

LOCAL BOYS JOIN ARMY, AIR FORCE

Four local youths enlisted in the Army and Air Force this week, according to M/Sgt. Leon Gibbons of the Torrance Recruiting office in the Post Office Building.

Signing up were: Lawrence D. Shirley, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Shirley, enlisted in the Regular Army.

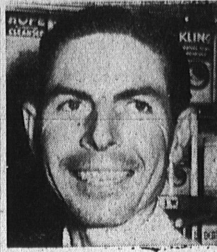
A graduate of Torrance high school, Larry has recently been attending El Camino College.

John B. Hoffman Jr., 19, 2028 West 240th street, Lomita; Edward Morgan, 17002 Glenburn avenue, and Gilbert D. DiBenedetti, 21, 2424 Cabrillo avenue, enlisted in the Air Force.

Hoffman and DiBenedetti are both former students of Torrance High where Hoffman was a letterman on the track team, and DiBenedetti won his letters in football, basketball and baseball. Morgan is a graduate of Santa Ana High, and a former member of the National Guard.

M/Sgt. Gibbons said Shirley has been sent to Fort Ord, Monterey, California, for Regular Army basic training.

Robert Coleman Named Manager Of McCown Drug



ROBERT G. COLEMAN
... Manages McCown's

Named manager of the McCown Drug Store in Torrance last week was 32-year-old Robert G. Coleman, of 1332 West 223rd street, an Air Force veteran and father of two children.

Coleman was named to succeed Lou Guenzl, who has been with the McCown Drug Company in Torrance for several years. Guenzl left the drug firm to enter private business.

Coming here from the Gardena store, Coleman will have charge of about 20 employees and the management of the large, modern store at 1337 El Prado.

The new manager was graduated from the Monrovia High School and attended Texas A. & M. before entering the Air Force, where he became a pilot. Following the war, Coleman

was with the McCown store for a year, then returned in 1949 after operating his own business for three years.

Named assistant manager was James W. Skenes, 27, who has been employed in the company's Lomita warehouse which was recently moved to Torrance. Skenes, a native of West Virginia, lives at 22963 Walnut avenue.



Brownie Girl Scouts Aid Chest Drive

One of the first contributions to the Torrance Community Chest campaign was \$10 in pennies from members of the Fern Avenue School Brownie troop.

These younger Girl Scouts, ages 7 to 10 years, are among the 3,832 Torrance youngsters who have the chance to belong to Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Y.W.C.A., and other youth programs because membership fees are kept to a minimum and Community Chest contributors provide the balance of funds needed to operate the programs.

Service to others is an important part of the Brownie-Girl Scout program, according to the troop leaders. Misses Joseph Row and Philip Humphreys, to help make Girl Scouting available to all girls the youngsters voted to give \$10 from their troop treasury to the Chest. They have also made tray favors for the children's ward at the hospital, and are now working on a puppet show as part of their Christmas program.

Most of the youngsters are in the 4th grade and have been Brownie-Scouts for two years. A few are almost ready to "fly-up" into the intermediate Girl Scout program and to change their brown uniforms for the green ones.

YOUNG CAMPAIGNERS . . . Dean Sears, manager of the Bank of America and chairman of the current Community Chest campaign, accepts a ten-dollar-in-pennies donation from three members of the Fern Avenue Brownie Troop. Pictured checking in with the contribution are Janet Smith 9, Roberta Lamping 10 and Peggy Neely 9. (Herald photo).

Riviera School To Be Started

Construction of Torrance's seventh elementary school, tentatively known as the Hollywood Riviera School, will be started sometime in early spring, according to Dr. J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent of schools.

The school, the fourth to be constructed in Torrance within the past three years, will take some of the load from the new but the already overcrowded Seaside Elementary School.

Recent action by the Board of Education authorized the architectural firm of Daniel, Mann, and Johnson, designers of Torrance's three other new schools, to prepare preliminary plans for the proposed school. Bids for constructing the new plant should be opened sometime early in 1951, Dr. Hull stated.

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