

Local Girl Helps Keep 'Home Fires' Burning at WAC Mess Overseas

Corp. Joyce Farquhar, daughter of Mrs. Jack Kesson of Torrance, has one of the most unique jobs in the entire Far East Air Service Command, Women's Army Corps, detachment.

This diminutive enlisted woman, an literally keeps the "Mess Fires Burning" for the WAC detachment, a unit of Air Wacs sent overseas to assist in this tremendous job. The field range gasoline stoves used by all units in the field are a headache to keep in operation and highly inflammable, unless properly adjusted. The repair work was previously done by a skilled mechanic, who was burned severely in an explosion. The call for a replacement was sent out, but none was found.

The cooks were in a quandary as to how they would prepare the WAC mess, until Corporal Farquhar volunteered her services. Unskilled in the mechanism of gasoline stoves, she began experimenting, and having a natural aptitude for machinery she was soon an expert in repair and maintenance. She explained, "you just have to tinker carefully to keep the flame burning" — Sweltering in the heat of the tropical sun she smiles while she works despite the added discomfort of working all day over a gas flame.

Corporal Farquhar enlisted in the WAC in Feb. 1943, she received her basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, attending cooks and bakers school and served as a cook until she took over her present job. She was sent to Craig Field, Ala., remained there 14 months and then was sent overseas. She arrived in New Guinea in Oct. 1944. She wears the good conduct ribbon, Asiatic Pacific ribbon and the WAC service ribbon.

The WAC corporal was em-



CPL. JOYCE FARQUHAR

played as a power machine operator for Seemers Mfg., Los Angeles, Calif., before her enlistment. Her sister, S/sg. Gloria Noble is in the WAVE and her brother, Robert Noble, is in the merchant marine.

Governor Asks Mayor to Aid Hospital Drive

Governor Warren has issued a proclamation calling attention to the urgent need for the enlistment of women as medical or surgical technicians in the medical department of the army, and forwarded a copy to Mayor W. H. Tolson asking his support of the proclamation.

The proclamation was issued after several conferences with Army officials, during which it was emphasized that opportunity is now open for California women to receive training for services in army hospitals near their homes.

"In view of the immediate need for additional enlistments to care for the thousands of war casualties now being returned to our state, I urge your personal cooperation in making 'Women's Army Corps Hospital Enlistment Month' a success in your community," Governor Warren said.

BUTTE FISHING

Sportmen from Butte County report that few legal sized fish are being taken in that area.

Eleven Local Youths Join Navy

Eleven 17-year-old boys from Torrance and Lomita enlisted in the U. S. Navy at the recruiting office in San Pedro during February, according to George W. Saunders, Sp. (R) 1/c USNR V-6, recruiter in charge.

They are: Richard Warren Miller, 1549 W. 216th st., Torrance. Donald Earl Johnson, 1753 Arlington ave., Torrance.

Clarence Nelson, Jr., 2442 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita. Earnest Richard Crawford, 2023 Andrew st., Torrance.

Lloyd Oscar Fossum, 1621 Co. ta ave., Torrance.

David Price Patton, 24502 Eshelman ave., Lomita.

Lon LaVern Curtis, 1944 252nd st., Lomita.

Dale Atlas Rainwater, 3601 244th st., Waveria.

Donald Louis Merrell, 2301 243rd st., Lomita.

Donald Lee Spaan, 2339 241st st., Lomita.

Clifford Bernard Murr, 21502 Berendo ave., Torrance.

The navy is urgently in need of men qualified for radar training. Any man between the ages of 17 and 50 years of age, inclusive, who has a knowledge of high school mathematics and

physics should be able to pass the aptitude test which is required to qualify for this training, Saunders said. All men who plan to take this test should first come in and talk to a recruiter. The recruiter will assist him in outlining a course of study to prepare him for the test.

Men trained by the navy as radio technicians will be on the ground floor of a great new field. There are no limits to the postwar horizons of this amazing new science. They will have a thorough groundwork in principle that will still be unknown to most commercial engineers.

THAT MAN'S A HERO

... if he's wearing a silk moire ribbon with stripes of blue, white, blue, white, red, white, blue, white and blue. This ribbon signifies the wearer has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement, the results accomplished being so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set him apart from his comrades who have not been so recognized."

Cafeteria Shift In Schools to Affect Torrance

Acting to forestall the closing of about 25 elementary school cafeterias, the Board of Education has moved to take over and operate Los Angeles' school feeding system, including 71 high schools and 189 elementary cafeterians.

The new policy will not be effective immediately as existing contracts for supplies are in the of the Los Angeles City Schools Cafeteria Association, Inc., a non-profit organization. However, the board empowered Supt. Vierling Kersey to pool the cafeteria's reserve and surplus funds as the first step toward centralization of the system.

According to Principal Harold Perry, of Torrance high school, no official word of the change has been received here, but he contemplates that the high school cafeteria, now under management of the Student Body Association, will be shifted to school management in September.

Likewise, the elementary school cafeteria also will be shifted, it was said.

Dress the Youngsters Up for Easter

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Independent Bank Resources Show Big Gain

Resources of 67 community-owned banks in Southern California increased \$204,876,792.51 in 1944, according to a survey prepared by the Independent Bankers Assn., of Southern California and made public yesterday by James W. Post, president of the Torrance National Bank, which institution is a member of the association.

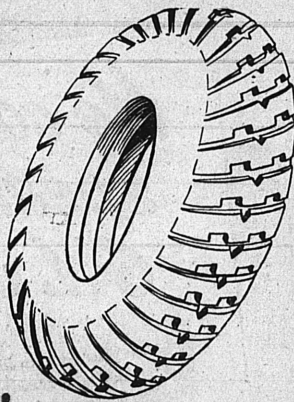
Combined resources of these banks stood at \$881,390,792.51, as of Dec. 31, 1944, as compared with \$776,514,000 12 months previous, a gain of over 26 per cent for the period.

War bond sales to the public of this group of community banks during the Sixth War Loan totaled \$75,588,450 or over 16 per cent of Southern California's over-all quota of \$451,000,000, the report showed. These sales represented an 18 per cent increase over the sales of these banks in the Fifth War Loan.

"Today all banks are faced with the serious problem of maintaining efficient service to depositors in view of the present manpower situation and our great increase in assets," Mr. Post said. "In addition, many hours of time of our staff have been contributed to the sale of war bonds without any compensation for the time or cost involved, but this and other war-time services are cheerfully rendered by our institutions as by every other patriotic business firm and individual. We are proud of the part which community banks are playing in the over-all war effort."

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JAMES F. BYRNES, Director,
Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

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