



**COMMENDED . . .** Mrs. Garnett E. Satterfield, of 1809 W. 244th St., Lomita, recently became the first civilian since 1951 to receive a letter of outstanding achievement in the performance of her assigned duties as a cashier accounting clerk at the Fort MacArthur Hospital, Col. David M. Dunne, chief, Southern California Sub-District and Commanding Officer at Fort MacArthur, makes the presentation. Mrs. Satterfield was praised for her loyalty, conscientiousness, efficiency and reliability during the past year.

### NEW SCOUTS FLOOD AREA

New Scouts are joining the ranks of the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, at a rate faster than ever before in the history of the Council, according to G. T. Wofford, organization and extension chairman.

The April figures indicate a membership of both boys and adults over last year's figures. More eight to ten-year-olds are

joining the Cub Packs, and the enrollment is increasing in the Scout and Explorer units in proportion.

Total membership in the Los Angeles Area Council has now reached the 55,000 mark and is still climbing.

In November the 50,000th Scout was announced, but now, only five months later, the membership total is up another 5000 to reach the grand total of 55,000.

## Fluoridation of Water Discussed

Roy O. Gilbert, M.D., Los Angeles County Health Officer

One of the most significant advances in preventive medicine in recent years has been the discovery that the addition of an infinitesimal amount of fluorine to the water supply will prevent a large proportion of tooth decay in children.

It has been known for almost 50 years that tooth enamel contains a small amount of the chemical, fluorine. About 20 years ago it was noted in certain communities where the water supply contained excessive amounts of fluorine that many people had patches of brown enamel on their teeth. Further study disclosed that all of these people had been using the fluoride-bearing water during childhood when their teeth were being formed. Of more importance, however, the study revealed that these people had far less tooth decay than the average person.

Then began a further series of studies to determine how much fluorine in a water supply was necessary to be beneficial yet at the same time remain below a level which would cause mottled enamel.

The safe level to prevent decay of teeth without the risk of mottled enamel is found to be approximately 1.5 parts per million depending on the climate. It should be remembered that in the warmer climates where the consumption of drinking water is greater, a lesser amount of fluorine should be added to the supply than is required in cooler climates. In California the State Health Department must approve the exact procedure before any community adopts fluoridation.

Certain studies have shown that one part of fluoride per mil-

lion parts of water has prevented 85 per cent of tooth decay in children using such water supply from birth up to about 12 or 14 years of age, the period in which dentine and enamel are formed. These figures apply whether the fluorine occurs naturally in the water or is added. Studies being conducted at the present time seem to indicate that adults, too, may be afforded at least some protection against decay through the use of fluoride-bearing water.

Many of the water supplies in the United States, particularly those derived from rivers, lakes, and ponds, are almost devoid of fluoride. A year ago only 150 cities were adding fluoride to their water supplies. At present more than 948 communities have adopted the practice serving a total population of 16,791,976 persons.

**One Fifth Use It**  
In addition, approximately 3,500,000 people are drinking water which contains natural fluorine in adequate quantities. This means that over 20 million people, or about one-fifth of all U.S. residents served by communal water supplies, are routinely drinking fluoridated water.

The U.S. Public Health Service, the American Medical Association and the American Dental Association have endorsed the movement but are quick to point out that fluoridation is not a substitute for other dental care such as periodic dental attention, good mouth hygiene and avoidance of excessive amounts of sugar. Many other non-medical groups such as the National PTA have also endorsed fluoridation.

A pamphlet on fluoridation and the prevention of tooth decay will be mailed to anyone sending a card of request to the Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 North Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

## PV to Get New Postal Station

A new postal station will be in operation on Palos Verdes peninsula July 1 when rural station Marineland of the Pacific will be dedicated by Post Office and civic officials.

Rex Hume, superintendent of Marineland, was appointed clerk in charge of the new postal facilities by Postmaster Lillian L. Throne of Palos Verdes Estates and Roy W. Smith, vice-president and general manager of Oceanarium, Inc.

Philatelists may obtain first day covers of the brand new postmark by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope in care of Postmaster, Palos Verdes Estates, California before July 1. Postal officials estimate that more than 5000 pieces of mail will pass through Marineland on its opening day.

### COAL PRODUCTS

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### GETS EFFICIENCY AWARD

Joseph Rubco, of 2508 Sierra St., got a check for \$375 last week and the Title Efficiency Award. The local man, with two other San Pedro Naval Supply Depot employees, developed and initiated a simplified COD purchasing procedure which will save the government about \$11,268 each year. Award was given by Capt. P. W. Clarke, base commander, after final approval of the Navy Efficiency Awards Committee and the Department of Defense Awards Council.

## Vice-Presidents Named Former Local Church Helper To Be Ordained

The appointment of Robert N. Graham and William F. Reich Jr. as executive vice-presidents of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company, a Division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, was announced this week by Harry B. McClure, president of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co.

Donald E. Boyd, who served his internship at the local First Lutheran Church in 1952-53, will be graduated today from the Theological Seminary at Capital University, Ohio, and will be ordained into the Lutheran ministry on June 13 at Hope Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio.



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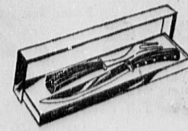
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**HUCK AND BECKY . . .** Barbara Carse, 11, of 4228 W. 182nd St., took first prize with her interpretation of Becky Thatcher of Mark Twain's famous stories and Charles Jalo 13, of Ocean Park, was named best Huck Finn Saturday at 11-15 age bracket.

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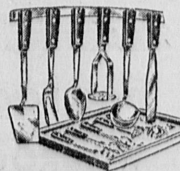
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