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Armory Floor Damaged by Habitation

A ventilation problem has developed at the huge drill hall of the Marine Corps and Naval Reserve Armory in Chavez Ravine, where men from all over the county now report for drill. Because nearly 400 men sleep on the gallery that extends all around the 125 by 256-foot drill floor, the human habitation augments the collection of moisture on the under side of the skylights at night, with the result that it drips to the drill floor about 60 feet below. The drill hall has a new type of floating hardwood floor, laid on a treated sub-floor, to provide freedom from decay and warping. On top of the rolled earth floor of the room was placed three inches of asphaltic concrete, two layers of felt paper mopped on with hot tar, two inches of hot kiln-dried sand carefully leveled, a two-by-eight inch Douglas fir sub-floor treated with chromated zinc chloride salts, and lastly, a three-fourths inch maple finish floor, for the top.

Townsend Club Activities

The Club Council at its last meeting elected as a delegate to the District convention, Mrs. Alberta Bouldin. The president sent as his representative Joseph Le May of San Pedro. George Gelfer of San Pedro was re-elected to serve as president of District Council for another year. Torrance Club's fame certainly travels; we had visitors clear from Hermosa last Friday evening. Hot biscuits and honey will be served tomorrow night at the old-fashioned dance to which the public is welcomed in our hall opposite the library. President Henry Colburn attended and reported upon the meeting held recently regarding the details of the Factory Frolic. Vacancies cost you money. Classified ads are cheap.

Raps Bridges



First woman witness to testify in Harry Bridges deportation hearing in San Francisco is this Portland, Ore., woman, Mrs. Dawn Lovelace. In 1935 she rebuked Mr. Bridges for visiting her apartment because she testified, she and her late husband were known Cominternists and the visit therefore was an "indication."

Social Workers See Harbor Hills Housing Project

Representatives of community welfare and social agencies in the Los Angeles harbor area visited the Harbor Hills low-rent housing development at Western Ave. and N. Palos Verdes Dr. today, the County Housing Authority announced. At the same time 30 students from Gardena high school also arrived at the \$1,300,000 development to inspect the three-bedroom demonstration home, furnished at a total cost of only \$99.38. The representative of the community welfare and social agencies had luncheon at Narbonne high school before inspecting the 300-unit Harbor Hills development. Girls of this high school planned the furnishings in the demonstration home at the low-rent project. County Housing Authority officials report that women's clubs, student groups, business men's organizations and hundreds of interested citizens recently have made special trips to Harbor Hills to inspect the demonstration home and observe the progress of the development. The low-rent community, officials explained, is being planned for families with limited incomes regardless of the type of industry in which the head of the family is employed. Workers in defense industries will be accepted if they have limited income and are in need of improved housing conditions, but Harbor Hills is open to low-income workers in non-defense industries as well, officials said. Families with children will be welcome, the housing authority pointed out.

Public Schools Week

Public Schools Week will be observed in California from April 28 to May 3—the twenty-second such annual celebration devoted to schools, their achievements and their needs. Most of the schools throughout the State will proudly proclaim "open house" for at least a part of that week, throw wide their doors and invite public inspection. What a contrast visitors will find between the modern educational plant and the Little Red Schoolhouse that fond parents used to visit on the final Friday of each month to hear their offspring "recite" or grope through a spelling bee! California is proud of her schools, and justly so. She loves to brag to other States about her extensive educational system, the costliness of the outlay, the armies of teachers she employs, the length and diversification of the curriculums. This year will bring longer thoughts than usual, perhaps, on our system of free education—and soberer evaluation of what that system means. To a whole generation of youngsters growing up in Middle Europe today, free education is a thing unknown; it is a thing of the past in the blighted countries of other nations. Possibly that knowledge will make citizens here look with even fiercer pride and deeper appreciation on our school system. It would be well for every citizen to spend a little time during Public Schools Week within the four walls of a local school, seeking to understand a little better, to appreciate a little more fully, the great blessing of free education in a world that has lost much of freedom, and traded much of liberalism for license and piracy.

More Than 200 Attend Wedding of Kenneth Hedge and Lucille Howe

In the presence of more than 200 friends, many of whom had known the bride since her childhood days, Lucille Dorothy Howe, daughter of Mrs. E. P. Howe of 1844 260th st., Harbor City, was united in marriage to Kenneth Roy Hedge, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hedge of 1507 216th st., Torrance, last Thursday evening. The ceremony was performed in the Wilmington Methodist church, Rev. Paul Lomax officiating and Vincent House, for many years a friend of the late E. P. Howe, giving the bride away. The wedding party proceeded to a candlelighted aisle to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Georgia Milligan. At the end of each pew was a lighted taper fastened with white flowers, and streamers of wide white satin ribbon were draped from each pew. Palms and large bouquets decorated the chancel and white blossoms and candelabra the altar, the bride and groom standing on a snow-white rug. Proceeding the ceremony Mrs. Kenneth Schwartz sang. Reception is held. Since her graduation with the class of 1939 from Narbonne, the bride completed a course in dress designing at Frank Wiggins and her beautiful Elizabeth gown of egg shell brocade was designed and made by herself. Her fingertip veil was crowned with a halo of seed pearls and she carried a satin muff trimmed with orchids and white rosebuds. Miss Phyllis Howe, maid of honor, wore blue, the bodice of lace and the bouffant skirt of blue net over taffeta. Her flowers were pink and white rosebuds, white sweet peas and baby's breath. The bridesmaids, Miss Vivien Chandler and Miss Ellen Ross, wore pink net over pink satin and carried blue delphiniums and white rosebuds. Fred Robinson of Torrance was best man and ushers were Bud Howe, brother of the bride, and Robert Raas. Wedding bells and candles adorned the table in the social hall of the church where a reception was held following the ceremony. Three wedding cakes were cut by the bride who was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. E. P. Howe, who wore blue lace with corsage of gardenias, and the groom's mother, Mrs. Wm. Hedge, in blue print with gardenia corsage. Will Live in Torrance. Following the reception the couple left for a honeymoon at Lake Arrowhead and on their return will live in South Torrance. The bride has been a resident of Lomita for the past 12 years. A number of showers have honored her within the past few weeks, including one by the members of the Harbor City Methodist church of which her parents were active members since coming to Lomita in 1929, and the last shower, on the Tuesday evening before the wedding was given by her classmates. The groom is well known in

Visiting Ace



An ace of last war, Air Marshal William A. (Billy) Bishop, director of air program in Canada, was off to Los Angeles for TWA plans to check production of planes.

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LYNDA LEE POTTER... was born to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Houston Potter of 1852 Highway 101, Lomita, April 19 at 10:26 a. m. at Torrance of Lomita, April 17. Their first child, she weighed 10 pounds 11 ounces. Her father is a marine fitterman for the Texas Company at Wilmington and her mother is the former Mary Ellen Sullivan. The baby's grandparents are Mrs. Selma Sullivan, Lomita, Mr. and Mrs. Houston Potter of 1651 220th st., Torrance and T. T. Sullivan of San Pedro.

DOROTHY KATHRYN JORDAN... arrived to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jordan of 927 Arlington Ave. April 18 at 12:57 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, she weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces. Her father is a rolling mill checker at the Columbia Steel plant and her mother is the former Madeline D. Campbell of Los Angeles is the only living grandparent.

LUCILLE HARRIS... was welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Cole L. Harris of 2197 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, April 19 at 3:45 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. She weighed 5 pounds 13 ounces and has a brother, Edwin Cole, age 4 1/2, and a sister, Marcia Rae, age 18 months. Father Harris is a mechanic at the Columbia Steel Company and her mother is the former Lucy Workman. The grandparents are Mrs. Nellie E. Workman of Lawndale and William Harris of St. Johns, Arizona, each of whom have 16 other grandchildren.

CARL JESSE GREGORY... was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gregory of 2197 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, April 19 at 3:45 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, he weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces. His father is employed at the North American Aviation plant and his mother is the former Audrey Knstrup. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Knstrup of 2370 350th st., Lomita, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Bauer of Costa Mesa.

PRISCILLA DIANE CUZICK... arrived to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cuzick of El Segundo April 20 at 12:48 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, she weighed 5 pounds 10 ounces. Her father is employed by the Standard Oil Company and her mother is the former Jeannette Griffin. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Griffin of Redondo Beach and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cuzick of Richmond, Kentucky.

WALTER GAYLON COTTON... was welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Cotton of 2665 West 250th st., Lomita, April 21 at 1:05 a. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, he weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces. His father is a soldier stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

Assessor Says People Too Busy To Pay Taxes

People are so busy working, many of them in defense industries, that they are neglecting to pay their personal property taxes, according to County Assessor John R. Quinn. Collecting up to the opening of this week amounted to \$200,714, or slightly behind last year's figure of \$207,652 on the comparable date. However, Assistant Assessor John Hartman said he noted mail collections were above last year, while counter collections were behind, indicating that tardy taxpayers probably will have their payments in the mail before the deadline passes. Assessor Quinn closes his books for the fiscal year June 30, and on that date turns over to the county tax collector all the money he has collected on unsecured property. Where the taxpayer owns real estate his personal property taxes are secured by his real estate, and become a lien against the property if not paid by the assessor's deadline. and his mother is the former Kathleen Milburn. The baby's grandparents are Mrs. Cotton of Amarillo, Texas, and Walter B. Milburn of Lomita. BABY LUSTER... a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Luster of 802 Sartori ave. April 19 at 5:29 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Her father is employed at the Columbia Steel plant. The population of the United States and all its territories and possessions is 150,621,231.

May 1 Another Deadline for Driver's Licenses

"Good until revoked" driver's licenses issued in April, May and June of 1929 have been cancelled effective May 1, Director of Motor Vehicles James M. Carter announced today. Carter said applicants for new licenses will be required to submit to a vision test, pass a simple written test and give a practical demonstration of ability to drive safely. After May 1, it will be a misdemeanor to drive with one of the cancelled licenses. The 1929 licenses issued in the first three months of that year were cancelled effective the first of this month.

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Walterians Want Flood Waters Pumped Away

A petition, signed by 152 signatures, was presented the Torrance city council Tuesday night by J. S. Dowd of Walteria, urging immediate action to pump out the flood water covering a large area in the southern part of Torrance and pipe it to a natural sink of known good drainage. The city engineer's office was instructed to collect all available data on the pumping costs and present it at an early meeting of the council. Dowd told the municipal board that he had learned the total cost of pumping the water off the Walteria basin and piping it to a sink in the Dr. Ellinwood property would be about \$1,800. He said the city's share of this would be about \$400 with the Japanese gardeners in the submerged area willing to put up about \$1,000.

Robot 'Keeps House' For Shoe Repairman

ELM CREEK, Neb. (U.P.)—C. E. Holliday, shoe repairman and amateur inventor, has perfected a domestic robot that almost keeps house by itself. Set in motion when the alarm clock rings in the morning, the robot turns on the lights, starts the toaster, fries the bacon and brews the coffee while the family dresses. Torrance where he was a student at Torrance high school until taking up work with the research department of the Douglas Aircraft Company at Santa Monica where he is now employed.

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