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John D. Farner, S 2/c, 1323 Amapola ave., recently received his discharge from the Navy at Great Lakes, Ill.



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Building permits issued in Torrance during the past week total \$2,850, according to building department records. Building for the month of May totaled \$106,865 as compared with \$3,149,405 for the same month in 1945. Total building for this year up to and including May 31 are \$1,161,537 as compared to \$3,396,570 for the first five month period of last year. Permits were issued this week to the following:
Carl L. Cheadle, 812 Crenshaw Blvd., private garage, \$500.
Star Furniture Co., 1255 Sartori ave., neon sign, \$500.
Great Lakes Carbon Co., 21615 Madrona ave., 250 gallon fuel storage tank, \$400.
E. H. Reece, 2310 Sierra st., addition to residence and utility house, \$1,150.

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John D. Farner, S 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Farner, 1323 Amapola ave., arrived here last week following service in the Navy since 1942. Farner was in the Navy V-12 and later resigned as aviation cadet. He served aboard a PBM Navy flying boat in the Atlantic on search and rescue missions in addition to submarine patrol.

STORKatorials

Children born in the Torrance Memorial hospital, among others during the past week, are the following:
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Axness, 1028 1/2 Amapola ave., boy, June 1, 10:02 p.m.
Mr. and Mrs. William Kanatsky, Torrance, boy, June 2, 2:35 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lilling, 707 Cota ave., girl, June 3, 2:30 a.m.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ross, 1537 W. 220th st., boy, June 1, 12:50 a.m.

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Modern Weapons Of War Soon Made Obsolete

Ten years from now, we will be able to fly west and see the sun going down in the rear view mirror constantly, Comdr. J. W. LaFollette, U.S.N., told members of the Torrance Lions club in regular session Tuesday night in the Civic Auditorium.
"We are living in a 'Buck Rogers' age, and the weapons used on Okinawa a year ago now are obsolete," the commander declared before introducing a Navy film of the battle of Okinawa entitled "The Fleet that Came to Stay."

The commander declared that the war is not over; that peace is not declared, and that men of fortitude and determination are needed to guide the destiny of this nation to preserve it in a state of preparedness against the unknown weapons of future wars.

In a talk on recruiting of young men of good health and above average intelligence for U.S. Navy duty, he declared that electronics and tracking by radar offer the only defense against the weapons of war so far developed, such as the new rockets and other devices. The commander credited the V-T fuse, known as the "proximity fuse" with winning the Battle of the Bulge, turning the tide of the war. The device, a military secret just released, sought out the German tanks and destroyed them to break the deadly hold the Nazis had on the Allied forces during this battle.

J. E. Smith, director of the Harbor General Hospital, Torrance, was a guest of the club for the meeting, together with H. C. Barrington, whose daughter, Frances, "Miss Torrance of 1946," was the entry of the Torrance Beauty contest conducted by District 7, Lions International, comprising clubs of California and Nevada, in the Shrine Auditorium last night.

Delegates to the convention of the district, of which the contest was a part, are President Harry B. Lewis, Secretary Frank S. Sclover, 1st Vice President Rollin R. Smith, D.V.M., director and Don C. Moskos, M. D. George P. Thatcher arranged the program Tuesday.



SCENE FROM THE PLAY, "CALAMITY KIDS" . . . The Torrance Community Players are shown above in a scene from the second act of the three-act hit play to be presented by the Three Arts Studio, June 13, in the Civic Auditorium. Cast includes, left to right: Barbara Tossas as Bonnie Blue, a lovable pepper-pot; John Edens as Brad Rivers, who hates all girls; Margaret Vonderahe as Lorraine Ludlow, snobbish daughter; David Vonderahe, seated on floor, as Elmer Ludlow, the impish son; Leon Eason as Hezekiah Hoskins, "Hez," Em's worst half;

Mrs. Rose Jones as Emily Hoskins, "Em," who loves orphans; Joyce Dickerson as "Midge Starr" and George Larson as "Mickey Starr" (the Calamity Kids); Mrs. Nina Louise Fulford, seated on divan, as Opal Ludlow, the twins' aunt; Betty Faren as Clara Clagg, with a nose for news and who is seen "pressuring" the twins' uncle, Gideon Garvey, played by Joseph Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Rickard, looking over the scene, are the directors and producers of the play.

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"The Calamity Kids," a farce in three acts by Jay Toblas, author of "Balmi Knights," "Double Wedding" and many other, fine plays, will be presented by the Torrance Community Players June 11 and 12 at the Three Arts Studio. On June 13 at the Civic Auditorium the Lions club will sponsor the play as a 100 percent charity benefit. All proceeds of the auditorium performance will go to the Torrance Boys club.

"The Calamity Kids" is a fast-moving, three-act comedy. Emily and Hezekiah Hoskins, a laughable but lovable old couple, have spent their married life and most of their cash befriending homeless orphans. When the play opens, four orphans are living with the Hoskins: Bonnie Blue, a girl hitchhiker with a mysterious past; Brad Rivers, an impetuous college student, and Midge and Micky Starr, a pair of mischievous 13-year-old twins.

Spitfire Bonnie and hot-tempered Brad, sworn enemies, stage a duel with a coal shovel and a poker, which is a riot. The twins' relatives, tight-fisted Gideon Garvey and grasping Opal Ludlow, plan to separate Midge and Mickey and use them as servants. Taking the advice of Uncle "Hez," the twins play all manner of side-splitting tricks, in the hopes their relatives will think them incorrigible and allow them to remain with the Hoskins.

Riotous situations pile up leaving the audience teetering on the edge of their chairs. And then there is a serious note: the Hoskins will lose home and orchard unless back taxes are paid before the end of the day. They are unable to borrow the money, but Emily firmly believes that God will save their home—perhaps in some mysterious way.

How Emily's faith is rewarded, how Bonnie and Brad discover they are in love, how the mean relatives of the twins are put to rout, will hand the audience a series of surprises which involve hilarious comedy and tense, dramatic action.

Other characters include snobbish Lorraine Ludlow, spoiled 15-year-old Elmer and Clara Clagg, a gossip spinster. This tender and appealing comedy, tempered with lively humor and touches of pathos, is warranted to remove every wrinkle from both head and heart.

Martha Jane Rickard and Edward Thomas Rickard, directors of the Torrance Community Players are very happy to present "The Calamity Kids," their first play in Torrance. Mr. and Mrs. Rickard were benefited greatly in the direction of the play through the fine training they received at the Pasadena Playhouse, the school of the theatre, the Hollywood Village School, U.C.L.A. and also schools in the East. Plans are being made now for the next play to be presented by the Torrance Community Players.

DRUNK DRIVER

Robert Dickinson, sailor stationed at the San Francisco Navy Base, pleaded guilty before City Judge John Shidler Tuesday for drunk driving. Dickinson was fined \$150 with \$100 of that amount suspended. His driver's license was suspended for thirty days.



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Bridal Shower For Wanda Butler Is Given Friday

Mrs. Charles B. Dunham and her daughter Marge entertained last Friday evening with a bridal shower for Wanda Butler, who will be married June 30 to Marion Yandell, recently discharged from the U. S. Marine Corps.

The Dunham home had been very attractively decorated for the occasion with white stock, blue delphinium and white wedding bells. The refreshment table was centered with white carnations, ferns and white tapers in crystal holders.

Bridal shower games were the evening diversion and later Miss Butler opened her many gifts, placed on a gift table which was centered with a white crepe paper umbrella with a miniature bride standing under it.

The guests included the honored guest and her mother, Mrs. S. O. Butler, of Thermal, California; Miss Carol DeBra, of Pasadena; Misses Novella Stone, Joan Butcher, Janet Anderson, of Los Angeles; Alice Dorn, Mary Olive Jones, Aloy Marshall, Mesdames Donald L. Ward, C. E. Stephens, C. Langdon, Robert Farren, all of Torrance; LeRoy Block, Bellflower; Joy M. Kenworthy, North Hollywood; Grace E. Shemberger, Long Beach.

Miss Butler, who formerly attended Torrance high school and is well known here, now resides in Thermal, California. The wedding will take place at the Baptist church in Lincoln Heights, Los Angeles.

Volleyball For Business And Industrial Men

The industrial committee of the Torrance YMCA announces the inauguration of a volleyball program for business and industrial men. Sessions will be held every Tuesday afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock at the Torrance high school gymnasium. Facilities for dressing and showering have been made available for those participating. This activity has been directed to all who have "gotten out of trim" and feel the need for systematic exercise. All are invited. Those interested should contact Ted Meier, local YMCA executive.

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