

PLAN DRIVE HERE TO SPUR LAGGING RED CROSS FUNDS

Embarrassed by this city's poor showing in the American Red Cross War Relief, a number of Torrance merchants met at Daniels Cafe Tuesday noon and again at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon to discuss plans for a community-wide relief drive.

To date only \$43 of this city's \$4,000 quota has been raised, as reported in an adjoining column. Torrance's quota was originally \$2,000—approximately the amount raised last year—but when the national quota was doubled due to urgent need for funds to alleviate suffering, this city's quota, along with all other communities was doubled, according to Mrs. Flora Wright, chairman of the local Red Cross branch.

Lon Greenman, paymaster of the Columbia Steel Company, representing Henry Lintott, superintendent, who is absent from the city, attended the Wednesday afternoon meeting and reported that plans are being worked out for raising funds among local steel workers, details of which will be explained to other industrial plants which will be asked to conduct similar drives among their employees.

Up to Americans Alone Every interested person and particularly all employers in every line of business and industry is urged to attend an organization meeting next Wednesday, June 12, at 7 p. m. in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce offices. It was announced following the preliminary meetings held this week.

Pointing out that Americans alone among all the civilized peoples of the world are the only ones able to help in this great humanitarian cause, J. G. Koch pleaded with fellow merchants to join in this campaign as an expression of gratitude for our good fortune.

Plan Paper Drive This week Mr. Wright received word from G. K. Robinson of 2204 Andros avenue, that a national assistance organization of which he is a member will conduct a county-wide paper drive for the benefit of the War Relief Fund. Robinson, assisted by F. O. Bacon, also of Torrance, will be glad to receive donations of tied up old newspapers and magazines at the vacant lot across from the Civic Auditorium at El Prado and Cravens avenue June 28, 29 and 30. Those unable to bring their old papers there may phone Robinson at 572 and the bundles will be picked up at homes.

"I deeply appreciate the assistance given by Mr. Robinson and Mr. Bacon and I hope that vacant lot is covered six feet deep with donations of old paper the last of this month," Mrs. Wright said. She said that information received by the Pa-

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Want Ad Rhymes Contest Winners

Your Want Ad Rhymes Contest Judge traveled all over Lomita, Harbor City and Torrance to contact mechanics who set aside their calipers to measure rhyme meters with the following results:

FIRST PRIZE WINNER Mrs. Freda Gail McVeigh, 24222 Cypress avenue, Lomita, will kindly call at our Torrance office for her first prize of \$1.

The Ad Margaret's Shop Wants more hobbies and handicraft shop with me and help your neighbor. Etc. Etc. Etc. Tor. 55-J

The Winning Rhyme "Margaret's Shop will serve you well— Prices are low; the clothes are swell. She makes alterations to fit your shape— And, anything from dress to cape."

SECOND PRIZE WINNER Mrs. William Hedge, 1828 290th street, Lomita, will kindly call at our Torrance office for two tickets to the Lomita theatre.

The Ad "Where Price & Quality Meet" NEW! Air Conditioned Cafe, etc. 1333 El Prado, Tor. 745 The Winning Rhyme "What the rhymes say, is quite true— About Allen's pies and Bar-B-Q: So take the tip, and fall in line— At the coolest spot in town to dine."

THIRD PRIZE WINNER Lois Grogg, Lomita, will kindly call at our Torrance office for two tickets to the Lomita theatre.

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Contribution List Totals Only \$43, Chairman Announces

With the hope that the community-wide rally to be held next Wednesday evening will be attended by a large number of merchants, industrialists, and civic leaders who will launch a comprehensive drive for funds which will be "much larger and more expressive of the generosity of Torrance people," Mrs. Flora Wright, local Red Cross chairman, announced the following contributions received during the past 10 days toward this city's \$4,000 quota of the 20 million dollar American Red Cross War Relief fund:

Henry Blanck	\$2.00
Dorothy Kenyon	2.00
J. L. Brown	5.00
Women's Benefit Assn.	5.00
A Friend	5.00
Christine Eriksen	1.00
Mrs. Malcolm Johnston	1.00
John Shidler	1.00
B. M. Prewett	1.00
Mrs. Bettina Miller	1.00
H. W. Field	5.00
A Friend	5.00
Mrs. R. M. Bailey	1.00
Mrs. R. N. Felker	5.00

Contributions may be left at either of the two local banks or the Chamber of Commerce, where proper receipts are issued.

68 to Graduate at Torrance High

Sixty-eight Torrance high school seniors are looking forward to receiving diplomas at the graduation exercises for the Summer class of 1940, to be held on the night of June 27 in the school assembly hall. The class is composed of 36 boys and 32 girls. Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice-principal, is scheduled to award the diplomas and student speakers will be in charge of the program.

Rudella Bays will express the students' appreciation to parents, and Sherman Ross will bring the class' greetings to the faculty.

Portions of the senior basic course will be explained by Virginia Hill, social arts; Marian Thompson, consumer education; Jeanne Howe, vocational guidance; Barbara McCune, business training; "Technical Education" will be the subject of Harold Kerber, and Bernard Friedman will describe "Streamlined Education."

Students who will list data presented in various divisions of the school curriculum are Bob Carlson, vocations; Margaret Stenick, general course; Dorothy Weber, home economics; Virginia McGinnis, commercial; and Lois Jayne Allen, "Looking to the Future."

Coordinating Group to Study Camp Requests

The character building committee, headed by Rev. Thomas R. Marshall of the Torrance Coordinating Council will meet next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the city hall. Applications for assistance in sending local youngsters to children's summer camps should be presented to Rev. Marshall.

MARCH OF RINES

HAIR TODAY—GONE TOMORROW—By H. F. NOAKE

Oh, barber lend a helping hand, use all the skill at your command; I'll pay, and well, if you'll but spare, my last remaining patch of hair! With plumage gone what man can boast of sex appeal, from coast to coast; or hide for long a deep distress when others view his nakedness. Each morn with brush and comb I strive to keep those precious strands alive, but seemingly to no avail, enough comes out to fill a pail. Hair tonic by the ton, I've tried, from vaseline to herpetide; have even gone without a hat but one good blizzard settled that. A neighbor said he'd heard the pate got bald because of things we ate; another said, "Your hair will grow, just shuffle off to Borneo." Now do you wonder I declare, ungrateful stuff is human hair, which disregards our good intent, departs and makes it permanent. So, barber, maybe you know how to save my hair, and save it now! Else I must leave this vale of sin, as bald as when I first came in!

McGuire Named on Highways Directorate

Mayor Tom F. McGuire of Torrance has been selected to serve on the board of directors of the Southwest District Highway Association for the current year. This appointment was made by Oscar L. Willett, newly installed president of the association, and announced at the last meeting held recently in Inglewood.

Mayors Ray Darby of Inglewood, Colfax B. H. of Redondo Beach, David Jones of Hermosa Beach, Charles Bloch of Manhattan Beach, Peter Binder of El Segundo, Glenn Anderson of Hawthorne, Wayne Bogart of Gardena and H. F. B. Kossler of Palos Verdes Estates were also named directors. The association's purpose is to study and recommend constructive measures affecting highways that serve the area south of Slauson and west of Western avenue. The slogan of this association is "Highways to the Airways."

Definite assurance for widening of Imperial Highway from Western avenue west to Freeman avenue was given by Mr. Freeman of the county road department. This work will start in August following the close of the racing season at Hollywood park. Work will be done by WPA labor or on a contract basis. According to present plans Imperial Highway will be widened to 66 feet. Seventeen feet of concrete will be laid and the adjoining highway shoulders will be eight feet.

Highlight of the evening's program was an illustrated talk by Hugo Winter of the Los Angeles city engineer's office on "Super or Express Highways." Pictures of what is being done and proposed to speed up traffic coming and going from Los Angeles were shown. These highways are designed with the purpose of making local highways safer at high speeds by the elimination of multiple stops and intersections.

Week's Building Totals \$12,410

Building permits issued from the city engineer's office during the past week for new construction jobs in Torrance totaled \$12,410. Permits were issued for Wendell Forge of 2421 Neve avenue, Welteria, for a three-room frame house and garage attached at 2364 Dominguez street, \$2,000; Robert F. Shell, 1221 Beech street, for a five-room frame stucco house and two-car garage at 1303 Madrid, \$2,900, and Frank Elk for a 20 by 40 foot refrigerator locker at 1819 Western avenue, \$1,500.

J. W. MacDowell for a steel frame service station at 2907 Carson street and three 550-gallon gasoline tanks, \$5,200; C. E. Gandy of Pittsburg, Calif., for a two-car frame garage at 807 Beech street, \$250, and J. L. Brown for repairs to a building at 1501 Gramercy avenue, \$500.

ONLY FIVE LEFT

The old guard is dwindling. There are only five Civil War veterans in the state's veterans' homes.

Only One Girl Makes Finals

Husky Youth Champ T.H.S. Cake Baker

No fragile feminine hands mixed and baked the finest cake produced by a Torrance high school student this year. Instead, the strong fingers of a husky Tartar athlete whipped up a cake Tuesday on the stage of the high school assembly hall that was judged to be the best produced by four contenders.

Yessir, Mr. Jim Dowell, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dowell of 915 Cota avenue, is champion cake-baker of Torrance high.

There's been a lot said about women usurping the place of men in business, finance, professions and industry but right here at home the tables have been turned on the up-and-coming "weaker sex."

Only one of the finalists in the high school cake contest

Officers Surprise Supply Workers Re-Elect Bacon Association Head

His work as a Torrance police officer finished, Gerald M. Calder served 12 of his 14 years on the department as chief, was enroute north to Yellowstone National Park with Mrs. Calder today. They plan to spend part of the summer at a large cattle ranch owned by Mrs. Calder's brother, Fred Ash, near Fort Bidwell in Modoc county after during the park.

Summoned back to the police station last Friday afternoon to "complete" surprise reports, Capt. Calder was overtaken by surprise when he was escorted into the squad room where 16 members of the department and four invited guests were seated at a dinner-table.

He was toasted with sincere expressions of his fellow-officers' esteem for him and presented a beautiful signed scroll. The invited guests were Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, City Judge Robert Lessing, Superintendent William H. Stanger of the municipal water department and Michael Strasser of The Herald.

Resident Since 1920

Officer Bill Evans presided as toastmaster and arrangements for the surprise dinner party were made by Officer Tom Perkins. The retiring veteran officer was visibly affected by the testimonial of the department's affection for him. He tried to respond to the brief toasts of praise and the gift presentation but couldn't.

Calder left the garage business here May 1, 1926 to become police chief. He headed the department until July 1, 1938 when he was demoted to captain and John Stroth was made head of the department of public safety combining both police and fire departments. A resident of Torrance since 1920, Calder came here from Nevada where he had been a furniture dealer and before that a miner.

The veteran officer's resignation from the department will not become official until June 15, when his 15-day vacation will be completed. At that time a new captain is expected to be appointed to succeed him. Sergeants Frank Schumacher and Ernest Ashton are eligible for advancement.

Isaacs, Lintott, Parks Elected C. C. Directors

With 87 casting ballots, members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday re-elected Fred Isaacs of the General Petroleum Corp., and Henry T. Lintott of the Columbia Steel Company to another term on the directorate. Fay Parks was elected to succeed Alden W. Smith as a member of the board.

The directors will meet June 17 to elect a president and other officers for the 1940-41 term.

Automobile registration in Georgia is 359,204 cars—one for 8.6 persons.

78 Respond Here to Legion Test Mobilization

A total of 78 Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons of Legion, Boy Scouts, a physician and Stone and Myers' ambulance responded here to the state-wide test mobilization held by the American Legion Tuesday evening. The turnout was larger than any previous local disaster relief preparedness move. Pat Boyle registered the men and boys responding to the radio broadcast and Mrs. Lucille Leach signed up the women who appeared.

Following the demonstration of preparedness to meet any sudden emergency, the Legion held a regular business session. Nominations were made for officers for the 1940-41 term. Those named to run for the commander's post were Edwin A. Bird, Jim Wilkes and Tom Babbitt. The election will be held July 2.

Walter Rolland, first vice-commander, who stepped up to head the post when Commander Pete Peterson, an old man, was transferred from here to Coalinga, presided at the Legion session.

Calling attention to the city electrical ordinance which regulates installation and maintenance of electrical equipment in Torrance, O. D. Butterfield, city electrician, warned this week that any persons found not complying with the law will be prosecuted.

"It is unlawful for anyone, excepting a licensed contractor, to install or alter any electrical system in the city excepting in the case of a homeowner actually owning and residing or planning to reside in his house," Butterfield pointed out. "In any case, a permit must be taken out at the city hall before work is started."

Butterfield said he was moved to issue such a warning because of complaints received regarding faulty wiring and that some unlicensed contractors were operating in the city.

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Steele Reports on Chicago SWOC Convention at Lodge Session Tonite

Torrance Unit Will Nominate Officers At Meeting June 13

At a special meeting of the local C.I.O. lodge No. 1414 tonite, President Carl Steele will submit his report on the national convention of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee held in Chicago May 14 to 17 which he attended as a delegate from the local lodge and as a member of the California state SWOC organization.

A total of 337 delegates from SWOC lodges in this country and Canada wrote a constructive program on important social legislation, adopted a wage policy, amended the rules governing the lodges and laid the groundwork for establishing a constitutional union in the steel industry to succeed the SWOC and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers at the Chicago gathering.

Steele was pictured in the May 24 issue of "Steel Labor" with the president of a lodge in Sydney, Nova Scotia, as being present from "the farthest points in which SWOC has lodges." The distance between Torrance, Cal., and Nova Scotia is about 4,000 miles. The local lodge leader was accompanied by Mrs. Steele and their son, Duane, on the eastern trip.

Leaders Plan Visit Here At the next regular meeting of the Torrance lodge June 13 officers will be nominated for the coming election. Steele, who has served as president for three years, says "I don't know as I

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Judge Lessing Says Jury Action Should End 'Disgraceful Era'

Expressing the hope that "individuals responsible" for the turmoil created by Councilman George V. Powell's unsuccessful attempts to oust Police Chief John Stroth and himself "will now subordinate their personal considerations for the interests of Torrance," City Judge Robert Lessing issued the following statement yesterday:

"The action of the grand jury last Tuesday, of which I have been unofficially advised, should put an end to the most disgraceful era in the political history of Torrance," Lessing stated.

"The situation during the past few weeks, which grew out of greed and misdirected ambition, has exposed the entire community to suffer both in unpleasant publicity and in lost motion on the part of its administration which has been so hampered by political machination that it could not operate constructively."

"I hope sincerely that the individuals responsible for this unfortunate situation will now subordinate their personal considerations for the more important interests of the people of Torrance," Judge Lessing's statement concludes.

Isen's Move to Block Stroth's Slander Suit Fails in L. A. Court

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Lighting Demonstration at Rotary Club Meet Here This Evening

After a two weeks' recess, the Torrance Rotary club resumes regular dinner-sessions tonight with George M. Rankin, director of lighting for the Southern California Edison Company, speaking on the development and sources of modern light. He will introduce considerable equipment to illustrate his description of the evolution of electric light.

Special guests at the meeting will be Principal Thomas Elson and Miss Janeczka of the high school faculty, who have been active in advancement of the club's vocational guidance program. Principal Leonard Dykes of the elementary school will present his school chorus in several numbers.

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The Herald learned from reliable sources that the grand jury virtually tossed the Powell allegations in the well-known wastebasket and that a letter to this effect would be sent here for reading at the next council session, Tuesday night, June 11.

Observers at the grand jury's chambers noted that Councilman Powell was closeted with the county body for about 25 minutes; that Mayor Tom F. McGuire followed him in conference with the grand jurors and that after Councilman James Hitchcock completed the individual appearances the entire council session was admitted to the jury room.

It was learned that Judge Edwin F. Hahn, chairman of the jury, informed the municipal board members that no evidence had been submitted that the accounts of the city judge and police chief were faulty. The county group had previously studied the reports of the city auditor which covered the period in which Councilman Powell claimed "shortages" had been "discovered" by him as having been "made up later."

Judge Hahn, The Herald learned, and his fellow jurors, appeared to be well acquainted with this city's recent political history and the background for Powell's accusations which were first made May 14. Powell, "crusading" school custodian, spent about 25 minutes with the grand jury and on emerging observers noted his face was flushed and he appeared considerably agitated.

Mayor McGuire was in the grand jury room a shorter period and after about 10 minutes, Councilman Hitchcock was summoned for another brief conference. Councilman J. V. Murray and Vern Babcock were not questioned privately.

The entire council session with the county body about 10 minutes. Judge Hahn informed the municipal body that the grand jury would write to the Torrance city clerk expressing its opinion that the matter under investigation was more properly the duty of the city council to investigate and that if faults were found, the council was in a better position to correct them than the grand jury.

Judge Hahn invited the council or its members to present any other evidence if or they may have in support of Powell's charges during the conference, it was learned, but none were forthcoming.

The grand jury's inability to discover leads to evidence backing Powell in his effort to dis-

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TANGIBLE PROOF OF USED CAR PROTECTION!

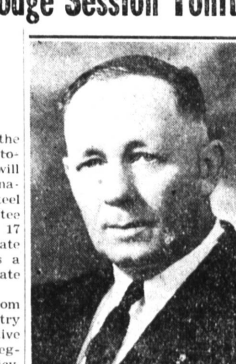
One of the finest advancements in years in protecting owners of used cars has just been made by "The Man Who Treats You Right." Here is tangible proof that his slogan is not a collection of idle words—it means exactly what it says. See the large classified ad on the right hand classified page before you buy a used car.

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CARL D. STEELE

... home from convention

want to be a candidate again for the Torrance club, but that will be decided entirely by the members."

While in the mid-west, Steele conferred with the Chairman Philip Murray and Van A. Bittner of the SWOC and they assured him they would again visit the Pacific Coast and Torrance within the year. Bittner is regional director for the western states.

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