

### Knights and Ladies Plan Dance On January 20

The Tartar Lady and Tartar Knight organizations of Torrance high school under the sponsorships of Mrs. Lorraine Goodwin and Olin Hoyt, are now making plans for a formal ball to take place on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 8 p. m., in the Town House in Palos Verdes.

The ball will be the high-spot of the semester, and, if successful, may become an annual winter event, while the barbecue first of which was held in the early part of June, 1944, at the Los Angeles home of Mrs. Lor-

**RICHARD C. (DICK) MILLER**... son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Miller, volunteered for the Navy and is now an apprentice seaman at the United States Naval Training Center, at Sampson, N. Y. Dick is a former student of Torrance high school and was a member of the football team in 1943 and 1944.

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Lomita: Lt. Herbert A. Williams, 2043 255th st.

### Local Men Are Serving Navy In Seabee Unit

Forty-two former stevedores from the Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor area—men who in peacetime supervised the loading and unloading of merchant ships calling here—are now putting their experience to good use in the far Pacific.

This was revealed today by Comdr. S. E. Mittler, (CES), USNR, special assistant to the director of administration and personnel of the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks.

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#### AUTO DEALERS MEET

The country's first mass meeting of automobile dealers in both new and used car fields is scheduled for the Los Angeles Poly High auditorium on Monday, Jan. 15, at 7:45 p. m. to discuss common problems. Approximately 2,000 representatives of the industry are expected to attend.

### January 15 Is Deadline for Tax Declaration

Jan. 15 is the deadline for filing original or amended 1944 declaration of estimated income tax and for paying installments on previously filed 1944 estimates.

Collector of Internal Revenue Harry C. Westover called attention to the new provision of the law which allows taxpayers to kill two birds with one stone by filing their regular final income tax returns for the full year by Jan. 15. If final returns are filed on Form 1040 and the tax liability is not paid by that date, according to Westover, 1944 declarations need not be filed. Taxpayers using this special provision will be saved the double duty of filing and paying estimated tax on Jan. 15 and also filing and paying on the final return before March 15. The regular deadline for filing 1944 final returns and 1945 estimated returns is still March 15.

**FORMER RESIDENTS ILL.**  
Mrs. Jane Holliday and son, Michael of 1617 Arlington ave., returned this week from Los Angeles where she had been caring for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Roberts, formerly of this city, who are convalescing from major operations.

### Ruben Merkel Is 38th Torrance War Casualty

Ruben Ernest Merkel, 23, aviation machinist mate, 3/c, on an aircraft carrier, died of



**RUBEN E. MERKEL Dies of Wounds**

wounds following action in the South Pacific, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Huber Merkel, 1061 Maple ave. His father, Edward Merkel, resides at Shafter, Calif. He has a brother, Gideon Elvine Merkel, seaman, 1/c, in the Navy, and another brother, LeRoy Earl, 17, who plans to go into naval service upon completion of school work.

Born in Java, S. D., Ruben Ernest Merkel entered service April 12, 1943, and took basic training at Farragut, Ida.

His death is the 38th on the Gold Star service flag of Torrance.

The telegram from the Navy Department received by Mrs. Merkel read as follows:

"The Navy Department deeply regrets to inform you that your son, Ruben Ernest Merkel, aviation machinist mate, 3/c, U.S.N.R., died of wounds following action while in the service of his country. The department appreciates your great anxiety and details are not now available and delay in receipt thereof must necessarily be expected. No information available at present regarding disposition of remains but by reason of existing conditions burial at sea or in locality where death occurred highly probable. If further information received you will be promptly notified. To prevent possible aid to our enemies please do not divulge the name of his ship or station. The department extends to you its sincerest sympathy in your great loss. Vice Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of Naval Personnel."

### Wife of Former Redondo Officer Held to Answer

A jury in the coroner's office has recommended that Mrs. Mildred Bowman Gardner be held on a homicide charge, growing out of her admitted slaying of her husband, Fred Gardner, Redondo Beach ex-police officer.

Mrs. Bowman Gardner was arraigned in Redondo Beach police court Thursday morning. She was represented by counsel.

It is expected that the preliminary examination will be set for 2 o'clock, Jan. 15, before Police Judge Sam G. Austin.

In the meantime the defendant is being held without bail in the county jail.

**VETS INFORMATION**  
Veterans of World War II who want information of their benefits under the "G. I. Bill of Rights" and other legislation are asked to contact I. J. Hallanger, of the local American Legion post, at his home at 819 Cota ave., in the evenings, or at his office from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the City Hall, Torrance.

Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

### Senior Class Honored At Informal Tea

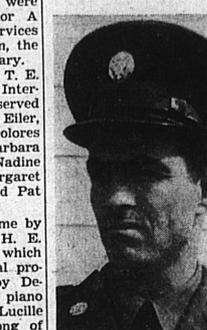
Tuesday the B-12 class honored the Senior A class members and their mothers at an informal tea in the high school library. Also attending were the mothers of the Senior A boys now in the armed services and Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, the librarian of the Civic Library.

Tea was poured by Mrs. T. E. Watson and Mrs. M. E. Intermill. The B-12 girls who served as hostesses were Reita Eiler, Marguerite McGarry, Dolores Hanks, Marie Newell, Barbara Lock, Nadine Mitchell, Nadine Paor, Peggy Rester, Margaret Taylor, Pat Townsend, and Pat Rojo.

After a speech of welcome by Philip Lisman, Principal H. E. Perry gave a short talk which was followed by a musical program, "Clair de Lune" by Debussy was played on the piano by Eunice Abramson and Lucille Smith sang "A Little Song of Life" by Malotte. This was followed by a violin solo, "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There" by Shirley Antis.

### W. G. Brady Is Awarded Silver Star in France

Private Wesley G. Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brady, of 1351 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, has been awarded the



**PVT. WESLEY G. BRADY Awarded Silver Star**

Silver Star by direction of President Roosevelt, "for gallantry in action against the enemy" from Nov. 14 to 16, 1944, in France, according to word received by his parents.

The citation states that on Nov. 14 one platoon of 40mm guns was employed in a position and it became necessary to establish an observation post. Private Brady and another enlisted man volunteered to establish and maintain the post. They directed fire from the post for three days until ordered to withdraw. "During this time the observation post was subjected to extremely heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, and on one occasion a shell exploded in the room from which they were observing." The citation reads, "Despite the enemy fire, Pvt. Brady remained at his post and directed fire with such accurate effect that two enemy observation towers that were holding up our infantry advance were destroyed.

"The courage, coolness and devotion to duty demonstrated on this occasion by Private Brady are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army."

Private Brady has three brothers living in Torrance, LeVerne, Glenn and Basil. The soldier graduated from Torrance high school in 1935 and was engaged in farming before entering the army with the first group of selective service men from Torrance.

**ELMER R. VANDEGRIFT**... a corporal serving with an infantry division, is hospitalized in France where he is convalescing from injuries suffered in battle in Luxembourg and states that he is improving and receiving his mail regularly now. He is reported to have an American nurse say, "Hi, pal! What's cooking?" meant more to him than all the medicine and treatment he had received so far. He had earlier been treated in a French base hospital with French nurses in attendance.

**MILTON YOUNGKEN**... serving with an engineering corps in Germany, has been promoted to private, 1/c, according to his mother, Mrs. C. E. Youngken of 1222 Portola ave.

**Varsity Standings**

Team	W	L
San Pedro	6	0
Banning	4	1
Narbonne	3	2
Torrance	1	5
Gardena	0	6

**B Team Standing**

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Narbonne	5	0
San Pedro	5	1
Banning	3	2
Gardena	1	5
Torrance	0	6

### Oliver Sleppy Low Amateur In L.A. Open

Oliver Sleppy, of the Torrance Sleppy golfing family, was low amateur in the Los Angeles Open golf tournament at Riviera Country Club, making the 72 holes in 73-76-71-70-290.

Oliver was eighth in the tournament which was won by Sammy Sneed of West Virginia with a 283. Harold McSpaden, defending champion, came out with 284 to tie with Byron Nelson of Toledo.

Sleppy now is assistant manager of the Fox Hills Country Club, working under Al Bryant. He formerly was employed by Douglas Aircraft Co.

### G.A.A. of T.H.S. Rounds Out Busy Season Program

Rounding off a successful season the Girls Athletic Association will hold its semi-annual banquet tonight at the Evangelical Guild Hall at 6 p. m.

The G.A.A. officers who have directed an active semester are: Bernice Cline, president; Elsa Stanley, vice president; Betty Fiesel, secretary; Carol DeBra, treasurer; Myrna Fossum, reporter; Doris Lee Quaggin, historian; Barbara Tossas, head of individual sports; Jeanette Probert, head of basketball, and Pauline Letz and Shirley Saffen, song leaders.

Activities for the G.A.A. this semester included a wiener bake at Redondo Beach on Sept. 28 with 55 girls attending. A plunge party was held at Horner's Plunge on Oct. 26. On Nov. 13, the bowling season ended and a spread was held in the cafeteria with announcements of bowling winners. Nov. 15 was the Sadie Hawkins Dance sponsored by the G.A.A. Nov. 15 was also sign-up night for basketball.

A handicap came to the organization early in the semester when Miss Bernice Johnson, then G.A.A. sponsor, became ill and was forced to take a leave of absence. In her place came Mrs. Helen Rich.

Approximately 85 girls will be receiving credit in bowling and basketball at the banquet tonight. These girls along with eight faculty members including Harold Perry, principal, and Miss Parks, vice principal will enjoy a three-hour program planned by the G.A.A. President Bernice Cline. The theme is "Snowbound."

Committees for the banquet, all headed by Bernice Cline, are: Decorations, Elsa Stanley (chairman), Vivian Oliver, Jeanette Probert, Shirley Saffen, Carol DeBra, Mary Crawford, Doris Robinette, Betty Fiesel, Barbara Tossas, Dorothy Sandstrom, and Myrna Fossum; Invitations and Marine League schools and faculty, Betty Fiesel; tickets, Carol DeBra.

At tonight's banquet Perry will present the president's pin. The G.A.A. honor plaque will also be awarded to one of the three graduating G.A.A. girls, Doris Robinette, Dorothy Sandstrom and Bernice Cline.

J.A.C. girls will take charge of serving. Preparing the food are Mrs. Letz and Mrs. Saffen, G.A.A. mothers. The menu includes salad, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, frozen peas, rolls, coffee, milk and cake.



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