

SMALL FARMS
About 80 per cent of Costa Rica's cultivated land is owned in small holdings of 10 to 100 acres.

Walteria News Notes

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A repeat performance of the Christmas cantata, "The Child of Bethlehem," by the Wayside Chapel Choir of the Lomita Community Methodist Church was given Sunday night, December 30. This second presentation was well received and enjoyed by those attending the service. The program was under the direction of James Flagg and was held at the Walteria recreation hall during an evening service of the Walteria Community Church. Soloists for the evening were Gene Miller, bass; Charles Renck, tenor; Paul Thacker, tenor; Elizabeth Creasey, soprano; Zella Butterfield, alto; Mrs. Cora Sedelmaier accompanied.

Mrs. Marguerite Sanders and her sons of Ward street arrived home from San Francisco last week after spending a pleasant week with their husband and father Gilbert Sanders Jr. The family had Christmas dinner aboard "Sandy's" ship, the USS Sitka Bay.

Miss Marian Crovella, who is another of our young people in the armed services, returned home for a leave during the holiday season. She is stationed in Texas.

An Inspirational candlelight

service greeted the new year at midnight New Year's Eve for members and friends of the Walteria Methodist Church. Sponsored by the MYF, the evening began with a chili supper at 8:30 and continued with two hours of recreation for old and young. This was followed by the community "Sing" which began at 11:30 and continued until the arrival of the new year.

Leigh Harline, son of Mrs. Lorine Harline, Los Cados avenue, arrived home on Tuesday, Christmas Day, for the holidays. He left Sunday, December 30, for Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he is stationed with the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mosley, Ward street, spent Christmas Day at the home of E. H. Miller of Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mills, Danaha street, spent Christmas with their new son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Los Angeles.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell on Christmas Day were Mrs. Helen Ziemer, Mr. James Finley, Mrs. Lawrence Ziemer, Mrs. Margaret Dowd.

John B. Swartz Dies at Age 78

Death last Friday claimed John Bright Swartz, 78, a retired carpenter who had lived here for the past five years. Mr. Swartz died at his home, 2247 West 230th street.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Stone and Myers Chapel, with Rev. C. E. Miller of the First Methodist Church interment was in Inglewood Park cemetery.

Mr. Swartz is survived by his wife, Ida M. Swartz, who lived at the 230th street address; three daughters, Mrs. Beva G. Tapley, 2249 West 230th street; Mrs. Eva W. Dieckrich, of Lomita and Mrs. Vera E. O'Kelly of Whittier, and two brothers, Guy J. and Ora E. Swartz, both of Byron, Nebraska.

FLOWER NAME

The Zinnia is named after a Mexican botanist, J. G. Zinn.

Robert Wyatt Given Bronze Star Medal

Pfc Robert L. Wyatt of 931 Sartori, Torrance, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device for heroic achievement while fighting with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

Wyatt, a member of the 15th Field Artillery Battalion, distinguished himself last August 28 in the vicinity of Tumilli, Korea. With his unit surrounded by a numerically superior enemy, he realized that the forward observer, in an advanced position, was in need of a radio.

Wyatt voluntarily left his position of comparative safety to deliver the radio to his officer. As a result of his action, U.N. artillery fire was directed upon the enemy and his unit was able to continue action.

Bids Opened For Beach Guard Station

Awarding of a contract for construction of a lifeguard station at Torrance beach is expected to be made this week by the Board of Supervisors.

Bids were opened last week by the Board. Lowest of the seven was submitted by Hugh W. Lockhart, who offered to build stations at Torrance and Manhattan Beach for \$77,500. All bids were referred to the county engineer for recommendation.

The Torrance unit would include an observation tower, rest rooms, and first aid room. It would be manned by county lifeguards.

HAITI SIZE

Haiti, with an area smaller than Maryland, is the smallest of the South American republics.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 218th Street at Manuel Avenue. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service, 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Evening Meeting, 8:00 p.m. Reading Room, 1223 El Prado. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Sundays and holidays. Monday and Friday evening, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Wayne Morris — Adrian Booth
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Also in color

SUN - MON - TUES -
THE STORY THAT SHOWS A BLINDED VETERAN CONQUERS HIS HANDICAP SO DRAMATICALLY THAT IT WILL SPELL-BIND YOU!
BRIGHT VICTORY
— PLUS —
Chas. Coburn - Wanda Hendrix
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THE HIGHWAYMAN
In color

TORRANCE

NOW PLAYING — DAVID AND BATHSHEBA
— AND —
THE GUEST
SEE OUR AD ON THIS PAGE

STARTS FRI. - ENDS TUES
Joan Bennett - George Brent
TWIN BEDS
— PLUS —
Dennis O'Keefe
Marie McDonald
GETTING
GERTIE'S GARTER

GRAND

JAPANESE PROGRAMS EVERY TUESDAY
SPANISH PROGRAMS EVERY WED. & SAT.
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— PLUS —
THE GUEST
STARTS FRI. - ENDS TUES
STARLIFT
— AND —
YOU NEVER CAN TELL

PARK

FRI. - SAT. - SUN. —
HERE COME THE COEDS
WHO DONE IT?
ADULTS - 25c KIDS - 9c

DORIS DANNY DAY THOMAS
STARTS SATURDAY!!
WARNER BROS.
"I'll See You In My Dreams"

Frank LOVEJOY - Patrice WYMORE
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— PLUS —
"THE GUEST"
THIS ENGAGEMENT ONLY
Adults \$1.00 - Juniors .65 - Children .25
Tax Included

Employers' Council, Clerks To Open Contract Talks

The Harbor Area Employers' Council will open negotiations with Retail Clerks Local 905 on the 1952-53 Mercantile Contract shortly after January 1, determined to keep the contract in its present form, except for granting such wage increases as are allowable under regulations of the Wage Stabilization Board, according to Frank S. Selover, executive secretary of the Employers' Council.

The contract expires January 31, 1952. Merchants who are members of the Council employ 91 per cent of the clerks involved, Selover said, and they elected their negotiation committee at a meeting in the council's office last week.

The committee will consist of C. L. Prow, J. J. Newberry Co.; Sam Levy, Sam Levy's Department Store; Carlos R. Worrall, San Pedro Hardware Company; A. J. McCorn, McCorn Drug Stores, Inc.; B. M. Malone, McMahan's; John T. Binkley, counsel for the Employers' Council and Selover, J. C. Caldwell, of Caldwell's Department Store.

Wilmington, is an alternate member.

The employers termed demands of the Union "fantastic." Principal differences in the negotiations are the union proposal for a five-day, eight-hours-a-day week; the union's proposal for elimination of the "arbitration no strike" clause and the union's demand for \$5 a week across the board for clerks.

"We will put up a fight for the arbitration clause," said Binkley. "In fact, we want it strengthened, because we do not consider it adequate." The employers also will demand that the present practice of permitting the clerks to work six days of six and two-thirds hours be continued.

The clerks were granted \$5 a week across the board January 15, 1951, it was pointed out, and there is little likelihood that, even with the cost of living increases permitted, any substantial pay increase will be allowable under government regulations.

The union also is asking 20 cents per hour premium pay for work after 6 p.m. and for other changes which the employers term objectionable, according to Selover.

FIFTH LARGEST

Bolivia is the fifth largest of the countries in South America.

FLAG RAISED

The U. S. flag was raised over re-captured Corregidor March 2, 1945.

LOMITA Theatre

ANN BLYTH DAVID FARRAR
"The Golden Horde"
In Technicolor
— also —
RAY MILLAND JAN STERLING
"RHUBARB"

HARBOR DRIVE-IN THEATRE
11-4-500
STREET 10 - VIEWING VIEW AT DRIVEWAY

Wed. thru Sat., Jan. 2-3-4-5
Close to my Heart
RAY MILLAND - GENE TIERNEY

— And —
LADY FROM TEXAS
HOWARD HUFF - MONA FREEMAN - JUDITH HILL
Lynn Technicolor
Sun. - Mon. - Tues., Jan. 6-7-8

Richard Widmark - Dana Andrews
THE FROGMEN
UNCLE SAM'S UNDERWATER COMMANDO

— And —
REUNION IN RENO
MARK PEGGY GIGI
STEVENS - DOW - PERREAU

TUESDAY... DAY OF DECISION for Torrance

8 Jan. 1952

NEXT TUESDAY At the Election Booths

More WATER

means: — **More Jobs** Through Industrial Growth
— **Better Protection** From Fires at Your Home
— **Added Security** For Your Investments, Including Your Home

All at NO INCREASE In Property Taxes

What The \$2,000,000 Worth Of Improvements Will Provide For You:

1. Ten Million Gallon Reservoir in South Torrance
2. One Million Gallon Reserve and Booster Plant at 174th street.
3. Installation of Distribution Mains to Bolster Weak-Pressure Areas.
4. Interconnection of All Parts of the Present Three Water Systems.
5. New 24-inch Pipeline Along Crenshaw Blvd., to Give a "Backbone" to the Entire Consolidated Water System.

What All Improvements Will Cost:

1. Nothing in Increased Property Taxes
2. Small Increases in Water Rates
3. Entire \$2,000,000 Cost Will Be Repaid Out of Water Department Revenues.

Naturally a big portion of the cost will be paid by big users of water—and that means Torrance Industries.

The most that the typical home owner will pay will be 4 1/3 cents a day for the average family of four or five. In some areas of the City, like North Torrance and South Torrance where the water rates are already somewhat higher than Central Torrance, the average increase in the water bill will be from 1.2 cents per week for the entire family up to 1.4 cents per day, depending upon the area. Just a little over a penny a day.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO FORGET TO VOTE "YES" NEXT TUESDAY, JAN. 8—Polls Open 7A.M. to 7P.M.