

Torrance Men To Attend Lions Parley

Harry B. Lewis, president, and Frank S. Selover, secretary-treasurer, will represent Torrance Lions Club at the District 4-D conference to be held in the Los Angeles Elks Club on Saturday. The affair will open at 1 p.m. and will continue throughout the day and evening, the conference taking the place of the usual district convention of several days duration suspended for the duration of the war at the request of the government.

A feature of the meeting will be the presence of International President D. A. Skeen of Salt Lake City, and the election of a district governor to succeed C. Earl Baker of Hollywood, retiring.

At the meeting of the Torrance club on Tuesday in the Civic Auditorium, Grover C. Whyte, publisher, Torrance Herald and the Los Angeles Times, gave some sidelights on the San Francisco United Nations conference.

Other guests included Lieut. Commander Frederick E. Drake Jr., officer in charge of the Navy Material Redistribution Center here, F. W. Daniels, chief clerk, War Price and Rationing Board, A. R. Walker, architect, the Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, K. E. Bradley, manager of the USES office here, Counselman C. M. Gilbert and E. S. Riley.

Myerscough Visits Home

Ensign William Myerscough, Jr., United States Navy, son of Mrs. Lulu Myerscough, 25305 Belleport ave., Harbor City and the late William Myerscough, left for Miami, Fla., last week after a five-days leave spent with his mother here and his sister, Mrs. Christine Carpenter in San Francisco.

Ensign Myerscough attended school in Harbor City and graduated from Narbonne High school, summer of '33. He enlisted in the Navy, Jan. 2, 1942. He served 15 months in the South Pacific as soundman, 2/c, and returned to the United States to enter Occidental College with the V-12 group.

Upon graduation from Occidental, he entered Columbia University in New York, graduating April 26, 1945.

Miss Chaison To Marry Texan Now Overseas

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chaison of 2427 W. 251st st. announce the engagement of their daughter, Marie Elizabeth to James Woodrow Downum, MM, 3/c, United States Navy.

James, who is the son of Mr. H. L. Downum of El Paso, Texas, is now in the South Pacific. The wedding will take place at St. Margaret-Mary's Catholic Church when James returns from the South Pacific.

Miss Chaison is employed in the office of the National Supply Co., Torrance.

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FIRST LT. NOW . . . Kenneth B. Fess, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess, has been advanced to first lieutenant at his South Pacific base, where he is serving as a B-29 pilot. Lt. Fess, in a letter to his mother, said he had completed his fourth mission. His wife, the former Marcia Dyer, and their daughter, Marbeth, live with her parents, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Jesse Dyer of Palos Verdes Estates.

Rat Control Important, Says Doctor

By H. O. SWARTZOUT, M.D.,
Dr. P. H., Los Angeles County Health Officer

Rats are carriers of some of man's worst diseases, namely: bubonic plague, epidemic typhus fever, infectious jaundice, trichinosis, rabies fever, and dysentery. Certain animal diseases as well as transmissible by these filthy pests.

Destruction of property by rats, although not directly a concern of health departments, has been estimated by wildlife experts to be \$189,000,000 per year in this country.

Who then, is responsible? By California law, the responsibility of controlling rats rests with the individual citizen, and here in Los Angeles County our health code states that it is unlawful for any person to maintain property in such a condition as to permit breeding or harboring of rats.

A section of rodent control is maintained by the Health Department to administer the law and the ordinance, to advise the citizen who needs help, and to supervise the technical procedures of gassing, poisoning, and rat-proofing. The expansion of this health service in the near future and plans already under way by the department for a county-wide educational campaign against the rat will be discussed in this column soon.

In the meantime keep your premises free from old lumber and debris and keep your garbage can covered tightly at all times. Be sure that there are no holes in roofs, walls, floors and around pipes. If you don't want to live with rats, build them out, starve them out, and kill them off.

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