Area Officials Move To Buy P.V. Dump Site

Acting on the premise that "we'd better get while the getting's good," the board of directors of Zone 1 of three Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts last Thursday moved to purchase a huge excavation in the Palos Verdes Hills as future dump site for the eight eithes in the zone.

The move came following a recommendation by A. M. Rawn, chief engineer for the county, at a meeting of mayors, city*

Letters. To The Editor Local Soldiers Now Overseas Want Guard 'Let In' on Policy Making Matters

The Editor.

Torrance Herald

We have read with interest Sergeant Deport Skidmore's letter of May 16, 1951 addressed to the editor and published in a recent edition of the Torrance Herald along with his photograph.

questioned letter are true and are using all their efforts to correct the conditions which exist.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We the undersigned, have read and are acquainted with the statements set forth in the "Lomita News" and the "Torrance Herald." We are aware of the conditions set forth in these publications and indorse and agree that the facts stated are true.

We the undersigned veterans of the conditions set forth in these publications and indorse and agree that the facts are true.

We the undersigned veterans of World War II, hereby afrix our signatures on our own free will to subscribe and make known that we agree with and subscribe to the facts as stated in. the aforementioned publications.

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Editor.
The Torrance Herald
Seeing as how every one else has jumped on the band wagon, I may as well climb aboard also.
I am writing this merely to make a few personal comments on two letters you have received (and published) from men of this battalion. One was from a group of so-called outraged veterans and the other is from Sgt. 1st Class Deport J. Skidmore of our Medical Detachment.
The main gripe of the veterans seems to be:
1. Some of them are physically handicapped.
2. They have dependents.
3. They are overans of the last war.
4. They are over age for the draft.
I would like to state now, that I fall under all four categories. I have been declared physically unfit for combat. I have wife and two children. I served four years in the Air Force during World War II, and I am two years over the draft age. With all this, I am not condemning the National Guard, the Army, or the government. I only have to look in the mirror to discover who is responsible for the

GI Blames Himself for Hix He's In; Rips Others for Griping About Situation

The move came following a at a meeting of mayors, city councilmen and city managers held in the El Segundo City Hall.

Officials of the eight communities came to hear Rawn's proposal for a "package deal" for the various cities which would provide them with a solution to the problem of disposing of garbage, combustibles and noncombustibles.

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"It appears that the County Smog Control authorities are soon going to crack down on the back yard incinerators as a source of smog. When they become outlawed, the disposal of household combustibles is going to be a real problem for the area," Rawn told the directors.

The city of Torrance is already shopping for another site in which to drop its non-combustibles.

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in which to bustibles. Rawn proposes that the cities in Zone 1 (these cities in cludes the purchase of two-dona, Hawthorne, Palos Verdes, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach, and a part of the Los Angeles Shoesting Strip) levy a special tax, much like a sewer assessment, to finance the disposal of the garbage, papers and non-combustible trash.

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The county engineer in his lengthy report proposed that the district spend approximately \$3,200,000 for the purchase of a dump site, erection of incinerations, garbage transfer points and a grinding station. The latter installation would pulverize garbage, then dispose of it in the sea through county-owned sewer systems.

The cost estimate also includes the purchase of a two-man garbage collection trucks with enclosed bodies and slid-

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ELIMINATE BURNERS
Rawn's cost estimate figures indicate that Torrance residents, or more accurately, each dwelling, 'is paying 59 cents per month for collection of refuse except that which is burnable in backyard incinerators, Underhis plan, which would eliminate the use of a backyard burner, all three items of refuse would be collected and disposed of for approximately \$1.14 per month per dwelling unit.

This price was based on the present cost of dump sites and equipment.

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The longer we wait to buy land, the more we are going to pay for it. Rawn stated.

WGULD GET CREDIT

Homes with garbage disposal nits would be credited for the cot of garbage collection but ould be charged for the use of evers.

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Financially the mechanics of putting the proposed plan into operation could be accomplished by passing a bond issue costing approximately \$.03 per dwelling for the purchase of the Palos Verdes site and then levying a tax of \$1.10 per month perunit.

Girl, 19, Cut In Car Wreck

A Hermosa Beach teen ager, Delmor Tifton, 19, received a cut

boulevard.

Pedro Miguel, 54, 21301 Hawthorne boulevard, told police he
was attempting to turn onto
174th street when he was struck
in the rear by an auto reported
by police to have been driven
by Alice Leach, 21, also of Hermosa Beach.

Fern Activities Listed by Leaders

There will be a costume parade, treasure hunt, and cake party at the Fern Avenue School playground tomorrow at 2 p.m. Ribbon awards will be presented to those with outstanding costumes, according to Ed Cole and Joy Oursler, playground directors.



BECKY AND HUCK . . . Winners of the costume contest at the Fourth Annual Huck Finn Day at Alondra Park Saturday look at one of the sniall fish pulled out of the pond. The best Huck Finn was Charles Jalo, of 3745 West Prist street. His cousin, Jackie Ferguson, of the same address, won the Becky Thatcher trophy, He's 10, she's 12. (Herald photo).

EARLY ROTARIANS PLAN REUNION AT ESCONDIDO

We have read with interest Sergeant Deport Skidmore's letter of May 16, 1951 addressed to the editor and published in a recent edition of the Torrance Herald along with his photograph.

We are not interested in Sergeant Skidmore's accusations but in the true facts. We would like to know which communication he has reference to? To our knowledge not one of us has ever written to the "Torrance Herald" as he charges.

We do have knowledge of and subscribe to a communication forwarded to the V.F.W. by one member of this organization. Sergeant Skidmore has never read this letter nor does he have any knowledge of its contents. It is obvious that he writes about what he knows not!

In the Sirst place he asked you to take notice of the signatures appearing on the letter in question. We challenge Sergeant Skidmore to disclose the names of these men. It is impossible as there is only one signature.

In the second place we do not begrudge the fact that we have been sent to Japan for occupation. All we ask is that he National Guard be included in any policy affecting the several components of the services, not exclusion as has been done herotofore. Is it disloyal to ask for fair play?

Sergeant Skidmore charges that the facts, facts which has no knowledge of, and which were set forth in the communication to the V.F.W. were untrue. Does he deny that the has no knowledge of, and which were set forth in the communication to the V.F.W. were untrue. Does he deny that the with two dependents are deferred from service; does he deny that men over twenty-six are deferred from service; does he deny that married men with two dependents are deferred from service; does he deny that men over twenty-six are deferred from service; does he deny that men over twenty-six are deferred from service; does he deny that wive and children of national guardsmen are undergoing mental, physical and financial hardships as a result of their husbands' absence from home?

By his own admission Sergeant Skidmore in his letter states, and we quote, "men unfi To kindle their memories of 23 years ago, a group of Rotarians and their wives who were members of the Torrance club during the years 1938, 29, 30 will relive (in a milder form) the rollicking days of their younger life in a trip to the Warren W. Johnston ranch near Escondido on Sunday, July 8.

Included in the picnic and cele.*
bration are all those who at Mr. and Mrs. Johnston. Findley tended any or all of the three famous treks to the Johnston tranch nearly a quarter of a century ago. Unlike the earlier days when the entire party was bedded down in the hayloft or fon straw "beds" in the patio for a night's rest after a hila-rious day of fun. the reunion will not be an overnight affair ed "Escondido." Approaching Esbut there will be plenty of condido follow the railroad to laughs, explains Don Findley, who is in charge of arrange ments for the trip. Those planning to attend are requested to bying a plenic lunch which will be eaten' between 1 p.m. and 2 cated four and one-half miles pm. Coffee will be served by

It's Just Deals Turn Cops Gray

Two Torrance police officers adopted the philosphy this week of "you just can't win." The officers, Jim Thompson and Bruce Cooler, came upon a parked auto Saturday and discovered a partially inhelad

a parked auto Saturday and discovered a partially ilinelad 17-year old boy and a 15-year old girl obviously misbehaving. The officers informed the girl's father of the incident and were told:

"It seems to me with all the robbers running around and drunks on the loose that you could find something better to do than bother a couple of kids in a car."

50,000 To View P. V. **Fireworks Display**

The rockets' red glare will again light up the Palos Verdes Peninsula constline this year as the Portuguese Bend Club presents its annual fireworks show the evening of July Fourth. The display, a traditional event put, on in the southwestern section of Los Angeles County annually. Presented primarily for residents of the coastal area from Manhattan Beach to Long Beach, it draws up to 50,000 persons who twee the display from the hills above Portuguese Bend. In order to 'effect a more In order to 'effect a more Angeles County and the provided in the palos Verdes Peninsula, will be visible to more spectators, or the palos Verdes Peninsula, will be visible to more spectators. The provided in the provided in the visible to more spectators, and displays will be featured. The first display, a large set the Palos Verdes Peninsula, will be set off at dusk, around 8:30 nm., Harry Taylor, Portuguese Bend Club manager, announced. The rapid-tire show will last approximately half an hour. It will be visible from hundreds of vantage points from sea level to the 480-toot grest of the Palos Verdes Hills.

COME EARLY

Because the annual event attracts such large crowds, sheriff's deputies recommend early arrival in the Portuguese Bend area to avoid traffic congestion and so car's can be parked and viewing locations selected before dark. The main highways leading to the spectator area at and Palos Verdes drive south.

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The fireworks display will climax the Portuguese Bend Club's day-long Independence Day celebration. It will be preceded by a p ad d1e tennis tournament starting July 1, a Hawalian luau on the evening of July 3. Fourth of July activities for club members will include a fishing derby, sailboat races, swimming meet, Independence Day, buffet and an exhibition of fancy and councily diving.

Meeting Postponed

The regular meeting of the North Torrance Civic Improve-ment association, scheduled for July 4, will be postponed until July 11 because of the holiday, according to Bert Johnson, presi-

A SECOND OSCAR . . . Awarded the perpetual trophy as the best Becky Thatcher in the junior division for the second year in a row was 9-year-old Barbara Jean Ferguson, of 3745 West 171st street. (Herald photo). Recognize Any of 'Em?



AS THEY LOOKED IN 1928 . . . Members of the Torrance Rotary Club and their wives are shown grouped on the wide front porch of the Warren W. Johnston ranch home near Escondido, on the first of the three annual treks to the Johnston ranch on July 7, 1928. They are partially identified, left to right: (Bottom row) Raymond C. Young, Dr. George P. Shidler (deceased), Warren W. Johnston and daughter Marjorie, Mrs. Lela Johnston J. Wallace Post, Eugene DeBra, Frank Sammons, Charles Ver Jones and Reece Cave; (Second row) Perry G. Briney, L. B. Kelsey, Bruce Bliger, Monte Darling, Fay L. Parks, Sam Levy, Wilfred Teal (deceased), W. Harold Kingsley, B. C. Buxton, B. J. Scott, Hurum Reeve and George Barnes; (third row) unidentified woman, Mrs. Mina Shidler, Mrs. Monty Darling, Mrs. Dorothy

Post, Mrs. Iola Young, Mrs. Frances Levy, Mrs. Nellie Jones, Mrs. Vivian Kingsley, Mrs. Edith McMillan and Gwynn Bilger; (Top row) Mrs. Emma Briney, Mrs. Recee Cave, Mrs. Louise Sammons, Mrs. Marguerite Kelsey, Mrs. Jerry Teal, Mrs. Carrie Park (deceased), Mrs. Marguerie Guttenfelder, Harvel Guttenfelder, John W. McMillan, Mrs. Monty Darling, Donald Findley, two daughters of the George Barnes', Harry H. Dolley and Walter Johnston (deceased). Others known to have attended one or more of the famous visitadores to the Johnston ranch and who are planning on attending the reunion celebration include Messrs. and Mesdames R. R. Smith, George Peckham, Grover C. Whyte, Dave L. Roberts, Dewey Quigley, George W. Nelll, Mrs. J. S. Lancaster and Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Bingham.