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JAPANESE FLAG . . . John R. Fleming, WT-2/c, U.S.N., displays a Japanese flag which he took from a dead Jap in the Solomons campaign. Home on leave for the past few weeks, Fleming was to leave today for San Diego for reassignment. The son of Mrs. Ida Fleming, 1907 Cabrillo ave., he was in the South Pacific for 18 months. He entered the Navy on Nov. 13, 1942, and was in major campaigns in the Solomons and Marshalls. His brother, Paul Fleming, formerly was in the Army Transport Service, and another brother, Frank Fleming, is in India now, a chief steward in the Merchant Marine.

NEW DEEDS SOUGHT FOR BOY SCOUT PARK AS OLD LIMITATIONS CLOUD TITLE

Torrance has been advised by the Associated Assessment Engineers to withhold any development of the new Boy Scout park in Hollywood Riviera until new deeds to the property are obtained removing all restrictions and rights effecting adjoining property owners. The park was deeded to the city several months ago by W. Vaughn Scott, in behalf of the owners, and was to be known as Vaughn Scott park.

However, it developed that back taxes for a number of years outstanding on the property part of it due Torrance, and that the adjoining land owners held certain rights which would cloud the issue as far as development of the park as originally proposed is concerned.

City Attorney J. E. McCall was asked to investigate and endeavor to secure new deeds. Back taxes will be for it is understood.

Uncourtesy, Overcharges in Bus Hit

Torrance municipal bus lines, in for a little criticism at the City Council meeting Tuesday night when G. M. Bumpus, Gardena attorney who has figured in Torrance politics, complained in a letter that the drivers on the Los Angeles 8:30 run endangered the lives of passengers talking to girls crowded into the front of the bus.

He also complained that the driver charges 10 cents for other local fares when other drivers charge only 5 cents, and that he gets impatient when the difference is called to his attention.

Investigation of the letter will be made by C. Z. Ward, bus manager, it was said. The council also refused payment of some \$500 for parts for old buses which were ordered by Charles F. Koors, former transportation engineer, without purchase order. Ward was asked to investigate the overcharges and report back at a later meeting.

PAINT CLUBHOUSE

The Girl Scout clubhouse at Torrance Municipal park will be painted on its interior, as a result of a request sent to the City Council by Mrs. Hillman Tuesday night. The cost will be \$35, and the improvement was approved by Dale R. R. superintendent of recreation.

New Child Care Center Planned For Torrance

Torrance will have a new government center for caring for children of two to five years of age of mothers who are employed in vital war work.

The FWA war public services field representative, F. G. Morrison, asked the city to concur in plans for building of a structure, 144 by 32 feet, at Torrance elementary school. The present child care center is filled to capacity, Morrison said. It is operated at 1951 Santa Fe ave. under supervision of Bernhard Strand, principal of Torrance elementary school.

Man Injured as Motorcycle Hits Turning Auto

R. R. Dierks, of San Pedro, was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital early yesterday morning suffering from injuries received when a motorcycle he was riding struck an automobile driven by Nadine Fitch, 1832 W. 204th st., at the intersection of 204th and Western ave.

Dierks, according to report of Police Chief John Strohm, was traveling south on Western ave., as was the other car, when Mrs. Fitch made a left hand turn. He said he saw the car swerving to the left when he was about 20 feet from the machine. He struck the left rear fender after skidding nine feet and was thrown about 30 feet by the impact.

The mishap occurred at 6:45 a.m.

GETS AUDITORIUM

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Torrance have been granted use of the Torrance Auditorium one night a month for meetings, at a rental of \$10.

NEW GUTTER

The City Council has allowed \$500 for construction of a gutter on the East side of Sartori ave., and the south side of Engracia to handle flood waters.

TARBABES ARE MARINE GRID CHAMPIONS

By BUD SMITH

The Torrance High school "B" football took the Marine League championship, by defeating the Gardena, defending champions 18-6, Nov. 22.

The Tarbabes held third place up with the last two games, which were with the San Pedro team and the Gardena boys, who were tied for first place.

The San Pedro squad, who up until the time of our win over Gardena was the only team to down Gardena.

In the Pedro game the Tarbabes were on the short end of a 7-0 score, at the end of the half. But, in the second half, the Tarbabes came out with the true Tartar spirit and marched down the field to two consecutive touchdowns, with the Bucs hardly touching the ball. Both of the scores were made short smashes over the center of the line, while the conversion was made through the same method, to give us a 13-7 victory.

The championship game was played on the Torrance field last Friday. Gardena kicked off to Gil Bennett, who returned it 22 yards. After two short gains and a loss, Gil Bennett was (Continued on Page 5)

Police Arrest Two Men with Mammoth Haul

Two stolen automobiles, a variety of firearms, more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition and a variety of stolen articles valued at more than one thousand dollars constituted one of the biggest "hauls" made by Torrance police department in its history, early Tuesday.

Arrested with the loot were two men, Jack Robert Rhodes, 24, discharged soldier who served in the Corps of Military Police, and Robert Beheny, 23, both of Reading, Penn.

The arrest and recovery of the property was made by Sgt. Willard Haslam, when he stopped to investigate two cars parked on 101 Highway near Waleria. Gathered in scores of burglaries on a transcontinental trip which started with a Buick sedan stolen in Memphis, Tenn., and ended with the confessed burglary of Otto Batsch's service station on Arlington ave., Torrance.

Child has Narrow Escape as Fire Destroys House

Fire almost completely destroyed a house at 1943 236th st., on Saturday and a nine-year-old girl narrowly escaped death in the conflagration.

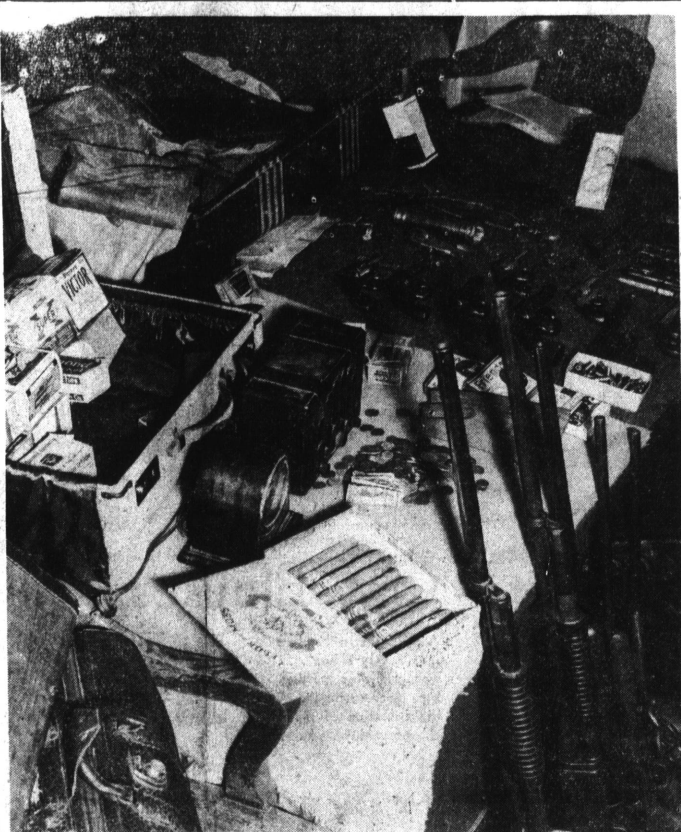
The house, owned by G. E. Fouts, was a four-room structure, and the little girl, daughter of Fouts, was sleeping at the time neighbors discovered the fire and turned in the alarm. She was alone in the house, and was aroused by the smoke and escaped.

By the time Torrance firemen reached the scene, the whole structure was enveloped in flames and two hours were required to extinguish the blaze.

Hunting Accident Takes Life of Trucking Man

Irven M. Ackerman, 35, was killed instantly Saturday at Chuyama Valley, Santa Barbara county, when the shotgun he was carrying discharged as he slipped and fell during a quail hunting trip. He was accompanied by his wife, Edna and their four-year-old son, Robert.

Funeral services were held this morning in Compton, where the family had resided at 5535 Rosecrans ave. Employed by Oilfield Trucking Co., here, for the past five years, the deceased was well known in Torrance where he and Mrs. Ackerman, the former Edna Schlick, made their home before purchasing their home in Compton.



CROWDED CHIEF STROH OUT OF HIS OWN OFFICE . . . Such was the loot of Jack Robert Rhodes, 24, discharged soldier, and Robert Beheny, 23, both of Reading, Pa., which was recovered with their arrest on Tuesday by Sgt. Willard Haslam on 101 Highway. Guns, ammunition, jewelry, money, luggage and scores of other items were covering the chief's desk, and tires, trunks and bigger items filled the room as the Torrance Herald photographer snapped the above picture.

Whitman Death Inquest to be Held Tomorrow

Virgil Wilson, 1300 W. 218th st., mechanic at Schultz & Peckham garage, is making satisfactory progress in Torrance hospital following injuries suffered on Saturday when the automobile which he was driving collided with one driven by Elton Whitman, 41, of 2146 250th st., Lomita, at Carson blvd. and Hoover st.

Whitman was killed in the accident, and an inquest will be held tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. in Gamby mortuary, Lomita. Funeral services were conducted yesterday at 2 p. m. in the Gamby chapel, with Rev. John Orr officiating. Interment was in Roosevelt cemetery.

The deceased leaves a nine-year-old daughter, orphaned by the accident, her mother having died at her birth. She is in the care of her aunt, Mrs. Pearl Fenton, sister of Mr. Whitman, and family at the Lomita address. Mrs. Fenton has raised the girl from birth. Whitman likewise was a mechanic, employed in Compton. He came to Lomita four and one-half years ago from Milford, Conn.

The impact knocked the motor out of Whitman's automobile and threw it about 30 feet, the worst accident in this vicinity for some time, it was said. San Pedro police handled the accident, being in the Los Angeles shoestring strip.

Torrance Leads in Bond Sales

Torrance sales in the Sixth War Loan drive, as computed late yesterday, reached a total of \$204,093, according to issuing agents. The figures represents 24 percent of the Torrance quota of \$840,000, and reflects a better showing than that of neighboring communities which average only 18 percent of quota.

Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Torrance campaign, urges all to show their faith in their government and sincerity of their patriotism by not only purchasing additional war bonds but in holding them. Redemptions should only be made in cases of extreme necessity, Lee states.

CUCCI IS NAMED HEAD OF CITY TRANSPORTATION AS TOLSON SHIFTS COMMITTEE

Committee N. H. Cucci has won his way, and now heads the city transportation committee which handles the affairs of the bus department, as a result of appointments made by Mayor W. H. Tolson on Tuesday night. Mayor Tolson transferred the affairs of the bus department to the Inspection, Auditorium and Public Library Committee, naming Cucci chairman.

Stores Open Evenings—Dec. 11 to 23

Torrance retail stores will remain open evenings beginning Monday, Dec. 11, to accommodate Christmas shoppers during the pre-holiday season.

For the week, Dec. 11 to 16, stores will be open until 8 p. m. and during the week immediately preceding Christmas, Dec. 18 to 23, the closing hour will be 8:30 p. m. each evening. This decision was made at the regular weekly merchants meeting yesterday.

Eleven Men to Be Inducted on Pearl Harbor Day

Eleven Torrance and Lomita men will have the unique honor of being inducted into the United States armed forces on Dec. 7, next Thursday, the third anniversary of the sneak Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

They are: Beakley Simmons, 2164 245th st., Lomita. James Philip Fluhrer, 2563 El Dorado, Torrance. Willard Graves Ruffruff, 655 Arizona ave., Los Angeles. (was 619 Amagola, Torrance). John Dean Goss, 5319 Line ave., Long Beach, Calif. (was Lomita). Leland Wesley Sutton, 4021 W. 106th st., Inglewood, Calif. (was 1912 Cabrillo ave.). Vernon Dale Tibbitt, 314 Ferguson, Texarkana, Ark. (was 25217 Narbonne ave., Lomita). Dilton Darnell Clayton, 1956 257th st., Lomita. Jimmie Capellino, 17222 Hawthorne hbd., Torrance. John Hamr, Jr., 4435 Torrance blvd., Torrance, Calif. Lloyd Duane Goddard, 1425 W. 218th st., Torrance, Calif. Roland LaVerne Jones, 2316 246th st., Lomita.



N. H. Cucci

Cucci on the transportation committee will be Councilmen C. M. Gilbert and Powell.

"Cucci voted in favor of the motion, and then tried to influence the mayor to name Gilbert as chairman of the committee. The mayor declined, stating it would mean complete rearrangement of the committee.

Cucci at a recent meeting, at which it was decided not to sell the bus lines to C. F. Koors for \$20,000, asked the mayor to rearrange his committee so that Cucci, Gilbert and Powell might have official control of the department. The mayor declined at the time, and Tuesday night made the necessary changes to meet the requests of Cucci. Cucci, Gilbert and Powell have been handling the transportation department since they cancelled the contract of Koors, as city transportation engineer some weeks ago.

Torrance Boys Go to Preston

Two boys, 15 years of age, who thought it would be fun to throw a switch on the Santa Fe tracks in Torrance will have a long time to think about their prank. Under sentence of Juvenile court, they must spend the next six years of their lives at Preston School of Industry.

PARENTS ORGANIZE TO TAKE TORRANCE SCHOOLS OUT OF LOS ANGELES CITY SYSTEM

Thirty-two Torrance citizens, most of them parents of children attending the Los Angeles schools in Torrance, have formed the Torrance Parents' Association, and are preparing for another meeting on Dec. 14, at 7:45 o'clock in the City Hall. The organization was accomplished at a meeting held Nov. 21.

*attended by about 50 persons, including a representative group of Parent Teachers Association officials.

Becker Urges State Law Aimed At Torrance

Roy Becker, of San Pedro, a member of the Los Angeles Board of Education, advocates passage of a bill by the State Legislature to prevent Torrance or any other independent community from withdrawing from the Los Angeles city school system.

He told a Torrance Herald representative that he thought local people incapable of handling the schools.

He said that politics would interfere with their operation. He resented the withdrawal of Beverly Hills from the Los Angeles system, and wanted to stop such things, he said.

Becker, who is as close a representative on the Los Angeles board as Torrance has, did not mention the politics which govern the Los Angeles schools, nor the lack of voice which Torrance taxpayers and parents have in school matters.

Nor did he comment that it is the inherited right of the people of any given community to choose to regulate their affairs without interference of "big city" politics.

Constitutionality of the Becker suggestion also went unmentioned, but it is the opinion of most Torrance residents that the legislature would ignore such a suggestion as that of Becker, based on its unconstitutionality alone.

American people are inclined to resent such suggestions from public officials, it was pointed out.

P.E. Starting \$20,000 Quake Damage Repair

Earthquake rehabilitation work amounting to \$20,000 is being undertaken by the Pacific Electric Railway at its Torrance general shops, according to building permits issued by the office of City Engineer G. M. Jain.

The work will include repairs and rebuilding in the paint shop, wood mill shop and power plant. Building permits issued during the past week by City Engineer G. M. Jain total \$33,675, as follows:

S. C. Shepard, 23866 Park st., \$150 repairs. A. H. Castillo, 2060 203rd st., \$350 repairs. Luis Cerda, 4089 182nd st., \$575 foundation. T. K. Tompkins, 2276 Torrance blvd., \$150 alterations. Miller and Miller, 3477 Torrance blvd., \$6000 steel oil derrick.

George E. Taylor, 2444 Hawthorne blvd., \$2300 residence. W. J. Gill, 24215 Los Codona, \$2000 repair.

C. W. Bell, 1760 W. 166th st., \$2000 repair. Oilfields Trucking Co., 23310 Narbonne ave., \$3000 repairs. Pacific Electric Railway Co., Dominguez st., \$10,000 earthquake rehabilitation to 183 by 416 foot paint shop.

Pacific Electric Railway Co., Dominguez st., \$6000 earthquake rehabilitation, erecting and wood mill shop.

Pacific Electric Railway Co., Dominguez st., \$4000, earthquake rehabilitation, power plant. Pacific Electric Railway Co., 1250 Border ave., \$750 loading platform. Edward F. Saul, 3491 Spencer st., \$1000 alterations.

ARION (TOM) HINCKLEY

has been promoted to head radio instructor of his entire school at Roswell, N. M., and has been given a rating of sergeant. He teaches fliers to send and receive code in the air, according to his mother, Mrs. K. V. Hinckley of Silverton, Ore.

The first act of Mrs. Evelyn Carr, upon being named chairman of the association by the organized group, was to name a ways and means committee to conduct research into the problems of Torrance schools, the means by which they may be divorced from Los Angeles city schools, and to bring in figures of comparative independent school systems to show the benefits that those independent systems enjoy—benefits denied Torrance even though the schools cost the Torrance taxpayers \$2 for every \$1 spent here.

The ways and means committee includes W. E. Walton, chairman, Mrs. G. J. Derouin, Mrs. J. W. Beeman, Mrs. C. P. Rittmiller, with Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Renee Bartlett, vice chairman of the association, assisting.

The information gathered will be presented to the meeting on Dec. 14, at which time a legal committee will be named to handle the legal data in connection with petitions and methods of seeking withdrawal, according to Mrs. Carr.

During the meeting, the operation by Los Angeles of the Torrance schools came under attack from speakers from the floor.

Principal objections voiced were lack of supervision of the schools over children, with 252 playing hooky on one day; that good teachers are taken away from the local schools to better schools; that shops for industrial vocations are not sufficient and no emphasis is being placed on vocational instruction; that reading, writing and arithmetic the fastest three "R's" are neglected in favor of so-called "progressive education," causing many students to fail entrance examinations at college; that with most of the teachers living in Los Angeles or elsewhere, there is no effort put forth to iron out problems with the parents; that the teachers object to home instruction by parents; that big boys and little boys are thrown together in locker rooms; that stealing is rampant and no effort is made to recover articles or run down the guilty parties; that girls' locker rooms are overcrowded and not sufficient; that no interest is shown by Los Angeles in the Torrance problems, and many other complaints.

It was decided that Torrance can maintain its schools in respect better than Los Angeles does the job, including the offering of special opportunities such as maintenance of expert supervision in all fields of education, classes for retarded and handicapped; that higher quality teachers and administrators are available; that a cafeteria, adequate gymnasium facilities and other requirements can be provided promptly; that a Torrance board of education can meet face to face with the people and the parents and look after the problems of education and supervision as they are presented.

Tolson Trip to San Francisco Is Called Off

It will not be necessary for Mayor W. H. Tolson and Executive Secretary H. B. Lewis, of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, to make their authorized trip to San Francisco in behalf of Torrance's interest in feeder airline air-mail and passenger service, the mayor has announced.

The mayor was authorized recently by the City Council to go to San Francisco to attend the hearings of the Civil Aeronautics Authority on the subject of feeder airlines.

James Ray, vice president of Southwest Airways, filed the brief for the city of Torrance on the subject, thus relieving the city of the necessity for sending representatives to the hearing. The city is supporting the Southwest Airways plea for feeder airline service rights to serve Torrance, using the Torrance airport established by the U. S. Army on Highway 101.