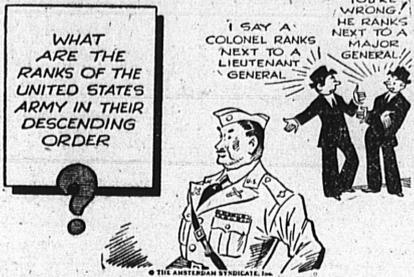


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A new, more efficient and economical fuel tablet for heating combat rations has been adopted by the Army.

Y. M. C. A. MEETING
The Torrance Y. M. C. A. Board of Managers will meet at Christy's Cafe today at noon to discuss organization plans.

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State P.T.A. Group Backs Schools Week

Advanced planning for the observance of Public Schools Week in Torrance took concrete form with a meeting of various representative citizens at Torrance Elementary school Wednesday morning. Attending were: Jean Davis, Business and Professional Women; Mrs. B. J. Michels, Waleria P. T. A.; Mrs. H. R. Lee, Torrance P. T. A.; Mrs. Ruth S. Fischer, Waleria school; Mrs. Ruth C. Kasten, Fern Avenue P. T. A.; Mrs. W. E. Bowen, Torrance Elementary P. T. A.; Rev. H. Wesley Roloff, Ministerial Union; A. C. Golden, Torrance Masons; B. J. Michels, Waleria Community Service Council; Harry B. Lewis, Chamber of Commerce; Hillman R. Lee, Torrance Service Center; Mary Charlotte Waddell, principal; Dorothy Barkley, and Genevieve Marsh, all of Fern Avenue school; Julia L. McManus, Mrs. R. R. Perry, Phyllis Knorr, and Helen Wood Cole all of Torrance Elementary School; B. J. Strand, principal, Torrance Elementary School.

Pledging their cooperation to the coming observance of public schools week, beginning April 23 in the same manner that they have cooperated in each succeeding year since the inauguration of public schools week over a quarter of a century ago, the California Congress of Parents and Teachers, through Mrs. J. J. Garland, state president, Los Angeles, in a public statement here today reminded the people of California that a primary object of the week was to have parents and others interested visit their neighborhood schools.

Mrs. Garland said further: "The California Congress of Parents and Teachers is looking forward to the 26th annual observance of public schools week, which will be celebrated during the week beginning April 23. "Every year as the month of April approaches, parents and other interested citizens are invited to visit the schools in their

Hancock Group Will Play at Torrance High

The Hancock Ensemble will visit Torrance High school for the third time on March 20. This ensemble, a group of outstanding concert artists, comes through the courtesy of the Hancock Foundation of the University of Southern California. Captain Hancock, cellist in the group, is president of the board of trustees of the university and director of the Hancock Foundation for Scientific Research. Concerts of the ensemble feature soloists from its own ranks and very often other artists of world wide fame. Its field covers all of Southern California and during the past few years the group has given more than 300 radio concerts and has presented some 400 concerts at school, colleges, communities and training centers for the Army and Navy. It is a non-profit, non-commercial organization devoted to the development of musical culture in America. The concert will be given at 9:45 in the high school auditorium and the public is cordially invited.

MONTY B. MOORE... a water tender, 3/c, arrived in Seattle, Feb. 21, from Pacific duty. In a telephone conversation with his mother, Mrs. R. E. Moore, he reported his plans to leave for Williamsburg, Va., for a six weeks special Annapolis Navy Academy preparatory course.

respective localities. "Great credit is due to our school executives in California who have cheerfully cooperated by arranging for programs and demonstrations in their respective schools, and to the classroom teachers who have planned for conferences with the parents at this particular time. "The stress of the war effort has been felt in our schools and it is especially important now that our people renew their annual contacts with the schools so that they may more thoroughly appreciate the splendid manner in which the public schools have met their share in the problem."

Opening of Model Race Car Season Set for Sunday

The opening race of the Torrance Model Race Car club was rained out Sunday, but if the race dates of the visiting clubs do not conflict, the event will be held next Sunday, March 11, with Ontario, Pomona, Inglewood, and Long Beach clubs participating. This is the first race for the Torrance track since being built by the City of Torrance at Cabrillo and Plaza del Amo. Miniature car racing is not a sport but is a hobby, sponsored under national club rules, and is a non-profit and non-professional organization. These clubs are for all persons interested in the hobby, the only requirements being ownership of a miniature race car.

No club may charge admission nor sell any merchandise. These clubs are located in all the principal cities in the United States and are in city parks or readily accessible grounds. The eastern states have, at the present time, the most tracks, but all of the world's records are held in California, according to Secretary Bob Strath. Contrary to the opinion of most people, one does not have to be a mechanic by trade, as more than 75 per cent of the members of clubs all over the country are doctors, lawyers and business men, in all types of endeavor and even housewives have found it to be a very pleasant hobby, Strath said.

The Torrance Club has been asked to hold the national worlds record race this year in June, the exact date to be announced later. The local club officers are: President A. W. Finch, Vice-President George Williams, Secretary and Treasurer Strath, and Steward Merlin Cooke. Strath of the Carsonmart, has taken the duties of secretary-treasurer temporarily, while Bob Smith is in the Navy some where in the South Pacific.

Anyone interested or wishing information regarding miniature car racing may contact any of the club officers Strath said. "This club is for the pleasure of all residents of Torrance and vicinity. If you don't own a miniature car, come anyway and enjoy the laughs and fun." The holder of the world's record of 112 miles per hour, Dick McCoy of Pomona, will be here Sunday along with a host of past record holders.

Cars are listed in four classes as follow: Spur gear; streamliners; prototype and experimental. Only three types of tracks are accepted, 70 foot, 84 foot and 105 foot. The Torrance track is an 84 foot type, 20 laps totaling one mile. All time is recorded by an electric timer.

Committee Is Named for Troop 219 of Scouts

A special committee has been appointed by the Torrance Kiwanis Club which will take an active part in the club's sponsorship of the local Boy Scout Troop No. 219. The members selected are Bill Kelley, chairman; Ray Begue, Ryan Darggett, Keith Jones and Dr. Howard Wood. Under present plans, the troop will be expanded under the leadership of Kelley and an invitation is extended to boys in the Torrance area of 12 years of age and over to join. Application blanks may be secured at the Torrance Service Center, corner of Cravens and Post. These are to be mailed to Bill Kelley, 2410 Carson, Torrance. At the Monday night meeting of the club, Kelley was formally inducted into membership.

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Shoemaker to Address Group at Waleria

Charles H. Shoemaker, field supervisor of the co-ordinating councils of Los Angeles County, will give a talk to the residents of Waleria on Sunday, March 11, at the Waleria Elementary School auditorium, for the purpose of acquainting them with the work of the council in their own community and how they may help in the work. After the talk there will be an informal discussion by all attending with Mr. Shoemaker having all the answers regarding the juvenile delinquency problem pertaining to our particular community. The talk is sponsored by the Waleria Community Service Council.

Finals in Rotary Spelling Bee Set For March 13, 14

The high schools finals for the spelling bee, sponsored by the Torrance Rotary club, will be held March 13 and 14 in the high school auditorium. The junior high will compete in March 13 and the senior high on March 14. The preliminary contests were held in the English and senior problems classes during the past week. The winners will receive a \$5 award. The winners will compete at a Rotary meeting for a prize of a \$25 war bond. The entire project is under the leadership of Leonard Green of the social studies department.

HARVEY FLAMMER... with a tank corps now fighting on the western front, has been promoted to corporal, he writes to his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Flammer, 2028 Gramercy ave.

Verdie Presley First Lieutenant

Verdie B. Presley, whose home address is 2085 Lomita blvd, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant at the Infantry Replacement Training Center, Camp Fannin, Tex., where he is a member of Company B, 62nd Battalion, 13th Training Regiment.

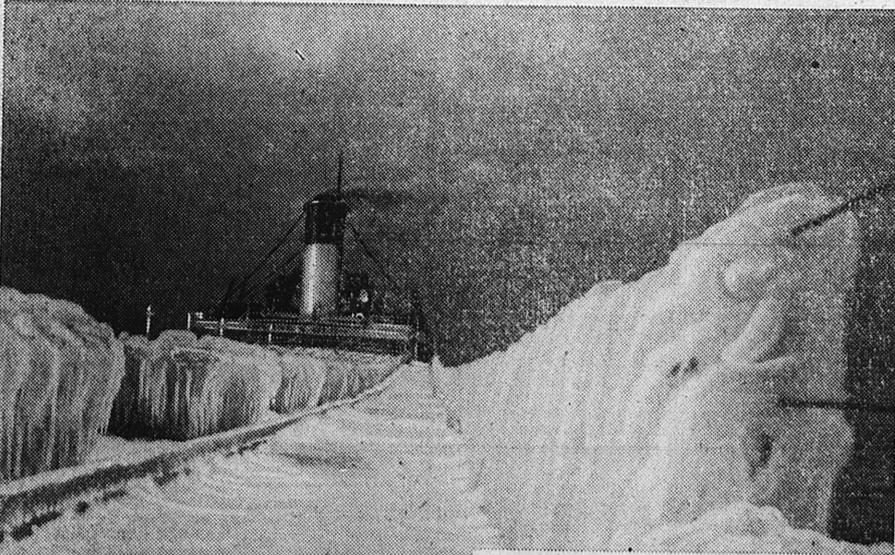
CLIFFORD M. TREZISE... electrician's mate, 2/c, arrived today from his base at Newport, R.I., for a 10 days visit with his mother, Mrs. Irma Trezise.

ISU NOTES
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