

### Mrs. Ruth Butth Installed As Commander Of Little Hills Navy Mothers

Mrs. Ruth Butth of Torrance, senior vice president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Hawthorne, was installed at impressive ceremonies at the VFW hall, Lomita, as commander of the Little Hills Navy Mothers club No. 157, succeeding Mrs. Loella Elder, retiring commander, also of Torrance.

Mrs. Mabel Wiggins, Torrance, a past commander of the Fleet Reserve in Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Anna Long, past commander of the Little Hills Navy Mothers club, were installing officers.

Supporting the commander for 1946 and taking their oath were Ann Hight, vice commander; Mary Towler, adjutant; Margaret Pullman, finance officer; Marjorie Lovell, chaplain; Loella Elder, judge advocate; Merle Osborne, Bernice Thomas, matrons-at-arms; Olive Phillips and Daisy Smith, color bearers.

Corsages in the red, white and blue color scheme were worn by all officers and honored guests. Chaplain J. Baar of the Navy Relief Society of Long Beach was the inspiring speaker of the day, taking for his subject, "What Every Navy Mother Should Do."

Mrs. Edith Marriott introduced pupils of the Three Arts Studio, Torrance, and presented Mrs. Elder, retiring commander, with a past commander pin and a gift of appreciation from the club members.

Mrs. Butth was presented with a corsage of talisman roses from her husband and a personal gift from Mrs. T. McCoy, president of the Hawthorne VFW Auxiliary.

The annual report of the financial department was reported by Mrs. Margaret Jones and the welfare report by Mrs. Mary Towler.

Mrs. Butth appointed the following chairmen, Marjorie Lovell, welfare; Loella Elder, ways

### No Operators License Obtained Here Until Feb. 11

The Department of Motor Vehicles has announced that the services for the issuance of operators' and chauffeurs' licenses will be discontinued in Torrance until Feb. 11, 1946. It was pointed out that these licenses may be obtained in the Long Beach and Los Angeles offices until that date.

The file of incomplete applications made at the Compton, Hawthorne and Torrance offices will be kept at the Los Angeles office, 3500 S. Hope st. Applications made in the San Pedro office will be retained in the Long Beach office, 700 E. Broadway.

### MRS. ELIZABETH MOON

Mrs. Elizabeth Moon, assistant manager of the California Department of Employment, reported back to the local office this week after a two week's vacation. Mrs. Moon spent most of her leave with a sister who lives in Palm Springs.

### HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Capt. E. J. Sorensen recently returned from Separation Center at Camp Beale and his wife, the former Ruth Wyne, will arrive Saturday to spend the holidays and reestablish their home at 1631 Madrid ave.

and means; Anna Huggins, magazines; Mabel Slover and Merle Osborne, publicity.

Mrs. Margaret Jones and Mrs. Osborne presided over the tea table.

### County Workers Get Pay Raise Of Five Per Cent

Santa Claus favored some 900 county employees with a five per cent raise, averaging \$10 per month.

After a lengthy discussion which consumed nearly the entire morning session of the Board of Supervisors, the recommendation of County Manager Wayne R. Allen for wage increases was adopted.

The raises affect probation department personnel, certain engineering positions, sanitary inspectors, youth committee investigators, the boys' and girls' group supervisor at Juvenile hall, El Retiro School for Girls and Superior Court clerks.

The supervisors ordered a further study of salary schedules in those classifications which now receive pay not up to the prevailing scale of private industry, as provided in the county charter.

### A Moment's Kiss Put Auto Out Of Control

"I just turned my head for a moment to give my boy friend a kiss, and the next thing I knew we were going up over the curb," thus explained Dorothy Henry of Compton to Torrance police as to why her car was resting on a fireplug.

Daniel Finn, sailor, was the boy friend, who was treated in the L.A.P.E. hospital for deep lacerations about his forehead. Police report the fire plug remained intact, but might have come in handy as an extinguisher for the moment's loss of control.

### Building Permits

Skoss & Merkin, 1327 Cabrillo ave., neon sign, \$200.

Clyde W. Fitzhugh, 24407 Madison ave., stucco residence, \$2200.

Baskins, 2163 W. 235th st., addition to residence, \$1000.

E. Friberg, 1625 Acacia ave., 18x20 stucco private garage, \$500.

T. H. Wright, 1803 W. 190th st., steel frame and greenhouse, \$12,000.

G. H. Black, 2409 Andree ave., 6 room stucco residence with garage, \$6,060.

Pacific Smelting Co., 2219 S. Western ave., 18,000 gallon butane surface tank, \$7,500.

V. G. Mott, 5176 Hawthorne blvd., 40x40 foot stucco store building, \$4,500.

G. J. Arca, 1448 El Prado, enclosure patio, \$250.

Virgil J. Sparks, 18045 S. Western ave., 12x40 foot addition to building, \$2,500.

Los Angeles city schools, 1314 Fern ave., frame stucco school building, 67x88, \$25,000.

Lebow and McNea, 455 Del Amo blvd., steel derrick, \$5,000.

HOME AGAIN Andrew Ray, S.S.M.B., U.S. N.R., recently assigned to Long Beach Naval hospital for treatment and observation, was a Torrance visitor this week. He had just returned from a year's service in the South Pacific.

With him were his wife, Alice, and their four-year-old daughter, Andree, whose home is now in Los Angeles.



TORRANCE NOW OFFICIAL WEATHER STATION... Daily reports to the U. S. Weather Bureau on temperatures and rainfall in Torrance will be made by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster as a result of installation by the City of Torrance in a Chamber of Commerce sponsored project of a rain gage and maximum and minimum thermometers atop the Fire Department garage. Shown installing the shelter for the thermometers and the rain gage are, left to right, Berland Rouck, Torrance high school student who assisted in construction of the "cotton region" shelter; R. Demmler, wood shop instructor; Reed H. Parkin, president of the Chamber, holding the rain gage with Fire Chief J. E. McMaster; Bill Spangler, in the background, Stewart Cooke and George Larson. (Torrance Herald photo.)

### Art Sullivan Opening New Shell Station

Art Sullivan has announced the formal opening Friday of his new Shell Super-Station at the "Five Points," where Carson, Cabrillo and Cravens avenues meet.

This new station is hailed as the most modern automobile service station in Southern California. Not only its ultra modern architecture, but the functional design of the building itself has been created in a manner to give the motorist easy access and fast service.

The grease rack and other equipment for the care and maintenance of automobiles is of the latest post-war design, with the installation of many additions which have been seen here for the first time.

Art Sullivan said today, "It makes me happy to open this beautiful new station. It is just what I've wanted for so many years... and I am quite sure that it would have been impossible to realize this dream if it had not been for the loyal patronage of my friends during the years gone by. So really all I can say is, 'Thanks!'"

### Sgt. Moore Enroute Home From Pacific

Sgt. Lynwood A. Moore, 21-year-old Torrance paratrooper with the Eighth Army's 11th Airborne Division is on his way home. How soon he will get there depends on shipping facilities and the speed at which separation center can turn him out, but he has been relieved from duty with this division and transferred to a replacement depot.

Moore, a veteran of the New Guinea, Leyte, and Luzon campaigns was inducted in February, 1943 and joined the 11th in May, 1944. He sailed overseas that same month.

Awarded the Presidential Citation, Moore will also sport on the chest of his combat jacket the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with three stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Victory Medal.

Moore worked as an electrician before entering service and contemplates returning to that field. His mother Mrs. Rena Moore lives at 1641 E. Carson st.

### Bernhard J. Bunje Ends 36 Years Of Service With Edison Company

Bernhard D. Bunje, pioneer resident of Torrance, is retiring from active service with the Southern California Edison Co. after having been connected with the concern for more than 36 years, and is moving to a recently purchased home in Vista, Calif.

Bunje, member and former chairman of the Torrance Civil Service Board, resigned his post Dec. 19 after seven years of service on the commission. The City Council extended him a vote of thanks for his long service. He has been a member of the Rotary club for 10 years and former editor of the "Rotary Rig." Rotarians, in a tribute to him, said that he "lives the ethics of Rotary." He is a Rotary director and chairman of the classification and membership committee.

He was a guest of a group of friends at a dinner party Dec. 20 at Vurr's cafe, sponsored by D. L. Roberts, Dr. Robin A. Bingham and Robert McCallum. Bunje began his duties with the Edison company in 1909 in the old, now dismantled, steam generating plant at Redondo Beach and successively occupied posts of increasing responsibility in hydro-electric plants and major substations and switching centers. In 1929 was transferred into this territory from Colton, taking charge of the transmission and distribution plant at 190th and Western ave. Nine years later assumed the post of station chief of the mammoth new La Brea substation at Yukon ave. near 182nd st., which is the transmission and dispatching center for the coast division of the Edison Co. He served at this plant until the present time.

For a number of years he was a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian church of Gardena, member of its board of trustees and for the last six years its treasurer.

He has three sons, all products of Torrance schools. Ralph, the eldest, is general manager of the California Agricultural Labor Bureau with headquarters in Fresno. Alfred is master mechanic for the U. S. Flare Corp., San Fernando, and Walter, a first lieutenant in the Air Corps and now stationed in Kunming, China.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunje will move this week from their present residence at 17670 Yukon ave. and intend to devote the major portion of their time to raising avocados and other tropical fruits on their property at Vista.



### Torrance On U.S. Weather Map As Equipment is Installed In City

Torrance is on the weather map of the United States, thanks to the effort of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Installed on the roof of the Fire department garage building is meteorological equipment for weather reporting.

### Local Club Men Will Attend Fresno Meeting

Harry B. Lewis, president of Torrance Lions club, and Frank S. Selover, secretary-treasurer, will attend the mid-winter conference of District No. 3 Lions club to be held in Fresno on Jan. 18 and 19.

The conference is being limited to two delegates from each club, it was said, due to the crowded conditions in the hotels of that city.

Dr. Ramiro Collazo, of Havana, Cuba, president of Lions International, will attend the convention and also will be a guest of a Southern California Lions clubs luncheon in Hotel Blittmore Jan. 17.

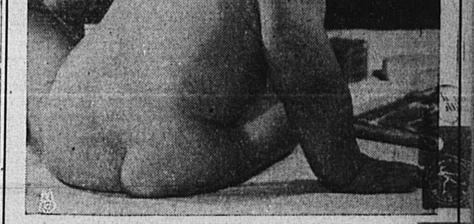
The equipment includes official thermometers housed in a "cotton region shelter" built by woodshop students at Torrance high school under R. Demmler's supervision, and a standard eight-inch rain gauge.

The thermometers are standard Weather Bureau maximum and minimum type, read twice daily, rather than the thermograph which would keep a continuous temperature record, according to Fire Chief J. E. McMaster under whose jurisdiction the weather reports will be kept. The thermograph, which records temperatures by the minute for 24 hours a day costs only \$10, it was said, and probably will be secured by the city later.

H. W. Douglas, official in charge of the United States Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, assisted in locating instruments which were purchased by the city, and he will include the Torrance weather information in daily releases to all newspapers, he said.

Chief McMaster said that readings will be taken twice daily and telephoned to the Weather Bureau by the Fire department.

Reed H. Parkin, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Chief McMaster, "dedicated" the instruments and shelter, assisted by Demmler, Blaine Walker, secretary of the chamber and Berland Rouck, Bill Spanler, Stewart Cooke and George Larson, who assisted in construction of the shelter.



### A New BABY!

The New Baby 1946, will arrive very soon... it holds promise of much... a lasting peace, for which we all pray... a better world for all those still yet unborn who will arrive during the coming year.

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Tick-tock, tick-tock: millions of watches and clocks are counting off the minutes until 1946. We're all looking forward to it together—and we are all going to give 1945 a wild sendoff. We're glad to see it go... glad to look to the New Year for better times.

Greene's TORRANCE TIME SHOP 1223 El Prado — Torrance

TO OUR FRIENDS and PATRONS: Your good will has been a most valuable possession, and we count you among our good friends who constitute the greatest of our business assets—Good Will. It is, therefore, appropriate on this occasion to thank you for your patronage and good will. We look forward to your continued patronage and friendship, and we sincerely hope that the New Year will be a Happy and Prosperous one for you. J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr. Stone AND Myers FUNERAL DIRECTORS Since 1922 CRAVENS & ENGRACIA Phone Torrance 195 Our 1946 Sacred Art Calendars are now available to our friends and patrons. Please call at the Mortuary and select yours.

STORKatorials The stork also took a holiday at the Torrance Memorial hospital during the Yuletide week with only one baby reported born from this district. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Moore were the lone, but proud, parents of a baby boy, born Dec. 20 at 6:49 p.m. They live at 1209 Maple ave. Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 445

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