

Los Angeles Briefs

Band Salutes City—A musical salute to Los Angeles was given by the Sioux Falls (S.D.) High School Band in a noon concert on the City Hall steps. The 50 girls and 25 boys are on a goodwill concert tour of the United States and Canada under direction of Arthur R. Thompson.

Traffic to Be Aided—A traffic bottleneck on N. Figueroa St. will be eliminated by widening and paving of the thoroughfare between Neola and Buena Vista Sts. under a \$133,705 contract awarded by the Board of Public Works. Griffith Co. will begin the work this month.

V.A. Restricts Burials — Officials of the Veterans Administration here announced that only veterans who die in V.A. hospitals and those deceased whose families request their burial in V.A. cemeteries will be buried in the plots in the future. There is room now for only 25,000 more bodies in the 16 V.A. cemeteries in the nation.

Mustang Contract Let—North American Aviation has been awarded an A.A.F. contract for a new and improved version of its P-82 Twin Mustang long-range fighter. With two 2200-h.p. Allison engines, the P-82E has a top speed in excess of 475 m.p.h. and a combat range of approximately 2500 miles.

Actor Found Dead—Henry da Sylva, 50-year-old actor, was found dead in his home at 1564 N. Western Ave., the Coroner's office reported. Investigators said Da Sylva died from natural causes. The body was found by Enrico Vacente, who lives at the same address.

Prison Author Sentenced — Ernest G. Booth, 49-year-old bank robber and author of numerous stories written in prison, was sentenced to 20 years in Federal prison by U.S. Judge Jacob Weinberger. Booth had pleaded guilty to robbing the Atlas Federal Savings & Loan Association of Pasadena of \$2100 Feb. 24 and to conspiracy to conceal \$325,000 in securities stolen in Seattle.

Finance Company Robbed — Two armed bandits stole \$658 in currency from a North Hollywood finance company at 8230 Lankershim Blvd. after ordering the manager, R. W. Denaple, of 10944 Landale Ave., North Hollywood, and three employees into a back room.

Bandit Rings, Takes Rings—Answering the doorbell of his home at 1162 N. Western Ave. cost Clyde Wigfield, accountant, \$220 in cash, two rings valued at \$775 and a \$75 watch. The caller was a gunman who forced Wigfield to hand over these items and then tore out the telephone before leaving.

Fete at Armory Tonight—A reunion and dance in honor of 40th Infantry Division Day will be held tonight for former members of the division at Exposition Park National Guard Armory. Arms and equipment used by the division and a collection of trophies gathered in campaigning from New Guinea to the Philippines will be exhibited. Maj. Gen. Walter P. Story, Brig. Gen. Wayne R. Allen, commander of Los Angeles' own 160th Infantry, Division Commander Maj. Gen. Harcourt Hervey and Capt. Ronald J. Hopkins, who was blinded in action with the division, are expected to be present.

Writer Divorced Again—Mrs. Kae Salkow, 37-year-old mother of two, divorced Sidney Salkow, 36, for the second time. Her first matrimonial split with the film writer and producer ended in a reconciliation in 1943 before the initial divorce decree became final. Mrs. Salkow, an interior decorator, testified before Super-



Mrs. Kae Salkow

rior Judge Thurmond Clarke that Salkow has "an uncontrollable temper." Under terms of the decree granted by Judge Clarke, Mrs. Salkow will receive \$400 a month and the family residence at 3264 Shelly Drive as well as custody of the couple's two children.

Alumni Elect—Meredith Goodwin was elected president of the Hollywood High School Alumni Association as the group held its annual meeting in the school auditorium with 350 persons present. Goodwin succeeded William L. Heimberger. William McCann was named president-elect and Mary McPike was re-elected vice-president. Louis F. Foley, principal, headed the faculty reception committee, assisted by Miss Bertha Standfast, girls' vice-principal, and Lawrence E. Houston, boys' vice-principal.