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## Ivan A. Thorson Organization Will Handle Sale Of Industrial Tract

The Ivan A. Thorson organization, Los Angeles industrial development firm, will handle the sale of the Harbor Industrial Center tract in Torrance acquired last week by Merlyn Teskey and associates.

Teskey, who operates the Teskey Transportation Co., of Los Angeles, purchased 236 acres of the old Dominguez tract between 190th St. and 202nd St., Western and Arlington Avenues.

Former Mayor William H. Tolson, realty broker, handled the transaction and will represent the Thorson organization in Torrance, it was said.

Teskey has been in conference with representatives of the Santa Fe Railroad and Pacific Electric Company, relative to construction of spur tracks to serve the big tract which will be subdivided into industrial sites of not less than five acres. He also conferred with city officials relative to opening of Arlington Avenue, west of the tract and regarding water, sewer and utility and street services.

The land was acquired from H. H. Cotton, representing the Dominguez Estate Company, and it was the first time the tract had changed hands since the King of Spain granted it to Don Juan Jose Dominguez 100 years ago.

It will mean an eventual increase in assessed valuation to Torrance of more than \$25,000, Tolson said.



**COMPLETES TRAINING . . .**  
Pvt. Richard R. Dahm, son of Alfred H. Dahm, 18319 S. Western Ave., has completed his basic training at Fort Bliss, Tex., and is being assigned to occupation troops overseas. The 18-year-old soldier was inducted into the Army last Jan. 24. He will be attached to an aircraft unit.

## PETITIONERS ASK APPOINTMENT OF PUEBLO DIRECTOR

A petition bearing more than 60 names of residents of the Pueblo district asking that Manuel Alvarez be appointed a deputy recreation director for the playground there will be placed before the City Council Tuesday. Alvarez has had a great deal of training in competitive sports and has plans for an extensive program there, it was said.

## ALL GUNS BLAZING

"With all the guns of its combatant ships, auxiliary and coast Guard vessels blazing at once, the Navy could in 1945 hurl destruction-packing steel at the rate of 4,500 tons in 15 seconds, or the equivalent of 112 freight carloads of steel."—Steel in the War.

## New Sales Tax For Los Angeles Taking Effect

Los Angeles' new 1 1/2-cent sales tax and tax on fabricators and processors will become effective next Saturday, and the tax on occupation and professions on May 27.

City Sales Tax Permits are being mailed out to each individual firm or corporation in the city, including those of the shoe-string strip east of Torrance Harbor City and the Harbor district, and those not receiving them shortly should contact the City Clerk's license division, Room 1, City Hall, Los Angeles.

The City Sales Tax Return Forms will be mailed June 15. The forms will provide for showing sales reported for the State sales tax, but with exemptions allowable under the city ordinance.

Returns will start July 1, to be made on a quarterly or monthly basis; the same as returns to the State. Sellers will have a period of 30 days after the close of the period to make remittances, which, if not made, entail a penalty of 10 per cent, and 5 per cent additional for each month up to 50 per cent.

The tax on fabricators and processors is \$12 a year on the first \$12,000 or less of gross annual receipts, and \$1 for each additional \$1000 or fraction thereof. Nonpayments will go delinquent as of June 30, 1946.

At that time, for each \$1000 of 10 per cent and an additional 5 per cent of the original fee shall be added at the close of business on the last day of each calendar month thereafter, up to 50 per cent.

The tax on occupations and professions and penalties will be the same as for fabricators and processors, except that it becomes effective May 27. In both cases statements showing gross annual receipts in 1945 will be required before issuance of 1946 licenses.

## Teaching Japs To Respect Women, Soldier's Task

The better part of Technical Sergeant John Olgin's off-duty time in Tokyo was spent in teaching the Japanese men respect for Japanese women, he told Torrance Lions club members during their Tuesday luncheon meeting in the Civic auditorium.

Introduced by George P. Thatcher, Olgin explained 24 of his 100 or more medals secured while in Japan by barter and otherwise—one of which is of a type possessed only by General MacArthur and members of his staff.

Olgin's platoon was the first to enter Tokyo, raising the colors on MacArthur's headquarters; was first in Leyte and first into Manila. He is a San Pedro life guard.

It was announced by President Harry B. Lewis that election of officers will be held next Tuesday.

## TORRANCE ROTARY SPONSORS ANNUAL SPELLING CONTEST

The annual spelling contest sponsored by the Torrance Rotary Club has high school students busy learning hard words as a number of ambitious aspirants seek to win the Rotary prize.

English teachers are sending the names of the best spellers in each class to Leonard Green who is the school director of the contest.

Those students have been given a list of the "spelling demons" to master. The spell-down will begin with these words and then a second list of harder words will be used.

The semi-finals will be May 13 for the Junior High and May 14 for the Senior High. The best two spellers from each contest will compete before the Rotary Club on the 16th of May.

The winner last year was Beverly Wernett, with Frances Parry second.

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