

WALTERIANS CIRCULATE PETITIONS ASKING QUANDT WATER SYSTEM APPRAISAL

While Neece ave., residents this week renewed a protest of long standing against the use of the street by heavy oil trucks which are battering the thin pavement, petitions are being circulated that may bring an end to the flooding of that same street by the overflow from the Quandt water supply system's Walteria tank.

The petition, already signed by more than 200 residents, requests the City Council to have the water works appraised with a view to having the city purchase it.

The system is offered the city by C. H. Quandt for \$42,500.

George B. Thatchen, one of the petition circulators, has obtained more than 110 signatures up to Monday night. Other copies of the petition, he said, contain nearly 100 names. About 50 more were needed as of yesterday.

Residents on Neece ave., take the view that the pavement has been severely damaged by frequent flooding and the street has become a kind of a creek.

Oil truck operators a year ago promised to suspend operations over Neece, strictly a residential street, and route their trucks via Hawthorne Blvd., a main thoroughfare. During recent weeks a huge tank truck and trailer, both laden, have been driven repeatedly over the thin surface.

Pvt. Vita Peebles On Duty at ATC Fairfield Base

Pvt. Vita B. Peebles has been assigned to duty at the Air Transport Command's Fairfield-Suisun Army air base, it was announced by Lt. Col. Arthur W. Stephenson, commanding officer.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Bertie Thompson of 1414 Cravens st., Torrance and entered the army on July 29, 1944. Prior to her entrance into the Army, she was a clerk-typist in Los Angeles.

While at this base, Pvt. Peebles' duties will directly aid in the successful execution of the mission of this ATC installation: to funnel American aircraft and skilled air crews into the strategically important Pacific theater of operations.

Lt. J. R. Herlett Is Missing on German Front

(Continued from Page 1-A) An infantry platoon leader, that he was reported missing in action.

Mrs. Katherine Herlett and their young daughter reside in Los Angeles.

Lieutenant Herlett formerly worked for the Torrance Herald, coming from his birthplace in Carry, Penn., about 12 years ago. He had been in the army for two and one-half years and went to Fort Benning for officers' training school after 13 weeks at Camp Roberts.

He worked for the Bank of America in Torrance at the time of his induction.

As an infantry officer, Lieutenant Herlett had much to say of the valor of the toughboys. In his last letter to Miss Irene Mills, of Torrance high school, he was high in his praise for the infantrymen. The letter, mailed Oct. 27, 1944, said in part:

"I would like to say that all you can read or hear told about the front line soldier in these rifle companies is still not enough to give you the correct imagination of how he lives. He owns only what he is wearing which consists of O.D. fatigues over the top, field jacket, raincoat and overcoat, and recently overshoes. His writing materials (when he can get them) and picture he carries inside his shirt along with his Bible (you'll be glad to know that most men carry one); his shaving articles and toothbrush are carried in his pockets, usually carries a spoon to eat with and anything else he wants he carries in his pockets (the conglomeration equal to a woman's purse).

"He sleeps in a hole with a buddy and they have four blankets between them; they don't smoke or talk loud at night, and usually one man to a hole is on guard. No fires in the daytime. When you sleep it with all your clothes on and if you're wet, you sleep with wet clothes on. The things you have to look forward to from day to day are warm show (might have to walk a half a mile, squatted at a time, to get it) letters from home, Stars and Stripes (G.I. paper) and a ration consisting of cigarettes, candy bar, stick of gum about two out of three days.

"When it rains, and it does often, lots of holes fill up with water and so you just dig another.

"He's a rugged guy, that infantryman and deserves a world of credit because he lives the most inconvenient life of any."

His family is hopeful that Lieutenant Herlett will be reported safe at a later date.



MAJOR NOW . . . Norman G. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Schlieper of 1917 218th st., has been promoted from captain to major at his A.A.F. base in England where he serves as a staff officer. Crawford received his commission as lieutenant at Miami, Fla., Officers' Training School and left for overseas in March, 1943.

Willett, McCall To Aid Legal Fight on Schools

(Continued from Page 1-A) ly equipped. A completely equipped wood shop is a part of the manual arts department.

The cafeteria is well-lighted, cheerfully decorated, with adequate seating capacity in the dining room. During the summer, the cooks are employed to can seasonal fruits and vegetables for cafeteria use.

Huntington Beach high school and elementary schools each maintain an indoor swimming pool, under proper instruction. Tiered seats along one side allow for spectators to watch swimming events, water polo and other sports. In connection, a school-operated laundry provides towels and swim suits for the students. Big, fine boys and girls gymnasiums also are maintained.

An auditorium to seat 1450, with two grand pianos, is maintained, 12 tennis courts are now in use, and six more laid out, and transportation is provided for students in outlying districts in nine school-owned and operated buses.

Teachers are paid from \$1950 to \$3243 a year, an average being \$2632. The school board for the high school district consists of three industrial managers and two business men.

Torrance Misses Much Reports on several other districts are being secured, Mrs. Carr said, to show what Torrance could have if it had the say of running its own schools and spending its own money.

Torrance, after years of letting Los Angeles spend its tax and state support for schools funds is at last awakening to what it has missed," Mrs. Carr said. "Not only have we been getting only \$1 back for \$2 given to Los Angeles for the schools, but we have not had the \$1 wisely spent.

"Torrance, the tenth wealthiest city of Los Angeles county, the wealthiest per capita, should have the finest school system in Los Angeles county.

"We intend to see that we have it," she continued, "and at a saving in money to the taxpayers. Other districts do it, we can too.

"Our children should have the very best in educational facilities and opportunities. That is our purpose."

The Torrance Parents' Association will meet on next Thursday evening, Dec. 14, at 7:45 o'clock, with friends of the movement invited. The meeting will be in the City Council chamber.

HITOSHI SUMINAGA . . . a private, 1/6, serving with Co. I of the 442nd Infantry Battalion, after sightseeing in Italy when he visited Naples and Pompeii was transferred to France. Now his name is on the official government list as "wounded in action." Hitoshi was graduated from Torrance high school in Winter 1936, after having served in athletics, where he was particularly outstanding in basketball.

Meier, New 'Y' Secretary Here For Youth Work

(Continued from Page 1-A) at the 1932 Toronto world youth conference, received scholarships to the University of Toledo for four years, specializing in sociology, philosophy and psychology. From the University of Chicago's school of social service administration, he received the master of arts degree.

"In order to give the citizens an opportunity of becoming more familiar with the program of the Y.M.C.A. we are arranging to present Mr. Meier, together with his program, to the citizens of this community at a dinner meeting to be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the guild hall of Central church, corner of Marcelina and Arlington aves. We take this opportunity of extending this invitation to all who are interested and suggest that you phone your reservation to the Torrance Service Center not later than Monday, Dec. 11, by calling Torrance 1405. The price of the dinner will be \$1 in order to defray expenses. A good program has been arranged with a very fine speaker coming to us from Los Angeles, who will present the aims and ideals and program of the Y.M.C.A. and its benefits to a community such as ours.

arrived and is on the job, and ready to confer with all persons interested in the work of the building of character among our citizens.

"Meier, having been here only a few days, has made a very favorable impression upon those with whom he has come in contact, and the committee feels that his work will depend somewhat upon the enthusiastic reception and acceptance by the citizens of this city. The committee urges your attendance."

FRED C. MARSTELLER . . . serving in A.A.F., where he is attached to a bomber group, has been advanced to sergeant according to his brother Carl Marsteller here.

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COST OF ELECTRICITY

Shoreline Plan Meeting to be Held Dec. 8

The second Pre-Legislature Conference on the state-wide shore and beach program will be held on Dec. 8, 1944, at 2 p.m., room 244, State Bldg., San Francisco, according to an announcement of G. B. Morgan, president of the Shoreline Planning Association of California, Inc.

State senators and assemblymen, state officials, county supervisors, city officials, planning directors, chambers of commerce and associations, newspapers, all have been notified, invited and urged to attend, he said.

Purpose, Morgan said, is to give our legislators an opportunity to discuss all phases of the shore and beach program, including acquisition, development, improvement, maintenance, protection and erosion. To have them express their views on this whole state-wide program and to make their suggestions as to any legislation. No definite proposals will be presented by this association because this is a conference.

"It is most desirable that further recommendations and suggestions be made by the legislators as to procedure and legislation for the 1945 session of the legislature. This will be a conference in every sense of the word."

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