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REWARDED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE . . . A. L. Platky of Gardena (center) receives a Red Feather, national symbol for voluntary work for the common good. Platky, who recently retired as chairman of First District Welfare Council, wears a miniature feather lapel emblem, presented him by Paul Moore Wheeler, right, also a Feather wearer. Dr. Don Moshos, newly elected chairman of the Welfare Council, is shown at the left.

Metropolitan Water Luncheon Honors Whitsett

With representatives from Torrance and more than twenty Southern California cities present, a luncheon honoring William Paul Whitsett and launching a program to advance and protect California's water rights in the Colorado River was held Tuesday noon, June 24, at the Biltmore Hotel.

It was the occasion for the initial meeting also of the executive committee of the recently organized Colorado River association headed by Preston Hotchkis, former president of the California State Chamber of Commerce. Early this year Mr. Whitsett resigned as chairman and a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California after serving as the head of that official body for more than 18 years.

"California has been alerted to the urgent need of safeguarding its rights on the Colorado River by reason of a recent U. S. Reclamation Bureau report that lists 134 proposed new projects which if built, together with existing projects, will call for 25 percent more water than actually is in the river," said President Hotchkis of the Colorado River association.

"Our All American Canal, Metropolitan Aqueduct and power lines stemming from the Colorado are now serving 4,000,000 Southern Californians, and they represent an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars. Our established rights on the river must be protected."

The luncheon was jointly sponsored by the Colorado River association and the members of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District.

National Guard Revealed As Oldest Component of Army of United States

The National Guard is one of three components of the Army of the United States and had its origin in the battle for independence nearly 200 years ago, thus making it the oldest component.

So it was revealed in a recruiting broadcast on K.F.O.X. Monday in behalf of the 578th Combat Engineers battalion, California National Guard, headquartered at Torrance Municipal airport.

The other components, First Lieutenant Roy Sullivan, service detachment commander of the

Mrs. Oser Left Estate Valued At \$3,600,000

Estate of the late Mathilde McCormick Oser, granddaughter of Cyrus H. McCormick and John D. Rockefeller, Sr., was valued at \$3,600,000 and her will admitted to probate Friday.

At the time of her death last May 18 at the age of 41, Mrs. Oser was residing at 2705 Via Anita, Palos Verdes Estates.

Her will bequeathed all the estate, consisting mostly of trusts created by her father, Harold F. McCormick, International Harvester heir, to her two children, Peter and Anneta Oser, both students at Pomona college.

Mrs. Oser was the widow of Maj. Max Oser, former Swiss army officer and riding master. They were married in 1923.

FINGERPRINTS

On June 30, 1946, the identification division of the FBI had a total of 101,578,578 fingerprint cards in its files. J. Edgar Hoover states in his article for the Britannica Book of the Year.

Thomas Endorses San Pedro Plan For Shipbuilding

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas has endorsed the campaign originated by Local 9 of the Marine and Shipyard Workers (CIO) to bring a portion of the proposed \$89,000,000 merchant ship construction program to San Pedro.

Thomas in a letter to the San Pedro union wrote:

"I am certain that the continuance of the merchant marine shipbuilding program will mean a great deal to our community—it will bring about greater employment and will assure our position in the rising tide of shipbuilding competition which faces the United States today."

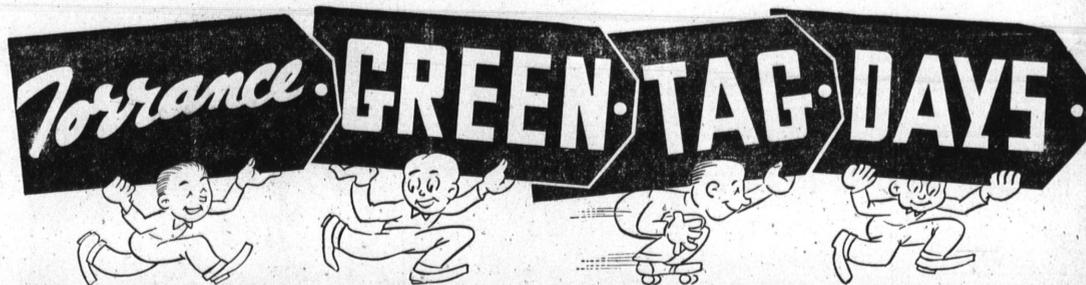
Seven San Pedro civic organizations yesterday voted to write the merchant marine advisory committee to President Truman, urging that a portion of the 10-ship program be brought here.

BELLFLOWER MAN FINED \$200 ON MORALS CHARGE

Harry James Streelman, 27, of Bellflower, was arrested early Friday morning and booked on a charge of indecent exposure, after a complaint from a local woman had been received by Torrance police.

Streelman pleaded guilty to the charge in Torrance City court Friday and Judge John A. Shidler assessed a fine of \$200.

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