

**BRADSHAW WINS GLIDER WINGS AT YAMOTO CENTER**

Private Lloyd A. Bradshaw, 19-year-old paratrooper, recently won his glider wings at the Eleventh Airborne Division Training Center at Yamoto, Japan, after making three glider rides and one tactical parachute equipment jump in a plane while in flight. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bradshaw, 1410 W. 215th st., Torrance.

Pfc. Bradshaw is now serving in Company "T" 188th Parachute Infantry Regiment, stationed near Sendai, Japan. He is now in the final stages of advanced infantry training where he is learning how to live and fight under simulated combat conditions.

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**Nighties, Overalls Adorn Juniors At Surprise Party**

By NADA L. SKIDMORE

"Oh, how they hated to get up in the morning," Friday, when members of Torrance Junior Woman's Club were collected from their homes and deposited in the rumpus room at 2530 El Dorado for a "Come As You Are" breakfast party.

Mrs. C. J. Forkum and her committee arranged the surprise event and were making the rounds from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. gathering in unsuspecting victims arrayed in everything from lace nightgowns to dresses with the "New Look." Members were fined if they changed any article of their clothing, combed their hair or even ventured to apply a little lipstick. Some were given time to brush their teeth, but most were willing to come as they were, even to the woman who was cleaning the stove in her overalls when committee members arrived.

One prominent Senior Woman's Club member was caught in her nightgown and robe, but she "came along peacefully," according to breakfast arrangers, and was joined by her daughter, also wearing a robe.

The victims found that their lot wasn't such a sad one when they finally sat down to munch hot cinnamon rolls, snails, orange rolls and coffee-cake around a blazing fire.

Assisting Mrs. Forkum arrange the novel affair were Mmes. J. P. Montague, R. T. Baughan, George A. Bradford Jr., Earl Clayton, Lee A. McCoy, W. V. Meese, H. P. Jensen and John Ritchie.

**Torrance P.T.A. Council Plan Gets Approval**

The regular meeting of the executive board of First District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. B. Bruce, Monday Nov. 24 in the assembly room of the Los Angeles City Library.

Unit presidents of Torrance Parent-Teacher associations met for lunch with Mrs. R. L. Yankee and Mrs. N. Stevenson of the extension department and Mrs. E. T. Marline, parliamentarian of First District, and were informed that the State Board of Managers at the November board meeting approved the request of First District for the formation of the Torrance Council.

State by-laws state there shall be thirty days lapse of time between the approval date and the actual organization day. It was decided to call a meeting for Dec. 5 at the home of Mrs. A. C. Turner, of the by-laws and the nominating committees to draw up a set of by-laws before calling the actual organization meeting, some time the following week.

Representing the Torrance associations were: Mesdames V. T. Vanderpool, Fern Avenue, Elmer Moon, Torrance elementary, B. J. Michels, Walteria, A. B. Cowie, Perry and A. C. Turner, Torrance high school.

**Marriage Licenses**

Carl Carter, Jr., 1331 Broadway, Burbank, and Eileen M. Peterson, 20500 Hawthorne avenue, Torrance.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Raymond V. Darby, chairman of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, recently reminded couples applying for marriage licenses that health certificates must be obtained first, although the three-day waiting period before marriage was repealed May 6, 1943.

**Chest Drive Here Passes Halfway Mark**

The Torrance Community Chest campaign passed the 50 per cent mark this week according to Chairman Sam Levy who announced that contributions now stand at \$7,993 of this cities goal of \$14,525.

"Our campaign is now a month old," Levy said, "and we have 55 per cent of the goal asked of us. If the 159 health, welfare and youth agencies of the Chest are to continue full scale operation during the coming year, every one of the 35 towns and cities in the campaign must raise its fair share of funds."

Chest officials said that the Red Feather appeal has now been extended to Dec. 3 in order to give volunteers who have not yet covered their assignments a chance to do so. Levy pointed out that if workers "will all pitch into this campaign in the next week, we could have our goal within sight in that time."

Anyone who has not been called on as yet by volunteers and who wishes to give to the Community Chest is urged to get in touch with headquarters immediately, at 1514 Cravens or phone Torrance 1601.

**Veterans Service Center Officers Picked For Year**

Officers of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center were elected at the annual meeting Friday night in the City Hall, and Pat MacDonnell, secretary of the Gardena Chamber of Commerce, was reelected president.

A. M. Archbold, of the California State Employment Service, was elected as vice president and J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, was picked as secretary and treasurer.

Chosen as executive committee are Thomas M. Jones and Mrs. Bessie Shooker, both of Torrance, Jerry Ward, of Lomita and William Kurtz, of Gardena.

The group will direct activities in veterans' behalf in the several communities during the coming year, as a part of the Community Chest activity in this area.

**Bandits Rob Gas Station**

Joseph Miller, operator of a service station at 21346 S. Vermont ave, was held up and robbed early Friday of approximately \$70 by two bandits.

The victim told Sheriff's officers from the Vermont substation that he was eating breakfast at a cafe near his establishment when the bandits entered and asked him if he would go to the service station and sell them some gas for their car.

Miller left the cafe after telling the waitress to hold his food for a short time until he returned.

When the three men reached the service station the bandits placed a gun against Miller's head and told him to hand over his money.

**WET PAVEMENTS**

Wet pavements call for extra driving caution, warns the Public Safety Department of National Automobile Club.

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**ROGERS COMPLETES NAVY BOOT COURSE AT SAN DIEGO**

William H. Rogers, husband of Mrs. Betty Rogers, 4405 Emerald st., completed recruit training at the U. S. Naval Training center, San Diego recently. Holding the rank of seaman second class, Rogers is 18 years old and entered the Navy at Los Angeles last Aug. 15.

**RETRACTION**

A linen shower given by Job's Daughters, Bethel 50 of Torrance for Miss Wilma McBride, 1507 Acacia Ave, was not a wedding shower as previously reported, but was given in honor of Miss McBride upon her retirement as honored queen of Bethel 50.

**EDUCATION BOARD INCREASES SICK LEAVE BENEFITS**

Torrance City Board of Education has approved a new policy increasing sick leave benefits for certified employees from 5 days, accumulative to 25 days, to 10 days, accumulative to 40 days.

In line with recent legislation, employees will receive full pay for the first 10 days' absence because of illness during a school year. Sick leave not used up in one year will be carried over to the next year, except that the maximum sick leave an employee may have in one year will be 40 days.

**House Destroyed By Fire Believed Caused By Faulty Stove**

Torrance Fire department battled a blaze Friday afternoon that destroyed a small frame house at 226th st. and Martha ave, owned by Ruth Hernandez and occupied by U. L. Rudd.

Firemen responded to the alarm at 4:30 p.m. and fought the flames for more than an hour. The house was a total loss from the fire, believed to have been caused by a faulty kerosene stove. No one was injured.

**FRASER RESIGNS; CROZIER ELECTED HAWTHORNE MAYOR**

Councilman Harold E. Crozier was elected to the post of Mayor of Hawthorne following the resignation of Mayor Clifford W. Fraser because of "the press of personal affairs."

Sharpe Greenwood, a service station operator, was selected to fill the vacancy left by Crozier, who was mayor once before, in 1943-44.

Crozier was one of three persons elected to the council following the special recall election of three councilmen last summer.



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