

Synthetic Petroleum Perfected

In addition to such sensational developments as the atomic bomb and radar which guard this nation's security, a further safeguard has now been provided which will insure a steady flow of synthetic petroleum should a shortage in natural crude occur during a critical period. A process enabling quantity production of synthetic petroleum from oil shale has been developed by chemists and engineers of General Petroleum Corporation and Socony-Vacuum Oil Company, and placed at the disposal of the United States Bureau of Mines. News of the process was given by S. J. Dickey, president of General Petroleum.

Dickey explained that the new process means that four times the amount of the nation's present estimated proven reserves of natural crude can be produced from oil shale available in this country. In the future, he pointed out, there will be no cause for the widespread fear which prevailed during this war that a shortage of natural petroleum might jeopardize the safety of America.

"This new shale-oil extraction process," he emphasized, "is a national safeguard just as the manufacture of synthetic rubber from petroleum proved a safeguard in this war."

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Lieut. K. B. Fess Home From Duty In Pacific Area

Lieut. Kenneth B. Fess, AAF, attached to the 21st Air Force, has returned for a 45-day leave



following Pacific duty. The holder of the Air Medal with two clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, Pacific Theatre of War Campaign ribbon and two battle stars, Lt. Fess has to his credit 25 missions over Japan, one over the Marcus Islands and two prisoner of war supplies missions. He joins his wife, Marjorie, their daughter Marbeth and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess, of 1729 Arlington ave.

Two Airports For Torrance Under New Plan

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ten Dickinson of Whittier and West Los Angeles is an executive of the Lyon Van and Storage Company.

Other directors of the company are Homer W. Lewis, a former executive of the J. C. Penney Company, recently retired; Raymond D. Dishman, manager of Baldrige Packing Company of Vernon; and John W. Eagle, an attorney in Los Angeles.

The first airport to be placed in operation by the new company will be known as the "Torrance Community Airport," located at Prairie ave. and Redondo Beach blvd.

It is the intention of the directors to bring aviation facilities before the public at a price which they will be able to afford and in a manner which has not been done before in the entire county. By offering flight training, ground training, entire aviation maintenance and storage facilities, and club house luxuries, Community Airports, Inc., feels that it will soon put Torrance in bold letters on the air map.

A flying school has been contacted which will use veteran military pilots of World War II as its instructors, thus giving the student pilot full advantage of the invaluable training these men have received in this country and overseas.

Recognizing the fact that first class mechanical repair work is difficult to obtain during these times Torrance Community Airport will offer top-notch aircraft and engine mechanics to do work on any type ship brought on the field.

For those plane owners who wish to insure the safety of their craft from the elements, individual T-type hangers will be erected and rented on a monthly basis.

A feature of the field will be the excellent charter service that will be at the service of the people. Planes will be available for trips to any part of the United States with nearly any type load. Sportsmen desiring a week-end fishing or hunting or the businessman needing speedy transportation will find this service a boon to business.

Plans for the administration building call for ample office space, a restaurant, lounge, shower and locker rooms, and an item not usually included around an airport—a children's playground. No longer will kiddies be made to remain at home while either one or both of the parents fly.

By using Torrance Community Airport as its base and linking Torrance with its airport network throughout Southern California, Community Airports, Inc., feels that it has taken the first step toward the goal which it set—to put private flying back to where it belongs, in the hands of the everyday John Citizen.

READ OUR WANT ADS



IN FULL OPERATION . . . Financed by the Area Victory Chest, Torrance Area Veterans Affairs Committee office now is in full operation at 2300 Carson st. Above, left to right, are shown John M. Evans, discharged from the Navy Oct. 20 as an aviation mechanic, 1/c, talking with J. G. Caldwell, executive secretary, while Mrs. Edith Smith, interviewer, Mrs. Evans and daughter, Nancy, look on. The office assisted Evans in converting his insurance and in securing housing. (Torrance Herald photo.)

Two General Pershing Tanks On Display

Two giant 45 ton General Pershing Army tanks will be on public display in the Harbor area from Nov. 9 to Nov. 12, inclusive. It was announced today by recruiting officers of the U. S. Army. The public inspection marks the opening of the Army's drive for recruits in this area.

One tank will be stationed at Duke Randall's auto lot, Pacific ave. and 9th st., San Pedro; and the other at Avalon blvd. and G st., Wilmington. Both tanks will be moved to location on Friday this week under motorcycle escort, and will be on display for four days.

A detachment from the famed 20th Armored Division will be in charge of each tank. Officers and enlisted men who saw service in the European theatre of war will be on hand to explain the working of the big tanks.

It was with the General Pershing tanks that the 20th Armored Division won the Presidential Unit Citation for action at Aachen, the Ruhr Pocket, and the Battle for Munich.

Gerald Brill Family Leave For Arcadia

The many friend of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald K. Brill, 26327 President ave., Harbor City, are sorry to learn that they have sold their home to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Fenner of Barry Road, Lomita, and with their 15-months old son, Kenneth have moved this week to Arcadia.

Gerry Brill, who has been a Kiwanis committeeman for the Girl Scout Mariners, is an auditor at California Institute of Technology at Pasadena. Mrs. Brill, before her marriage was known to the younger set here, as Miss Dorothy Glasgow, a Narbonne teacher.

Your Kitchen Counsellor

by SYBIL MORRIS
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A PAIR OF HALLOWEEN PARTIES

Parties are fun. Halloween is an occasion for a really hilarious party for the youngsters and for the grown folks too. The final surrender has not ended all of our war-time shortages of food and sundries. But there need be no shortage of fun and frivolity.

All good parties are planned from the invitation right through to the last goodnight. A pair of parties will be easy to do. The youngsters' celebration should be scheduled for the hours right after school and the grown-up can forget their age beginning about 8 o'clock.

You can let your imagination go in fixing up the invitations. Here's one idea—select small size white note paper. Attach suitable cut-out of drawings to the front half of the paper and write instructions for the use of the second sheet in blood (red ink).

The vital information (what, when, where and who) concerning the party is written in invisible ink (lemon juice) on the inside fold of the note paper. The trick in using the "ink" is to squeeze the juice of a lemon, then to write on white paper with a clean pen—a toothpick will do. Be sure to dry the paper thoroughly before folding it.

The message is made clearly legible when the paper is heated over a lighted tin burner on the kitchen range. The paper should be held five or six inches above the flame.

You might use the "ghostly ink" for one of the games, too. Poems or pictures made with toothpick pens, lemon juice and white paper may show amazing results when heated over the flame.

Decorations are simple. Black paper with appropriate cut-outs should make the windows so that the house takes on a spooky air for the daytime party. It will also add to the atmosphere for the evening affair.

Ghosts' apparel (bed sheets) draped over the furniture, severed legs (stuffed stockings) dangling or pictures made with toothpick pens and a variety of masks will develop the spooky feeling.

BRING ON THE SPOOKS
Few are sufficiently sensible of the importance of that economy in reading which selects, almost exclusively, the very first order of books.—John Foster

SURPRISES PARENTS
Pfc. Milton Youngken surprised his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Youngken, 1222 Portola ave., when he walked in on them Sunday afternoon arriving home from overseas. He has spent 29 months in the European and Pacific theatres and expects to receive his honorable discharge at Ft. MacArthur.

G. H. BRADFORD HERE
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bradford, of Simi, and formerly of Torrance, were dinner guests Tuesday evening at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bradford, of 1223 Beech ave. The Bradfords, Sr., are en route to their newly purchased fruit ranch in Paradise, Sacramento Valley.

One taper lights a thousand, Yet shines as it has shone; And the humblest light may kinder than its own.—Hezekiah Butterworth

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Sale Of Bus Line Hit In Court Decision

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tion services to members of a community arises to the proportions of a public utility as recognized in law, when a business organization consists of the rolling stock and its parts and equipment, the planned routes of travel, the schedule of trips and destinations, and, in this case, the permits to use the streets of a neighboring city in performance of its business.

It is the actual operation of the public passenger bus transportation over established routes that constitutes the "public utility" recognized by law.

"Such a public utility is being operated by the City of Torrance. It now proposes by the contract with Koors to sell the rolling stock and equipment to the latter, with a promise not to enter into a competitive business, on condition that Koors presents a certificate or decision of the California Railroad Commission showing it has granted him a permit to operate the same bus line over the same routes and render the same or similar service as is now conducted by the Torrance Municipal Bus line. A consideration of the proposed transaction in the light of the foregoing intimate relationship of the operation of a bus or passenger stage line under permission of the Railroad Commission and without competition of the city, with the title acquisition of the rolling stock and equipment used or useful in such operation, makes it clear that, in effect, the city is proposing to dispose of and sell its public utility.

"It is manifest that if the proposed agreement is fully performed and the transfer effected, the city will have parted with a public utility and Koors or his assignee will have become owner thereof. This, in effect, constitutes a sale of a public utility and the provisions of the Act 5203 above cited and quoted will operate and control the action of the City of Torrance through its Council.

"From the foregoing it follows that a permanent writ of mandamus should be issued herein as prayed for and as expressed in the alternative writ heretofore issued; and it is so ordered."

TO RECEIVE DISCHARGE
William Agapito, WT-2/c Seabees, upon arriving in Portland, Ore., this week, telephoned his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Agapito, 804 Annapola ave., to tell them that he was enroute home.

WEEKEND GUESTS
Mrs. Cora B. Bohrer entertained as her weekend guests, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindeman, of North Hollywood and Mrs. Carolyn Bohrer Wall, of St. Paul, Minn.

Walterians Frolic On Halloween

The annual Halloween party held at the Walteria Recreation Park last Wednesday night was a huge success. More than 250 children and adults enjoyed the bon-fires, treasure hunts and scavenger hunts and a costume parade.

George Powell and his Boy Scouts built the log cabin bonfire and touched it off at 7:30. Previously, Henry Conze had hauled in the materials for the fires.

Mrs. James Loughridge was in charge of procuring and awarding the prizes after the judges, Mrs. Clark Smart, Mrs. Bruce Schweitzer and M. Bertram picked the winners. The gifts were made possible through Dale Riley, Superintendent of Torrance city recreation department.

After the fun and frolic, apples were served to every one and wieners were roasted in separate bon-fires. Mrs. Henry Conze served coffee and rolls, all of which were furnished by the Walteria Civic Organization.

Those helping to make the party a success were Powell, assisted by Mrs. B. J. Michels, Girl Scouts; Mrs. Evar J. Jansson and Mrs. William Jensen, of the Brownies and B. J. Michels of the Cub Scouts.

After the pleasant evening many comments were heard expressing a desire for more activities in the community. Mr. Michels, Chairman of the Recreation Committee said that plans are being made by the Walteria Civic Organization for several community affairs in the near future.

NOV. 21, 1945

AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR
THOUSANDS OF ARMY VETERANS
NOW IN CIVILIAN LIFE

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW ENLISTMENT PROGRAM

- Enlistments for 1½, 2 or 3 years. (1-year enlistments permitted for men with 6 months' service.)
- Men reenlisting retain their present grades, if they reenlist within 20 days after discharge and before Feb. 1, 1946. The same applies to men discharged between May 12 and Nov. 1, 1945, who reenlist before Nov. 21, 1945.
- An increase in the reenlistment bonus to \$50 for each year of active service since the bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.
- 20% extra pay when overseas.
5. Paid furlough, up to 90 days, depending on length of service, with furlough travel paid to home and return, for men now in the Army who enlist.
6. Mastering-out pay (based upon length of service) to all men who are discharged to reenlist.
7. Option to retire at half pay for the rest of your life after 20 years' service—or three-quarters pay after 30 years. (Retirement income in grade of Master or First Sergeant up to \$155.25 per month for life.) All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.
8. Benefits of GI Bill of Rights.
9. Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist or reenlist before July 1, 1946.
10. Choice of branch of service and overseas theater in Air, Ground or Service Forces on 3-year enlistments.

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			Starting Base Pay Per Month	20 Years' 30 Years'
(a)—Plus 20% Increase for Service Overseas. (b)—Plus 50% if Member of Flying Crews, Parachutist, etc. (c) Plus 5% Increase in Pay for Each 3 Years of Service.		Technical Sergeant	\$138.00	\$99.70 \$155.25
		Staff Sergeant	114.60	74.10 128.25
		Sergeant	96.00	62.40 108.00
		Corporal	78.00	50.70 87.75
		Private First Class	66.00	42.90 74.25
		Private	54.00	35.10 60.75
			50.00	32.50 56.25

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