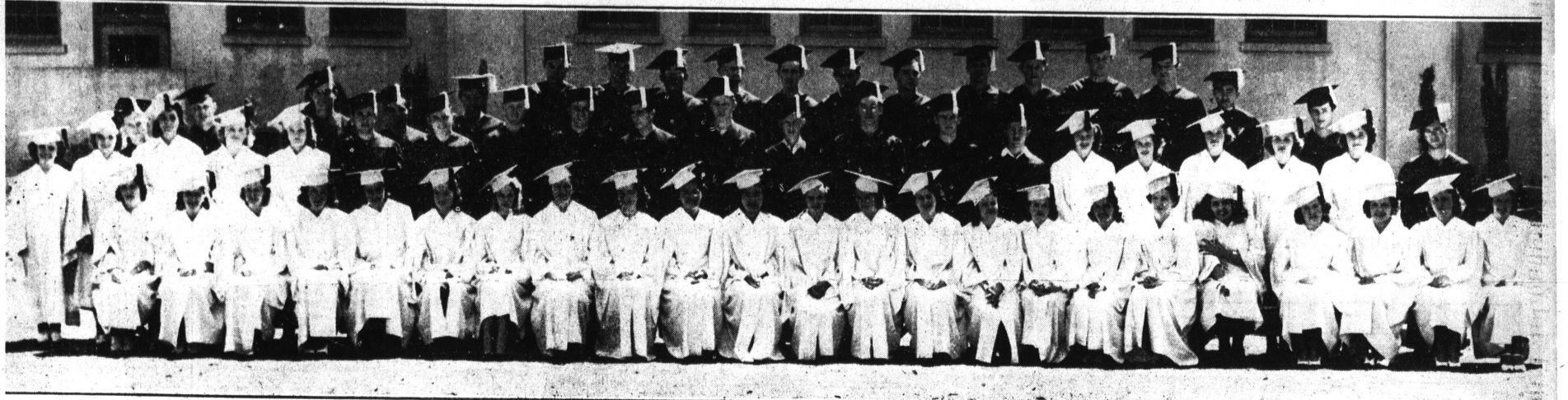


# SUMMER CLASS OF 1940 ... ENDING SCHOOL HERE ... AWAITS COMMENCEMENT



## Diploma-Winners in Picture Identified

Members of Torrance high's graduating class, pictured above, include the following: FRONT ROW, sitting, l. to r.: Thelma Wright, Margaret Pinkham, Helen Jones, Marian Bates, Anna Bay, Marian Thompson, Marge Ann Obole, Barbara McCune, Maxine Clark, Evelyn Saeda, Kiyoko Hasagawa, Arlys Fossum, Jeanne Howe, Ethel Stumph, Dorothy Nagel, Lucille Nagel, Tille Trujillo, Elizabeth Stern, Eva Guzman, Gloria Snow, Rudella Bays, Adabarr Marsh and Dorothy Weber.

SECOND ROW, l. to r.: Virginia Hill, Lois Jayne Allen, Bill Darling, Virginia McGinnis, Paul Smith, Margaret Svensk, Christine Maak, Bruno Giacom, Louis Briganti, Bill Hicks, Bill Bosche, Edward Orr, Bill Buckley, Clifford Trezise, Thomas Higgins, Harold Kerber, Edward West, Robert Carlson, James Dowell, John Lyimo, Marie Coldiron, Marilyn Strautman, Alma McHenry, Bernadine Brown, Van Ness Barnard, Ellen DePasse and Bernard Friedman.

TOP ROW, l. to r.: Jordan Zumwalt, John Rogers, Ben Hamada, Fowler Hawks, Charles Bray, Joe Van Kralingen, Nor Rathbun, George Peckham, Phil Joyce, Wayne Deane, Harry Cwengel and Tetsuo Yasunaga.

## Torrance High Releases Class of 68 Graduates at Ceremony Tonight

Sixty-eight local young men and women will receive Torrance high school diplomas tonight in their final gathering as the Class of Summer 1940. The commencement program, starting at 8 o'clock, will be held in the school assembly hall.

Principal Thomas Elson today announced the various award winners who will be presented at the ceremonies this evening. Those receiving life memberships in the California Scholastic Federation are Lois Jayne Allen, Arlys Fossum, Harold Kerber, Marian Thompson and Bernard Friedman.

The George Arakawa cup will have the names of Marian Thompson and Joseph Van Kralingen engraved upon it. They were chosen by the faculty as "performing the most unselfish service for the school during the past term."

Ephreians Named  
Bernard Friedman will be presented with the Reader's Digest award for interest in current literature and the Bausch and Lomb science award will be shared by James Dowell, Harold Kerber and Marian Thompson. The top award of the term, membership in the Ephreian Society, will be made to Arlys Fossum and Harold Kerber.

The Commencement program will open tonight with a prelude and the processional of the class in caps and gowns to DeKoven's "Recessional." Rev. Frank T. Porter will offer the invocation and (Continued on Page 4-A)

## Final Want Ad Rhymes Winners Due Next Week

Rhymes of contest winners including those who have won this week, will be judged this week-end and announced next week. The winners this week were selected by a group of judges headed by Rev. Harry G. Banks of the First Methodist church of Torrance. They are as follows:

### FIRST PRIZE WINNER

Mrs. P. S. Glatras, 1700 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, will kindly call at our local office for her first prize of \$1.

The Ad  
GAS RANGES  
Dependable Buick and Universal Ranges, Etc.  
1524 Cabrillo, Torrance  
Phone Tor. 88

The Winning Rhyme  
"On Cabrillo, near depot, there's a neat little store,  
With a good line of stoves and plumbing fixtures on the floor."  
Tis David Jacobs—Your Plumber  
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## Staff to Enjoy Holiday; Next Issue July 5

In order to join their fellow-citizens in observing Independence Day next week, the staff of The Torrance Herald will issue the next edition of this newspaper on Friday morning, July 5.

All news material and advertisements must be received at The Herald office, 1336 El Prado, not later than 5 p. m., Wednesday, July 3, for inclusion in the next issue.

## City and County Governing Costs Show Big Gain

By UNITED PRESS

Combined city and county government costs increased approximately 27.61 percent during the past 11 years, while city and county property values dropped \$513,716,120 during the period, State Controller Harry B. Riley reported this week.

In his 1939 annual report of financial transactions of cities and counties, Riley reported county government cost 43.224 percent more in 1939 than 1928, while city government cost 5 percent more.

The cost of government for the city of Torrance was \$308,760. The city's bonded indebtedness was \$396,000, and the assessed property valuation was \$18,498,470.

### Increases For All

In Los Angeles county the cost of government in 1939 was \$154,288,635. The bonded debt was \$148,527,347, and the assessed property valuation \$2,551,083,400.

The cost of the county government jumped from \$243,822,321 in 1928 to \$361,897,871 in 1939, an increase of \$117,575. City government costs rose from \$222,147,403 to \$233,257,284, an increase of \$11,109,881.

Although the bonded indebtedness of counties decreased \$21,022,332 during the period, the total indebtedness of counties, (Continued on Page 6-A)

## Supervisors Vote Monday on Fund for Alondra Park

Every resident and property owner in the Alondra Park Mattoon Act Assessment District is urged to attend the meeting of the county board of supervisors Monday morning, July 1, at 9 o'clock. At that time the supervisors are scheduled to cast the final vote on whether or not the county will allocate one-half of the remaining Alondra Park debt from the gas tax funds to begin the refunding of the district.

Because the vote requires a unanimous endorsement from the county board, Secretary Pat MacDonnell of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce who has been one of the leaders in the re-assessment move, today issued a plea to all interested persons to attend the session and support both the speakers who will appear in support of the proposal and the supervisors themselves.

The county has made a tentative allocation of \$317,500 toward the re-financing and it is the final action on this allocation that is important to all Alondra Park district property owners. The area of the district is approximately 9,000 acres and includes more than 20,000 separate parcels of land. Officially known as the A. & I. District No. 28, it is the largest area to be relieved of Mattoon Act debt by re-financing since the county adopted the policy of using gas tax funds for aid to special assessment districts.

The Bank of America, with head offices at 660 South Spring street, Los Angeles, will be the (Continued on Page 6-A)

## S.W.O.C. to Elect Officers Saturday

Members of S. W. O. C. lodge, No. 1414, will elect new officers Saturday following the regular meeting, the balloting to last all day in order that all affiliates with the C. I. O. organization may participate.

Carl Steele has been nominated for a third term as president and the other nominee to date is June Gallyer, current vice-president. Nominations will be open until after the meeting closes.

The session has been called for 10 o'clock in the hall across from the central fire station on Cravens avenue.

## Asbury Gets Bus Permit As Far As 116th Street

No decision has been reached by the Asbury Rapid Transit System as to the acceptance or rejection of the permit granted by the State Railroad Commission for the operation of buses from Waleria, thru Lomita, Torrance and Gardena to connect with the Los Angeles Railway's termini at 116th and Vermont and 116th and Athens Way.

According to Don C. Campbell, general manager for the bus company, who revealed today that the Commission's decision was handed down June 18, the Asbury firm will probably not come to a decision for another week yet because "we must complete an analysis of the service permitted by the Railroad Commission."

The State body will permit Asbury buses to run from Highway 101 and Hawthorne avenue in Waleria, thru Lomita along Normandie avenue, to Torrance thence along Carson to Cabrillo to Border and Torrance boulevard. From that point the service would continue out to Normandie avenue, to Rosecrans avenue, to Vermont and up north to the two termini of the street car line where passengers would have to transfer to continue to Los Angeles.

Meanwhile the present route, which skirts Gardena and takes patrons directly into Los Angeles to 945 South Hill street, and the present schedule will be continued, Campbell said.

Opposition to the route permitted Asbury by the Railroad Commission developed this week in Gardena. That city will petition the Commission for a rehearing on the permit on the ground that the Asbury service which would compete with the Gardena municipal bus line which is said to be "breaking even" on costs and receipts. The Gardena Chamber of Commerce is leading the opposition.

## Mercury Thieves Continue Raids

Continued operations in the Torrance oil field by mercury thieves were reported to local police over the week-end. The thieves drained 20 pounds of mercury, valued at \$48.40, from three instrument meters belonging to the Natural Gasoline Company, 2429 22nd street, its field manager reported.

## Council Incident Indicates Auditor Now Under Fire

A demand by Councilman Vern Babcock and an acknowledgment by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett at Tuesday night's city council session lent credence to reports that the next attempted change in the city administration will be directed at the city auditor's position. It has been rumored for the past several weeks that certain councilmen were dissatisfied with the services of C. J. Rambo, the accountant, and would seek a new auditor.

"I understand a letter has been written to the city council which has been misplaced or lost," Councilman Babcock began Tuesday night. "I want that letter located if possible or a duplicate of it by the next regular meeting."

"What is the letter about?" asked Mayor Tom F. McGuire.

From Redondo Auditor  
"It was from Logan Cotton in regard to the auditing of the city accounts," replied Babcock.

"That letter or an exact copy of it will be here at the next meeting, I'm sure of that," Mr. Babcock said. City Clerk Bartlett stated.

Afterwards, when questioned as to his request, Babcock said: "There was a letter sent to the city council by Mr. Cotton, who is auditor for Redondo Beach and a number of other nearby cities, and the members of the council have not seen it. I am not at liberty at the present time to reveal its contents but I'm sure they will prove interesting to the members of the city board when the letter is read."

## Building and Loan Merger Saluted at Dinner-Meet

One hundred and fifty residents of the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association met Tuesday evening with officials of that company and officers and directors of the Lincoln Building and Loan Association. The purpose of the meeting, a banquet given at the Civic Auditorium, was to acquaint stockholders with the merger and policies of the association, now under the banner of "Lincoln Building and Loan Association."

Merger of these two associations, Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association and Lincoln Building and Loan Association, it was pointed out, will increase usefulness of the local office by addition of capital and investments. By addition of this necessary capital, Torrance residents will find more money available for development of the community.

"More and prettier homes are the aim of every community," said Judge Louis A. Copeland, executive vice-president of the Lincoln Building and Loan Association, "and Torrance, one of the finest communities in Southern California has every reason to expand and grow. It was with this, the increased capital with which to develop Torrance, that (Continued on Page 6-A)

## No Increase In City Tax Levy, McGuire States

Despite an anticipated reduction of about one million dollars in assessed valuation of property within the City of Torrance, the municipal tax rate will remain at approximately the same figure as last year. This assurance has been given by a majority of city council members, according to Mayor Tom F. McGuire.

Members of the council have been meeting frequently with various city department heads and in council committees in a determined effort to keep down expenses and avoid a tax increase, Mayor McGuire explained.

"While the city budget will not be adopted until after July 1, its preparation has advanced sufficiently to warrant a prediction that there will be no increase in the tax rate unless it is finally decided to add a cent or two or provide a new library building at Waleria, Mayor McGuire remarked.

## Census Gains Six Here; Total Now Stands at 9,799

Six more names were added to the preliminary 1940 Federal census count for Torrance since last Saturday, making the figure here 9,799 today, according to announcement received from Cornelius Kelly, supervisor of the Decennial Federal Census for the district.

This total may still be increased, he pointed out, as late returns are still being received from all parts of the district. Those who are certain they have not been counted are urged by civic leaders here to send a report to Kelly at 1519 East 103rd street, Watts.

Those who have moved since April 1, 1940, and have not been (Continued on Page 5-A)

## HEY! KIDS!

### Here's Easy Way to Earn Fireworks for Fourth of July!

Three hundred and twenty-one is the total pieces of assorted fireworks which The Herald is giving to every youngster who obtains a one-year, paid in advance subscription to this newspaper. The approximate retail value of the noise-makers and pyrotechnic displays—all of the approved safe-and-sane variety—is \$2.25.

All a boy or girl has to do to secure this complete array of Fourth of July fireworks is to obtain a year's subscription to The Herald. An order will be issued for the fireworks which may be secured from the Torrance American Legion booth at Carson and Cabrillo avenues.

Hurry, kids! It's easy to earn your own fireworks this Fourth of July! See the advertisement giving all details published elsewhere in today's Herald!

## Red Cross Fund Tops \$786 Here; Drive Continues

Watch Torrance's temperature rise on the big thermometer in the triangular park at Sartori, Marcelina and Cabrillo avenues as residents, firms, factories and offices continue to increase the contributions being raised here for the Red Cross War Relief Fund! The huge thermometer's "mercury" now stands above the \$750 mark as donations this week amounted to \$341.

Despite the collapse of the French, Red Cross chapters will still continue their humanitarian effort to save the lives of thousands of war refugees in that defeated nation now under control of the German government. Mrs. Flora Wright, local chairman, this week received a copy of a letter sent to all Red Cross workers by Norman H. Davis, national chairman.

"While conditions for rendering relief may change, the policy of the American Red Cross remains the same," Davis stated. "Cessation of hostilities in France does not diminish the terrible suffering and needs of refugees. We, therefore, intend to continue to extend all possible relief, but only upon condition that we have liberty of action and protection so as to insure that our aid goes solely to those French men, women and children and refugees for whom it is intended."

Steel Men Plan Drive  
"There are already great needs for American Red Cross assistance in England. These will doubtless increase in the near future. Our campaign for funds must go forward. I am confident that our people will continue to trust their Red Cross to do its best to relieve human suffering under the changing conditions of the world today," Davis concluded.

To promote a vigorous drive for funds in the plant, the management of the Columbia Steel Company here with the cooperation of Carl Steele, today named a committee of steel workers which will direct the campaign. Members of the committee are Tom Hyde, sheet mill; Eddie Morang, bar mill; Steele, 12-inch mill; Art Simpson, foundry and J. F. Anderson, open hearth.

These men will meet with Superintendent Henry Lintott today or tomorrow to plan the Red Cross drive and will attempt to raise one of the largest individual donations in the city.

Mrs. Wright said that the receipts from the "Dance-Krieg" entertainment given by the Garri-Brant dance studio students Saturday night in the Civic Auditorium had not been compiled as complete yet and the contribution from that benefit program will be announced next week.

BAND FOR FROLIC  
At the request of the Chamber of Commerce, the city council Tuesday night authorized the Torrance Municipal band to appear in the Factory Frolic parade next September and also to give one evening concert during the festivities, Sept. 26, 27 and 28.

FROLIC MEETING  
Officers of the Factory Frolic committee will meet Monday at 8 p. m., at the Chamber of Commerce to advance plans.

Old Paper Drive Starts Tomorrow  
Your old paper may save the life of some child or adult in war-torn Europe if you bring it to the vacant lot opposite the Civic Auditorium, corner of 21st and Cravens avenue, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.