

## Veterans May Get Burial Expense Aid

Most wartime and some peacetime veterans, when they die, are entitled to the nation's final tokens of appreciation for a purposeful life, according to Mrs. Sara Evans, director of the Torrance Area Veterans' Service Center.

These include burial in a national cemetery or \$150 in lieu thereof to defray burial costs; an American flag to drape the casket, which is later given to the closest survivor or friend of the veteran; and a headstone or grave marker of marble or bronze.

There are two national cemeteries in California, Mrs.

Evans said. One is at Fort Rosenkranz, near San Diego, and the other is at San Bruno, south of San Francisco.

**\$150 for Burial**

In the case of a veteran buried privately, the law allows up to \$150 for payment of burial, funeral and transportation expenses. This allowance may be applied to almost any item or service customarily furnished in connection with a burial and funeral service. The undertaker who had charge of the funeral may bill the Veterans' Administration for the money, of the VA may pay it to some other person

who used personal funds to pay these expenses.

Mrs. Evans explained that burial flags to drape the casket at a veteran's funeral may be obtained at most post offices and VA offices by a close relative of the deceased, or by the undertaker.

**Choice of Stones**

Finally, said Mrs. Evans, survivors responsible for a veteran's grave have a choice between either marble, granite or bronze. The choice depends to an extent on what the cemetery prescribes. While ship-

## Band Classes Open

Carlos Baker of Pasadena opened classes and lessons for band instruments starting Wednesday, March 27th, at the Bettie Thomas Studio at 1215 Crenshaw Blvd.

Information about eligibility of the veteran, and forms to apply for these final honors, are available from Torrance Veterans' Center, 1622 Gramercy Ave., Torrance, a Community Chest-sponsored agency.

## El Camino to Host Leaders

Student representatives from 11 neighboring high schools, including Torrance and North High, will be guests of the Associated Students of El Camino College April 1, when the college student council hosts a Student Government Conference on the ECC campus.

Invitations to local student leaders were issued this week by James Brett of Redondo Beach, commissioner of public relations on the El Camino council.

Sponsored for all high schools in the El Camino area, the conference will attract student body presidents, cabinets, and advisors of the 11 schools. Guests will see the college student council in a question and answer period. Participants will then be conducted on a tour of the El Camino campus.



"There's always room at the top because a lot of people who get up there go to sleep, and fall off!"

## Hi-Fi Whirled

By BARNEY GLAZER

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"Top 12 - Volume II," is Columbia Records' collection of its top 12 tunes and performers. Included are Johnny Ray singing, "Just Walking in the Rain," Guy Mitchell's "Singing the Blues," Frankie Vaughan's "Green Door," de los Rios' "Anastasia," and others.

"Bolto-Mefistofele," music and libretto by Arrigo Boito, is a newly released RCA Victor album of two long-playing records. This is Boito's principal theatrical work and is based on Goethe's great drama, "Faust." The cast includes: Boris Christoff, bass; Giacinto Prandelli, tenor; Orietta Moscucci, soprano; Amalia Pini, contralto; and Piero de Palma, tenor. Vittorio Gui conducts the orchestra and chorus of the Rome Opera House.

"Suddenly It's the Hi-Fi's," is the singing group's first album for Columbia Records. These lads make themselves welcome with their fresh musical attitude and their unvarying true pitch in every complication of arrangements. They sing: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Deep Purple," "Brahm's Lullaby," "The Desert Song," and "Stormy Weather."

"The Young Ones of Jazz," is a Mercury album offering in jazz session 12 outstanding jazz selections by America's new jazz greats. They are: Clifford Brown, trumpet; Morgan King, vocal; Jimmy Cleveland, trombone; John Williams, piano; Nat Adderley, cornet; Jackie Paris, vocal; and Joe Saye, piano.

Musn't overlook my very good friend Murray Arnold, who is headlined this week on MGM Records with his album: "Overheard in a Cocktail Lounge" featuring the Murray Arnold Quartet. I've always raved about this man Arnold - about his pianistic and his voice. Murray's brilliant adaptation of familiar moments and familiar music make this album a "must."

William Steinberg conducts the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in two outstanding modern compositions on a Capitol album. They are: "Mathis Der Maler," the best known work by Paul Hindemith; and "Third Symphony," by Ernst Toch, first recording. "Mathis" is one of the cornerstones of 20th century music. Actually, Hindemith lived through similarly shattering events in the Germany of the 1930's. Toch's Third Symphony, in three movements, is one of his newest works.

Nathan Milstein, violinist of international renown, plays "Mozart's Concerto in A (K.218)," "Turkish," and "Bach: Concerto in A Minor," for Capitol Records. The A Major Concerto is unsurpassed for brilliance, tenderness and wit, imbued with uncontrollable genius. The A Minor Concerto, like all Bach concertos, shows less contrast between soloist and orchestra than do the works of Classical and Romantic masters.

Don't you dare miss Gene Austin's Decca album, "My Blue Heaven," which includes his famous "My Blue Heaven" tune! It's the absolute greatest and it's musical history, too!

## Baxter Ball Elevated by GP President

Baxter F. Ball today has been named vice president and director of marketing, General Petroleum Corp. It was announced by Robert L. Minkler, president.

Ball succeeds John C. Sample, who is returning to Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. in New York as vice president and director.

Ball moves up to the vice presidency and directorship after serving as general sales manager for two years. He joined General Petroleum in 1931, shortly after his graduation from Dartmouth.

His first position was salesman in Seattle, and he spent the next 15 years in the Pacific Northwest, becoming a district manager in 1943 and manager of the Oregon division in 1944.

In 1946 Ball moved to San Francisco as manager of the northern California division. He came to Los Angeles in 1949 as assistant to the vice president in charge of marketing. He was named assistant to the general manager of the marketing department in 1950 and sales manager in 1953.

## Breakfast for Toastmasters Officers Held

Newly-elected officers of Toastmasters Clubs in this area who will take office next month received instructions at an officers' training breakfast at the Wayfarers' restaurant, 2230 Pacific Coast Hwy., Long Beach, Sunday.

The meeting opened at 7 a.m. by Area Gov. Carroll Johnson, San Pedro, who will introduce Ralph Lines, educational lieutenant governor of Toastmasters.

The various officers received instructions on their duties. For presidents, instructor was Dick Hight, Rolling Hills; for educational vice president, Dominick Campana, San Pedro; for administrative vice president, Oren O'Neill, Gardena; for secretaries, Cecil Toftness, Palos Verdes; treasurers, Jack Voo, Gardena; sergeants-at-arms, Roger Barto, Palos Verdes; and publicity chairmen, Frank Gorbet, Torrance.

## Peggy Wood Gets Honor At College

A resident of Torrance was awarded the insignia of rank of captain in the service organization, Colonel's Coeds at University of California, Santa Barbara College, in a recent ceremony.

Miss Peggy Jo Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Herbert Wood, 2020 Martina Ave., received her insignia with 16 other coeds. The ROTC contingent was present en masse to pass in review before the girls. ROTC cadet company commanders pinned on the insignia designations of colonel, major, captain and lieutenant.

Miss Wood is a sophomore majoring in elementary education and has been active in numerous extra-curricular activities at Santa Barbara College. She served as president of her sorority, Chi Omega, as sophomore class secretary, and as a member of the Associated Students publicity committee.

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