

Navy Board to Select Hospital Site This Week

A decision of great importance to the Harbor district—and particularly to Torrance, Lomita and Palos Verdes—is expected late this week when the U. S. Naval Shore Stations Development board will announce the location of the \$2,500,000, 200-bed fully equipped hospital.

That huge structure is to be built and completed before the end of next May somewhere within a few miles of the U. S. Fleet anchorage in San Pedro and Long Beach harbors. Members of the board, local naval officers and civilian civic leaders conferred last Thursday following inspection of four offered sites for the naval institution. The contract for the building was awarded several weeks ago to a Long Beach contracting firm and construction will begin as soon as the board's site selection is approved. The local site is a 156-acre tract situated in the Palos Verdes hills above Lomita.

Congressman Opposed
Some opposition to this site was developed, according to Los Angeles City Councilman Wilder W. Hartley, who quoted Congressman Ward Johnson, member of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House, as saying: "The Palos Verdes Hills cannot by any stretch of the imagination be considered part of the port of San Pedro" and that the fleet base is not in San Pedro but in Long Beach.

Other sites inspected last week include San Pedro hill location adjoining the port city's western boundary, known as the Avcrill-Weymouth tract, and two sites in Long Beach. Representatives from Long Beach at the parley declined to make public the location of their sites but one is reported to be near the Long Beach flood-control channel, the other northeast of the city near Anaheim blvd. and Bellefleur ave.

Among the civilians at the conference with the navy men were Mayor Tom McGuire of Torrance and A. E. Hanson, manager of Palos Verdes Corp., owner of the Palos Verdes hills site.

City-Wide Campaign Opens to Back USO
Citizens of Torrance yesterday swung their support behind a national campaign to secure \$10,765,000 to provide soldiers and sailors with off-duty recreational activities in more than 360 service clubs to be located adjacent to training centers throughout the nation and its overseas bases.

A local committee, comprised of representative citizens from various civic, industrial and commercial organizations met yesterday at the request of J. W. Post, acting president of the Torrance Community Service Association, and perfected plans for the Torrance campaign.

It was decided by a committee not to set any definite goal for this city, as it is felt that Torrance people would do their full share in appreciation for those who have left their homes to serve their nation.

The campaign is being conducted by the United Service Organizations for National Defense, a co-ordinating agency composed of the Young Men's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Service, Salvation Army, Young Women's Christian Association, Jewish Welfare Board, and National Travelers Aid Association.

Local Committee Named
C. Earl Conner will serve as chairman of the U. S. O. campaign in Torrance. He will be assisted by: Dean L. Sears, treasurer; Robert T. McCallum, chairman of the business and professional division; Sam Levy, Dean L. Sears, and J. W. Post, industrial committee; Mrs. Charles B. Mitchell, chairman of the women's division; William H. Tolson, chairman of the clubs, churches, and organizations division; and Irwin J. Hallanger, chairman of the city employees division.

The campaign will continue until July 28, the plan being to conduct an aggressive ten-day drive. Those wishing to contribute who are not contacted by campaign workers are invited to turn in their donations at either the Bank of America, Torrance National Bank or the Chamber of Commerce.

Combines Six Appeals in One
The plan of the United Service Organizations to unite these six great agencies into one service unit is the only logical and economical method of providing for the off-duty recreational needs of our fighting men," C. Earl Conner declared.

It will combine six appeals in one and enable all the organizations participating to offer a more satisfactory service to the men.

"The problem we face," Conner continued, "is simply this: Nearly 1,500,000 young Americans are now in uniform. Most of them are in huge training

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Second Police Officer Smashes Machine Here

As result of Motor Officer Willard A. "Barney" Barnett's collision with John J. Elder's passenger car last Sunday morning, Torrance policemen are candidates for safe driving instruction.

Barnett was the second local officer to be involved in a motor mishap within 16 days, Captain Ernest Ashton having rammed a police car into a freight train June 20 at Arlington avenue.

Barnett did not escape injuries as did Ashton, the motor officer being taken to Torrance Memorial hospital for treatment of a broken left wrist, cuts and bruises.

Elder's companion, Miss Mary Jane Smith, 22, of 1754 Gramercy ave., was also injured, according to police reports. She suffered cuts on a leg and on her back. Barnett was making a fast left hand turn into Torrance boulevard from Valerie st. when he collided with Elder's car.

The motor officer had pulled into a service station at Valerie and Torrance blvd. to use a phone to report a fire. When he found the station had no phone he sped out to another location. Then the collision occurred. His motorcycle was virtually wrecked and must be replaced by a new machine.

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Police and Fire Heads Again Ask for Equipment

Following the persistence endorsed by that old saying, Police Chief John Stroth and Fire Chief John E. McMaster have once more included items in their proposed budgets for fiscal 1941-42 which have been cast aside by previous council cost paring.

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Baseball Tourney Starts Saturday at Torrance Park



MASCOT OF TOURNEY . . . Sitting on top of this baseball, 25 times larger than the regulation horsehide, is Eileen Hubert of Lomita, pretty mascot of the California Semi-Pro Baseball tournament that begins Saturday afternoon, July 12, at the Torrance city park diamond. Eileen is holding the major award of the series, the National Semi-Pro Congress gold trophy, which will be presented the winner August 3. Tourney games will be played every night, Saturday and Sunday afternoons at Torrance. Miss Hubert is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Hubert of 24813 Oak st.

Board Named to Administer Civil Service Ordinance
An amendment to the city's civil service ordinance to provide for appointment for a five-man board of review for administration of the plan was adopted by the city council Tuesday night for its first reading. It will become effective 30 days after publication.

In the meantime, the council approved the appointment of J. W. Crowther, Thomas T. Babbitt, Howard P. Raymond, Robert B. Roberts and Bernhard D. Bunje as members of the civil service board. J. O. Bishop, chairman of the previous civil service administrative group, declined to continue on account of his health, it was reported. Roberts and Bunje are holdovers from the former board.

Members will serve "staggered" terms without pay from one to five years with their successors being appointed for six-year terms, according to the amended ordinance.

Larava Elected Commander of Legion Post Here
Claire F. Larava was elected commander of Bert S. Crossland post, No. 170, of the American Legion here recently to succeed Edwin Bird. Larava, an office worker at the Columbia Steel plant, has been a member of the post for several years and held offices as second and first vice-commander. The installation has been set for August 12 and may be combined with the ceremonies inducting new officers of the Torrance Squadron of the Sons of the American Legion.

Other new officers of the local post are: D. A. "Spud" Murphy, first vice-commander; George Whiting, second vice-commander; Rhodes Graham, adjutant; L. V. Babcock, finance officer; Charles Dunham, service officer; Jack Hallanger, chaplain; Grant Barkdull, James Wilkes

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AUDIT CONTRACT
The city's contract with Logan R. Cotton of Redondo Beach for auditing services during fiscal 1941-42 at a cost of \$450 for the general city government and \$300 for the municipal water department was renewed by the city council Tuesday night.

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\$7,500 Addition to Recreation Facilities Voted by City Council

Additional recreation facilities, costing approximately \$7,500, are assured in the city's 1941-42 budget. This was decided by the city council Tuesday night following recommendation of the recently-formed City Recreation Commission. Funds for the additional equipment were definitely "ear-marked" in the new budget which is still to be set up.

The Recreation Commission, headed by Robert Lewellen of The Herald staff, requested the following additions: two lighted tennis courts at the municipal park; clearing the ground and installing play equipment at the Perry school in North Torrance; purchase of a slide, a six-unit swing, installation of a volley ball court, three horseshoe courts and restrooms at the new Vista Highlands playground, and the purchase of a playground site, erection of a community center and installation of a tennis court or softball diamond at Walteria.

Lomita V. F. W. to Give Draftees Breakfast July 15

Something new in the way of send-offs for a Selective Service contingent is planned for the nine men who will compose the 13th draft call-out leaving this area next Tuesday morning, July 15.

Instead of the usual public farewell program in front of the Torrance Civic Auditorium, members of the Lomita V.F.W. Post have arranged a breakfast in the V.F.W. hall that morning for the contingent and each draftee will be given a gift.

The men leaving for Army training will be honor guests at the breakfast and others may attend by the purchase of tickets which will make the treat possible and also help raise funds to give the boys a worthwhile present.

Mrs. Hattie Schroeder, president of the V. F. W., and Mesdames Florence Meng, Ada Andersen, Jewell Taylor and Emma Forsyth will assist the Post by waiting table.

The draft lottery for the newly-registered men has been set for next Thursday, July 17.

Members of the 13th draft call-out leaving next Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock from Lomita are:

William Gordon Peacock, 31, bank bookkeeper, 6525 Via Siena, San Pedro.

Tommy Tsutomu Yasuhiro, 22, retail produce clerk, 627 South Pacific st., San Pedro.

Akira Nakamura, 22, farmer, Rt. 1, Box 91, Torrance.

Yonato Nakata, 23, flower (Continued on Page 6-A)

M.W.D. Water is Now Mixed with Local Supply

Bacteriological tests of Colorado River water now being received here through the Metropolitan Water District aqueduct have proved it to be 100 per cent suitable for all drinking and household purposes, William H. Stanger, superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Water department announced yesterday.

At the same time he revealed that the water is now being mingled with the local supply in the ratio of one to one.

The Colorado River water was sent through all Torrance municipal mains Monday noon. Previously, only a small amount of water was placed in the local high tower pressure tank, pending complete tests.

"While Colorado river water through the Metropolitan Water District system was officially turned into the Torrance mains last June 18, only a small amount for a few minutes was actually taken," Stanger said.

"As a customary precautionary measure, bacteriological tests were made to prove the supply free of any contamination it may have picked up from the new pipe lines.

No Reduction on Cost
By Monday morning, these tests were complete, and proved the water free of any contamination before it was turned into the Torrance system," the superintendent said.

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Holdup Pair Sought for Car Theft
Two men who attempted a holdup at Carson st. and Normandie ave. early Tuesday morning are suspected of stealing Harry L. Wagner's car from in front of his home at 1407 Madrid ave. While T. J. Murray of Saugus was asleep in his machine at Carson and Normandie, two men awakened him, floundered a gun and told him to get out of the car, he told local police.

Murray refused and when he would not lower the side window, one of the men fired a slug through the windshield. The bullet lodged in the back of the front seat, narrowly missing Murray. The man then fired through one of the tires and both suspects jumped into a sedan and sped away.

Murray described the car of the holdup pair and it was ascertained that Wagner's machine which was taken shortly after midnight. During the same night someone tried to steal Bud Robinson's car at 1313 Acaecia st., he reported to police. The machine was rolled out of the garage and headed east on Acaecia. It is thought that the thieves were scared away before getting the engine started by short-circuiting the ignition.

ENLISTS IN ARMY
Donald Ernest Meyer of Rt. 1, Box 360, Torrance, enlisted yesterday in the U. S. Army and has been assigned to 728th Ordnance Company at Tucson Air Base.

MARCH OF RIMES

HATS By H. F. NOAKE

We men should put away our gats, cease firing at the ladies' hats. Our head-dress too doth rate a smile, the bulk of it without much style. There goes a guy with head, size eight, and perched atop his ample pate a bright green skimmer, shy on brim, Boy! how his wife could laugh at him. Another gent, just five foot two, with hat built for a buckaroo; sombrero type, real broad and high; is he a picture passing by. Here comes a bird in last year's straw, which also rates a loud guffaw; the band is flashy red and white, I ask you now, ain't he a sight? Well, these odd specimens should show how little even men folks know about a hat, and as for style—'Bay' women have 'em beat a mile.

Serbian Society Head Asks Valuation Cut

Stevan Perotich, of 20414 N. Flower drive, Torrance, appeared before the county board of equalization Wednesday in support of a petition of the Mutual Serbian Benevolent Society, asking a reduction on the assessed valuation placed on its property in Boyle Heights.

The Society, of which Perotich is president, conducts a religious school with a playground adjacent. The improvements, originally assessed at \$4,250, were reduced to \$3,200.

Monday afternoon, July 21, is the last day for Torrance residents to file petitions for hearings before the county board of equalization.



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