

## Six More Signers Needed for Sewers

By MARY and JACK WEBB  
Guests of honor at welcome home party held last week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dick Edwards, 120 Via Colusa, were Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wallace of 117 Via Colusa. Mrs. Wallace and her three children, Martha, 6, and Billy, 4, and Joseph, 2, had been visiting in Indiana for the past three months, due to the illness of her father, John Richard Medley. Mr. Wallace also was away, tripping to New York with his father and picking up the rest of the Wallace family on his way home to Riviera. Attending the Wallace welcome home party were Messrs. and Mesdames Bill Miller, Ray Wallace, Don Dwyer, Peter Stead and Babe Datri. Entertainment included charades and other games.

Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Matson, 229 Via Alameda, have returned home after a week's business and pleasure trip to Portland, Ore. While in the northwest, they attended a board meeting of his company, Northwestern Converting Co. of Los Angeles.

Riviera resident Mabel E. Nelson died Nov. 2 at her home 120 Via Los Miradores. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Marjorie George of the Riviera address and Mrs. Natalie DeLore of Portland, Ore.; a son, Maurice of New Mexico; and six grandchildren. She was an active member of the Methodist church all her life and a member of the P.E.O. in Newton, Kans. Funeral services were held last week with the Rev. R. Hyton Sanders officiating.

First Christmas toy party of the season was held at the home of Mrs. Art O'Keefe, 729 Calle de Arboles, last Thursday evening. Guests included Mesdames Judson Weller, Ed Musselman, Mack McLauren, Mrs. Townsend, and Bob Brown. Coffee and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Oakes, 162 Via Los Miradores, have returned from a week's trip to Salt Lake City, where they visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reed. Enroute, they visited overlovin' Las Vegas, and also took in the famed Brigham copper mines near Salt Lake City. They describe the mine as a large open pit located in Brigham canyon, 18 miles from the city.

In talking with the Oakes about their trip, we discovered they were expecting house guests, who no doubt at this very moment are visiting with them. They are his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Oakes of Boston. He is a commercial industrial broker and is attending the 46th annual National Realty convention which opened this week in Los Angeles. Mr. Oakes is also chairman of the Boston Planning Committee back in that city. They will spend three weeks here, visiting the Leon Oakes and attending the convention, and also visiting with their parents who presently reside in Inglewood.

Every once in awhile, something comes along to mar an otherwise perfect day. This week that something wandered by our house. We heard that our column printed a story that was not so. Unconfirmed, that is, and untrue. Not that this is so very terrible, since after all persons like Winchell and Pearson get fabulous amounts and still have such things crop up. And after hundreds of stories which we have printed here in the past couple of years, one could possibly happen. So when we heard, we checked up on the story in question, checked and re-checked. Three more sources confirmed that the story, printed here last week, was true. This, then, should quell that rumor.

We pointed out that the end

result of this is that we started out with a rumor that this column published an untrue item, and we end up that the rumor itself is untrue. You have your choice of at least two morals for this one.

Here's some bright news for all you Rivierans who are suffering from fallen cesspools and filled up septic tanks. At the last Homeowners Meeting, held Nov. 2, enough talk about sewers went on that Comdr. William A. Mason checked with City Hall to find out why upper Riviera has yet to see the start of the actual installation of a system. He found, he says, that only six signatures are holding up the parade. City Hall told him that all signatures for easements were signed except for six, and that as soon as these six signed, work would commence. So all you neighbors that are putting up with backed up pipes, and torn up backyards or caved in and saturated cesspools, take new heart. As soon as the six sign, your troubles are on their way out. In the meantime, a message to whoever the six are: Please don't wait until YOU! plumbing system backfires (and it will you know); sign up and let's let progress in. Let's let other neighborhoods (no names please) keep the crown for provincialism; this is 1953 and up-to-date areas have had sewer systems for years.

Speaking of sewer systems, we report herewith that at the same meeting, Leonard Kitch, 338 Vista del Mar, in an effort to speed up a sewer system for lower Riviera, volunteered the help of his office employees to get sufficient signatures to get a system going for their area. Mrs. Helen Stevens confirmed this week that the whole Kitch office force is collecting signatures through lower Riviera until they reach the magic number of 180, the number necessary to get the planning started. The force includes R. A. Shaw, and Helen Stevens and Jacqueline Barrow, both of 316 Via Colusa.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Younce, 209 Via Alameda, long time Riviera residents, are moving away soon. Russell is even now in Kansas City on a refresher course to better equip him for his new duty station with TWA in Egypt. Upon completion of the course, the company will transfer him to Cairo, where after a month, his family will join him. Mrs. Younce, together with Pamela, 10, Christopher, 1 1/2, Leonard, 1 1/2, and Jerry, 6 months, will remain here until their pilot husband sends for them. In the meantime, they are all undergoing a series of shots, preparing them for the trip and sojourn in Cairo.

Mr. Younce has been a pilot for TWA for many years.

Three members of the Torrance Planning Commission have been appointed by the president of the commission to look into the request of the California Water Service to erect a half million gallon capacity steel water tank on Paseo de las

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## Former El Camino Student Has Hand In Truce Talks

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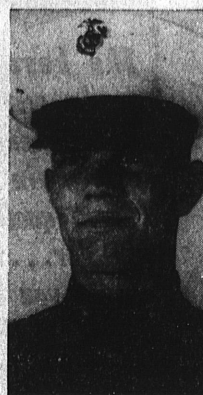
Private Brown, who resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, at 700 North Irena Street, Redondo Beach, graduated from El Camino in 1951. Before that he attended Redondo Union high school.

Arriving in Korea in March of this year, Private Brown participated in the Korean truce talks. His job consists of recording everything said at the meetings in shorthand and later typing material out for future reference.

Early in February the army private expects to return to the States. Soon after that he hopes to continue his studies at UCLA, after which he plans to enter the legal profession.

Estrelas. In reporting this bit of news, Comdr. William A. Mason added that the three members are Leo D. Dimayle, of 200 Paseo de Gracia; A. K. Hill, a Torrance builder; and W. A. Peiker of Torrance. At the Planning Commission meeting last week, Frances L. Merritt, 513 Paseo de las Estrellas, pointed out that the tank would be unsightly and requested that it be placed underground. Next Commission meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Torrance City Hall, and will be open to the public.

Like to mention in passing that we enjoyed the Hampton Players' latest presentation "Morning's At Seven," which they staged at the Redondo Union High School auditorium last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. It was a different type of play and interesting in its study of human nature. We thought of Torrance, who lived at 724 Calle de Arboles in Riviera, was particularly good as Theodore Swanson, the elderly gent whose wife and her sister clustered up his life. Dorothy Tunis, another Rivieran, turned in a fine performance as Aaronetta Gibbs, the sister. We just mentioned, Joe and Dottie Mulqueen, Rivierans both, brought fine interpretations to their roles as Carl Bolton and Esther Crampton, respectively.



TRAINING . . . Marine Pfc. Dennis G. Maxwell, of 1901 Lomita Blvd., is presently undergoing four weeks of individual combat training at the Camp Pendleton Marine Base.

## Students Tour Herald Plant

Approximately 13 students from the freshman classes at Torrance High School visited the offices of the Torrance Herald Monday morning as a class assignment to gain material for a history of the city which each student will write.

To be studied also are the industries, the municipal government, and other businesses of the city.

The students were taken on a tour of the Herald plant by Managing Editor Jack O. Baldwin who showed the first year students how a news story "gets into the paper." The group toured the editorial offices, the advertising department, and the composing room.

### SALMON RECORD SET

In Northern California an all-time record was set by the expanding salmon fishery. A total of 86,000 were landed, compared with 72,000 for the previous year.

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By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D.  
L. A. County Health Officer

Trichinosis, a malady caused by eating infected pork, has the peculiar distinction of being the only communicable disease more prevalent in the United States than in any other country in the world.

In a report, recently issued by the Public Health Service, it is estimated that 16,000 detectable cases of human trichinosis actually occur in this country every year, although only about 400 are officially reported. As a result of autopsy findings, it was also disclosed that somewhere in the neighborhood of 25,000,000 people (one in every six) are infected with these parasites. All of this can be avoided by thorough cooking of the meat.

This disorder is caused by a microscopic roundworm (Trichinella spiralis) which is liberated in the stomach or intestines during digestion unless killed in cooking or in the curing and freezing processes which are employed in treating hams and certain other pork products. The Once freed, the parasite multi-

plies and the bloodstream carries the larvae all over the body where they proceed to burrow into the muscle fibers including those of the heart and diaphragm.

The fatality rate from trichinosis is generally about five per cent, although in some known outbreaks it has averaged as high as 10 per cent. The seriousness of the infection depends largely on the number of trichinae that have been ingested and also on the ability of the individual to combat the disease.

Since the disease has symptoms common to many other maladies, trichinosis is very difficult for the physician to diagnose. It has been confused with a host of other ailments ranging from arthritis to typhoid fever, and not infrequently it is mistaken for heart disease. Once the parasites are lodged within the body, no medications can get rid of them.

Surveys show that 1.5 per cent of the hogs sent to the American market are trichinosis. The source of infection is the un-

cooked garbage commonly used in this country as feed and, in order to control trichinosis and other serious swine diseases, a number of states have now passed laws prohibiting this practice. In states where hogs are corned, the infection is comparatively rare.

That the disease can be eliminated is made evident by the fact that no case of human trichinosis has been reported in Germany for more than 60 years although the German people eat a great deal of raw sausage meat. In Canada, Great Britain and other countries where the cooking of garbage is compulsory, there are very few cases of this infection.

Until such time as similar legislation is in force throughout the entire United States,

### WHERE'S THE HALIBUT?

The catch of California halibut has been falling off since the end of the war. Only 34,000 were caught in 1952, against 69,000 in 1948 and a high of 178,000 in 1948.

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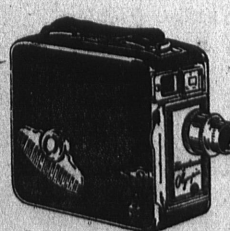
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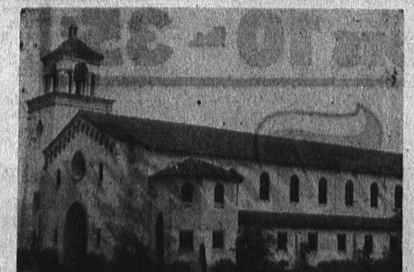
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