

## Schroeder Is Coxswain on Battleship

R. H. Schroeder, coxswain of the battleship USS Arizona, is a member of the crew of a battleship somewhere in the Pacific which has seen action over 100,000 miles of sea from Kiska, in the Aleutians, to Okinawa, at the doorstep of Japan.

At Okinawa, crewmen were introduced to the "baka" or fool bomb, the Japanese version of the "baka" bomb. The "baka" bomb carries a pilot and is launched from a plane.

Schroeder, son of Mrs. Mary Schroeder, of Portola ave., Torrance, serves as a gunner with the crew of a 20-mm. weapon. Joining the Navy in January, 1940, he has been aboard this ship more than five years, taking part in 10 major Pacific campaigns, from Pearl Harbor to Okinawa.

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## 'Japanese-American Soldiers Real Americans, or I'm Not,' Says Capt.

"If the Japanese-Americans who fought and died with the 100th Battalion in Italy are not Americans, then I am not an American," declared Capt. George H. Grandstaff, Army of the United States, an officer of the 100th, in a talk to Torrance Lions Club in the Civic Auditorium, Tuesday noon.

The much-decorated captain who also will talk to Torrance Rotary Club tonight said he was filled with dismay when he returned to America, "the land of the free founded on liberty," and found the racial discrimination and prejudice which greeted him in the United States.

Finding this condition, he said he asked and was granted War Department permission to address as many men as possible about the discrimination against the Japanese-Americans with whom he fought for several years.

He was one of the few officers with the 100th Battalion, all Japanese-American, which landed in Africa, crossed to Salerno, spent 86 days in the field without a bath or clean clothing, slept in the mud and went into one campaign with oversized battalion strength and came out with less than a company of men, and which landed on Anzio with a battalion of one-half strength.

"This battalion of Japanese-Americans has one of the most remarkable records of any unit overseas, and is the most decorated unit," Captain Grandstaff said. "The men of Texas of the lost battalion of World War II, part of the famous 36th Division, showed no prejudice when these Japanese-Americans broke through to rescue them."

"I do not ask anything, only that they be treated as Americans. The Japanese-Americans being returned to the coast have been screened thoroughly as to their Americanism."

"I ask and demand that they be not discriminated against." Captain Grandstaff volunteered at Covina as private, May 22,

1942. After attending Officer Candidate School, Fort Benning, he was commissioned second lieutenant Jan. 6, 1943. He was assigned to the 100th Infantry Battalion in February, 1943, and joined at Camp Shelby where he helped train. Going overseas he was assigned as battalion supply officer. The battalion landed in North Africa and went into action at Salerno, Sept. 21, 1943. The 100th spearheaded the drive through Benevento and at the third crossing of the Volturno on October 18.

Captain Grandstaff was wounded by fragments of an 88-mm. shell which struck a tree about 15 feet from him. Hospitalized for about two months, he went back into action about December 1, with the 100th on way to Cassino. Received a battlefield promotion to first lieutenant in January, 1944. Late in March, 1944, he landed with the 100th at Anzio, participated in the breakthrough at Cassino and subsequent actions. He received a second battlefield promotion, to captain, June 19, 1944, at Belvedere and Sassetta, which actions were basis of unit citation awarded the 100th. Served with the battalion into Leghorn, at Arno River, while attached to 38th Division at Marselles went into Vosges Forest action. After the 100th had been cut off two days in Vosges a company of the 442nd under command of Captain Grandstaff succeeded in clearing supply and communication lines to the 100th. The battalion fought to a junction with the Third Battalion of the 442nd, and the 100th and the Third then made the historic push to rescue the "lost" First Battalion of the 141st Infantry of the 36th Texas Division.

This was the action for which Captain Grandstaff was awarded the Silver Star. He carried on with the 100th, returning to Leghorn for the push toward the Po Valley. He left the 100th at Genoa the latter part of April for a 30-day temporary duty in the United States.

Captain Grandstaff is holder of the Purple Heart and Silver Star and has a Legion of Merit Award pending.

Captain Grandstaff was introduced by Dr. Don C. Moskos, program chairman, who also introduced Earl O'Day, of the U. S. Department of Interior, who arranged the talks with the Torrance Lions and Rotarians.

On the program were the "Accordettes," band of Bettie Thomas, composed of Carol Clark, Eileen Pulliam, Jane Scott, Joan Blackmore, Jeanne Colombo, Leroy Moore, Fred Diesel and Teddy Chlanda, and assisted by Glennale Thomas, little dancer who gave several numbers.

They played a number of selections on a patriotic program.

## Schools Must Pay Insurance to Protect Children

Hereafter cost of medical or hospital services, accident or liability insurance for the protection of school children while on school property, must be borne by the school district, and neither the pupils nor parents can be assessed for such costs, Attorney General Robert W. Kenny, has ruled. The opinion was requested by Thomas Whelan, district attorney of San Diego County.

The attorney general pointed out that the education code provides for similar coverage for pupils of school districts injured while participating in athletic activities which are under the supervision of school district authorities. This cost, he said, is authorized to be paid from the school district funds.

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## TAC and Dix Split Double At Park Here

TAC and Dix Manufacturing split a doubleheader Sunday at Torrance with TAC winning the opener 6 to 5 and Dix coming back to take the nightcap 6 to 2.

Dix hopped on Don Cottle for three hits and two runs in the first but TAC bounced back with three runs on three hits to take the lead in the bottom half then added one more in the second to make it 4-2.

Both teams were scoreless through the third and fourth but Dix again went out in front with a three-run uprising in the fifth.

TAC went down in order in the fifth and sixth but came up with a garrison finish to score two in the seventh and final inning of the abbreviated opener to take the game.

Bennet opened the seventh with a single; Cottle in attempting to sacrifice popped to the catcher; Kuhn was safe on an error and hard-hitting Paul Grabber was deliberately walked to load the bases and make a double play possible. Here, however, TAC came up with some strategy. Vaughn, with the squeeze play on, laid down a perfect bunt scoring Bennet from third and when Dix was guilty of a little slow fielding they gave Buck Kuhn the inch, and TAC's tiny speedster took the mile by racing all the way in from second with the winning run.

The second game saw Dix overcome an early 1-0 lead by scoring one in the fourth and two in the fifth and with TAC looking surprisingly impotent at the plate, they were never headed.

With both teams displaying an airtight defense it remained for Harold McCormick, TAC short-



**HAPPY SILVER ANNIVERSARY** ... Aided by Post No. 3251, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mr. and Mrs. Frank "Zeke" Howe, 2117 Cabrillo ave., celebrated their silver wedding anniversary July 2. The post gave a party for the couple, with many presents and a "pot" of \$93. Gassed in Germany three days before the Armistice in 1918, Howe has been confined to a wheel chair and almost totally blind since 1920. He was in the Army from June 4, 1917, to April 10, 1919, being inducted with the Ohio National Guard. He is a charter member of V.F.W. Post No. 3251, and Mrs. Howe of the auxiliary. "They don't make them any better than the Veterans of Foreign Wars," she said after the party, and they both are strong behind the movement for the new Veterans Memorial hall at Cabrillo ave. and Gramercy ave. With them above is Commander C. Earl Conner of the V.F.W. post. (Torrance Herald photo.)

stop, to turn in the fielding gem of the day by grabbing Wideman's looper with one hand while racing at top speed into left field.

When Buck Kuhn scored the winning run in the first game it was the 16th time he had crossed home plate in ten games.

## Hospital Cases

Among those admitted to Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week are the following:

Mrs. Helen Bowman, 1413 1/2 Madrid ave.

Mrs. Virginia Hilburn, 2076 Torrance blvd.

Mrs. Thelma R. Miretti, 2563 235th st.

Mrs. Dorothy E. Roebuck, 20008 S. Normandie.

Mrs. Mavis I. Smith, 350 Harbor Hills.

Mrs. Marie E. Scott, 2148 237th st.

Pete Stoyanoff, 2758 Carson st.

Everett Traviola, 1350 Engracia ave.

Mrs. Vera Weber, 1903 Andrea ave.

## HAS BRIEF LEAVE

Warrant Officer Paul E. Dias spent an enjoyable five days' leave from Pacific duty with his wife, Muriel and their two children at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Darling, 1437 W. 218th st.

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