

MANY DISCHARGES

The discharging unit never planned to handle the great host of men who now are eligible for discharge, Brig. Gen. Evans R. Cromwell, Commander of the Discharge Center at Fort MacArthur, says.

The sentiment of justice is so natural, and so universally acquired by all mankind, that it seems to be independent of all law, all party, all religion.

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Gold Key To Be Awarded Woman At L.A. Rally

The traditional Gold Key award for outstanding service to the community will be presented to a woman whose name is not yet announced, when the breakfast rally of the Women's Committee of the Los Angeles Area Victory Chest is held on Wednesday, October 10 at 8:45 a. m. in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador Hotel. The affair is scheduled as a pre-campaign rally for the appeal which begins on Thursday, October 11.

Members of the Women's Committee from Torrance include Mesdames R. R. Smith, L. F. Watson and Charles Stewart.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Margaret Cullin Banning, noted author, lecturer and civic leader, who is a member of the board of directors of the Duluth, Minnesota Chest, in which she has long been active.

Mrs. Albert Crutcher, president of the Children's Hospital and a pioneer in Community Chest work was awarded the first gold key in 1942; Mrs. Lucien Gray received the honor in 1943 and Mrs. Isaac Pelton last year.

AUTO HITS PEDESTRIAN

Maurice Green, 45, was taken to the Torrance Memorial hospital last Monday after being hit by a car while crossing Cabrillo ave., north of Carson st., police report. Green was released from the hospital after receiving first aid and was said to have suffered only minor injuries. The driver of the car was not held, police stated.

John Stroh President Of Kiwanis

John H. Stroh, Torrance Police Chief, was unanimously elected president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club at the regular meeting of club members Monday evening. Edwin B. Brown, business manager of the Torrance Herald was chosen first vice-president without opposition.

Other club officers elected are: Dave Colville, second vice-president; J. Stanley King, treasurer; H. C. Barrington, Bob Haggard, C. B. Mitchell, E. E. Murenson, Dr. H. A. Wood, Ray Rogers, and Dr. Alden W. Smith, directors. R. J. Deininger is secretary.

Terms of all newly elected officers will begin Jan. 1, according to Ryan K. Daggett, retiring president.

Members of the Torrance High School varsity football squad and Coach Winfield were guests of the club at the dinner meeting.

Appropriate to National Newspaper Week, J. D. Funk, publisher of The Evening Outlook, Santa Monica, addressed the club on the topic, "A Free Press, Torch of World Peace." He outlined the method of volunteer censorship practiced by American newspapers and radio which was so successful during World War II, contrasting the American way with the compulsory censorship imposed by many other countries.

Funk was introduced by Edwin B. Brown, who arranged the program.

SURVIVORS OF "ZERO WARD" RELATES 33 MONTHS OF BRUTALITY AT CABANATUAN

"... and then the Rangers came!" Like a tag line ending a horror drama, George W. Weedon, house guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ross, 1839 W. 257th st., finished his stirring narrative of "death marches" through the streets of Manila, Japanese torture, and fanatical brutality during his 33 months of imprisonment at Cabanatuan on Luzon.

Weedon reported that he was captured on Corregidor when it fell to the Japs on May 6, 1942. He was past 65 years of age at the time and had been working on Naval installations to fortify the island. He and other civilian workers were taken as military prisoners along with an estimated 12,000 soldiers, sailors and marines.

The Japs, he said, had thought that it would be quite a show for the Philippine people to see the "victorious" conquerors march their prisoners through the streets of Manila.

Weedon stated that this was because the Japs had no knowledge of the true Filipino feeling toward most Americans. Many died on the day the "march" began, he said, some from thirst and hunger, others from exhaustion, brutal treatment and the bayonet.

No Cheers
The populace did not cheer; instead they cried and gave the victory sign. Many, he said, were bayoneted when they attempted to give water to the prisoners that had fallen, and riots were averted only by overwhelming odds with machine guns.

Filipino guerrilla fighters were constantly at the Japs' throats, Weedon said, and contributed mightily in keeping the Japs over tense.

A son, 1st. Lieut. Tom Weedon, under Lt. Col. Burnett, 121st Inf., was one of these fighters until captured by the Japs during a daring raid against a Japanese stronghold.

This son, he reported, later escaped, but the Jap torture had impaired his health to such an extent that he was unable to fight them as before.

It was also learned that Mrs. Ross, whom Weedon has known for many years, also had two brothers that fought with the guerrillas but she has had no word from them for more than two years.

"Zero" Ward
While imprisoned, Weedon stated that many times he had occupied the "zero" ward, translated as being the ward for those who are about to die. But each time he would fool them with his strong determination to live. Even among the stench of the dead and dying, the will of this man soon brought him exclusion from "zero" ward.

The underground of this prison was very active, Weedon remarked, and thousands were killed for their efforts in contributing to it, but: "When people are dying daily from ill treatment and starvation, they do not hesitate in their efforts toward freedom. The Philippine people could have easily ignored our predicament, but they did not choose to do this. Their choice was to brave the Jap sword in their underground activities, and many died freely in our ultimate liberation."

Eats Leaves and Grass
Weedon told of eating leaves and grass to supplement their daily ration of vermined rice. And as if this were not enough



to sicken the innards of a man, they sometimes had no alternative but to eat this horrid concoction in a room reeking with the foul stench of death.

"I never gave up hope," he reminisced, "for I knew those devils would soon be overwhelmed by our forces and destroyed. Some of us suffered less than others, and the reason for this was because we blinded ourselves to pain and hunger and the thousands that were dying around us, just for the time when we could strike back."

"I heard of my son's capture and of his torture through the underground and the mental anguish nearly drove me mad. I was soon comforted with the realization that he had struck a blow at them; my boy had fought and struck a blow for freedom. This was what I was enduring all my pain for—to strike a blow for freedom."

Only 500 Live

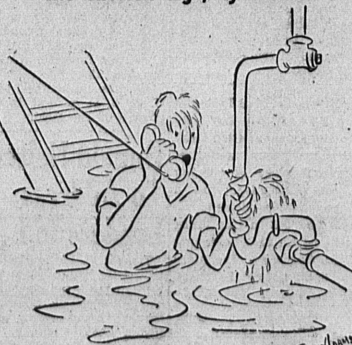
"There were barely more than 500 of us left in January of 1945, 500 of the 12,000 captured and herded through the hot streets of Manila 33 months previous. I had made myself a pair of pants during these months in prison to wear out of Cabanatuan on the day of liberation. It happened quickly and was well planned. Suddenly I had 'em on, and then the Rangers came!" There were 121 of these men from the U. S. 6th Ranger Infantry Bn. along with 250 Philippine guerrillas led by Lt. Col. Henry A. Mucci of Denver, Colo.

Weedon reported that all the Japs there were killed, also a Japanese reinforcement company of tanks completely annihilated during their liberation. He pointed out that the motion picture: "Back To Bataan" depicting the liberation of Cabanatuan was in many ways identical to what actually happened.

Weedon was flown to the Marine hospital in San Francisco for treatment after which he journeyed south to Lomita to be with Mr. and Mrs. Ross. His plans are to return to the Philippines and there help in its reconstruction. An old man in years, but a young man in will and everlasting determination.

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R. I. Plomert, Jr. "Tail Twister" Of Lions Club

R. I. Plomert Jr., chairman of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee and tax counselor for General Petroleum Corp., was elected as "Tail Twister" of the Torrance Lions club at the meeting Tuesday noon in the Civic Auditorium. Plomert fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Bob Strath. The position carries with it membership on the board of directors.

President Harry B. Lewis announced that Jim Standifer, president of Torrance High school Varsity Club and captain of the Tartar Knights, will be the regular high school member of the club and that each week he will bring as a guest another boy student. The arrangement was made through Harold L. Perry, principal, who was a guest Tuesday with Frank X. Goulet and Everett Howell, Lions, of Gardena Valley club.

The Rev. James Peterson, of Manhattan Beach, spoke on problems of delinquency now that the war is over, and declared that the world must be "reoriented spiritually" if we are to save the democracy won on the battle fields. He declared that even the great scientists who worked on the atomic bomb and who had no time for religious study now declare that it will take religion, "not just mouthy utterances but religion with quality and temper of our hearts" to save the world. Democracy began with a spiritual background, and it must have this background to save it, he declared.

George P. Thatcher introduced the speaker.

APPLICATIONS DOWN

Applications for unemployment insurance are declining here, it was announced today. During the week ending Sept. 8, 14,630 claims were filed with the U. S. Employment Service, as compared with 23,398 filed during the previous week, a decrease of 48 percent.

TAXI LICENSES

No more licenses to operate taxicabs in Los Angeles county will be approved by the board of supervisors until a further study of the county taxicab ordinance has been made, it was revealed Sept. 19.

Churchman's League Holds Entertainment

The Young Churchman's League of St. Andrew's Church had as their guests Sunday evening, Sept. 30, the young people of the Christian Church Fellowship.

The League's supper chairman, Bengta Nelson, with her committee, prepared and served supper for forty people.

Guests of the evening other than the young people were, Mrs. Ronald Memm, wife of the new pastor of the Christian Church, and Ted Meier, YMCA secretary for Torrance. Mr. Meier spoke on the subject of forming a Church League in Torrance. This league would include basketball and softball teams from the various churches. The YMCA would sponsor it. Fred Carstens and Ralph Prime, respective presidents of the two groups spoke to the young people of the possibility of future meetings of the two churches, purely for the purpose of fellowship.

Sump Fire Near Torrance Stops Sunday Traffic

Traffic on Normandie ave. North of Torrance was rerouted for several hours Sunday when an oil sump hole at Normandie ave. and 174th st. caught fire covering the area with dense smoke.

Pacific Electric trains between Gardena and Redondo and Torrance were held at Gardena for several hours. Capt. R. L. Bergh, of the Vermont Sheriff's substation, said no property was in danger and that the fire would be allowed to burn itself out.

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Lumber Dearth End Foreseen In California

Critical shortages of lumber and other building materials, which, with the unstable labor situation, is acting as a brake on the expected boom in home construction, probably will begin to disappear rapidly after Jan. 1, according to Ray A. Myers, chairman of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Construction Industries Committee.

During emergence of new factors, maximum levels of construction activity should be reached by the summer of 1946, Myers continued, and may afford employment for as many as 100,000 additional workers in Los Angeles County. Possibly 25,000 of these can be absorbed by the local building industry within the next three months, he said.

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