

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1951

Thirteen

President-Elect
Of Rotary Names
Staff Officers

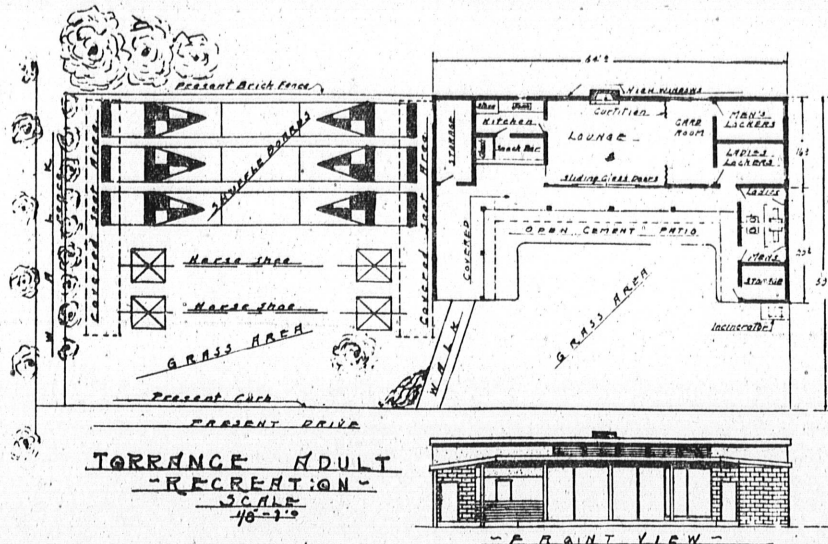
Additional officers of Torrance Rotary Club to take office with President-elect Russell Lund, were announced this week by Lund.

Named for the post of secretary was William A. Zoeller, certified public accountant; and as treasurer, Jack Dabbs, manager of the M & M Theatre chain.

Local club officers and members are planning to attend the Los Angeles-Southern Nevada Rotary District Conference to be held May 2 to 4, at the Huntington Hotel, Pasadena. The district comprises 68 Rotary clubs, covering Los Angeles County and Southern Nevada.

Principal speaker at the conference will be Will R. Manier Jr., past president of Rotary International. His topic will be "Thinking Through Confusion." Purpose of the conference, President John Steinbaugh of the Torrance club explains, is to review the service work of Rotary clubs in the district and to plan ways of increasing the effectiveness of their future activities. District Governor Edd Norwood, San Marino, gynecologist, will preside.

There are now more than 7,200 Rotary Clubs in 83 countries and geographical regions, President Steinbaugh said. While the 160th district Rotarians meet in Pasadena, many of the 344,000 Rotarians in all parts of the world also will be holding their district conferences.



FOR THE RETIRED . . . Depicted is the proposed plot plan for an Adult Recreation Center to be located on city-owned property to the rear of the Public Library. Upper right shows the proposed lounge, locker rooms, kitchen, snack bar, and rest rooms. At left are three shuffleboard courts and two horseshoe pits. Backers of the project will ask the City Council to finance the structure from unappropriated recreation funds.

Backers Seek Support for
Adult Recreation Center

The backers of a project which would provide adult recreational facilities including shuffleboard, horseshoes, and similar adult games, asked interested residents this week to appear before the Recreation Commission on May 7 to lend their support to the plea for funds to finance the project.

At a meeting of the project supporters last Monday, a committee was appointed to appear before the commission at its next meeting. Appointed were William H. Mayo, designer of the play area, Fred Mill, assistant secretary and division controller of the National Supply Company, and Louis J. Deinger, assistant postmaster of Torrance.

The group will ask the commission to recommend to the City Council that the council set aside \$5000 for the project. Estimated cost of the undertaking is approximately \$7000. The committee hopes to lower this figure by asking building material suppliers to furnish the supplies at cost.

Construction of the shuffleboard courts will be undertaken as a separate project after the enclosed portion is erected. With no opposition expressed so far, the recommendation of the recreation commission is expected to go before the Council on May 22.



GEORGE POWELL
Moose Governor

TO GET VACATION PAY
City employees entering the Armed Forces will receive their proportionate share of vacation pay during the first year of service under a new ordinance enacted by the Torrance City Council Tuesday night.

George Powell
To Be Installed
Moose Governor

To be installed as Governor of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 785 during public installation rites this Sunday will be George Powell, assistant director of Civilian Defense for the city.

The one time City Councilman will be installed with other officers including Stanley Heiman, junior governor; Tom Sawyer, treasurer; Henry Blackburn, three-year trustee; Merlin Cook, sergeant-at-arms, and Joe Pyeatt, inner guard.

The installation will be held at 2 p.m. in the Moose hall at 1744 West Carson street. Cecil Smith, past governor, will be the installing officer. An escort team will be furnished by the Torrance Chapter Women of the Moose. Past Governor James Johnston will be the installing sergeant-at-arms.

Kiwanis Members
Reminded of Dance

Dance Committee Chairmen Johnny Johnson and Johnny Oursler, of the Torrance Kiwanis Club, reminded members this week that the Annual Spring Dance will be held Friday night, April 27 at the Hollywood Riviera Beach Club.

Members intending to bring guests should make arrangements with the committee chairman prior to the dance.

Former Guard Unit Accepts Japan
With Composure of Old Veterans

HEADQUARTERS, 10TH DIVISION, JAPAN—(Special to the Torrance Herald)—Taking their sudden switch from Stateside service to overseas duty with the composure of old veterans, as indeed many of them are, troops of this former Southern California National Guard organization this week resumed rigorous combat training in their new posts.

Turning to, philosophically, as soldiers through the ages have learned to do, they took up where they left off at Camp Cooke several weeks ago, after first getting settled into strange new quarters.

But some superficial differences were readily apparent to even the casual observer. Strange words were quickly cropping in to soldier conversations, words that were decidedly Oriental . . . as the one-time Guardsmen and their draftee comrades started fitting themselves into new ways and new surroundings. "Kohnbawa" was an early bird as soldiers picked up the Japanese version of "Good Evening," and "Ohio" (Hello) was quick to follow.

NO CINCH

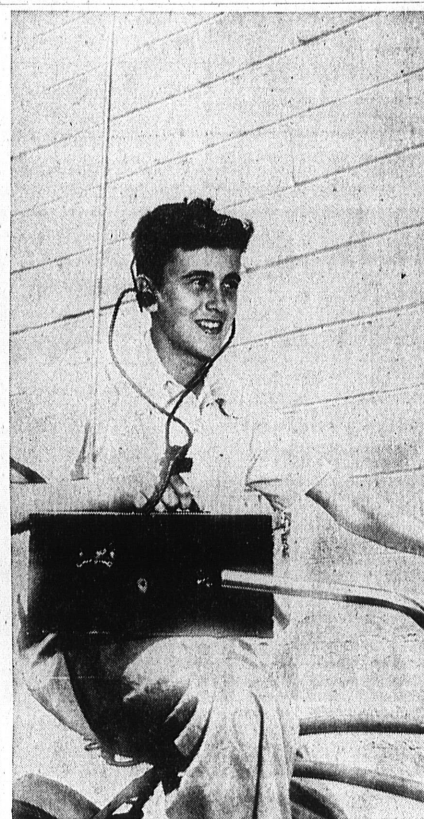
Most 40th Divisioners were somewhat pessimistic about their chances of learning the Japanese language, especially the written version. Learning to speak Japanese fluently is a prodigious feat of memory, they quickly discovered, and learning to recognize even a small number of the approximately 30,000 characters in the written language is a job for someone with a lifetime to spare.

Sightseeing enthusiasts . . . and who isn't in any American Army . . . were having a field day at the numerous Cherry Blossom festivals being held throughout Honshu. Blossoms dotted the countryside and their crepe paper replicas hung in every shop and from thousands of houses, trolley cars, power poles, every place. Religious ceremonies play the most important part in this nation-wide salute to beauty and spring . . . parades feature a religious motif and heads of the temples stop at each shop along the parade route to chase the devils out with their incantations. Wands of fragrant branches are waved to bless each shop, thus insuring their prosperity throughout the year ahead, according to Japanese belief.

PRICES LOW

Prices too were a pleasant surprise to 40th troops. Army post exchanges handle all the necessities such as toiletries, cigarettes and reading material. They also cater to the soldier's weakness for knickknacks and gifts for the folks at home. Attractive assortments of Japanese cultured pearls, watches, hand-carved wooden chests, Chinese hand-made linens, gems of the Orient and a variety of locally manufactured gewgaws, are on sale at prices they can afford.

Free of federal tax, cigarettes sell for 10 cents per pack, haircuts are 25 cents, a set of fragile Japanese china will cost anywhere from \$5 to \$15.



ELWOOD NEILSON AND RADIO-EQUIPPED BICYCLE
TV Aerial Part of Crystal Set

And It Works!

BOY EQUIPS BICYCLE
WITH HOME-MADE RADIO

For less than \$3 Elwood Neilson, 13, has made certain that he shall have music wherever he goes.

The seventh grader at Fern Avenue Elementary School fashioned himself a portable crystal set which he carts about with him on his bicycle. The set contains no tubes nor batteries and uses an old television aerial for an antenna. A set of \$1 war surplus earphones keeps the radio pretty much a private affair.

Built into a box with the help of another Fern Avenue Elementary student, Gene Marshall, the set can pick up KNX any time, and on a clear night it will pick up distant stations as far away as Long Beach, claims the youthful builder.

Tartar Teen Talk

By MARIAN McDONALD

What's on May 3 and 4? Why the Torrance High Operetta of course. This year the music students picked the "Belle of Bagdad" as theme of the second annual operetta. The performance will start at 8:15 p.m. on Friday the 4th. Tickets are now being sold at 74 cents for reserved seats and 50 cents for general admission.

There are some very well-known names in the cast this year. Remember "The Sunbonnet Girl" last year, with Elaine Rehboldt as Sunbonnet. Sue? Elaine gave an outstanding performance last year and is bound to repeat it again this year. She is playing Jewel, the daughter of the ruler of Bagdad. The ruler is portrayed by Beryl Jones, a junior, a lad with plenty of talent. His other two daughters in the operetta, Rose and Lily, are played by Betty Klem and Janice Hurley.

Leonard Reid, also remembered for his performance in last year's operetta, is playing the part of Bagdad's chief of police. Danny Kell, a very outstanding singer, is taking the part of Mrs. McCann, the new American consul to Bagdad. Pat Dunmyer is her daughter, and Emily Burchfield is a girl friend of Elsa. Daryl Green, a freshman, is playing the part of an Englishman who flees his country because of a love affair and comes to Bagdad, there he meets Ann Olsen as Zelinda, an oriental dancer, but the woman from whom he flees, Henrietta Whipsitch, portrayed by Grace Lafferty finds him. Bob Moon and Joe Lafferty, playing two aviators, fly Buddy Powers, as the hero Dick Taylor, to Bagdad to find the "Belle."

After hearing of all the talent that is in the cast, and part of the exciting story, I know you will want to come. So buy your tickets now!!

Today, April 26, six students from the Torrance High dramatic arts classes will participate in a County Youth Discussion program, at the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena. This program will be recorded and given over station KXLA on April 30, at 10:30 p.m. and on station KGER, May 5 at 1:30 p.m. Torrance will be on the negative side of "Should Universal Military Training be Supported in America?" Woodrow Wilson High School will take the positive side of this question.

The six students participating in this event are Glynis Boyce, Gary Carter, Don Mitchell, Elaine Rehboldt, Donna Friedman, and Barbara Jackson. This is the sec-

ond time Torrance has participated in this series and third time they have been on the air.

May 11 is the date for the Drama Festival at El Camino. This is held in conjunction with Senior Day at the college. Starting at one o'clock all seniors and anyone else on the campus will be able to see a series of one-act plays presented by six of the high schools in this vicinity. Torrance will present "The Happy Journey" written by Thornton Wilder.

All but one member of the cast are up for membership in National Theatrics, which in itself speaks well of the group. Stated Mr. Danny Desmond, drama teacher. The cast consists of Barbara Jackson, and Irwin Kasten, again taking the part of a mother and father, you will remember them for their outstanding performances as the mother and father in "That Brewster Boy". Marian McDonald as their daughter, and Jim Crain, as the son. Their married daughter is played by Sally Radley and Glynis Boyce is the stage manager. Student director is Jo Ann Benard. Jo Ann also directed "Campus Capers."

It's rumored that Van Hefflin and Kenneth Macgowan, the head of the theater arts division in UCLA, will be the critics. Other famous people in the theater are scheduled to appear. A banquet for all those participating followed by entertainment is also planned by the Theater Arts Club at El Camino College.

Torrance High is bound to have a chorus of wonderful majorettes next year. Irene Moreno is the only one graduating. Ann Olson, Shirley York and Silvia Gaw are coming back. Tryouts were held to pick two more. Seven girls tried out. They are Patty Dunmyer, Sue McWaid, Sandra Grubb, Joan Leech, Ruth MacDougle, June Rambo and Peggy Scranton. The winners have not yet been announced.

Tomorrow night the Torrance Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y with the Narbonne Hi-Y are putting on a "Cotton and Cords" dance to be held at the new YMCA building. Tickets are \$1.25 couples and 75 cents single. You may purchase your tickets from any member of those clubs. These groups are staging this dance to raise money for equipment for the "Y" building. So be sure to get your tickets for tomorrow night.



REAL SHOW BOAT . . . Constructed by their dads and painted by members of Cub Scout Pack 726-C of Seaside Ranchos and Seaside Heights is this 30-foot replica of Fulton's Steamboat, "The Claremont." The "craft" will be manned by the Cubs during the Scout Circus in the Hollywood Bowl

on April 28. Pictured with Mrs. Pegi Gravin, den mother, are the boys who worked on the project including Buss Gravin, Timothy White, Richard Powell, Timothy Wankle, Richard Honzik, George Morris, John Keys, and Jeffrey Naumann, (Herald photo).

Standardized Reports
Aim of School Group

To standardize the method of reporting to parents was the ultimate aim of a group of parents, teachers, and school administrators which held the first of a series of meetings last Friday afternoon.

The group of 17 persons adopted as its major objective the exchange of information between teacher and parent to establish a sound working relationship between the school and home which would best promote the child's growth and development.

Walter Rehboldt, director of instruction for the Torrance Unified School District, pointed out that several practices of reporting to parents are now in use within the district. Some schools use the parent-teacher conference only, others use only the report card, and still others use a combination of both forms. It was to standardize this practice that led the group into a discussion of the specific objectives that must be accomplished in any type of report to parents.

It was the consensus of the group that the parent-teacher conference which was met with some disfavor upon its inception here, has steadily gained in popularity with both parents and teachers. For this reason the group expressed the opinion that to abandon the parent-teacher conference would be detrimental to all concerned—parents, students, and teachers.

The group will meet again