

## South Torrance Sewer Survey To Be Undertaken

A survey to determine the boundaries of a proposed sanitary sewer district in South Torrance will be made in the near future, it was indicated by the City Council Tuesday night.

Harold A. Barnett, engineer, probably will be retained to make a survey. Many complaints of the condition in South Torrance have been made to the city, particularly by residents along Narbonne ave. The need for installation of sanitary sewers there is great, Mayor W. H. Tolson said.

The contractor on the 203rd st., Pueblo district, sewer was granted an additional 20 days to

## Ration Board Now Located In Long Beach

All rationing and price control business from the Torrance and Long Beach area now is transacted at the board located in the Municipal auditorium, Long Beach, and no longer at 2300 Carson st. This announcement is repeated at the request of occupants at 2300 Carson st., who declare that daily dozens of persons come to that address on War Price and Rationing Board business.

Now occupying the quarters are Selective Service Board No. 280 and the Torrance Area Veterans Affairs Committee.

finish the work, by the City Council Tuesday.

## Torrance Airport One Of Important Fields Of County

(Continued from Page 1-A) Adams, director of the County Regional Planning Commission, and John Commons, an engineer of the commission, who played a large part in the preparation of the master plan.

With large wall maps the commission officials showed 62 proposed airports for Los Angeles County, 26 which now are in operation. Under the present plan the airports would be divided into three classifications: major airports, secondary and air parks.

**Plan Basis Explained**  
Director Adams said that in the 1944 revision of the original plan adopted in 1940, no specific spots are designated for airports. The plan is based on needs according to population areas and several sites have been picked in each of these areas.

He also made it plain that the plan does not obligate any community or city or agency to financial expenditures. The whole setup was described as something to look forward to.

Assemblyman Ernest R. Debs, chairman of the interim committee on airports, announced another meeting for 10 a.m. last Tuesday, in the State Building assembly hall.

**Committee Proposed**  
During the course of the meeting Glen B. Eastburn, of the transportation department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, suggested formation of a county-wide aviation committee to work with public officials and civic groups in considering airport facilities needed in the various sections of the county. Private enterprise would be included in the program.

The majority present favored the idea and such a committee will be formed shortly, selected from those who were registered at the meeting.

## National Supply Workers Vote To Return To Jobs

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that the Secretary of Labor settles the matter of reduced wages upon reducing hours.

"The profits of industry have been doubled and tripled while wages have been frozen and prices have risen. The oil workers do not intend to suffer reduced wages while industry hoards its profits that have been made at the expense of the public during the war years."

"The demand of the oil workers against the companies is still in effect and must be met fairly and squarely with a sense of human justice."

Frank Wenig, conciliator of the labor department, is said to have been involved in the strike, and the company was reported ready to resume operations "if normal relations are re-established."

Meanwhile, struck plants of the Union Oil Co. and the Texas Co. have resumed operations under Navy direction.

## Fur Coats Are The Object Of Burglary Try

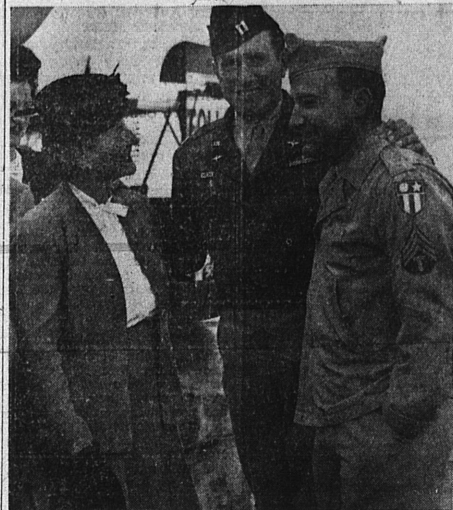
Police report that an attempt to burglarize the Sam Levy Department Store show window Oct. 9th, by means of cutting the glass on the door leading into the fur display, was probably averted due to a routine checkup by police early Tuesday morning.

The burglar tried to cut the door glass around the lock and also used a bar in attempting to pry it open. It was believed that a lookout may have informed the thief of the policeman's approach, both then fleeing from the scene.

## Torrance Woman Member Of USC Graduating Class

With Governor Earl Warren delivering the commencement address, convocation ceremonies honoring candidates at the 63rd annual graduation event of the University of Southern California will be held Sunday, in the Open Air Theatre of Exposition Park at 2:30 p.m.

Among 325 graduates are those from this area who with their respective degrees include: Miriam Laffer Fortum (Mrs.) of 2365 Torrance blvd. BS in Business Administration.



**TRUE STORY OF THE RING . . .** Much fiction has been written, purporting to be true, about Capt. Louis Zamperini. One of the stories, told by a radio sportscaster, was that the late Charles Paddock had given Captain Zamperini the ring which saved his life in enabling him to work his way out of a jammed airplane window under water after his plane had crashed. The real story of the ring is shown here, greeting Louis at Long Beach army air base, Saturday. He is T/4 Gordon DuMont, college classmate of Captain Zamperini who used to work out with the famous Olympic miler. Also shown are Virginia Zamperini, in the background, and Mrs. Zamperini, mother of the flyer. DuMont gave the ring to Captain Zamperini many years ago. (Torrance Herald photo)

## New Stadium At Torrance Ball Park Part Of Proposed Building Plan

Sport fans of Torrance now can visualize a new stadium at Torrance ball park, built of concrete and to seat several thousand persons, as they consider the big postwar recreation and building program now proposed by the City of Torrance.

A. R. Walker and Associates, architects, were retained by the City Council Tuesday night to act as architects and project directors in all postwar plans, and Walker exhibited a drawing of the proposed new stadium.

Badly needed to replace the inadequate present grand stand, badly in need of repair, it is expected that the new stadium will be a means of attracting major league winter camps to Torrance, city officials said.

The annual Southern California Championship Baseball tournament attracted more than capacity crowds many evenings during the 30 nights of play.

The annual Torrance rodeo likewise attracts crowds which make necessary the installation of temporary bleachers.

While proposed as a part of a bond issue to be floated to finance the building program, it is expected the stadium would pay for itself in a few years.

Other buildings proposed are a new fire station, police station, library addition, recreation buildings for Torrance and the Walteria district, an arts and crafts building and other improvements.

## Marshall Condon Served Aboard USS Gayety

Marshall S. Condon, ship's cook, 1/c, USNR, whose wife, Norma Jean Condon, lives at 1808 221st st., Torrance, served aboard the USS Gayety, minesweeper, when units of the Northern Pacific Fleet steamed through the straits between Honshu and Hokkaido to accept surrender and to occupy the Northern part of Japan.

This minesweeper helped clear the channel in the harbor at the naval base at Ominto, on the Northern tip of Honshu, two days before the cruisers and carriers of the Northern Pacific Fleet steamed in.

The formal surrender and occupation, witnessed by the men of this minesweeper, took place in the Ominto harbor on Sept. 9th aboard the flagship of Vice Admiral Frank Jack Fletcher, Commander, North Pacific Fleet.

The Gayety spent five months at Okinawa, where she suffered casualties from night bombing attacks and narrowly missed being hit by two Jap suicide planes.

**ROGER HORNBACK**  
Roger O. Hornback, machinist 2/c, USN, arrived Monday from 11 months Pacific duty. He was in Tokyo Bay when the peace terms were signed. His wife, the former Patricia Hanks, joined him Wednesday in San Diego where he received his honorable discharge.

## Capt. Louis Zamperini Arrives Home

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War Department had officially declared him dead.

Also there to greet him was a series of invitations to appear on radio programs, at public meetings and other affairs, many of which are being accepted but many of which are being held in abeyance due to the fact that he has only 10 days at home.

He reports to Birmingham general hospital at Van Nuys at the end of his 10 days and then goes to Miami, Fla., for a period of rest and recuperation.

Captain Zamperini wears the Presidential Unit citation and one cluster; the Order of the Purple Heart; the Air Medal and three ribbons: the Silver Star; the Philippine Defense ribbon and one battle star; the Pacific Theatre ribbon, and the Asiatic Theatre ribbon with three combat stars.

One of the affairs to which Zamperini is invited and which he will accept, is tonight when the community honors the Olympic hero and other returned veterans at a reception and dance in the Civic Auditorium. The affair is not for Zamperini, the family has insisted, but for all veterans, and plans of the committee in charge are to that end.

Much has been told in the newspapers of Zamperini, since he was first reported "missing in action." His full life has been covered many times over. The story of his crash, 47 days on the raft and many months in Jap prisons was told fully in the Torrance Herald of Sept. 13.

However, the full story probably never will be told, so great have been his experiences.

Soon after he arrived home Saturday, he told a little of the tragic side of life among our own boys. While resting at Okinawa, all his personal belongings were taken by a group of service men moving off the island. They included his clothing, uniforms, souvenirs, presents, trinkets and other items which Captain Zamperini was bringing home to his family. The commanding officer at the base where he was resting had to scout around to get him a uniform in which to travel.

His souvenirs gone, he made a deal with his traveling companion that he might have something to bring home. This fellow officer, who lost a leg in service, Capt. Fred Garrett, of Riverside, had a Japanese bayonet and rifle. He kept the bayonet and gave the rifle to Captain Zamperini to bring home.

He told of a previously undisclosed experience in Jap captivity. All Americans, he said, were given Japanese language books and told to learn the Jap language because the Japs soon would be ruling the world.

Not that he feared the Japanese claims, but because he thought he could use the language to advantage, Captain Zamperini studied the book and became a fair Japanese linguist.

So proficient was he that he became an interpreter between Jap guards and American prisoners.

However, after each time he interpreted for the Japs he suffered an additional beating, and he discovered that the reason for the punishment was that the Japs suspected that he was not telling the Americans what they told him to tell. He tore up his book, he said, and quit his job as interpreter.

However, Captain Zamperini still has a fair command of the Jap language.

## COL. FERTIG VISITS

Col. and Mrs. W. W. Fertig, arrived here Friday from their home in Golden, Colo., for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Irma Trezise at 2019 Arlington ave. Col. Fertig, U.S. Army, had recently returned from the Philippines where he had headed the Guerrilla Forces during the entire war period.

## SHOES FOR WOMEN SHOES FOR MEN SHOES FOR CHILDREN

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## Water Suit To Determine Rights To Be Instituted

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be borne by all interests involved in the lawsuit.

Explaining his participation in the proposed lawsuit, which will be filed this month, Ben Haggott, president of Palos Verdes Water Co., said that the "West Basin is being destroyed, and the sooner action is started to adjudicate water rights, the sooner will we reach a solution to the important problem."

"We must have curtailment of production and allocation of the rights to protect our consumers against adverse conditions caused by heavy withdrawals elsewhere in the basin."

"We are most seriously affected right now, in the Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes and Torrance area. This is due to increased pumping in the last few years in other areas of the West Basin."

All producers in the whole area are invited to become parties to the suit, Haggott declared.

California Water Service Co. serves Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance.

Retained as attorney by the group of petitioners is Kenneth K. Wright, principal attorney in the famous Raymond basin case in Pasadena, which resulted in adjudication of the water rights, utilization of imported supply provided by the Metropolitan Water District, and which has "cured" the problem in that basin.

Torrance and the other parties to petition for the adjudication of the rights are areas "most in jeopardy and are threatened with an increasing intrusion of salt water," according to Carl Mau, in a report to the West Basin Ground Water Conservation Group. Mau, with the California Water Service Co., said:

"This condition affects the water supplies of El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Palos Verdes and Wilmington. These communities and the utilities serving them have a common interest in protecting their rights to the underground waters and it is logical to assume that they should join in an action to protect their rights. Other communities in the Basin are not threatened as seriously as those mentioned and are not so concerned, although their supply in the near future will also be in jeopardy."

"On January 29th of this year there was a public meeting held before the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach for the purpose of discussing the underground water supply problem and hearing all interested parties who wished to make a statement in connection therewith. At that time a written statement outlining the problem as California Water Service Company saw it was read and filed."

"In that statement the City Council and the public were advised that California Water Service Company was preparing to bring an action to adjudicate the rights to water of all producers in the West Basin area, but before doing so the company would wait for the results of the report that was expected from the Ways and Means Committee which had just been organized. This committee has deliberated now for about seven months and the company has patiently waited for this report. In the statement made in January the company reserved the right to take any action at any time it appeared to be appropriate. The company had to take this position because of its obligation to its consumers and the municipalities which it serves to protect the supply of water upon which they rely. The company still feels that it should exercise this right and because of the long delay in the filing of this report which is being considered tonight the company indicated that it would proceed with filing the action. As a result, meetings were had with some of the interested producers and the

## Navy Project Progresses; Crenshaw Paved

Torrance residents who motor by the area south of Jefferson st. and east of Crenshaw blvd. will find the scenery considerably changed over what it was a few weeks ago.

In the first place, paving of Crenshaw blvd. is completed, from Carson st. to Sepulveda blvd. This was requested by the Navy department in connection with its big 91-acre material redistribution center, now being completed.

The first big warehouse, 202 feet by 602 feet in size, is being covered with corrugated iron and soon will be ready to house Navy materials. The steel work has been erected on several additional big warehouse buildings, and progress is being made on their completion.

Fencing around the whole 91-acre plot has been completed, and guard houses established at various entrances.

While the City of Torrance handled the paving of Crenshaw blvd., the contract on the Navy project, amounting to approximately \$1,800,000, is being handled by P. J. Walker Co.

## New Hope Seen For Child Care Centers Here

Renewed hope that centers where children of working mothers are given extended day care will remain open after Oct. 31 was voiced yesterday as word that Congress had approved a \$7,000,000 appropriation to finance the centers until March 1, 1946, was received here.

No official announcement was made by the Los Angeles city schools, operators of the Torrance-Lomita centers, but it is expected that the centers will continue in operation.

The fund was sponsored by Rep. Clyde Doyle, Long Beach, to provide financing for the centers on states and communities can work out permanent plans for their operation.

Local centers were to have closed Oct. 31, at the expiration of Lanham act support.

Most of the children in the centers are those of wives of veterans now overseas or widows of men killed or missing in action, it was said.

**RICHARD MCNALLY**  
Pfc. Richard F. McNally has been on Northern Luzon where he served with the 32nd Division, known as the Red Arrow. He has participated in every invasion since the Leyte landing. In his last letter, he told his mother, Mrs. M. McNally, 1552 W. 216th st., he was probably on his way to Japan.

company was requested to delay filing the action until the Ways and Means Committee report had been filed with this group and various producers had an opportunity to study it.

"The company wishes it made clear that the institution of such an action is solely for the purpose of having a court determination of the respective rights of all parties and would in no sense be an antagonistic action. Its commencement at the present time would serve to fix rights as they now exist and would prevent any producer from gaining any advantage over another by increasing pumping or otherwise."

While Torrance is planning to expand its municipal facilities to provide supply for Southwest Torrance, including Walteria, and North Torrance, it is believed that the additional needs thereby created will be allowed or compensated for by use of imported water.

The lawsuit as proposed probably would last for many months, while a court-appointed referee is engaged in surveying the rights and determining the need for each of the parties involved.

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