

## Terminal Leave Bonds Cannot Be Converted

Local business men were advised by the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center today that veterans' terminal leave bonds are not cashable for five years from the dates of their issuance.

Hundreds of bonds are being cashed by business men and veterans in this area who have assumed that they were negotiable, states J. G. Caldwell, director.

According to U. S. Army Finance officials, there is no legal way to convert the million dollars a day's worth of bonds mailed from the Los Angeles finance office except at the maturity date. However, bills are now pending in Congress to provide cash for terminal leave pay.

Caldwell urged ex-servicemen to take advantage of expert advice and notary service at the local veterans' center to save delay in last minute filing.

With 16 different places to make a mistake on the form, Caldwell recommended:

1. Be sure the form is notarized. Application is useless without a sworn statement.
2. Include your serial or service number. All Government service data are filed by number.
3. Make sure the finance office has your correct current address. Be sure you include your address on the application. Thousands of checks and bonds have been returned because of wrong addresses.

4. If you were in the Army, don't write asking how much furlough time you took. Write "unknown" in the proper space, and an automatic check will be made with Army records.

Army Finance Office, 824 So. Western, Los Angeles, reports its receipt of numerous complaints about shortages arising from incorrect assumptions by veterans. Terminal leave pay is based only on base pay and longevity pay at time of discharge plus subsistence allowance, plus quarters allowance for upper pay grades.

It doesn't include jump, flight, or combat pay.

Los Angeles Navy Civil Readjustment Office, 306 W. Third st., advises that ex-Naval personnel who were on active duty on and after September 1, 1946, and did not have an opportunity to submit claims for settlement before being separated cannot use the regular application form. They are urged to contact the Navy Civil Readjustment Office.

## Boy Scout Group Sets Meeting In Torrance April 17

The Harbor District Committee of the Boy Scouts of America will conduct its next meeting at Allens Cafe in Torrance, April 17, at 6:45 p.m.

William Lindsay, director of the Organization and Extension staff of the Los Angeles Area Council, will be the guest and will talk on district operation. This will be the second of three meetings on operations, the first being conducted at Wilmington March 31.

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## Special Census On War Changes Is Undertaken

Field workers of the Census Bureau will start ringing local doorbells Monday morning in 52 communities throughout Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties, it was announced today by the U. S. Department of Commerce's regional office here.

Southland householders, selected to give a scientific cross-section, will be asked questions designed to bring out valuable data on population, labor force and housing, and the vast changes wrought by war.

Mrs. Gladys Evans, district supervisor for the Census Bureau, said answers will be kept strictly confidential.

"In fact," she added, "the law specifically forbids use of such data for investigation, taxation or regulation."

Nevertheless, the mass of data gathered will answer such questions often asked by house-hungry Southlanders and by job-seekers, businessmen and civic officials, as:

Is the war influx into Southern California subsiding?

How many people are working, how many are job-hunting and how many can't or don't want to work?

What percentage of housing is being held vacant for sale?

Not every home in this area can be visited in the special census, which must be concluded by May 5.

Mrs. Evans said. Scientific sampling, however, will provide accurate information needed by businessmen in mapping future production and sales, and by builders, public utility and civic officials in planning expansion of housing facilities, schools, electric and water service, and other community activities.

## Seek Reduction Of Retirement Age For County

Reduction of the retirement age for county employees from 65 to 60 years is sought by the County Employees association under four bills introduced in the State Assembly.

The association said the measures would modernize the retirement act of 1937 by clarification of the law and changes in provisions.

Besides providing for retirement at 60 after 30 years service instead of at 65 after 35 years service, the amendments would increase minimum pensions from \$50 to \$60 a month.

ELLI WHITNEY  
An American, Eli Whitney, invented the cotton gin in 1793. Before this invention it took a worker ten hours to pull the seeds from two pounds of cotton.

## First Entries In 'Miss Torrance Of 1947' Competition Are Announced

The first entries in the "Miss Torrance of 1947" contest of the Junior Woman's club in behalf of the Torrance Y.W.C.A. are announced as follows:

1. Miss Bettie West, 1619 W. 216th st., age 20, hazel eyes, brown-blond hair, a graduate of Torrance high school and employed at El Prado Furniture.

2. Miss Carlotta Dean, 1639 W. 203rd st., age 19, hazel eyes, dark brown hair, a graduate of Torrance high school who plans to go to college next semester as an art student.

3. Miss Pat Ream, 1016 Acacia ave., age 16, blonde, attending Torrance high school as a sophomore and the Christian church; likes home economics, does her own sewing and has ambitions of becoming a photographer.

Already three service clubs are seeking the chance to endorse the two first entries in the contest for the throne of "Miss Torrance of 1947," and it appears that there will be lively competition for the honor and the many prizes being offered this year.

As revealed previously in the announcement of the Torrance Junior Woman's club contest to raise funds for the new Y.W.C.A. building project in Torrance, candidates are restricted to certain qualifications, and they are required to prove their popularity by selling votes, 10 cents for 10 votes, with no purchase allowed less than 10 cents.

The money, of course, goes into the Y.W.C.A. building fund, so it is for justified cause.

Here are the rules:

1. Any single girl who resides within the limits of Torrance or environs; between the ages of 16 and 25; who is not a member of

any other organization.

Contestants for "Miss Torrance of 1947" will go on the air May 31, the closing day of the Queen contest, for a special broadcast over radio KXLA, starting at 1 p.m. Jane Yardley, Los Angeles district junior radio chairman said.

An orchid corsage to the winner of the contest and a corsage to each of the other contestants are being donated by the Torrance-Flower Shop.

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Torrance Junior Woman's club may enter the contest.

2. Every girl under 21 must have written consent of one parent.

3. No contestant may transfer her votes to any other contestant.

4. No contestant may drop out once she has entered.

5. Contestant's score is based upon the number of votes she can sell. Votes sell 10 for 10 cents. No ticket less than 10 cents. A receipt will be given to contestant each time money is turned over to contest chairman.

6. All entries must be in by 12 noon, April 21. Contest ends at 12 midnight, May 31.

7. Judges of the contest will be the Junior Woman's club board, sponsors of the club, contest chairman and one or more local citizens.

An entry blank is printed with this article and there are many prizes, as follows:

William T. Greene, of the Torrance Time Shop, has donated a \$125.00 cocktail watch, to go to the winner of the contest; Mode O' Day, \$5.00 merchandise order; J. C. Penney Company, a matched luggage set; Newberry's, a bathing suit; Benson's, a topper; Gary's, a \$15.00 merchandise order; Allen Jewellers, Elyn Deleith perfume set; Howard's Jewelry, three-strand "Richelle" pearls; Torrance Hardware, water set; Gay Shop, \$25.00 dress; National Home Appliance, dresser set; Bernard's, choice of women's shoes; El Prado Furniture Store, cedar chest or radio; Family Store, Watoseal curtains; Torrance Electric Shop, tea tray; Western Auto Supply Co., Cologne and powder set; La Salle Dress shop, Nelly Don dress; Terry's Variety, 8x10 double plastic frame; McCown Discount drug store, leather-fitted Primrose House kit; Burke's Bargain Spot, a mirrored dresser set with jewelry drawer; Star Furniture store, blanket; Adams Dress Shop, two pairs of nylon; Don Carper's Music Center, \$5.00 gift certificate, for records; Universal Furniture Company, attractive pottery lamp; Charleston's, wearing apparel, to be selected; Torrance Pharmacy, Elizabeth Arden cosmetic set.

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OFFICERS OF 578TH COMBAT ENGINEERS... Commissioned and assigned to the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard headquarters in Torrance, are the following officers grouped around Lt. Col. Davis W. Campbell, battalion commander, and 40th Division, C. N. G., engineer officer, at the Torrance Armory: James G. Browning, warrant officer (j.g.), personnel; D. I. Downs, major, operations and training officer; Clyde C. Carpenter, major, executive officer; R. L. Wellen Sr., major, assistant executive officer.

## Full Time YWCA Worker Starting In Sept. Asked By Harbor Board

The Board of Directors of the San Pedro Young Women's Christian Association has voted to recommend that the Los Angeles Community Welfare Federation, or the Community Chest, give prior claim to the Torrance YWCA for a full time group worker in the year starting September 1, 1947. The worker would devote her major efforts to working with young adults, under sponsorship of the Torrance YWCA. The Los Angeles Welfare Council already has approved such an assignment.

Since the YWCA program year begins in September, and since the period from May through the summer is the time when "Y" professional workers normally become available for new positions, the board is seeking to secure the worker to start in Torrance next fall.

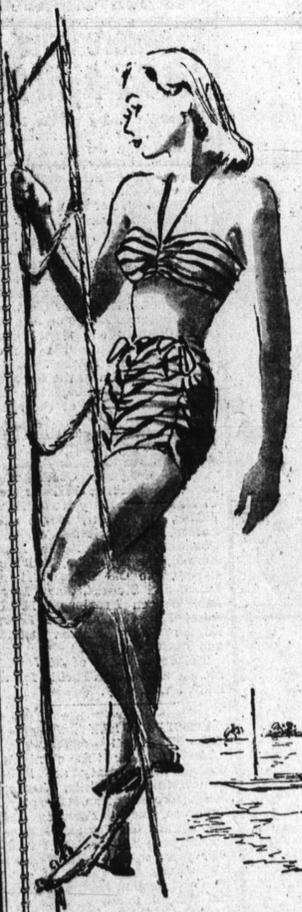
The board is asking the Welfare Federation immediately to allocate to San Pedro funds sufficient to pay for the professional "YW" worker. The Women in Torrance already are prepared to provide other necessary funds for carrying forward the project. To wait for inclusion of the allocation in the Community Chest goal for next fall would result in delaying the start of the work here, it was pointed out.

The Junior Woman's club of Torrance is sponsoring a "Miss Torrance of 1947" contest to secure funds for the "YW" building fund in Torrance. Last year a similar contest netted approximately \$3,000 to the fund.

Mrs. Ronald J. Menmuir is president of the Y.W.C.A. organizing board in Torrance.

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