**GERALD G. GRUBB . . .** has been promoted to platoon sergeant, at his base in Guam where he is serving with an Anti-aircraft battalion, according to his wife, Marian, of 1307 Portola ave.

**THIRTY-FOUR TON PUNCH**

The "Black Panther," a mighty field artillery piece, weighs 34 tons in firing position, the Ninth Service Command Ordnance officer announced today.



# Named Head of L.A. Delegation

Assemblyman Ralph C. Dills, Compton Democrat, was reelected chairman of the Los Angeles County delegation at a meeting of the 33 Los Angeles County legislators held in Sacramento.

His unanimous selection, it was pointed out, was brought about by the efficient manner in which he has handled all Los Angeles city and county matters during the past two years.

**AMMUNITION TONNAGE**

More than 365,000 tons of ammunition have already been used on European battlefronts.

# Visiting Nurse Association Is Operating Here

The Visiting Nurse association now is in operation in Torrance and is ready to send a graduate nurse for part-time care of the sick in their homes, it is announced by Mrs. W. E. Bowen, chairman of the sponsoring committee.

Included in the care given is pre-natal, post-natal and newborn attention; pre-school service, morbidity, acute communicable diseases and instruction in the proper care of the ill.

The services of the nurse are available to persons of all financial levels, Mrs. Bowen explains, without distinction as to race or creed. Those who can afford it pay a nominal "per hour" fee; an adjusted fee is made to those in lower bracket incomes, and nursing service is given freely where circumstances warrant. After the nurse's first visit, it is pointed out, the patient must be under the care of a licensed physician.

In operation in the Los Angeles area since 1940, Visiting Nurse association has proved a boon during the war shortages of doctors and nurses. By sharing the services of thoroughly capable nurses, thousands of sick persons and new mothers have been relieved of discomfort and hardship. The Association is a Community Chest agency, at present receiving funds from War Chest donations.

Torrance families in need of nursing help are asked to call the Service Center, 1400 Cravens st., Torrance 1405, and arrange for the nurse's visit.

# Sgt. Page Was In Rome-Arno Drive Gets Battle Star

Staff Sgt. Wilson R. Page, Torrance, Calif., is now authorized to wear an additional battle star on his European-Middle East-African theatre ribbon, signifying that he has played a part in the Rome-Arno campaign since Jan. 22, 1944.

Sergeant Page is an administrative clerk in a Twelfth Air Force B-25 Mitchell bombardment group which have aided the advance of the Fifth and Eighth Armies by destroying such German held targets as bridges, airdromes, water transports, harbor installations, beachhead gun positions, ammunition depots and troop concentrations.

In addition to this latest battle star, Sergeant Page is entitled to wear the group's Distinguished Unit Badge.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rufus Page, reside at 1723 Arlington ave., Torrance.



# Torrance Man Honored by WPB for New Welding Technique Developed

Perry Mendenhall, 1907 Plaza del Amo, Torrance, and Stanley Carroll, 14101 Kornblum, Hawthorne, who worked out a new technique in the welding of magnesium alloys, thereby getting less distortion and warpage of material during welding, were among those to whom top honors were granted last week by the board for individual awards of the War Production Board in Washington. Employees at Northrop Aircraft, Inc., Hawthorne, Calif., one worker, W. J. Bartlett, was awarded a special certifcate of recognition and 16 others were given honorable mention by the board, according to James White, southland production drive manager.

All these war workers, White added previously had received local prizes for their production shortcut ideas from the Northrop labor-management committee.

W. J. Bartlett, 302 So. Manhattan Place, Los Angeles, won the certificate for an idea that saves about 80 gallons of gasoline per plane by eliminating need for testing propellors. With the new tool he designed, three men can do in one hour a job that used to take them three hours to perform.

Faster production and fewer rejects of sheet aluminum and magnesium have resulted from the suggestion of John Lowry, 1432 South Fairfax, Los Angeles, who proposed use of a coating of oil to protect the big sheets of metal upon uncrating at the factory.

Two men, Edward Slawinski, 964 East 66th st., Inglewood, and Sam Robinson, 1051 No. Laurel ave., Los Angeles, collaborated on a special apparatus for trimming airplane "skins" at a saving of more than 6,000 man-hours per year and great reduction in worker fatigue.

# Red Cross Drive For Industry Is Announced

The Los Angeles Metropolitan Commerce and Industry department of the 1945 Red Cross fund raising campaign has set its sights on a minimum goal of $1,800,000 in the drive starting March 1.

This announcement was made last week at the Biltmore hotel by Arthur C. Stewart of Union Oil Co., chairman of this group, at a luncheon session in which vice chairmen and 28 colonels—seven from each geographic area—participated.

The over-all minimum quota for the entire Los Angeles Red Cross chapter is $5,300,000.

Each of the colonels in this metropolitan department of the fund raising "army" will select 10 majors to assist in the solicitation of firms throughout the area, it was announced.

Among the "colonels" attending was Fred S. Carpenter of the United States Rubber Co., of Torrance.

David T. Babcock, volunteer general chairman of the drive, in a brief message to the business leaders told of the "rapid expansion of Red Cross overseas service."

"Red Cross field directors and their crews today are rushing inland with American forces on Luzon and will be there when Manila is recaptured," Babcock explained. "Crews of Red Cross workers are on the front lines in every theatre of operation, and will remain there until ultimate victory is won."

# Motorists Are Asked to Keep Mileage Records

All operators of passenger cars with basic "A" rations must have "mileage rationing records" to be eligible to apply for any gasoline rations, Paul Barksdale d'Orr, OPA ration chief, said today.

In the recent re-registration of the nation's 23,000,000 basic "A" ration holders, each registrant was issued one of these mileage record forms, d'Orr pointed out. The form replaced the old tire rationing record, on which was kept a list of all gasoline rations issued to the vehicle and without this important record form, no motorist may be issued a "B" or "C" supplemental ration.

Information has been received from local war price and rationing boards, d'Orr said, that many motorists did not understand the use of the record form and lost or destroyed theirs.

No supplemental rations or special or furlough rations for cars with basic "A" rations may be issued to an applicant who does not present his mileage rationing record with his supplemental gasoline application. In cases where a motorist was not issued a mileage rationing record, or it was lost or destroyed, he should immediately apply to his local board for a duplicate, d'Orr declared.

# Extension of Maternity Care Is Announced

Revisions in the government financed emergency maternity and infant care program for wives of men in the four lower pay grades of the armed forces have been announced by Dr. H. O. Swarthout, Los Angeles county health officer.

Wives of Army aviation cadets are now eligible for EMIC services administered by the local health department with funds provided by the federal government. More complete medical care for infants up to one year of age is provided for in the new ruling. Immunization service for infants continues to be handled through the local health department.

Information regarding EMIC may be obtained from any of the 13 district health centers of Los Angeles county, Dr. Swartout pointed out.

# New Type Life Jacket Issued To Navy Men

Relentless research by Navy officials to assure new safety devices has resulted in the modification of the old-type Kapok jacket-style life preserver, and issuance of a new knapsack-type life jacket, Eleventh Naval District officials announced today.

Two leg straps have been added to the Kapok preserver, making it possible for the jacket wearer to jump over the side of a sinking ship or from a downed plane without fear of suffering a broken neck, or choking. It also eliminates the possibility of the jacket slipping over his head.

The knapsack-type life jacket is so constructed that, in addition to keeping the man afloat, it allows him freedom to swim, with only a slight adjustment of wing-like sections of the jacket.

Navy officials said that the new jacket designs have been a major factor in the low relative casualties suffered by naval personnel in war zone disasters.

**MARVIN A. LEE . . .** a lieutenant has returned to duty with his infantry regiment in France, upon recovery from wounds suffered in battle in France. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wheaton, of 1228 Arlington ave.

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**WILLIAM H. ALLEN . . .** a lieutenant, serving in A. A. F., has been transferred to Randolph Field, Texas, where he will take a five weeks' instructors course. Allen is a son of Mrs. D. C. Hilliard of 21922 So. Main.

# March of Dimes Drive Under Way

Success of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in meeting the emergencies of this year's epidemic, the second worst in the history of the nation, is expected to have an important influence on people's attitude toward public health, according to H. B. Lewis, chairman of the Torrance "March of Dimes" drive for this year.

Lewis said:

"An important phase of the foundation's work has been an educational program to inform people of the dangers of polio, the necessity of prompt diagnosis and adequate treatment, and the precautions to be taken to insure good health.

"Such a program, Basil O'Connor, president of the foundation points out, cannot make people alert to the dangers of polio without at the same time giving them a new view of the whole problem of public health. Thus the effect of the educational campaign is to establish a new interest in national health.

"The fight on infantile paralysis has also been a magnificent demonstration of what the American public can do when its interest and enthusiasm for a cause is aroused.

"In the past 11 years the American people have contributed $29,562,742.54 to the foundation. This money has been raised through the celebration of President Roosevelt's birthday and the annual "March of Dimes" campaign, held each year since 1934. This year's campaign is being held from Jan. 14 to 31.

"It is interesting to note that $16,000,000, or nearly half of the total given, was raised in the two years of 1943 and 1944.

"Of the amount raised in the past 11 years, $15,000,000 has been left in the local chapters of the foundation in the counties where raised to be spent there on medical care for the victims of polio. The remainder of the money raised has gone to the National Foundation to conduct its program of scientific research, education and epidemic relief. As I have previously mentioned, the National Foundation spent $1,000,000 in 1944 on epidemic relief.

"The research program of the foundation has entailed the making of 298 grants to 74 institutions involving the researches of 114 groups of workers. These grants have been made upon the advice of the foundation's medical committees which include the most distinguished medical scientists in America.

"To date the foundation has granted $2,053,761 for virus research and $1,405,292 for research on the after-effects of the disease.

"The American people and their National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis are determined that the day will come when we will be able to cure and prevent this crippling malady."

In Torrance, an effort is being made to raise at least $1,000 over and above the "March of Dimes" donations, Lewis said. The committee is now $900 short of that quota. Donations should be sent to the Torrance committee headquarters at 1119 Sartori ave.

# Local Boys Are Promoted in Navy Classes

Arthur Smoak, of Lomita, and Joseph Corner, of Walteria, are among youths attending classes of the apprenticeship program given by the U. S. Naval Drydocks and Technical Institute division of Long Beach City College who are being promoted from third to second class ratings this week. Smoak is training as a pipefitter and Corner as a joiner.

A new group of apprentices will be selected this month and in February for the cooperation apprenticeship program being given by the Navy and Long Beach City College.

Sixteen-year-old youths who meet entrance requirements are eligible for appointments to the earn-and-learn program which rewards the boys with journeyman status and high school diplomas and provides the Navy with skilled craftsmen to service and repair the great fighting ships of the fleet.

All-day examinations are announced for Jan. 30 and Feb. 3 at the John Dewey school, beginning at 8 a. m. Applicants and parents may obtain complete information daily from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. at Olive Vocational Center, 729 East Third st., Long Beach, or by telephoning 728-04 or 728-51.