



**RECEIVED AWARD . . .** Merwin Jarratt, Torrance high school student body president, has a new honor in the three-and-a-half year scholarship to Loyola College received last Saturday. Outstanding for his athletic and musical prowess, this award caps a high school career marked by constant achievement. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jarratt of 2255 Carson st.

## Aviator Gets 90-Day Sentence For Low Flying

The aviator who walked away from his plane when it crashed April 27 after a stunting spree over Centinela park recently was sentenced to 90 days in county jail for low-flying antics. Appearing in Inglewood Justice Court where Friday he entered a plea of guilty to operation of an aircraft over congested area at less than 1000 feet altitude, 22-year-old Calvin H. Dehnert of Lawndale heard Judge Collamer A. Bridge pronounce the sentence and then suspend 60 days of it on the condition that Dehnert pay \$400 fine and give up flying for a period of six months. Dehnert and two teen-age passengers walked away from the offending plane after it crashed and burst into flames in front of 922 Chester ave., Inglewood. They received only minor injuries.

## Don't Mistake Plantains For Bananas

Confiscation of 2½ tons of plantains which were being sold as bananas by a roadside hawker in Los Angeles county brought a warning from Jonathan A. Kirkpatrick, chief food and drugs inspector for Los Angeles county health department, that this fruit should not be eaten raw but should be cooked.

Plantains resemble a small banana, the skin even turning dark as they mature. However, they do not become soft with age, as bananas do, and they are edible only if cooked, the chief inspector said.

If peddlers or fruit stands offer this imitation banana for sale as bananas in the Torrance health district, the buyer is requested to notify David W. Colfelt, area chief sanitarian of the district.

## Torrance Hospital Second Priority Revealed In \$80,000,000 Program

Expansion of Torrance Memorial hospital has been given No. II priority on the list for the \$80,000,000 building program recommended by the Los Angeles Countywide Hospital Survey, it was announced this week.

A new hospital for central Torrance was given priority V on the list.

Topping the priority I on the multi-million dollar program urged for the next three years, are a proposed new community general hospital for South Manhattan Beach; Westchester, Van Nuys and the Arcadia-Temple City area, and the U.C.L.A. medical teaching center.

Also in the priority No. 1 category advocated by James A. Hamilton, survey director, were expansion building programs for eight established hospitals.

The Los Angeles County-wide hospital survey completed last week after ten months' work, recommended \$80,000,000 in hospital construction here by 1950, another \$180,000,000 by 1970 to get abreast of population needs.

For the \$80,000,000 part of the program, Hamilton set up five different priority grades. These priorities, Hamilton said, were not based upon the individual community needs, but upon the amount of benefit which the entire community would derive from the construction.

Existing hospitals which were placed in the first priority list for bed additions were the California and Methodist and White Memorial hospitals in Los Angeles, the Long Beach Community and Seaside Memorial in Long Beach, St. Joseph hospital, Burbank, Murphy Memorial, Whittier and Mission hospital, Huntington Park.

Tentative first priority ratings were given for new units of Children's hospital and Orthopedic hospital, and the new construction of a cancer hospital provided that the institutions be operated in close connection with a Medical Center, affiliated with a medical school.

A proposed new hospital for Second avenue and Slauson Blvd. was placed in the second priority grouping, with the provision that it would receive first priority if the hospital is to be interracial.

Other priority groupings were: Priority II—New unit at Monte Sano hospital, new hospital in the city of San Fernando, a new medical service center for the north county area, and expansions of St. Francis, San Pedro, Torrance Memorial, St. John's, Cedars of Lebanon, Hollywood Presbyterian, Burbank, Huntington Memorial and Pomona Valley hospitals.

Priority III—New acute unit at Rancho Los Amigos and a new hospital at North Long Beach, and expansion of Good Samaritan, St. Vincent's, Santa Monica, Physicians and Surgeons, St. Luke's, Covina and St. Mary's hospitals.

Priority IV—New hospitals in Baldwin Hills, near Watts at 118th and Stanford, southeast Inglewood, Hollywood boulevard and Leland Way, Studio City, Altadena and Duarte, and expansion of Glendale Community and Harriman Jones hospitals, and the Santa Catalina Island Medical Service Center.

Priority V—New hospitals in West Compton, Wilmington Central Torrance and the San Gabriel Valley, and the proposed Memorial Medical Center in the Hollywood-Beverly Hills area and expansions of Behrens and Alhambra hospitals.

## Quarantine On Mussels Brings Market Inquiry

Sanitariums in the Los Angeles County Health department jurisdiction, of which Torrance is a part, are inspecting fish bait dealers' stock of mussels following the establishment of the annual quarantine by the California State department of health on all such shellfish taken from California coastal waters, Dr. Henry C. Smiley, Torrance District Health officer, announced.

According to the quarantine order, it is unlawful to take, sell or offer for sale mussels for human consumption from May 1 to Oct. 31. In using these fish for bait, they must be processed with salt and labeled "For Fish Bait Only"—Unfit for Human Consumption. Mussels should be removed from the shell before processing, and if sold in bulk, must be properly labeled as unfit for human consumption.

As a part of the quarantine order, a warning is issued regarding clams during the May 1 to Oct. 31 period. All dark parts should be discarded because poison, when present during these months, is concentrated in the dark parts. Only the white meat is edible during this time.

## Santa Fe Sues Pauley Over Land In Lawndale Area

Edwin W. Pauley, national political figure and prominent oil man, has been named defendant in a Superior court action involving a tract of land in the Lawndale area filed by the Santa Fe Land Improvement Company seeking damages of \$250,000.

The complaint lists some 75 defendants, individuals and companies, and states that the land is held unlawfully by Pauley, who had acquired alleged lease rights which plaintiff claims are no longer in effect.

Plaintiff says the lease became void as practically no oil has been produced from the property since December, 1945.

The court is asked to determine rights of both parties and also damages against defendant for refusing to surrender possession of the acreage purchased several years ago by the Santa Fe Company.

## Reserve Status Unhampered By National Guard

Ratings or non-commissioned rank held in the Organized Reserve Corps are in no way jeopardized by service in the National Guard, Lt. Col. Davis W. Campbell, commanding officer, 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, Torrance, said this week.

"Former members of the Organized Reserves, after separation from the National Guard, may be reappointed in the Reserves, without appearing before an examining board, in the highest grade held in either the National Guard or Reserves.

"The only requirements for re-appointment are that application must be made to the Adjutant General, at the War department, within 60 days after separation from the National Guard; that the applicant be physically qualified; that he be within the age-grade requirements; and that his service with the National Guard has been honorable," Colonel Campbell said.

## LAYING OF CAST IRON PIPE WILL START IN WALTERIA

Laying of some 6,400 feet of cast iron water pipe in the Southwest Torrance system embraced in Municipal Water District No. 1 will start in June, according to Water Department Manager William Stanger.

It is expected that the steel pipe to be used in connecting the Walteria section with the Metropolitan Water District lines in Lomita will be received by that time, it was said.

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