

## Two Torrance Men Added to Staff New Bank of America Branch

Two Torrance residents have been named to the officer staff of Bank of America's soon-to-open North Inglewood branch, it was announced by Jesse W. Tapp, chairman of the statewide bank's board of directors.

They are Melvin E. Miller, 1823 Marinette St., who will be manager of the new branch; and John J. Podaszwa, 4001 W. 242nd St., lending officer.

Miller, a life-long Torrance resident, is a 16-year veteran with the bank. He formerly served in the Los Angeles Headquarters business development department. Beginning his career as a bookkeeper locally at the Torrance branch, he rose to officer rank six years later. He subsequently handled the operations officer duties at the Melrose-Irving and Crenshaw - Stocker branches in Los Angeles.

Obtaining his professional education at the American Institute of Banking, educa-

tional wing of the American Bankers Association, Miller also has completed the C. C. Mullins public speaking course on a Bank of America - Giannini Foundation award. He has been an AIE instructor for the past five years.

**YOUTH WORK**  
Active in local youth

work, Miller has been a member of the Torrance YMCA, National Little League, and president of the Babe Ruth baseball league. He also has been active in the University Lions Club and the First Baptist Church of Torrance.

He and his wife, Virginia, are the parents of four chil-

dren, Steven, 15; Timothy, 13; Melva, 9; and April, 5. Podaszwa joined the bank in 1960 and immediately began a special Bank of America management training program. He was specially selected for the program when he demonstrated an aptitude for accelerated advanced officer training. Fol-

lowing completion of the program, he was assigned to the Stanton branch as Timeplan lending officer; the position he held until being assigned to North-Inglewood.

Born and reared in Rockford, Illinois, he attended high school there and then earned a bachelor of science degree in management from the University of Illinois. While a student, he was active in the Epsilon chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity, and the Society for the Advancement of Management. Podaszwa's wife, Evelyn, is a teacher in the Torrance Unified School District.

## Receives Award

Mrs. Dan Brown, 26021 Matfield, Torrance, has been awarded a certificate of merit for her service last year to United Cerebral Palsy Association of Los Angeles County.

Harrison A. Price, UCP president, said the award was based on "dedicated and devoted service as a volunteer engaged in collecting

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## Scout Trails

Pack 755-C held their monthly meeting at 223 Street School auditorium Thursday, March 15. The following awards were presented by Paul Danford, cubmaster:

Den 1: Randy Phillips, bear badge, silver arrow; George Saenz, bear badge; John O'Brian, bobcat pin.

Den 2: Phillip Galloway, assistant denner; David King, denner.

Den 4: Danny Ratliff, bear badge, one gold arrow; John Cameron, bobcat pin; Billy Lehman, bobcat pin.

Den 5: Paul Smith assistant denner, Paul Danford, denner.

Den 8: Donald Mollan, bear badge; Gary Haraguchi, bear badge; Randy Lerman, bear badge; Gordon Burton, 1 gold arrow, 1 silver arrow.

Den 4 received the inspection tomahawk for the neatest appearing den, and Den 5 received the honor flag for the most parents present.

Plans were made for a picnic and kite contest to be held at Normandale Park on Sunday, March 18. Pack 755-C is sponsored by 223rd Street School PTA.

Cub Pack 332-C, sponsored by the Van Deene Ave. PTA, held their first Blue and Gold dinner on Feb. 26, at the Normandale Hall. Lee Wilson is the Cub Master of this group which was organized just last November. Wilson presented a belt buckle to John Wilson as being the top salesman in selling tickets to the Sports Show in Los Angeles. Robert Tilley, one of the guests of honor presented the awards. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Larson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Layton Bowman and their two children. Mrs. Larson is the Van Deene Ave. PTA president and Mrs. Bowman is a past treasurer of the PTA.

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