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital where she died within a few minutes.

Police said that the only fingerprints to be found on the gun were those of Mrs. Satterfield, and that all evidence pointed to the fact that she committed suicide. There had been previous reports of trouble between the couple, it was said.

There are no other survivors, except Mrs. Satterfield's mother, Mrs. Emma Oswald, of Temple, Penn. Mrs. Satterfield was born in Altoona, Penn., July 19, 1896, and had resided in California four years, in Torrance about 1944. Services will be conducted tomorrow in Stone & Myers chapel at 2 p. m., with the Rev. F. D. Meckling officiating. Interment will be in Pacific Crest.

AT BEACH CITY
Mrs. Marion Trezise and Mrs. Jeanne Clayton were weekend guests at the Long Beach home of Mrs. Ray Smith, formerly of this city.

WALTERIA COMMUNITY GROUP WILL CONSIDER FORMATION OF NEW WATER DISTRICT

Apparently taking a "hint" from Manager William Stanger, of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, quoted in the Torrance Herald of last week, Walteria Community Service Council has asked Nelson Taylor, well known expert on water system designs, to attend a meeting of the council and the Torrance City Council next Monday to discuss the formation of a municipal water system for Walteria.



DIES IN ACTION . . . S/Sgt. Chelsea B. Hamilton, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver B. Hamilton, 25821 Cayuga st., Lomita, was killed in action Nov. 24 on Leyte, according to word received from the War Department by his parents. Young Hamilton, who had lived in Lomita and Walteria for 19 years, was a graduate of the '39 class of Narbonne high school, and worked for Rubbercraft Corp., Torrance. He was awarded the Silver Star on Sept. 1 for "gallantry in action."

No action was forthcoming, and as late as the meeting of the City Council of Jan. 9, no definite information had been given the Walteria group on how to proceed to provide water for the community.

However, Manager Stanger, in an interview with the Torrance Herald, declared that the only procedure was to form a water district and float bonds to lay out or buy pipe lines and either connect with the Metropolitan Water-District pipe lines or acquire wells by purchase or drilling.

He pointed out that there is nothing Water District No. 1 can do except advise, as the district cannot be expanded, and all its development must be within the boundaries of the present district. Its money cannot be used to buy other systems, nor can any systems or districts be "annexed" to Water District No. 1, he declared.

With the information in hand, after failure of the council to give proper advice, the Walteria group has proceeded to make its own plans and preparations for the meeting Monday, and an election to form a municipal water district will be the main topic of discussion.

Local Selective Service Board Reviews Files

Selective Service Board No. 280, like other local draft boards, working under instructions from the National Selective Service Headquarters, are reviewing the files of all registrants, according to a statement from Board No. 280 to the Torrance Herald.

Signed by James G. Caldwell, secretary of Local Board No. 280, the statement said:

"Men now in non-essential industry will be reclassified. Job jumpers will be processed for induction. Registrants who leave the employment for which they were deferred without first requesting a determination from their local board, will be reclassified for induction."

"The liberal occupational deferment provision for registrants over 26 years of age are tightened and these men may be called for induction."

"The demands for manpower are greater than ever before. Our fighting forces and our allies are calling for more materials of war, and we must supply the essential needs of the civilian populations. Therefore men who are in war work or work that is in support of the war effort must stick to their jobs."

"More men will be called for our armed forces. The usual rights of appeal are still in effect."

"Our fighting forces, management and labor are doing a stupendous job of war and doing it well, but even this must be improved."

Under the national selective service policy, men are being selected for service in the following order:

1. Registrants not employed in any of the activities on the list of (essential activities);

- (This evidently was a request to scour the registration lists for any lingering men in the desired age group who have not yet been called, before dipping into war industry.)

2. Registrants engaged in relatively unimportant jobs in the essential but not critical activities and registrants who may be replaced without difficulty;

3. Registrants engaged in relatively unimportant jobs in critical war programs, and registrants in such programs who may be replaced without difficulty;

4. Registrants engaged in relatively more important jobs in essential but not critical activities;

5. Registrants engaged in more important jobs in critical activities."

Grocer Here Feels Effect Of OPA Rules

Enforcement of the regulations of the Office of Price Administration by the price panel of the local board at 2300 Carson st., Torrance, already has been placed in effect.

One woman, a grocery store owner at 803 Sartori ave., was required to pay \$68.52 to the treasurer of the United States, or one and one-half times the alleged overcharges, as a survey revealed that the woman charged more than ceiling prices on at least five items. This was the first case where fines have been levied in Torrance since the board gave notice that no more "warnings" would be issued.

A second case this week involved an "over-ceil" sale of a 1936 Dodge truck. The seller received \$465 for a truck on which the ceiling price was \$333.15. The difference of \$131.85 was paid into the treasury of the United States, and not to the buyer, the panel board pointed out. The buyer of an item paying more than ceiling price does not get his money back under OPA regulations. It goes to the treasurer of the United States.

90-Day Veterans' Clause Explained

Provisions of the Selective Service Act which extended to 90 days the period in which a veteran may apply for reinstatement in his former civilian employment applies only if this 90-day period did not expire prior to the effective date, Dec. 8, 1944, according to a statement from James G. Caldwell, chairman, Local Veterans Service Committee representing the Selective Service Board No. 280.

It had been thought by some veterans that they could enjoy the privileges of the extension even though the 90 days had expired, but this is not true of those cases in which the period expired prior to Dec. 8, it was pointed out.