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Natives Ponder Yank Rituals

Pexplexed New Guinea natives watch strange new ceremony performed by American soldiers between battles. This ritual, known on the mainland as five-card stud, simply calls for a greasy deck of cards and any cartridges not being aimed at Japanese.

Lomita Claims Honor Of Having Nation's No. 1 War Mother

Tales the girls tell of working in war plants as welders and riveters and such are more or less "old stuff" to Mrs. Marjorie Lovell of 26041 Oak st., Lomita's champion war mother, whose four sons are serving in the Navy, and whose husband, veteran of World War I is a painter at the Naval Base on Terminal Island.

That's only the beginning of the story. Mrs. Lovell, was a young war worker herself, working at a machine shop bench in a war plant in Woking, Surrey, England during World War I. It was there she met John Lovell, a member of the Canadian Field Artillery, who came to wartorn Europe with the second Canadian contingent. He participated in numerous major engagements in France and Belgium and was wounded a couple of times.

In 1917, the acquaintanceship between the girl machinist and the Nova Scotia artilleryman resulted in marriage. Mrs. Lovell took a few days off from the job while Lovell had some leave and when he went back to France she went back to her machine shop.

The Lovells lived in Great Britain long enough for John, the oldest son who is 24, to be born in Woking, then they moved to Lovell's old home in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, where Betty, the oldest daughter, and Tommy who is 22, were born. The family came to California soon after and settled in Harbor City and eight more children have blessed the union, four boys and four girls.

John, the eldest is studying hard at the San Diego Naval Station and hopes soon to qualify as a gunner's mate. Tommy, 22, is at present stationed on a ship at San Pedro. Eric, 18, is in the Coast Guard, helping to patrol the Pacific Coast, while Godfrey, 17, is in the aviation ordnance division in the Naval Air Force, and is stationed at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, New York.

There is another boy, Vincent, who is a student at Narbonne Junior high school. Betty is employed in Los Angeles and the other girls, Muriel, Mary Lou, Carol and Marjorie are in school here.

The four boys, now serving in the Navy attended Orange Street school and Narbonne high school, John however, being the only one to graduate.

Asked if she ever feels the urge to return to a defense plant, Mrs. Lovell says: "I almost have my hands full at home, don't you think?"

There may be other war mothers with a better record but Lomita claims that the Lovelll background of war and romance, and the development of a family of ten, with four boys eagerly serving their country in the present conflict establishes the Lovells as a group that Lomita can well be proud to offer as "tops."

Veteran Mail Carrier Returns to Route

Having recovered from a prolonged illness, George H. Koehler has resumed his work as rural mail carrier out of the Torrance postoffice. He has been confined at his home since last October.

Postmaster Earl Conner announced that Koehler's route has been divided. The veteran carrier is now delivering in the district east of Normandie ave. while Mrs. Margaret O'Toole is continuing to serve the area west of Normandie and the Hammerton Tract pending appointment of a regular carrier.

Navy Limits Size of Parcels Sent Overseas But Not Papers

The Navy Department has informed the postoffice department that because shipping space is so sorely needed for ammunition, food and medical supplies, it is not possible to increase cargo space used for mail. Therefore in accordance with the recommendation of the Navy Department the following is now effective:

"No parcel shall be accepted for mailing to personnel of the U. S. Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard who are stationed overseas if it weighs more than five pounds, or exceeds 15 inches in length, or 36 inches in length and girth combined. This includes parcels addressed in care of Postmaster at New York or San Francisco. For the present, it is not necessary that an approved request be obtained from the addressee before parcels may be mailed to Naval personnel overseas but not more than one parcel within these limits of weight and size shall be accepted for mailing in any one week when sent by or on behalf of the same person or concern to or for the same addaddressee. No perishable matter shall be accepted for such personnel."

Except as above indicated conditions heretofore applicable to mail for personnel of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard overseas shall continue in effect. The Army and Navy are working together to encourage use of V-mail as a means of improving mail service and reducing cargo requirements for mail. V-mail affords fast, safe mail service and represents saving of 98 per cent in cargo space compared to ordinary mail.

Army Men Overseas Must OK Subscription

While the adjoining news report makes it plain that there are no mail restrictions on shipment of newspapers or magazines to personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard who are stationed overseas, there are restrictions on mailing of such material to men in the Army overseas.

Friends of local Army men who desire to send newspapers or magazines overseas by regular subscription, must receive a request for such reading matter from the serviceman himself. This may be included in his letters home or sent direct to the publisher.

This newspaper will make every effort to assist those who desire to send subscriptions to men in the armed forces overseas. A special heavy wrapper is being used to protect the paper on its long journey so that it arrives in good condition.

Selectees Meet In Aud; Served By Canteen Corps

As a result of wide publicity in which this newspaper shared, the selectees and their families and friends who gathered Monday morning preparatory to going to Los Angeles for induction, were allowed the use of the warmed Torrance Civic Auditorium for a reception center.

An added feature—and one which will greet all future groups of selectees of the morning assembly was the serving of doughnuts and coffee by members of the Torrance Red Cross Canteen corps. The food was provided as result of donations from members of the Torrance Masonic lodge.

Other Torrance organizations are expected to collect contributions from their members to continue this "early morning snack" service for the selectees only—not their friends and relatives.

Opening of the Civic Auditorium was greatly appreciated by the throng which gathered to say goodbye to the contingent. The custodian had been notified in advance by the Selective Service Board and had the building warmed and ready when the first person arrived early Monday morning.

On all previous departures from Torrance, the potential servicemen and their friends had to wait on the sidewalks until it came time for them to board buses for Los Angeles.

Zoning Change Sought Here

Two petitions for changes in zoning from the A-1 and R-1 classification to the R-3 bracket which allows development of residential property to meet war needs for more housing have been submitted to City Engineer Glenn Jain by residents between Fern and Hickory sts., and from Monterey ave. to Torrance blvd.

The petitions are to be submitted to the City Planning Commission for study and decision at the earliest possible date. Residents in that part of the Vista Highlands tract are interested in transforming their vacant lots into multiple or single family housing units.

More Wanted to Join Home Nursing Class

More registrations are needed to assure start of a Home Nursing class by the Torrance branch of the Red Cross. Mrs. Lola Hoover, chairman, says that skilled instructors will direct the class which will meet two hours weekly for a total of 24 hours of instruction.

Those completing the course will receive Red Cross certificates and will not be required to do any work outside of their own homes. Those interested should enroll at once at Red Cross headquarters, corner of Post and Cravens aves.

Coffee Cut to One Pound In Six Weeks

The OPA yesterday reduced the next coffee ration from one pound every five weeks to one pound every six weeks. Stamp No. 25, the next coffee stamp in War Ration Book No. 1, becomes valid Feb. 28 and will be good for one pound thru March 21. Stamp No. 28, now valid, expires at midnight Feb. 7. Reduced coffee inventories made necessary the reduction in the next ration, the OPA said.

GRADUATE — John Gandsey of 1610 West 216th st. will receive his degree at Berkeley.

Torrance Youth Ending College Days at Berkeley

One week after his younger brother, Larry, received his diploma at Torrance high school, John Gandsey will get his certificate and degree as a chemical electrical engineer at Berkeley during the informal midterm commencement next Sunday. He will be formally presented with his diploma in June.

Larry Gandsey has entered Compton Junior college to follow in his brother's footsteps—even to choice of studies because he, too, wants to become a chemical engineer. John Gandsey was graduated from Torrance high school with the Winter class of 1939 and attended Compton two and one-half years, entering the University of California at Berkeley as a junior.

The boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gandsey of 1610 West 216th st.

Business Clinic Sessions Begin Next Wednesday

The first session of the Torrance Wartime Business Clinic will be held next Wednesday night, Feb. 10, starting at 7:30 o'clock at Torrance high school. The subject for the initial study and discussion will be the Victory Tax and the 1942 Federal Income Tax, according to Principal Guy Mowry, head of the Torrance Evening school, who arranged for the Clinic.

Interpretation of the regulations concerning the two taxes will be given by Carl Mather, Sr., formerly with the State Franchise Commission and now a private auditor in Los Angeles. The session will adjourn at 9:30 o'clock.

All business men, their employees and other interested residents of Torrance are cordially invited to attend the free sessions of the Clinic which will continue for four weeks with sessions every Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock. C. M. Davis, coordinator of distributive occupations for the Los Angeles city school system, will be in charge of the meetings.

Other Clinic sessions will be: Feb. 17—Tax Problems of the Retailer; Feb. 24—Retailers' Economy-for-Victory Plan.

The second session of the course in "Salesmanship for Salespeople" will be held Monday night at 7:30 in the high school. There are five more meetings of this group which started the course with 16 attending. The sessions are free and are under direction of T. E. DeBolt of the Metropolitan School of Business.

New Defense Classes Will Start Friday

New classes for recently-enrolled Torrance Civilian Defense Corps members will begin tomorrow (Friday) afternoon from 2 to 4 p. m., and from 7 to 9 p. m., at the city council chamber in the city hall.

Police Chief John Stroh, defense coordinator, is especially anxious to recruit local women for service as auxiliary police and auxiliary firewomen. He pointed out that there is an urgent need for women in these two divisions for possible daytime service. There is also a great need for auxiliary firemen.

The course of instruction will last from eight to 10 weeks with two-hour sessions either afternoon or evening every Friday. Those desiring to perform the essential community services should enroll at once at the police station or report for the first class tomorrow afternoon or evening.

War Bond Drive Assures Purchase Of City's Bomber

One of these days a medium bomber will fly over some Axis-held objective and drop its cargo of bombs—thru the courtesy of "The City of Torrance!"

That was assured this week when J. Hugh Sherfey, chairman of the Torrance War Bond and Stamps sale committee, disclosed that the "Buy a Bomber" drive was a "great success."

This city's bomber quota was $175,000 but the total sales of War Bonds—not including all of the payroll deductions at local war plants—amounted to $237,434.50 from Nov. 16 thru Jan. 30.

Gives Women Credit

All the sales credited by Sherfey were made thru the postoffice, banks and booths, with the addition of payroll deductions from a majority of local industries. Sherfey gives all the credit to the women of Torrance for this fine war effort.

When the drive started he named Mrs. Harriett Leech as chairman of the women's division and she, with the aid of Mrs. Georgia Marlow and Miss Corlista Reeve, organized all the women's groups, set up sales booths in the local banks and kept them manned during the entire drive by volunteer women workers.

Will Take Pictures

"All I did was add up the figures after the women had made the sales," Sherfey said.

Sherfey is now arranging thru the Treasury department and an aircraft plant to have the city's bomber properly inscribed with the city's name. As soon as these are completed photographs will be taken of the plane before it starts toward its enemy objectives—with the best wishes for good hunting from the entire city of Torrance.

A special meeting of all those who participated in the sale of War Bonds and Stamps for the "Buy-a-Bomber" drive—especially the local merchants—will be held next Wednesday night, Feb. 10, at 7 o'clock in the city courtroom, Mrs. Leech announced yesterday.

BUILDING TOTAL

Building permits issued last month totaled $59,605 as compared to $112,599 for the first month of 1942 and $23,975 in January, 1941, according to records at the city engineer's office this week.

—Torrance Herald Photo

MISSING — Corporal Louis T. Madore of Torrance is reported missing in action in Alaska.

Friends Await Word of Local Boy In Alaska

A telegram from the War Department informed Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vonderahe of 1563 215th st., Monday, that Corporal Louis T. Madore, 24, of the Army Air Corps, is missing in action in the Alaska war zone.

He is the son of Thomas Madore of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and he lived with family members here for a number of years while attending local schools. He and Mrs. Vonderahe are cousins. He was graduated from Torrance high school with the Class of '38 with a fine scholastic and athletic record.

Madore worked as assistant manager of the General Petroleum service station at Arlington ave. and Carson st., and joined the Air Corps in October 1941 following his induction. He had been stationed at an advanced Alaskan post for several months. Last July he sent Mrs. Vonderahe a copy of the elaborate menu served at a special dinner for members of his unit in an Alaskan city. This was the last word the local residents had from him.

The missing man has two sisters, one living in Maywood and the other in Antioch. Further information about him will be sent by the War Department, the Vonderahes were informed in the telegram Monday, as soon as anything is learned.

Ideco Worker Killed as Heavy Steel Plate Falls

Dillard Cooper, 34, a hoist operator at the International Derrick and Equipment Co. plant here, was instantly killed Tuesday night shortly before 8 o'clock when a large steel plate fell on him during processing operations.

The industrial accident was the first of its kind, according to plant executives. Cooper was in charge of the work on the plate when it crashed on him. A native of Searcy, Ark., he came here from Oklahoma last August. He leaves his widow, Ethel, who is employed at the National Supply plant, and an eight-year-old daughter.

No funeral services will be held here. Stone and Myers mortuary will send the body to Mr. Cooper's birthplace Friday afternoon for the rites and interment.

New Gas Ration Books Provided by Mail

Holders of B, C, E, and R gasoline rations are now provided with a method of renewing expired ration books by mail. The Office of Price Administration said this week that local boards will mail out application forms to persons whose rations are expiring, and permit answers by mail.

Dr. Easley Ordered To Navy Duty

With a rating of surgeon, Lieut. Clifford E. Easley, physician and surgeon here for the past five years, was ordered to active duty with the Navy last Friday as the Navy Department began staffing the new Naval hospital in Long Beach. He is now on two weeks leave and will report for duty Feb. 15. Dr. Easley will continue to reside at his home in Hollywood Riviera.

Point Rationing Starts March 1 Sales to Stop

If you eat—and who doesn't it?—there are three dates yo must remember: Public sale of canned fruits and vegetables w stop throughout the nation at midnight, Feb. 20, and will resum on a tightly rationed point basis March 1; registration for th new point-ration Book Two will begin Feb. 22 at local elementar schools and continue for s days.

These official dates were a nounced yesterday by the Offi of Price Administration. Th order also applies to all froze fruits and vegetables, drie fruits—(but not dried veget bles)—canned soups and canne baby foods. The eight days b tween Feb. 20 and March 1 w be used for two purposes.

Tell Point Values

Grocers will stock their store mark point values and train er ployees; and you, Mr. and Mr John Public, may use that p riod to line up at the schoo to get your new ration book Everyone who has War Ratio Book No. 1 for sugar and co fee will be entitled to the ne book which will also be us about April 1 for meat ratio ing.

Sometime during those eig days, also, O.P.A will announ what the point values of diffe ent cans will be worth durin March (values may change fro month to month).

March Allowance

For March, the first ration p riod, the housewife will have points for every member of th family to spend on rationed goods.

Before getting the new ratio book, however, each family w have to declare how many ca the family had on hand on Fe 21. From this number will subtracted five cans for eve person in the family, and co pons from the new book will torn out for any cans in exce of five per person.

How Much Coffee?

However, this count of ca will exclude home-canned goo and certain types of nonration cans such as canned olives jellies and all cans containi less than eight ounces (most small cans of baby food).

The rationing clerk will wa one other piece of information the amount of coffee the fami had on hand last Nov. 28, wh coffee rationing started. Tho who last Nov. 28 had more th one pound of coffee will ha some coffee stamps remov from their sugar-coffee ratio books.

Volunteers are Needed at Ration Board

"Help! Help!" exclaimed F. W. Daniels, chief clerk of the Torrance War Price and Rationing Board at his offices in the Torrance County Health Center bldg., today.

"I want volunteer help and plenty of it to take care of the rush we're going to get starting Feb. 22 when registration for the new point-ration book starts at Torrance and Lomita schools," he continued. "We can use anyone who will be so kind as to donate a couple of hours or more a day to handle the big job ahead."

Daniels also pointed out that March 1 is when B and C gasoline ration books expire and new ones are to be issued thus doubling the load on the local ration board which is located on the second floor of the County Health Center bldg., at 2300 Carson st.

Volunteers should phone or call at the Ration Board to leave their names, addresses, phone numbers and when they can assist with the work.

Motorists who have B or C books should apply as soon as possible for new books—don't wait until the last day—in order to be certain of getting them. They should merely call at the ration board's headquarters and reaffirm previous statements or make any necessary changes in their first application blank and ask for the renewal of their extra mileage allotment.

War Industries Map Drive on Local Bottlenecks

After completing the duration organization of the Torrance War Industries Committee, 14 representatives of the major plants at once began an attack on two of three objectives of their group Tuesday afternoon at the city hall. They heard a report from J. H. Clark, Jr., supervisor of industrial relations for the Columbia Steel Co., on the progress of his sub-committee's transportation survey and decided to make every effort to obtain a conference on the housing needs of the area with the top man of the National Housing Agency—John B. Blandford, national director.

Whether, or not the Committee succeeds in contacting Blandford, who is due in Los Angeles soon for one public appearance—before the Los Angeles Realty Board on Feb. 12—it will proceed with plans for close cooperation with Pat MacDonneil, city housing coordinator, in his efforts to obtain more housing here.

F. L. Landon, public relations supervisor for the Aluminum Corp's. Torrance plant, was named permanent chairman and E. T. Reynolds, personnel manager of the Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corp., was elected secretary. They had been serving as temporary chairman and secretary since the Committee was first proposed here Jan. 20.

By-Laws Adopted

As members of the executive committee, the organization elected Donald E. Blasdel, industrial relations manager for Doak Aircraft; J. H. Clark, Jr., of Columbia Steel; M. J. Murphy, Jr., assistant manager of the General Petroleum's transportation department, and M. T. Davis, personnel manager of the Dicalite Co.

By-laws were adopted which declare the Committee's chief aims are "to improve the local manpower situation through primary consideration of housing and transportation and anything else related to these subjects in Torrance." Membership in the Committee is limited to plants in this area who give a spokesman full written authority to

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This Is Last Day to File for Auto Plates

Today is the last day up which you may file applicatio for your 1943 license plates wit out paying heavy penalties.

There are two ways to f applications: One is to take yo 1942 registration card and fee the Torrance branch of the D partment of Motor Vehicles 1879 Carson st., before 5 p. m the other is to apply by ma forwarding your 1942 registr tion card and money order cashier's check for the amou of your fee.

Applications may be sent mail to branch offices of t department in Long Beach Los Angeles. Such applicatio will be honored without pena ties if they show a postma earlier than midnight tonig Feb. 4.

If you mail your applicati be sure that the postal autho ities get it in time to put Feb. 4 postmark on it. Th is the last call! It is to yo interest to act now and avo penalties!

Draft Board Making Census Check of Files

Clerks at Selective Servi Board No. 280, under directi of Mrs. Doris Watson, ch clerk, are engaged in completi a big job—a census of the nu ber of men in each draft clas fication in this district. T Board has a file of approxima ly 10,000 men and this must surveyed in detail to accum late the data desired by t National Selective Service A ministration.

The first USO club was oper early in 1941 at Anniston, A bama.

Why Point Ration System Was Chosen

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Point rationing for the distribution of processed foods was chosen because it conforms as nearly as possible with American standards, Harry Camp, Regional OPA Director, explained this week.

Camp gave the following three considerations as fundamental among those which led to the selection of point rationing as a means of carrying out the task:

1. It leaves the consumer as free as consistent with the necessity of rationing as to when, what and where she buys.

2. It reduces the regulation burden to as little as is consistent with the necessary control, and it does not freeze existing commercial relationships.

3. It is the simplest method devised for the rationing of a large number of commodities, eliminating a vast number of records and reports which would be required by other systems. It saves time and man hours of work, both for the consumer and the distributor.

Camp said that other countries had attempted to handle the rationing of many commodities under individual systems for related groups and that the attempt to correlate the items in any one group had proved so cumbersome that the system was deemed impracticable.

Differs From England

Alternatives to the system, he continued, all appear to be too burdensome. In England, for instance, each food consumer must register at a store and do all his purchasing at that one store. This proved satisfactory in England, Camp pointed out because nearly all food in that country is imported and is now owned by the state. The state apportions each store its food according to the number of its customers and it then becomes the responisbility of the store keeper to see that the food is distributed equitably among his customers.

Processed foods to be covered by point rationing — the first program to be launched using war ration book two—will include canned, bottled and frozen vegetables, fruits and juices; dried fruits, and all soups.