



**WAR'S FIRST BITTER TEARS . . .** with tears streaming down her face, this aged woman is assisted ashore at Galway, Ireland, after rescue from the ill-fated Athenia, torpedoed and sunk 200 miles off the coast of Scotland.

## Honor Roll of Charity Chest Donors Issued

Response to the Torrance Community Service association's appeal for contributions to the local "charity chest" have been "splendid" so far, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner, campaign chairman.

"The returns to date have been most satisfactory," he said today, "but we are still a long way from our goal of \$1,800. It would help a lot if those who received letters asking for contributions would forward them to the Chamber of Commerce, Torrance National Bank or myself as soon as possible.

"Next week we are starting to make personal calls for the annual gifts and we have a list of nearly 150 places to visit. If we can obtain contributions in advance, it will save the committee much time," Conner pointed out.

Conner today released the "Honor Roll" of firms and citizens who have contributed to the Torrance Charity Chest. Those who give contributions in the future will be listed in subsequent issues of The Herald. The initial list follows:

Harriett Leech  
Wallace H. Gilbert  
Harvel Gutfelder  
United Concrete Pipe Corporation  
The Deslites Company  
Chandler - Canfield Midway Oil Company  
Joe O. Mjckle

Torrance Herald  
John Shidler  
H. T. Lintott  
Hydriol Company  
Rotary Club  
Cornets 5-10-15c Store  
Paul Irlis  
Howard's Jewelers  
Roi Tan Pool Hall  
Torrance Pharmacy  
Dr. C. L. Ingold  
Automatic Printing Company  
P. O. Barber Shop  
Howard Locke  
Ed Thompson  
Torrance Auto Sales  
American Beauty Shop  
Halg & Halg  
Schultz & Peckham  
Baker Smith  
Torrance Investment Company  
J. Lepkin  
Cherry Blossom Cafe  
Rubbercraft Corporation  
Drs. Beeman & Easley  
Columbia Broadcasting Company (KNX)  
Star Furniture Company  
National Home Appliance Company  
Torrance Upholstering Company

It Won't Be Long Now! . . .

## CITY APPROPRIATION ASSURES FACTORY FROLIC'S SUCCESS

Assured of \$500 from the city if necessary to meet expenses for the three-day celebration, Fay L. Parks and his 1939 Factory Frolic committee this week began drafting the program of entertainment that will be centered on El Prado for the enjoyment of every resident of Torrance.

Following a recommendation from the Chamber of Commerce, the city council Tuesday night voted to allow the Frolic committee another \$250 to be used if needed, thus raising the total grant by the city to \$500 for the community event. Previously half of this sum was given by the council but the Frolic committee maintained that it desired guarantee of as much more if plans for the celebration were to be carried out on the scale outlined.

The council also granted a request of the Frolic committee for the services of the municipal band for participation in the parade Saturday afternoon, Sept. 30, and at two concerts.

**Merchants Contributing**  
Altho the Frolic will officially get under way Thursday evening, Sept. 28, with a concert by the Long Beach municipal band and other entertainment features, the various concessions and rides will start operations Thursday afternoon. Some of the stands will probably open the night before.

The band stand will be located at the intersection of El Prado and Sartori, the large open-air dance platform, nearly 400 square feet in size, will be erected on the vacant lot across from the Civic Auditorium and the Auditorium itself will be the scene of a gala display and programs.

Local merchants are generously contributing to the Frolic fund from which prizes, decorations, special features and other expenses will be drawn. There will be a public dance each night and a "jitterbug contest" to end all jitterbug contests" Friday night, Sept. 29.

**Plan Big Hobby Show**  
One of the outstanding features of the Factory Frolic last year will be a part of the com-



**FAY L. PARKS**  
... Impresario of big time

ing celebration. This is the Arts and Crafts and Hobby Show in the store building at 1222 El Prado. Ribbon and certificate awards are to be given exhibitors of the best products of their skill in many classifications. Judging will be done by a group of State Recreation instructors from out of the city. Needlecraft objects are also welcome at the show where a special section will be reserved for this type of work.

Dale Riley, John Shidler, Mrs. Cora Bohrer and others are in charge of the exhibits. An attendant will be on duty to guard the entries during the time when the show is open, which will be every day during the Frolic, and there will be a night watchman in the building to protect the exhibits.

Entries will be received after noon Tuesday, Sept. 26 and the show opened to the public without charge at noon Thursday, Sept. 28. The judging will be done Friday afternoon and night, Sept. 29. Those who have articles which they desire to display should bring them to the show Sept. 28. There will be both adult and children classifications.

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## City to Buy Cabrillo Rt.-of-Way

### PLANNERS SHOW MAP AT HEARING

That the City Planning Commission has given close attention to existing land uses and tried to draft a general plan that will encourage all types of land development for the best interest of the city was shown Monday night when their preliminary work for a new zoning of Torrance was revealed at a public hearing in the city council chamber.

Very few objections were raised by members of a good-sized audience to the zoning of the entire city according to such classifications as residential, business, commercial and industrial. Commission members, however, declared that the hearing was "most productive" and the opinions expressed (and taken down for reporting by a stenographer) would be given serious study.

Tom McGuire presided as chairman of the commission and Kenneth Sampson, of the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, which acts as a consulting body for the Torrance group, was present to explain the preliminary zoning map on display. The commission will meet again at the city hall Sept. 25 to continue work on a final draft of the proposed zoning ordinance.

**Define Major Sections**  
When this is completed it will be submitted to the city council with a recommendation that it be adopted. The council then may call another or several public hearings on the matter before voting on its inclusion as the master zoning plan for the city.

The Monday night hearing was conducted informally but in accordance with the city charter.

### Storemen Want Law Limiting Business Hours

A petition, signed by 52 clerks, managers and owners of retail food stores here, was read to the city council Tuesday night requesting passage of an ordinance limiting business hours for such stores along the same plan that has been done voluntarily by such businesses in the past.

The petition stated that the firms have had "good working hours in the past" and "this healthy condition is threatened by the entry of such a business as will compete with present food stores by keeping open at all times, which will force all food stores to remain open at all times."

Appended to the petition was a suggested ordinance which was referred to the council's ordinance committee, headed by Councilman George V. Powell. This would limit business hours of food stores to between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m., except Saturdays, when they would be open until 8 p. m., and keep them closed every Sunday and all legal holidays. The suggested penalty for violation of these hours was a \$100 fine or 30 days in jail or both.

Signers of the petitions approved the statement that such regulation should be ordained "for the health and welfare of said clerks, owners and managers of food stores as well as for the citizens of the city of Torrance."

### Sudden Heart Attack Fatal to Oil Worker

"I don't feel well . . . I . . ." With these words Roy M. Baumgardner, 51, of Long Beach, collapsed and died of a heart attack at the emergency hospital at 24608 Narbonne avenue Sunday morning. He had just driven there from his work in the South Torrance oil field.

The Torrance fire department ambulance squad was called and the firemen worked over the man for more than half an hour, he was beyond recall. Mr. Baumgardner was survived by his wife and two sons, the oldest being 21 years of age. The funeral service was held yesterday in Long Beach.

## More Than 4,000 Torrance, Lomita Children in School

### Host of New Teachers Begin Duties Monday

There wasn't a gas mask in the thousands of them—but there were a lot of glad smiles on the faces of more than 4,000 boys and girls of Torrance and Lomita as they poured into the eight buildings Monday morning to begin the 1939-40 term.

Over in Europe schools were either closed, wrecked by air bombs or operating in emergency quarters far from danger of air attacks. But here at home more than 200 teachers welcomed their pupils back to the same class rooms, many of which had been renovated and improved during the summer vacation.

A total of 2,206 youngsters reported in Torrance schools on the first day while 1,825 more answered "Here!" when the rolls were called in Lomita institutions. The local increase was 226 and in Lomita there were but five more enrolled than on the opening day a year ago.

**One Change In Faculty**  
Additional enrollments were being recorded daily in all of the schools this week as parents

### Arts, Crafts Centers Expect More Patrons

Altho there has been no let-up in activities thruout the summer, the two city recreation centers are expected to receive more attention from adults and children now that summer is near its end and school has resumed. Dale Riley, city recreation director, announced this week that the Carson Street center is now open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10 to 5 p. m. and is closed Sundays and Mondays. Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Vida Baldwin and Mrs. Cora Bohrer are in charge of the work there.

The Arlington Avenue center is now operating on the same schedule with adult classes in handicraft work Tuesday nights until 10 o'clock. The Walteria center, also following the same schedule, is increasing in patronage weekly and Riley said some splendid work is being accomplished there.

All of the Centers will be closed during the Factory Frolic, Sept. 28, 29 and 30, because their patrons will have a large display at the Arts and Crafts show, located at 1222 El Prado. The only expense connected with patronizing the centers is the cost of materials used. Instruction is free and there is wide variety of handicraft, arts and crafts projects available to anyone interested.

### County Vote Total Gains

Los Angeles county had 1,261,089 registered voters at 5 p. m. last Friday, the close of business for the week, according to William Kerr, county registrar of voters.

Kerr also announced that he had not yet decided on the number of election officials that should be on duty in precincts for the special election November 7. It depends, he declared, on the number of issues that qualify for the ballot.

To date the "Ham and Eggs" initiative and the chiropractic measures are the only two that have gained a place on the ballot. Kerr stated that election boards would have either four or six workers, depending on the number of issues involved. Sept. 28 will be the final date for registration of persons seeking to vote Nov. 7. Persons who moved since the last election or who did not vote at the last general election or primary must register to vote.

### First Day Enrollments

SCHOOL	Monday 1938	1937	1936	1935
Torrance High	738	840	751	692
Elementary	864	733	729	625
Fern Street	296	292	307	288
Walteria	125	115	134	142
Perry School	148			133
Community College	35			
<b>Torrance Total</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>1,726</b>
*Decrease due to transferring 7th grade (Jr. High) classes back to Elementary school.				
<b>Lomita Total</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>1,759</b>	<b>1,724</b>
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>4,031</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>3,680</b>	<b>3,450</b>

returned with their offspring from vacation trips or changes in residence accounted for more students. All classes were reported functioning according to routine by yesterday and the work of education was well under way today.

At Torrance high school there were 354 boys and 384 girls registered Monday. Principal Thomas H. Elson announced one late change in his faculty: Miss Margaret E. Sabath Wood replaces Mrs. Myrtle Schwartz who was to have succeeded Miss Ruth L. Edwards in teaching

### Donkey Ball Game Tonite at City Park

Seated on the hurricane decks of 18 particularly "mean" donkeys, picked teams from the Sons of Legion and 20-30 club will stage a softball game at the city park tonight, starting at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of raising money for the High School P.T.A. Student Welfare fund.

Donkeys they'll raise more than that is remembered from previous donkey ball games here. The long-eared "mountain canaries" have a way of turning a sports encounter into a hilarious comedy of errors. Admission to the spectacle will be 25 cents for adults with children being admitted free.

A player doesn't have to know anything about riding to engage in a donkey ball game—the little animals' antics would make a Joe DiMaggio look like a bash league. There'll be plenty of fun at the park diamond tonight so come out and watch the Sons and 20-30 boys try to interest their four-footed assistants in a ball game!

### Week's Building Totals \$12,350

Altho building permits issued here this week totaled \$12,350, more than half of that figure represents a demolition job—the wrecking of the old Torrance Glass Factory at 2120 Border avenue. Western Iron and Metal company took out a permit for this work which amounted to \$7,000.

New construction jobs started during the past week were: William P. Nye, erecting of a stucco garage at 1423 Acacia, \$200; Arthur Davies, a 12 by 14-foot addition to a residence at 2021 Gardena boulevard, \$300; Agnes Bretz and Helen Walker, 24 by 80-foot hay barn at 2021 174th street, \$150.

A. Van Vleet, six-room frame stucco house at 22845 Hawthorne boulevard, \$3,000; M. Matsui, small frame house at 3717 190th street, \$250; General Petroleum corporation, foundations for tanks at the Torrance refinery, \$500; Harold F. Smith, double garage, laundry room and alterations to residence at 1900 238th street, \$550; Mrs. Samuel Ward, sleeping porch and enlarging living room at 2229 230th street, \$400.

### T.H.S. Teacher is Stranded by War in London

One of the worried American tourists stranded in Europe by the Second World War is a Torrance high school teacher—Miss Ruth Locke who was last reported in London trying to secure passage back to her homeland and her algebra and geometry classrooms.

Another tourist-teacher, Miss Arlene Graber, arrived Monday morning from New York, having been fortunate enough to secure passage aboard the Empress of Britain from England nine or ten days earlier. She is girls' physical education instructor at the high school.

Miss Locke cabled her father in Los Angeles this week that she had been unsuccessful so far in booking a return trip and consequently she is not expected to return to resume her work here for several weeks. She started on a world tour shortly after the summer vacation began last June.

In London she missed her ship by two days.

## P. E. Offer Taken; Way Cleared for 'Cowpath' Removal

In authorizing purchase of the Pacific Electric right-of-way on Cabrillo avenue, the city council Tuesday night paved the way for the first major improvement in the business district since the installation of ornamental street lights. Approval of the \$8,055 expenditure that will give the city the center strip on which P. E. tracks are located from the station to Plaza del Amo was greeted with applause by a large audience.

### Torrance College Enrollment Ends Next Monday

Registrations for the newly created Torrance Community (junior) College will be kept open until Monday, Sept. 18, according to Thomas H. Elson, principal at Torrance high school who also heads the junior college.

"While the number so far enrolled is somewhat less than we anticipated from the survey made last fall, it should be remembered that our school began a week earlier than most junior colleges and for this reason we are keeping the registrations open until next Monday," Elson states.

Plans have been completed and curricula and faculty organized to begin active study next week, and all those who desire to take advantage of the convenience of attending junior college classes here in Torrance are urged to register at the high school without delay.

### Keystone Man Dies On Steps to Dr's. Office

Instructed by his physician to sit down and rest on the stairs leading to the doctor's office while medicine was being obtained, Frederick D. Cogswell, 21613 Berendo street, Keystone, compiled early Tuesday morning. When the doctor returned, Mr. Cogswell had expired as result of his heart ailment.

A former National Supply worker, Mr. Cogswell had been suffering from a serious heart condition for several months. He was 54 years of age, a native of New Brunswick, Canada, who had lived in this area for about 35 years. He was a member of S.W.O.C. lodge No. 1414.

The funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Stone and Myers' chapel with Rev. C. M. Northrup, Baptist pastor, officiating. Private cremation will follow at Pacific Crest. Mr. Cogswell was survived by his mother, Mrs. Frank J. Cogswell of Keystone; a daughter, Mrs. Gladys Evelyn Simpson of West Los Angeles; a sister, Mrs. John Knorr of Torrance; three other sisters and two brothers residing in Canada.

After the purchase is completed, then the city must decide how to remove the tracks and overhead wiring. The P. E. has offered to do this clearance for \$10,300 but city officials and members of the City-Wide Improvement association are confident that the city can do the work with city crews or contract with private interests at half or possibly one-third of this figure.

**Holds Extension Option**  
Once the right-of-way is cleared then the matter of paving in the center strip will be undertaken and the street made a full 80-foot artery from the P. E. station to Plaza del Amo.

The city also holds an option to purchase the right-of-way thru the Kettler property, south of Plaza del Amo, for the extension of Cabrillo avenue to connect with Eshelman avenue in Lomita and thus provide a thru roadway connecting with U. S. Highway 101.

### Pencil Portraits of Prominent Personalities

Sketched by ELIZABETH LOSEY

In the 16 years that he has been a resident of this city, C. Earl Conner has probably participated in more community affairs than any other one man. That's a pretty big statement but Conner's record as a citizen, ex-serviceman, businessman, public official and postmaster bears it out.

A native of Horton, Kansas, where he was born one hot August day in 1889, he enlisted in the 137th Infantry, April 10, 1917 and served 13 months, most of the time overseas with the A. E. F. He was discharged May 1, 1919 as a sergeant and on June 26 he married his equally active wife, Clara, in St. Joseph, Mo. They came to California and Torrance Oct. 5, 1922.

Conner operated Earl's Cafe from 1925 to 1934 and began a civic service career that included membership on the council, starting in 1926; mayor 1933-34; postmaster 1934; directorship and vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce; local chairman of the Infantine Paralysis fund committee; commander of the American Legion post; member of the Democratic County Central Committee in 1932; president of Kiwanis club, member of Torrance Masonic



**C. EARL CONNER**  
... personifies word "active"

lodge; director and treasurer of the Torrance Community Service association. Postmaster Conner has given much of his time toward youth activities, recently filled the post of cook for a Boy Scout troop on its week's outing. Genial, servicable, optimistic—"Earl" is as much a part of Torrance as its industrial plants and civic center.

### Tax Strike in Alondra Park to Continue

Continuation of the tax strike against payment of special assessment taxes in the Alondra Park district was voted by the executive committee of the Alondra Park Improvement Association at its meeting last Thursday, according to William H. Tolson, chairman.

"There was a 54 percent delinquency last year; and there is only \$14.14 in the county treasury at present with which to pay some \$55,000 in interest and principal which is due soon," said Mayor Tolson.

"I believe the only way to get permanent relief from the deplorable special assessments in the Alondra Park district is to continue the strike," commented Tolson. "The executive committee voiced its determination to carry thru this tax strike program as planned," he added.