

Woman Jury Finds Lomita Guilty of 11 Mercury Thefts

After two hours' deliberation, an all-woman jury found Roland Conner Hall, 23, of 2214 1/2 Lomita blvd., guilty of 11 counts of petty theft of mercury from oil well meters. Hall, who was dishonorably discharged from the U. S. Army and served six months for assault with a deadly weapon, was sentenced the following day by Judge John Shidler.

He was given six months for each count to be served consecutively with the last 48 months suspended on condition that he is not re-arrested for mercury theft within six months of his release after serving 18 months in the county jail.

Hall was arrested May 16. During his trial he admitted selling the stolen mercury but maintained he had found it because he "knew where it was planted." The trial was Judge Shidler's first jury case since his appointment April 8.

SIXTH DRIVER

Sixth man to be employed to operate the Torrance Municipal bus system is a Walterian, Harold Callahan of 24122 Nover ave. who placed second on the list of those who took the recent examination given by the National Drivers' Analysis Bureau. He starts next week as service man and relief driver.

P.T.A. Council Ends Year With Breakfast Party

As a fitting close to the year's work, the Lomita - San Pedro Council's breakfast and installation of officers last Thursday morning was the highlight of the year. The breakfast was served at the First Methodist church, San Pedro, with women of the church preparing and serving the excellent menu. Tables were decorated with red and blue salt boats and portholes of heavy paper with Lomita-San Pedro in gilt letters. Plaques in the shape of portholes with painted ships were presented special guests.

Following invocation by Lt. Com. S. F. Barkman, navy chaplain, Mrs. E. J. Strong of the 10th Dist. installed the officers for the coming year. Mrs. J. Marriott was installed as president for a second year with Mrs. M. C. Isaacson as first vice-president, Mrs. J. Callonia as second vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Millard, secretary; Mrs. R. Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Bender, auditor, and Mrs. John Garner, historian.

Mrs. Marriott presided at the business meeting presenting certificates of award and standard awards to the following local P. T. A. units: Fern Avenue, Harbor City, Lomita Elementary, Orange Street, Torrance Elementary and Walteria. Mrs. Miles Henley, president of Pt. Fermin P. T. A. was in charge of the program which included numbers by the Council Mother Singers chorus, vocal numbers and several clever skits including a cowgirl band by the Lomita Elementary school which was very good. "The Little Red Hen" by Fern Avenue, and a takeoff on the president, "Joe and Lou" by Orange Street school. Mrs. E. Arnholt for Harbor City school sang the closing song.

Mrs. Mary Vonderahe was a special guest, representing the Torrance Herald and Miss Birda Paddock represented the Lomita News.

Normandie Improvement in State Projects List

Major state highway projects planned in Los Angeles for the next 12 months include the improvement of Normandie avenue to Western avenue, costing \$93,764, and Imperial highway, east L. A. city boundary to Sepulveda blvd., \$73,000.

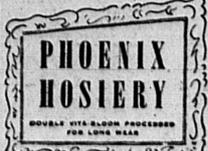
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The B-19 Flies Over Europe Comes Nearer

Necks were craned all over this community last Friday noon when the new Douglas bomber, the B-19, world's largest airplane flew over on its initial flight to March Field. Now the Army is giving it a work-out, trying its wings.

What of it, you say? Isn't it just another airplane? Well, let's consider: This new plane, which we have built, will fly from the United States to Europe and back again—carrying 18 tons of bombs in addition to its load of gasoline! And if we can build such a plane, perhaps Germany can. Possibly Japan can. It's a small world, truly it is. A war-like world, too. And we sit right in the middle of it!

The B-19 bomber, most formidable winged fortress of destruction yet created by man's skill and imagination, is capable of flying 7,750 miles non-stop.

If, within the past few years, the development of the flight range and death-dealing power of aircraft has advanced at so swift a pace, it is reasonable to believe that the near future will bring into being even greater air armadas than we know of today. Already oceans, high mountain chains and wide, rushing rivers have ceased to be the effective barriers that they have been through all time past. Air and air machines have provided earth encircling sky routes which recognize these barriers no longer.

This newest dreadnought of the skies, the B-19, capable of spanning the breadth of the Atlantic ocean in a single hop, is one more testimony to aircraft's power in annihilating distance and in destroying the isolation in which nations of an earlier century lived.

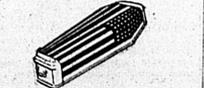
Today's Lesson in Flag Etiquette



Never let the American flag touch the ground or the floor, or trail in the water.



Make sure the flag never touches the ground when placed in a fixed position, upon a grave.



When used to cover a casket, the flag should be placed so that the stars are at the head in the upper right hand corner (over the heart) looking from the foot. The flag should not be lowered into the grave nor allowed to touch the ground.



The flag should never be draped over the hood, top, sides or back of a vehicle, train, automobile or boat. When displayed on a motor car, the staff should be attached firmly to the chassis or clamped to the radiator cap.



The shield of the United States has 13 vertical stripes, 7 white and 6 red, topped by a field of blue without stars.

This is the last of a series of five lessons in "Flag Etiquette" as approved by the National Department of Americanism. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, offered readers of The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News as a timely patriotic feature designed to stimulate proper observance of National Flag Code regulations.

Vacation Bible School Will Open On July 7

Two weeks of moral, character and religious training are in store for all children between four and 14 who enroll in the daily Vacation Bible school at the Assembly of God church, 1741 Border ave. School will open Monday, July 7, and close July 18. Classes will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with competent teachers in charge. This opportunity will be open to those of all denominations as doctrinal points will not be stressed.

Navy Mothers to Meet on July 10

The Navy Mothers Club completed its temporary organization at a meeting last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Max Long who was chosen temporary commander. Mrs. Bessie O'Harrow was named temporary adjutant; Mrs. H. W. Slover, finance officer, and Mrs. J. Bader, publicity.

The next meeting will be a potluck luncheon July 10 in the parlors of the Torrance city park. All mothers of navy men, members of the U. S. Marine and Coast Guard are invited. The luncheon is at 1 p.m. with Mrs. Slover as hostess.

As both Torrance and Lomita mothers are eligible to membership, it was decided to meet alternately in the two communities. Mothers of any nearby communities wishing to join are extended an invitation.

Walteria Graduates Hold Advance July 4 Party and Celebration

The A Sixth pupils of Walteria school will next soon forget the farewell given them by the school and P. T. A. June 24. Mrs. Thelma Andrews was chairman of the party committee and the children had a Fourth of July celebration in advance.

The table was decorated in red, white and blue flowers and crepe paper. Favors in the same colors and filled with "Defense" candies were placed with each plate. There was a large, decorated cake with the words "Farewell A. G." in flowers on it and to Bobby Andrews, chosen by the class, fell the honor of cutting the cake. Generous helpings of ice cream were served with it.

In the games played Bobby Andrews won first prize and Ray Wilson, consolation. Attending the party as special guests were Mrs. Natalie Ross, principal, Mr. Rosson, teacher of the A6 class, and Bobby Andrews, Ralph Breitfeld, Wesley Christian, Daniel Gipe, Ben Kava-shine, Chester Kohler, Elsie Nakazawa, Arthur Walters, Ray Wilson, Maxine Coates, Donna Ericsson, Laveta Keith, Masaka Sasahara and Marie Van Vliet.

Western Improvement in WPA Projects List

Thirteen WPA projects are under way in Los Angeles and are expected to be practically completed during the coming year at an estimated cost of \$12,134,404. Included in this improvement list is Western avenue to Victoria avenue, \$363,700.

The nation has about 6500 draft boards.



By AILEEN MOSHER

Have You Read?

WITH THIS ISSUE, your community newspaper presents AILEEN MOSHER, 21-year-old reviewer whose columns are currently appearing in 14 other newspapers of the metropolitan area. She is a native of Ingleswood where she was raised in Glendale where she attended Hoover high school and Glendale Junior College. She lives in Van Nuys and, because she always wanted to write and since her hobby is reading, she simply combined the two and "HAVE YOU READ?" is the informative, interesting result. Miss Mosher receives advance copies of all the new books from the nation's foremost publishing firms and she has a reviewing style which readers in other Southern cities have found most enjoyable. Here's her first column for this newspaper . . . look for it each Thursday hereafter:

"LONDON FRONT"

By F. Tomnyson Jesse and H. M. Harwood.

We all realize that we can only surmise what goes on across the sea. Newspapers are filled with war news, but only such news as the Allies or the Axis wish released. In this magnificent book, "London Front," by F. Tomnyson Jesse and H. M. Harwood, who are man and wife, we are given accounts of English thought and spirit in superb letters a thousand times more revealing than any newspaper story. After reading this I feel that for the first time since the beginning of this war I have caught the actual tempo of England. I have read several books on the subject lately and have considered each of them quite good. But this so overshadows any other attempt that comparison is beyond me.

"London Front" is a series of letters written to well known people in the United States by the Harwoods. The authors' letters are witty, candid, and informal, and will be a most enlightening source of history in years to come. The answers they receive and have included in this collection are from Marion Balderston, Sam Behrman, Carl and Sonya Hovey, Dr. Edwin and Grace Hubbell and Alice Woolcott. While this book is a most excellent record, it differs from the usual run of war books as it does not always follow in a serious path. The Harwoods include in their notes the gossip of the Rialto, personal tid-bits, amusing epigrammatic characterizations. These letters are literary gems.

After reading the actual reactions of an English couple to war, Hitlerism, etc., I had a very definite reaction myself. The stories recalled to me many statements I made at the outbreak of this game of destruction, statements which usually brought such stupid remarks in return that I gave the thing up in disgust. The one thing I cannot understand is why we have not put forth more effort toward eradication of Europe's cancer. If a forest fire is raging on the hills do you wait until it reaches your own timber before you begin to fight it?

If you want a book that is history, a fascinating and living record of what is happening across the seas and why it is happening, if you want that record presented in the very best style, look at the "London Front" through the eyes of the Harwoods.

HOME FROM 'STATE'

Frank Whiting and Robert Lewellen, Jr., returned Sunday night from a week's stay at Boys' State at Sacramento where 715 young men from all over the state studied governmental procedure under direction of the American Legion.

Communazi War Aids British



Lull in Germany's war on Britain caused by Nazi attack on Russia is being utilized by British for increased production of sorely needed, heavy mechanized equipment such as this heavy tank, shown in action during spectacular tests. This big unit busts way right through brick building.

Don't Flip It! BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE

Southern California finds itself confronted by a fire hazard this coming summer without parallel in its history. Every roadside, every uncultivated patch of ground in our valleys, every foot-hill and mountain slope is covered by a growth of grass that would turn a hula girl green with envy. Even our usually asbestos deserts are dynamite this year.

Every transmission line serving Southern California passes for miles through areas of high fire hazard. Even the smoke from a grass fire may short a transmission line and put an aircraft factory out of commission.

Our tinder dry areas have been well called the "Achilles heel" of our defense industry. Be careful with fire in our valleys, foothills and mountains.

Film Stars at Hollywood Turf Club



Pictured luncheon in the luxurious Turf Club at Hollywood Park are Carol Landis and Franchois Tong, who are two of Hollywood's most enthusiastic racing fans. Miss Landis wears a beige jersey dress, and her unique turban is tied with a twist of straw at the front. The summer meeting at the Ingleswood track is attracting many members of the motion picture colony.

PENNIES BUY \$103 BONDS

GUYMOM, Okla.—(U.P.)—Three men helped Grover Owen carry his money to the bank to buy \$103.35 worth of national defense savings bonds. Owen's money weighed 70 pounds, and the cashier spent the biggest part of the afternoon counting it. Owen had saved 10,000 pennies.

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TRIO REBEKAH INSTALLATION IS JULY 9

Mrs. Jewell Frederick, elected noble grand of Trio Rebekeh lodge, announces that installation will be held Wednesday, July 9, at 1 O. O. F. hall at 8 p. m. Members and friends are invited to the ceremony.

Officers to be installed with Mrs. Frederick are Dr. Etta Woods, junior noble grand; Emma Forsyth, vice grand; Gertrude Kastrop, recording secretary; Ethel Waite, financial secretary; Ada Aldersen, treasurer; Florence Meng, warden; Faye Slate, conductor; Lena Omohundro, chaplain; Marshall Tappin, right supporter to the noble grand; Clara Conner, left supporter; Phoebe Sykes, right supporter to the vice grand; Eleanor Ann Farquhar, left supporter; Pansy Coil, outside guardian; Esther Hansen, inside guardian; Ida Eshmaur, assistant to warden; Ernestine Arnholt, assistant to conductor; Margaret Dobrick, musician; Clara Conner, Emil Heape and Elizabeth Hunt, trustees; Ethel Waite, Lomita, and Clara Conner, Torrance, publicity chairmen, and Gertrude Kastrop, degree mistress.

Cub Scouts Stage Circus

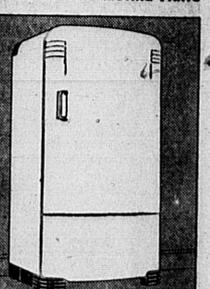
Cub Pack 241, sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal church, turned its June Pack meeting into a circus recently. As all good circuses should the Cub circus was preceded by a parade of wild animals, clowns, and a circus wagon.

This was followed by acts in the ring with a strong man, tumblers, cowboys, magic, an educated horse and a crack pistol shot. Pink lemonade, pop corn and peanuts were served. Cubmaster A. C. Turner presented a Bear Award to Walter Stevens of Den 2 and a gold star to Ver Non Greene of Den 1.

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