



UNITED WE STAND

## Japanese Group Stresses Loyalty at Dinner-Meet

After reciting a solemn pledge to be loyal to the United States of America, 14 newly elected cabinet members of the Gardena Valley Japanese American Citizens League were inducted into office last Saturday evening by Ken Matsumoto, national vice-president of the J. A. C. L. The installation was held at the Nanking Low Chop Suey restaurant in Gardena, before a large gathering of American-born Japanese men and women and a group of prominent citizens representing Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, Inglewood, Gardena, Redondo Beach and Hawthorne, all of which cities are included in the local J. A. C. L. district.

A strong patriotic theme ran thru the entire evening's program and the sincerity with which the members of the league carried out their proceedings left no doubt in the minds of those present that these American-born Japanese young men and women are determined to be loyal American citizens. Stating that he and another member of the J. A. C. L. would soon be called into military service, Fred Ikeguchi, newly elected president, stated that "we are ready to lay down our lives for America."

The local chapter of the league was organized two years ago with about 90 members. It now has 180 members and its officers have set the goal for this year at between 250 and 300 members. In the words of National Vice-President Matsumoto, the purpose of the J. A. C. L. is to make "good substantial American citizens" and to support civic and welfare activities in the various communities.

Judge Monroe Speaks  
Following are the new cabinet members of the Gardena Valley unit who took office Saturday (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Officials to Honor 22 Men Leaving Jan. 20 for Defense Training

Arrangements have been completed in Torrance for a "going away" program honoring the 11 volunteers and the first 11 draftees to be inducted into Army service from Selective Service Board No. 280, which covers Lomita, Gardena, Harbor City, Torrance and portions of Redondo Beach and El Nido. The ceremonies will be held on the Torrance city hall steps beginning at 8 o'clock Monday morning, Jan. 20.

The 22 selectees will leave at 9 a. m., aboard a special Pacific Electric bus for a Los Angeles induction station. They are to arrive there at 8:45 a. m., to start final check-ups preparatory to beginning their training.

L. J. Gilmeister, Torrance Chamber of Commerce secretary and member of the draft Advisory Board, is serving as chairman of the program committee. He has sent invitations to Mayors Wayne Bogart, Gardena; Colfax Bell, Redondo Beach; and Tom McGuire, Torrance; Legion Commanders Fred Ripper, Gardena; C. C. Coates, Redondo Beach; and Ed Bird, Torrance; Commander Lee Baalam of the Torrance V. F. W. Post; and President Norman M. Gardiner of the Lomita Chamber of Commerce.

**T. H. S. Band to Play**  
They have been asked to be present and make a brief talk to the selectees. The Torrance high school band will play and the whole program will not last longer than about 30 minutes.

The official list of volunteers and selectees was announced this week as follows by Secretary Carl Marsteller of Selective Service Board No. 280:

**VOLUNTEERS**  
Henry Alfred Miller, 15717 S. Normandie, Gardena.  
John Kingman Delano, 2317 Sonoma, Torrance.  
Ernest John Awi, 1729 Cabrillo, Torrance.

Eric Chaplin, 1019 Cota, Torrance.  
Raymond Diaz Vargas, Rt. 1, Box 644-C, Lomita.

Frank James Stanley, Rt. 1, Box 82, San Jacinto, formerly of 204 Ocean avenue, Torrance.  
Albert Vincent Rowicz, 1718 Abalone, Torrance.

Donald Richard Conn, 1145 Magnolia, Gardena.  
Bowen Andy Ray, 720 Acacia, Torrance.

Manuel Gardea Alvarez, 2219 1/2 203rd, Torrance.  
Homer Ray Townsend, 24321 Allene st. Lomita.

**FIRST DRAFTEES**

Lloyd Leslie Mize, 1445 W. 145th, Gardena.  
L. Ring Nelson, R. F. D. Box 123, Redondo Beach.

Shigeyo Yosutake, 17320 S. Crenshaw Blvd., Gardena.  
Jack Norman Martin, 17601 S. Normandie, Gardena.

John Helmer Jorgenson, 15127 S. Normandie, Gardena.  
Joe Nicholas Kalina, 2349 W. 235th, Torrance.

Richard Ernest Hough, 2413 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates.  
Mack Cage Ray, Rt. 1, Box 682, Lomita.

Leo Cosmos Zimmerman, 15226 S. Normandie, Gardena.  
Yutaka Okada, P. O. Box 208, Harbor City.

Dick Henry Kastrop, 2370 250th st. Lomita.

**LOCAL MEN IN WILMINGTON QUOTA**  
The following Harbor City and Torrance men have been listed for possible inclusion in the (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Van de Kamp to Put Up Windmill Type Store Here

Immediate erection of one of the firm's distinctive windmill-type retail stores is announced by the Van de Kamp Bakery Company for the corner of El Prado and Cravens avenue, directly across from the Civic Auditorium.

The company has secured a five-year ground lease and Tuesday night the city council granted a variance to the city building code to allow the frame building in the No. 1 fire district. The structure will be moved here from where it is now stored in Wilmington and the ground around the building will be attractively landscaped, according to Theodore J. Van de Kamp, vice-president of the bakery company.

Glenn Jain, acting city engineer, said he had no recommendation to offer regarding the application to erect the windmill building and he reported his investigation made of the proposal. He said he was informed by building officials in Long Beach, South Pasadena and Los Angeles that variances in fire district regulations were not permitted. However, the Van de Kamp request was approved with Councilman George V. Powell voting "no."

Present at the meeting in behalf of the bakery concern was C. D. Lucas, cashier, and N. A. Meek, superintendent of construction. Lucas said the Torrance retail store will be exactly the same as a Van de Kamp "windmill" at the corner of Vine and Fountain in Hollywood. The size of the lot leased by the firm is 16 by 50 feet.

## Scientists to Build Church

Construction of a distinctive Georgian-type building with ample room for all activities was announced this week by First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Torrance at the corner of Manuel and 218th street. The structure will cost approximately \$15,000 and building is scheduled to start in the near future.

The church has owned the property for several years. Because of its location and frontage on two fine residential streets it is regarded as an ideal site for such an edifice.

Designed by Aubrey St. Clair, Laguna Beach architect who also drew plans for First Church of Christ, Scientist, in that city, the building will be Georgian in style and appointments. The main entrance will be opposite the apex of the corner of Manuel and 218th and there will be a side entrance to the reading room from Manuel.

**Large Auditorium**  
A 16 by 20-foot foyer with a distribution room and library with a 17 1/2 by 12-foot reading room on either side will lead into the main auditorium which will have a seating capacity of 210. The present church at El Prado and Border avenue can seat only about 125. The auditorium will be 34 by 50 feet in size. At one side there is space for an organ.

The church librarian will have a comfortable office adjoining the reading room. Fronting the auditorium will be a large platform and sliding doors on either side will admit to rooms in the back for the pianist, soloist, two readers, a storeroom for garden tools and lavatory.

## Alondra Tax Load Removed

A unanimous vote by the board of supervisors Tuesday lifted the 15-year-old assessment burden of more than \$600,000 from the shoulders of Alondra Park taxpayers and ended a campaign of more than two years for removal of the assessments. The supervisors voted to refund the Mattoon Act district.

Their action was being hailed through the district as a big step toward an ultimate building boom. Completion of preliminary work for refunding is expected within three or four months, according to Oscar Hauge of Long Beach, champion of the cause.

Some time ago the board appropriated \$317,000 for refunding, but a hitch developed over plan of proceedings. Under Tuesday's plan the bond houses will endeavor to gather some 3,600 bonds against the district, which are scattered throughout the country.

**\$150,000 Available**  
Supervisor Anson Ford, who last week asked for a week's postponement of action in order to study the plan more fully, today cast his vote with the other four supervisors to give the required unanimous action of the board.

"Today's action is one of the biggest deals decided by the county board," declared Supervisor Hauge. "Refunding Alondra Park which includes Gardena and portions of Torrance, Redondo Beach, Lennox, Hawthorne and shoestring strips, affects more people than any county deal ever made.

"The board will immediately make available \$150,000 to start the wheels in motion, and the rest of the total appropriation will be forthcoming soon. The repayment of assessments should be completed within three or four months and the road cleared for a residential program to provide hundreds of new homes for employees of industrial plants in neighboring communities."

## Hawthorne Blvd. Widening Needs Redondo's Aid

Three major improvements are now being worked on in the city engineer's office making that part of the city half perhaps the busiest bureau in the municipal government. Glenn Jain, acting city engineer, has been drafting plans and specifications for the improvement of Torrance boulevard for several months, preparatory to seeking a WPA grant.

Recently he began preparing an ordinance on subdivision requirements in cooperation with City Attorney John McCall and the City Planning Commission. Tuesday night he announced that this job should be completed in the near future.

At that evening's meeting of the city council, Councilman James Hitchcock gave Jain and his office more work when he started proceedings which may bring the widening of Hawthorne avenue from Torrance boulevard to Redondo Beach boulevard to a 100-foot major highway like it is south of Torrance boulevard.

**Land All In Torrance**  
But there will be many a conference and many agreements to be reached before this project is consummated because the cooperation of both the city of Redondo Beach and the state must be obtained to permit the improvement.

Jain was authorized by the council to write Redondo Beach city officials advising them of the plan of the city of Torrance to construct shoulders on Hawthorne between the two boulevards and ask their cooperation in: (1) Securing the additional 20-foot widening strip within Redondo city limits from 182nd street to Redondo Beach boulevard; (2) Allocating funds from the quarter-cent state gas tax for state highways to aid in construction of shoulders within Redondo territory; and (3) To advise Redondo's city engineer of the estimated cost of the proposed improvements.

The Torrance city engineer (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Woman Pedestrian First Crash Victim

After nearly 24 hours of investigation, police identified the body of a 35-year-old woman who died enroute to Torrance Memorial hospital last Friday evening of injuries sustained when she was struck by an automobile while standing or walking on Western avenue about a half-mile south of 190th street.

She was Mrs. Varda St. Clair, wife of Lorimer St. Clair and the mother of a seven-year-old son. The family lives at 1754 Andree avenue.

Her death was the first crash fatality of 1941. Her identification was aided by a local bartender and confirmed by her husband who told police she jumped out of his car last Friday evening while they were en route to visit friends in Norwalk. Lorimer St. Clair said she became angry, got out of the machine and ran across a plowed field near 190th street.

"That was the last time St. Clair saw his wife alive," he said. A few minutes later, after he had abandoned his first search for her, Mrs. St. Clair was struck by an automobile driven north on Western by Don P. Weddle, 24, 15223 Spinning street, Gardena.

**Neck Broken**  
Weddle, a local meat cutter, informed officers he was enroute home about 6:30 o'clock, traveling between 80 and 32 miles an hour in his Ford sedan when the woman suddenly appeared directly in front of his car. He declared he was unable to avoid striking her. After the accident, Weddle said he attempted to flag down three cars to get assistance but was unsuccessful.

The fourth car which passed the scene stopped and took a message into Gardena for an ambulance. But Mrs. St. Clair was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital here. Her neck was broken. Weddle was not held. He submitted his car to an examination by Captain Ernest Ashton immediately after the fatality. Ashton reported the machine's brakes were good, the headlights were in working order altho somewhat dim and the windshield needed cleaning.

St. Clair told officers here that before starting out last Friday evening for Norwalk with his wife they had some drinks at a local cocktail bar. After Mrs. St. Clair left him in a fit of temper, he walked in the direction where she disappeared into the night but was unable to (Continued on Page 8-A)

## Highway Toll Begins Early in This City

Nineteen forty-one's record of local traffic fatalities began earlier than the toll taken on highways here for the past six years with the death of Mrs. Varda St. Clair of 1754 Andree avenue last Friday evening.

Last year the sore fatality occurred Jan. 17 when Mildred Okita, 15, Redondo Beach, was killed in a collision with an automobile and his bicycle on 182nd street. Other first fatalities for the past five years were:

1939—On Feb. 7 Biaggio Iacono, 55, Gardena, killed and nine others injured in a smashup on Western avenue south of 190th street.  
1938—On June 27 Fred V. Rice, 22, Redondo Beach, died as result of a crash on Arlington avenue at 231st street. A few hours later, his companion, Jack Wassley, 19, Los Angeles, also succumbed.

1937—On Jan. 18 William Kerr Gamblin, 37, Inglewood meat truck driver, perished when his truck hit an oil truck and trailer at 190th street, west of Inglewood avenue just inside the Torrance boundary. This year also witnessed five other fatalities and 46 persons injured—the all-time record in Torrance.

1936—On March 1 Daniel Sullivan, Alondra Park Camp resident, was fatally injured when struck by a car on Riverside-Redondo boulevard.  
1935—On May 2 William Alfred Johnson, 15, of 1820 Arlington avenue succumbed as result of a collision between his bicycle and a P. E. train at the intersection of Sartori and Arlington avenues.

**RAINFALL TOTAL**  
This season's rainfall is now within 12 of an inch of last season's total at this time, according to records kept by Torrance city firemen. They report the 1940-41 total to date is 9.53 inches as compared to 9.65 inches on Jan. 16, 1940.

## Don Hitchcock Named Ephebian at Hi School

One of the highest honors that can be conferred on a graduating student of any Los Angeles high school is election to the Ephebian Society which in the years since its establishment has always held top place among scholastic organizations.

This coveted honor was gained this week by Don Hitchcock, son of City Councilman and Mrs. James Hitchcock of the C.C.M.O. Don will close his high school career with the commencement exercises Jan. 30. He was nominated for Ephebian (Greek word meaning "citizen") by both his Senior classmates and the high school faculty.

Young Hitchcock, who was elected lieutenant-governor of the Boys' State gathering in Sacramento last summer, has been active in many extra-curricular projects through his high school term. He was president of both the Junior and Senior high school student bodies, president of his class several times, yell leader, Boys' Self-Government president and commissioner of entertainment.

He also served as master-of-ceremonies at both proms and the Varsity show and is a member of the Camera and Maskers clubs and is a Tartar Knight. He has been a member of the student council for four semesters and for two semesters worked on the T. H. S. Annual staff as sports editor and subscription manager.

He will be honored with other Ephebian-elect of Los Angeles high schools at a semi-formal banquet and dance to be held Saturday evening, Jan. 25, at the Town and Gown club on the University of Southern California campus.

## Income Tax Aid at Chamber Here On Feb. 27-28

A deputy collector to assist in preparation of Federal income tax returns for 1940 will be at the Chamber of Commerce Feb. 27 and 28. He will be on duty until 10 p. m. both days to help those who work fill out their blanks. This is the sixth year this service has been rendered cooperatively by the Internal Revenue Service and the Chamber of Commerce here.

## Edison Masons to Return for 1942 Conclave

More than 600 members of the Southern California Edison Masonic club held their annual meeting for the third time in Torrance last Saturday night, convening at the Civic Auditorium for a dinner and entertainment.

The American Legion Auxiliary, with Mrs. R. L. Lewellen in charge, served the dinner assisted by members of the Legion Post. The kitchen and dining room force numbered nearly 70.

At the conclusion of the gathering the Edison Masons again voted to hold their 1942 assembly in Torrance. During the afternoon, the Legion clubhouse and the Masonic Temple were opened to the visitors. Will H. Fisher served as toastmaster at the dinner and the principal speaker was W. C. Mullendore, executive of the Edison company.

**ENTERS HOSPITAL**  
W. L. Reeve, pioneer builder here, entered Torrance Memorial hospital last night for surgery. Following an operation this morning he is reported resting.



DON HITCHCOCK  
... Greeks had a word for it

## Hoo-Ray for the Cyclotron!

For long the announcements of progress in atom smashing, issued like election bulletins by scientists tinkering with the University of California's cyclotron, have left the busy workaday public somewhat cold.

Reports of a new discovery in the laws of planetary motion might well make a physicist's eyes bulge and plant goose pimples of sheer thrill along his spine—but would hardly cause Joe the butcher to drop his cleaver and leave his customers in order to race to his pal, the barber, with the news.

But the old cyclotron suddenly found its public last week — when scientists announced that through use of radio active phosphorus, a product of the cyclotron, it has been determined that teeth are constantly being rebuilt by nature throughout life, and that therefore the time will come when by proper diet tooth decay can be halted in the adult and can be prevented in children.

The cyclotron, in briefer words, promises to do away with toothache. Is that news? Is that real news to a million sturdy Californians—who have blanched, palms moist and soul sick, at the sight of that instrument of torture which pales the Hell of Dante into a pleasure resort, the dentist's drill?

The physicists gave out the tooth news as a mere utilitarian sideline—as nothing important to the prime purpose of solving mysteries of the cosmos. They probably won't comprehend the roars of applause for their work now swelling through the State.

They'll shake their heads and bend over their test tubes, while California's people, speaking for their toothacheless children and their children's children, whoop a mighty: "Hoo-ray for the cyclotron!"

## City Inspector Says No Enforcement Given On Sewer Contracts

The following self-explanatory statement was issued yesterday by O. D. Butterfield, city plumbing inspector:

"It has been called to the attention of the plumbing inspection department of the city of Torrance that certain plumbing contractors have solicited contracts to make sewer connections in the Vista Highlands sewer district. Representations were made to property owners in that district that the city approved, recommended and otherwise sponsored such solicitation by these contractors.

"In fairness to local contractors, the city of Torrance wishes to disclaim any such approval of any method of solicitation, recommendation or any particular contractor or payments."

## MARCH OF RIMES

Of all the tortures folks endure, defying every local cure is toothache, which I can't refrain from christening, The King of Pain. Pathetic though our efforts be to overcome such misery, one's simply got to smile a bit at ways some people cope with it. When teeth begin to throb and sting, the victim will try anything; strong coffee, gin, tobacco juice, not one of them any use. Hot water bottles by the score, applied until the face is sore; some try walking, others pray but still the darn thing seems to stay. And even though you ease the pain it's sure to hop right back again; there's just one way to put to rout an aching tooth—go have it out.

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