



FIGHTS ON LUZON . . . Private First Class William W. Dennis, Torrance, takes careful aim with his Tommy gun from a roadside foxhole high on the Villa Verde Trail in Northern Luzon's Caraballo Mountains. He's a member of the veteran 32d (Red Arrow) Division's crack 127th Infantry Regiment. Mrs. Dennis and their two sons, Patrick, 5, and Johnny, 3, reside at 2211 Andree Ave.

WALTERIA SANITARY SEWER DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED; WATER PROGRAM PROGRESSES

Further development of southwest Torrance was seen with the announcement this week that as soon as the water program is well under way, a movement will be started to provide a sanitary sewer system for the area of Walteria, Clifton (Hollywood) Riviera and surrounding sections.

Walteria residents have requested that the Torrance City Council undertake to provide means for establishment of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2, to provide an adequate supply for the whole district south of Sepulveda Blvd. and west of Crenshaw Blvd.

While there is some discussion as to what water supply will be utilized, ground or Metropolitan, a majority is reported to be in favor of the Colorado river water and also the purchase of the Quandt Pumping Co. system at a fair price as a starter for the system. This is the recommendation of Manager William Stanger, of Water District No. 1, and of Taylor and Taylor, engineers, who report that the Quandt well is a fine, heavy producer, but that sooner or later Metropolitan water will have to be depended upon due to the encroachment of saline water in the coastal area.

The sewer system is proposed to care for the developed sections of southwest Torrance, but to provide for hook ups for larger areas as residential development spreads in that section, it was said. The sanitary sewers are badly needed at this time.

Proposals already have been made in Torrance for development of sanitary sewers in the south Torrance area.

Civic leaders point to the development of both the water and sewer plans as the forerunner of fast growth after the war. They also urge more road development in the southwest area to better serve residents.

Choice for New Marine Hospital Favors This Area

The United States Public Health Service commission, which recently toured the harbor area, inspecting proposed sites for a \$2,000,000 Merchant Marine hospital, has narrowed the field down to two choices.

Sites still being considered are a 65-acre property in the Palos Verdes hills, and an undisclosed property closer to downtown Los Angeles.

City Calls for Bids on Sewer Pipe Lines

The City Council is calling for bids on the construction of a 21-inch vitrified clay sanitary sewer line.

The deadline is 8 p. m., July 10.

The sewer is to be 3789 feet long in 203rd st., and is to be built under the Act of 1941.

The consulting engineer's cost estimate is \$32,474.

Blood Bank Here Falls Short of Red Cross Quota

Torrance failed to reach its Blood Bank quota of 200 when only 180 donors qualified at the visit of the American Red Cross Blood Bank unit at the Civic Auditorium, Friday.

Mrs. O. A. Kresse, Blood Bank chairman, said that a campaign is being started at once to secure the full quota of 500 donors at the next visit August 10. She said that there has been a general falling off in the number of donors since the German defeat. She called attention to the fact that boys dying on Pacific battlefields need blood just as badly as did those in Europe.

Lt. Shidler Proves Hero On Pinkney

Lieut. Frederick P. Shidler, M. C., 1310 Manuel ave., Torrance, won U.S. Navy commendation recently for completing an appendectomy which was in progress when a torpedo-carrying Japanese suicide plane crashed into the boat deck of the U.S.S. Pinkney, on which he was serving, off Okinawa, April 28.

Nineteen wounded Okinawa veterans, 14 crew members and three doctors aboard the Pinkney, a Navy transport, were killed when the Jap plane hit the ship.

In the ship's surgery room, Lieutenant Shidler and Lieut. (J. G.) Robert I. Boyd, San Mateo, Calif., had begun the emergency appendectomy upon Harold Scoggins, fireman, 1/c, who had been brought aboard the Pinkney from another ship.

"The impact knocked out the lights just as I had made the initial incision into the abdominal cavity," Shidler related. "We tried the emergency lights, but they were knocked out too. We lighted battle lanterns and found flashlights which enabled us to continue."

"Scoggins had been given a local anesthetic and was conscious. I told him what had happened, and that I would like to finish the job. He said to go ahead."

Flames licked around the operating room and paint on the bulkheads blistered while the operation was in progress.

Shidler said he rushed through the operation, usually requiring 30 to 40 minutes, in 10 minutes. Scoggins was put aboard a small boat, with instructions for his care.

More than 182 other battle casualties aboard the transport at the time of the attack were rescued and evacuated into landing craft while the ship's crew battled fires for an hour and a half.

Oil Tanks Explode
The impact of the plane crashed sent the 1000-pound torpedo through the boat deck, the bridge deck and the main deck.

Third Annual Torrance Rodeo Big Success

Torrance's third annual rodeo performance was history today, but written into the pages of Torrance entertainment as the most successful show of its kind yet staged in the community.

Crowds thronging Torrance ball park for the affair exceeded in number the fondest expectations of the Torrance Rodeo Committee headed by H. C. "Curley" Callihan and C. Z. Ward.

The dance following the rodeo proved an attraction to holiday celebrating crowds who got into the "Fourth of July" spirit in a big way for the first time since the war began.

Champion rodeo performers of the Cowboy Association of America, sponsors of the event, thrilled the thousands of persons who came from many surrounding communities to witness the event.

Ward and Callihan have said that they are developing the Torrance rodeo into one to rank with Las Vegas, Cheyenne and Pendleton shows, and the fans and rodeo followers were inclined to agree with them after yesterday's performance.

Margrete Taricco Shows Judge How She Threw McLean; Man Bound Over

Douglas L. McLean, 29, Torrance boot and saddle maker, was bound over to Superior court on charges of assault upon Margrete Taricco, 16, by Justice of the Peace Frank Carrell, Gardena, Monday. He is to appear July 18 at 9 a.m. in department 44.

Miss Taricco, lithe student model, made the front pages at the time of McLean's arrest when she came from a mound, judo trick to throw McLean and thus repel his advances last June 23. She repeated her story in court, and when Defense Attorney Albert Isen, of Torrance, expressed doubt that the girl could have thrown his client, as she had asserted and as McLean had denied, she demonstrated in court, with McLean.

Locking the judo grip on McLean, she flipped him bodily over her head. He hit the courtroom floor six feet away.

TORRANCE TAXPAYERS FACE TREMENDOUS INCREASE IN SCHOOL OPERATIONS COST

Torrance's tax bill to the Los Angeles City Schools for 1945-46 will be approximately \$410,000, under the proposed \$1.88 tax rate of the Los Angeles City Board of Education, a gain of 18 cents over last year's tax.

Thus Torrance will be paying Los Angeles to run its three elementary and one combination junior-senior high school \$100,000 more than it costs to run the government of the City of Torrance, including the library, recreation, police, fire, street, park, engineering and other departments.

And with the state school support allowed on behalf of the average daily attendance of Torrance schools, Los Angeles City Schools will receive approximately \$650,000 for operation of Torrance schools.

This is twice as much as it costs to run Torrance city government, and this is twice as much as Los Angeles will spend to operate the four Torrance schools.

The rest of this will go to run the schools of uptown Los Angeles.

If Torrance had this money, it is pointed out, it could build a new school a year, complete with badly needed industrial shops, cafeterias, swimming pools, gymnasiums and playground and recreation facilities.

Torrance has been "donating" to Los Angeles city at the expense of its school children from \$100,000 to \$300,000 more per year than has been spent here by Los Angeles schools.

Instead of having the finest school system in California, which Torrance can well afford with its assessed valuation, it has one of the poorest systems: Old, over-crowded buildings; classrooms without desks; no boys' gymnasiums; inadequate feeding facilities; dirt playgrounds; poor playground and recreation equipment; older boys and young boys thrown together in the girls' gymnasium when they are allowed to use it; girls over-crowded in dressing rooms; no long-range industrial or vocational training equipment; or program new and badly needed.

The conditions which have brought about a demand that Torrance take over and operate its own schools.

Torrance could have a new senior high school, thus separating the older and younger students; a new and badly needed elementary school, and perhaps a junior college, complete with all modern facilities and advanced teaching programs and shops if Torrance had control of the school funds raised here or on behalf of Torrance and quit giving Los Angeles \$2 for each \$1 sent here.

The tentative 1945-46 Los Angeles city school budget of \$51,653,627 is the largest in history and \$5,274,413 larger than last year's budget. It has been approved by the Los Angeles Board of Education, which lopped \$1,479,687 off Supt. V. Kersey's estimates presented.

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Torrance 7th War Loan Drive Over the Top

Torrance's Seventh War Loan campaign went over the top several days prior to the expiration of the drive, according to Hillman R. Lee, war finance chairman of the city.

Up to yesterday, bonds purchased in the Seventh drive had reached \$864,770, some \$24,770 more than the quota of \$840,000.

The drive does not end officially until July 9, and any bonds sold between now and that date will count on the Seventh War Loan total.

Individual sales were \$472,456 and corporation sales \$382,314.

Governor in Praise of State Guard

Praise for the work of the southern area units of the California State Guard was received this week from Gov. Earl Warren by Col. John C. French, Southern California area commandant.

The governor cited letters received at Sacramento from Maj. General Corliss Parker, commanding general southern sector Western Defense Command, Col. C. C. McGregor, commanding officer Air Transport Command at Long Beach, and Col. Vicente Peralta, consul general of Mexico.

But Mrs. O. A. Kresse, blood bank chairman, said that she wanted the men who provided the sign gratis to have some credit for its being there. Pat Kelly and J. L. Mortimer prepared the sign, mounted on canvas supplied by the city through the efforts of Jim Brodie, custodian of city buildings.

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Arbitrate Shell Smoking Dispute; Men Go to Work

Shell Chemical Company's Torrance Butadiene plant was operating normally this week after the War Labor Board requested that the company re-engage 100 men discharged for violation of "no smoking" regulations.

The War Labor Board was stated to have asked the company to resume production pending a decision by an arbitrator. E. C. Rowe was appointed to arbitrate the question.

The 100 men were discharged June 26 following a dispute over smoking rules within the critical war plant.

It was reported that the men were back at work without the smoking privileges which they claimed had been accorded them, pending decision by the arbitrator as to the definite policy to be followed.

The company pointed out that one serious fire and explosion occurred in the plant several weeks ago, and that the "no smoking" regulation was due to the highly combustible nature of the product of the plant. Oil Workers International No. 128 (C.I.O.) claimed the company had failed to live up to previous agreements regarding smoking "zones" and special hours, morning and afternoon, for smoking.

The layoff for a time threatened to tie up other rubber plants in the Torrance area, as Shell feeds U. S. Rubber and Goodyear plants with butadiene which they mixed with styrene from Dow Chemical to make synthetic rubber.

Huge Gain in Postal Receipts In Past Year

Torrance gross postal receipts for the fiscal year 1944-45 showed a gain of \$27,855.66 over the receipts of the fiscal year 1943-44, according to C. Earl Conner, postmaster.

The postmaster said that received for the year just closed were \$134,638.75 as compared with \$106,773.09 for the fiscal year 1943-44. Thus the post office continued its tremendous increase in volume started four years ago.

The final quarter of this year, April, May and June, saw receipts of \$32,814.06 as compared with \$29,486.11 for the same period of last year. This is a gain of \$3,327.95.

The quarter's gain, however, of about 10 percent was considerably lower than the average gain of the year of approximately 25 percent.

Wray Nansel Discharged With 115 G.I. Points

Wray Nansel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Nansel, 1913 W. 258th st., has been a civilian for about 72 hours now, following his honorable discharge from the U. S. Army with 115 points to his credit as a staff sergeant.

Nansel was inducted into the Army, Sept. 16, 1940, after several years' membership in the California State Guard. He has been overseas in the 251st Division for three years and eight months.

After a short rest, he plans to go back to work in this area.

31-Day Semi-Pro So. California Baseball Tournament to Be Played

Sixteen leading Southern California teams will compete in the fourth Southern California Semi-Pro Baseball tournament to be played for 31 days from August 4 to September 3 in Torrance Ball Park.

The first three tournaments were played in 1939, 1940 and 1941 under the sponsorship of the Southern California Baseball Association, and they were cancelled due to the war-time emergency only to be reinstituted this year under the joint sponsorship of the association and Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion.

J. Hallanger of the local American Legion post, who served as chairman for the tournament committee in 1941 when more than 20,000 fans witnessed the games, again is assuming charge of the tournament with Dale Riley, Torrance city superintendent of recreation, acting as coordinator.

Entry blanks were mailed out this week to the 50 leading teams of Southern California, and from these the 16 teams to participate in the double elimination tournament will be accepted.

The winning club will be guaranteed a \$500 purse, Riley said. Fifty per cent of the gate receipts will revert back to the ball clubs prorated in accordance with the way they finish and the distance they traveled to participate in the games, according to Riley.

The purpose of the tournament is to promote and stimulate semi-professional baseball in Southern California and to declare a champion of tournament who will when practicable defend the title against any challenge within the State of California.

TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED TO HALT CLERKS' WORK-STOPPAGE

Contempt of court proceedings yesterday were being faced by officials and members of Union No. 905, Retail Clerks International Protective Association (AFL) in Torrance, Lomita, Wilmington and San Pedro, as they persisted in holding a work-stoppage meeting, tantamount to a strike, Tuesday, in defiance

of a Superior Court temporary restraining order and War Labor Board directive.

Work-stoppage meetings of the union were held Saturday under threat of \$10 member fines for non-attendance, and Monday under threat of \$100 fines.

A restraining order to stop the union or its officers from calling and to restrain the members from attending the day-time meetings was issued on Tuesday by Superior Judge Leslie B. Still.

A meeting of the clerks, still under threat of \$100 fines and in face of the temporary restraining order, was called at 10 a.m. Tuesday only to be adjourned in a few minutes and the clerks sent home admonished not to return to their jobs, it was reported.

Another meeting is called for 11 a.m. Thursday, today, in defiance of the temporary restraining order and the WLB directive, and contempt of court proceedings are said to be in preparation.

The union is said to be attempting to force WLB action on demands for from 50 to 150 per cent minimum pay increases; five-day work weeks with time and one-half for the sixth day; full week's vacation a year with pay; three additional holidays including the Monday after Easter Sunday; elimination of grievance procedure which now ends in binding arbitration by an arbitrator appointed by the U. S. Department of Labor Conciliation Service, and a number of other benefits. The WPB has refused to consider the demands for work-stoppage meetings cease.

Little Sympathy
While a majority of the Torrance clerks are reported not to be in sympathy with the procedure of the union, they are being forced to attend the meetings under threat of excessive fines fixed by the union.

While some stores in Torrance found it necessary to close during the strike, many others remained open.

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Ration Point Values for July Given

Ration point values for margarine and canned fish have been increased, those for cheese have been reduced, and nearly all meats are unchanged during the rationing period beginning July 1 and ending July 28, the Office of Price Administration said today.

While butter remains unchanged, a two point increase in the margarine point value, from 12 points to 14 points a pound, is necessary because of the decreased supply and to improve distribution.

Processed foods point values unchanged. Point values for canned fruits, vegetables and juices during the July rationing period will be the same as those in effect during June.

Rationed canned fish, with past point values ranging from four to nine points a pound, were increased from two to three points, depending upon the kind, because of reduced supplies for civilian.

Although the overall supply of cheeses will be somewhat smaller during the third quarter, new point values for the July rationing period are from two to three points a pound lower than during June to prevent loss or soft, perishable varieties from spoilage. Values of hard cheeses such as cheddar and blue, were reduced four points to keep them in line with point values of other varieties.

The only fresh or cured meat point value changes for July are increases of one and two points a pound for seven fat pork cuts, necessary to reflect the point value of lard which is made from these cuts.

Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

Dear Professor: Do you believe in love at first sight?

Answer: No, I believe in shopping around a bit.

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