

### Thomas Nuckles Finishes Navy Ordnance School

Thomas Frank Nuckles of Torrance has graduated from the aviation ordnance school, U. S. Naval Air Technical Training Center, Norman, Okla., Eleventh Naval District officials said today.

Upon graduation he received the rating of seaman first class. He entered the naval service July 26, 1944.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Nuckles, live at 2115 Arlington ave., Torrance.

### Scotch-Educated Preacher Coming

Rev. William P. Nicholson will be the speaker at the Community Presbyterian Church, at Lomita, Sunday evening at 7:30. Mr. Nicholson was born and lived in Ireland, later going to Scotland where he received his education and was ordained into the ministry.

His ministry has taken him to all parts of the world and he is noted for his originality and wit as well as being a powerful speaker. "The Keys of the Kingdom," will be the subject of the sermon at the morning service.

A class to prepare children and young people who have made Christian decision, for their first communion and church membership, meets on Sunday mornings at the Sunday School hour. The class will be received into the church at Easter. Christian Endeavor meets at 8:30.

### GLENDALE VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wright and daughters Marca and Judy were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wright of Glendale.

### PLASTIC HARMONICAS

Purchase of 18,000 plastic harmonicas for soldiers on duty in overseas theaters has been announced by the War Department.

### READ OUR WANT ADS

### Nick Faren With Famed Bomber Group in Italy

Staff Sgt. Nick Faren, Torrance, Calif., flew as a turret gunner over the Ala railroad bridge in the Brenner Pass when the 310th Mitchell bombardment group flew its 800th combat mission. Commanded by Col. Peter H. Remington, of Cape Vincent, N. Y., this unit still holds the bombing record for Army Air Force medium and heavy groups.

Maj. Gen. John M. Cannon, commanding general of the Mediterranean Allied Tactical Air Force, sent the following congratulatory message to Brigadier General Robert D. Knapp, Auburn, Ga., commanding general of the B-25 wings:

"The 310th Bomb Group, in completing its 800th combat mission, is a tribute to your wing and particularly to the officers and men of the 310th Group. What they have accomplished should, however, not alone be measured in the number of missions flown. Their effort throughout the Mediterranean campaign has been a most important contributing factor to our overall successful air operations. I am sincerely proud of the record made by the 310th Bomb Group. Please convey my congratulations to them."

Sergeant Faren has been overseas seven months and has been awarded the Air Medal with two oak-leaf clusters. He is also entitled to wear the European-African-Middle-East theater ribbon with two battle stars.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Faren, live at 2408 Andreo ave.

### CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for this evening's Catholic ladies card party are Mrs. Zienke and her committee, Mrs. Ban, Cooper, Nady, Zupparde, Bruhanski, Fenwick, Gilbert, Sweney, M. Cunningham, Lipkowskie and Rabonle.

Everyone is cordially invited. The first door prize will be awarded promptly at 8 o'clock and games of contract and auction bridge, pinocle and 500 will begin immediately. Refreshments will be served.

### Marine Sergeant, Who Couldn't Get Enough of War, Explains It to Child

True Americanism and Democracy, with its patriotism and love for the home, is reflected



SGT. Wm. C. EWING

in a letter sent to the Torrance Herald, written by a U. S. Marine Corps sergeant who could not get enough of the fight, to his little daughter explaining why he is not home with her.

While the sergeant probably would object to the printing of the letter, brought to the office by his parents, it is published because of the true devotion to country and home which it expresses in terms for the child, of whom he has seen little, to understand.

The author is Sgt. William C. Ewing, now in the South Pacific. He enlisted in the Marine Corps just before war was declared, served three years on the U.S.S. Chesters, fought in several battles in the South Pacific including Pearl Harbor, Coral Sea, Marshall Islands and Guadalcanal; was wounded and honorably discharged in May, 1944, only to reenlist and take a job as a physical instructor to build himself up so that he could get back and do his duty to the fullest.

Sergeant Ewing was in the Navy hospital at Portsmouth, Va., for five months before reenlisting. After spending thirteen months as instructor at Grove City, Pa., he was transferred to Camp Pendleton to be later sent to the South Pacific.

Sergeant Ewing's wife, Harriet, and his daughter, Ann, are staying at the sergeant's parents home at 1549 W. 224th st., while his wife is working at the National Supply selling war bonds. Ewing's father, C. G. Ewing is building ships at San Pedro.

"A letter to my dearest darling daughter: "Here are a few lines from your Pop, that you know very little about, but I want you to know that I miss you very much and love you with all my heart. Honey, I just thought I would try to tell you a few things that you should know, now that you are growing up so fast and I won't be there to tell you. You just ask your Mommie and I am sure that she will set you right on anything that is not clear to you. You see, when I was a little boy, I had my Mom to talk things over with. Pop was always too busy because he was working hard to make a home and try to teach me the right way to live. I made Pop pretty sad sometimes, but he always forgave me, even if he never told me, I could see, and I am really proud

Sometimes men have gone as far as they thought they could, and when they see the flag raised up on some land that they have just won, they get strength they never knew they had. Some of them can hardly walk, but they try their best to strut, they are so proud to be serving a country so wonderful, because they know that someday, they will be going home, back to the ones they left behind, back and do the things they had always dreamed about.

So, you see, Daddy has five reasons why he is over here: Your Grand-dad, Grand-mom, Auntie, you and your Mommie. That is worth fighting for, because I know I have the best family in the whole world, and I know they will never let me down, now or ever.

"Honey, no matter what any one says, always be proud of the fact that you were born in the good old U.S.A."

MOTHERS CLUB PLANS MEETING Mrs. R. V. Sivard will open her home at 1345 W. 218th st. for a meeting of Scout Mothers Club of Troop No. 241, to be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 21.

Lomita Theatre 24333 NARBONNE AVE. - LOMITA FREE AUTO PARK NEW STARTING TIME Doors Open 6:15 Show Starts 6:30 SATURDAY AND SUNDAY CONTINUOUS FROM 1:30 DOORS OPEN 1:15 NOW PLAYING Ends Saturday, March 17 DEANNA DURBIN and ROBERT PAIGE in "CAN'T HELP SINGING" -also- ELLA RAINES and CHARLES KORVIN in "ENTER ARSENE LUPIN" SUN. MON. TUES. March 18-19-20 MARK DANIELS and EDMOND O'BRIEN in "WINGED VICTORY" -also- LON CHANEY, JR. in "DEAD MAN'S EYES"



OLD FRIENDS MEET AT HOME... After serving years in the Naval service in the South Pacific, Nick Perovich, Seabee shipfitter, 1/c (left), and Chief Neil Francis (right), buddies of prewar days, met at home on leave. Both worked at Columbia Steel Co. Perovich has been in the Navy for 28 months and was away two years, less one day, serving in several campaigns in the South Pacific. Chief Francis now is stationed at Port Hueme, and saw long service in the Pacific war. He was in the Navy from 1934 to 1941, and was called back in 1942. (Torrance Herald photo.)

### Elie Le Blanc In Invasion At Iwo Island

Coast Guardsman Elie Le Blanc Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Elie Le Blanc of Torrance, California, participated in his second invasion when his LST aided in the assault on Iwo Jima.

A veteran of the War invasion, LeBlanc is now serving aboard a coast guard-manned LST which is part of a vast United States amphibious force which carried the Pacific war to the inner defense belt of the Japanese Empire.

At Guam, LeBlanc was coxswain of a landing craft which made several trips into the beach during initial operations carrying troops and equipment.

"It was quite a show," said LeBlanc, "one time we had landed on the beach and were unloading when a heavy concentration of Jap mortar fire really made us dig in. For several hours we had to lay on the beach with mortars exploding all about us. It was really hell."

During the attack on Iwo, he took over the duties of coxswain of an LCV (P), transporting troops and supplies onto the beach. While attached aboard another LST for the Guam assault, LeBlanc was awarded the citation issued to each officer and man aboard his LST by the Task Force commander. It read as follows:

"The Task Group Commander notes with pride and satisfaction the highly commendable and courageous manner in which the commanding officer, and crew conducted themselves under trying conditions in the face of a large concentration of enemy fire, glued to the beach as the ship was and coming from a position unknown to them, thus depriving the vessel of the opportunity to return this fire."

LeBlanc entered the Coast Guard on Aug. 1, 1942, and received his boot training at Alameda, Calif. Prior to enlistment he was employed as a machinist at the National Supply Company in Torrance.

At present, he is looking forward to finishing the job out here so that he can return home to his wife, the former Margie Perry of Long Beach, and their two-year-old daughter, Diana Kay. At present the LeBlancs are making their home at 904 1/2 Puritan ave., Downey Calif.

TWO DECKER Mexico City is now sporting its first double-decker bus. Still bearing a sign, "Wishire Blvd., Stratmore," this is one of many obsolete buses purchased from the United States by Mexico.

GUESS WORK Think you can tell by sight a tire's pressure? Try checking your judgment against a tire gauge. You will find, that in nine cases out of 10, you are wrong.

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### G. P. Banda Is Awarded Combat Infantry Badge

The 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightning) Division has announced that Pfc. Gavino P. Banda, son of Santiago Banda, 203 Hearrit st., Torrance, and husband of Mrs. Celia Banda has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Before participating in some of the heaviest fighting on Luzon Island the 25th Division served more than three years overseas. They defeated the Japs at New Georgia and Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands, as well as experiencing the original enemy attack on Pearl Harbor.

Prior to joining the army Private Banda was employed by Columbia Steel Co.

WARNING A traffic sign in a small town reads: "Drive slowly—no hospital!" Bigger towns might well have a sign saying, "We have hospitals—but no room for you!"

FLOOD STAGE Recent storms brought the Truckee River to flood stage, but it is not believed that the fish life was seriously injured.

### Barbara Mendoza Missing, Father Tells Police

Barbara Mendoza, 14, has been missing for one week, and her father has appealed to the Torrance Herald and Torrance police department for aid in finding her.

The girl was last seen after she left school on March 7, in Torrance, and was wearing a light blue dress, yellow sweater and black pumps. She is described as between 85 and 90 pounds in weight, 4 feet 6 inches in height, brown hair and eyes, medium build; Mexican, scar under nose.

Residing at 1547 W. 146th st., the father asks that anyone who saw her that day or has since seen her contact the police or reach him at his home.

FERN AVENUE P. T. A. PLANS MEETING The Fern Avenue P. T. A. meeting will be held at the school at 2 p. m. Wednesday, March 21. An interesting program featuring "Community Safety" has been planned.

CLAM DIGGING Clam digging remains very good in Santa Cruz county and steelhead fishing has improved in Carmel River.

### IT'S A PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU



This Is Your Boy's Easter Too!

Yes, Mother... that real "he-man" boy of yours may not tell you... but nothing will delight him more than to get all "dolled-up" on Easter morn... and we believe you will find just the clothes he wants in the boy's department at the Tiny-Tyke.

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