

## Workers Rushing Final Plans for Frolic Now Just Two Weeks Away

Every day brings further advance in plans and details for the third annual Torrance Factory Frolic, now just two weeks off. This week the Saturday, Sept. 28, parade committee met at the Chamber of Commerce to work over arrangements for that spectacle. Other committees—those in charge of the concessions, dances, sports events, exhibits and displays—are rushing thru their plans so that a final schedule of all events can be outlined early next week.

All indications point to a Frolic that will be remembered in this district. The parade, it was learned this week, will be more than two miles in length and will include eight bands, four outstanding drum and bugle corps and a half-dozen or more marching units in addition to more than 200 horses mounted with elaborately costumed riders, scores of floats and many other novel entries.

The largest collection of trophies ever purchased for a community event in the entire Harbor District area went on display this week. These beautiful awards which will be given winning units in the parade were divided for display purposes between the Torrance National Bank and the Bank of America.

**Barbecue, Exhibits, Pets**  
Members of the American Legion Auxiliary, which is sponsoring the public barbecue to be served Saturday afternoon, Sept. 28, immediately following the parade, have launched an advance sale of tickets for this huge dinner-party. The barbecue will be prepared and served by Frank J. Romero, son of the late "Barbecue King" Joe Romero, in El Prado park. Romero has successfully staged barbecues all over the Southland, at one time serving 34,000 people. The barbecue tickets, entitling purchasers to a splendid dinner from salad to coffee, are selling for 50 cents each.

In addition to donating a trophy for the best-decorated store window during the Frolic, Sam Levy has given the Frolic parade committee permission to use his store building next to the Herald on El Prado for the arts, crafts and hobby show exhibits. These will be arranged by Dale Riley, Mrs. Cora Bohrer and Miss Ada Chase.

George Moore, assisted by George Figueroa, is planning a series of sports events for boys and girls which will probably be held Thursday afternoon, Sept. 26, after school. The children's parade will be staged Friday afternoon, Sept. 27, under direction of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Dr. O. E. Fossum. Cash prizes are to be awarded first, second and third place winners marching with the Smallest, Largest, Best Decorated, Funniest and Most Unusual entries.

**Meeting Monday Night**  
There are a number of good concession spaces still available on "Factory Frolic Way" which is El Prado, according to John Shidner, who has charge of that part of the celebration. He advises prospective local—and that includes Lomita, Waltham and Harbor City—concessionaires to notify him at once, however, that they desire booth space. Full information as to the cost may be obtained from him.

All arrangements for the Frolic dances, to be held at the Civic Auditorium during the three nights of the celebration, have been completed. Vern Coe said this week. On the first night, Thursday, Sept. 25, Stuart Hamblen's cowboy band will entertain with a vaudeville program preceding the dance. Friday night, Sept. 27, will be "Jitterbug Night" with Gar Van's hot band supplying the music features and Saturday night, Sept. 28, Jim Belie and his Chevaliers, a local troupe, will provide the program.

General Chairman L. J. Gilmeister is keeping close check on all arrangements for the celebration, assisted by M. J. "Curley" Brumbley, who is grand marshal of the parade—an honor he will share with Leo Carrillo, famed screen player, who has accepted an invitation to appear in the big procession.

Another meeting of the committee in charge of the parade (Brumbley, Gilmeister, Edwin Bird, Vern Babcock, Robert Lewellen and John Stroh) is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon and the general Frolic committee meets next Monday night, Sept. 16, at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce. The public is cordially invited to this session.

### TRANSMITTER PLANT OPEN TO VISITORS

An extra attraction of the Factory Frolic will be the opening of the KNX-Columbia Broadcasting System's transmitter station at 182nd and Hawthorne to visitors. According to Fox Case, director of public relations for KNX, the staff at the transmitter station will be glad to show visitors thru the plant any day during the Frolic without charge.

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## Ex-Marine Leaves Here for Cycle Trip Across U. S.

Wheeling to Wheeling, West Virginia, is just another incident in the adventurous career of Raymond E. Coleman who has been visiting at the home of Fred B. Hopkins, 1514 Engracia avenue, Young Coleman, who was honorably discharged as a corporal in the U. S. Marine Corps in March, left Tuesday for his trans-continental bicycle tour.

At the time of his discharge he was post exchange steward at the U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot near Hawthorne, Nevada. A bike journey from that spot to Los Angeles—a distance of approximately 300 miles thru the edge of Death Valley and the Mojave Desert—was a "tune-up" for his longer ride to the east coast.

Coleman arrived in California aboard the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, flagship of the fleet, as orderly to Admiral Richard H. Leigh, commander-in-chief ("CinCus") of the U. S. Fleet, in September 1931. In January 1933 he was transferred to the U. S. Naval station at Newport, Rhode Island and was discharged there in 1934 at the end of his first four-year enlistment.

He re-enlisted in San Francisco in 1936 and was sent to the U. S. Naval Base at Guam in the mid-Pacific for two years. Boarding the U. S. Army Transport "Chautauque," he sailed to Manila and Shanghai and then came back to the States in 1938. After a brief period at the Bremerton Navy Yard, Coleman was assigned to the Hawthorne, Nevada, ammunition depot.

### Amyrauld Appointed 20-30 Club Officer

Walter Amyrauld was appointed secretary-treasurer for the 20-30 club last Thursday night to fill the office vacated by Joe McNeil who has moved from Torrance. President George Figueroa announced. Club affairs were discussed and plans for the club's participation in the Factory Frolic were completed. Figueroa was hailed as a home-coming hero as he was later to take Esther Marie Hall as his wife the following Sunday.

## MARCH OF RIMES

YOUR ANSWER IS?—By H. F. NOAKE

What man can raise his hand and say, "I treat my wife the same today as when I felt her first caress and hoped her answer would be, 'Yes'?" Could you get on the stand and swear to humoring your lady fair with candy every night or two, as, years ago you used to do? Since when did any flowers arrive at home to keep her love alive? You sent them often as a swain but that is something else again. When did you take her out to dine, perhaps a dance, some sparkling wine? The way you did as Romeo, but that was long ago. When did you stroke her lovely hair, or note her smile, or even dare to kiss her lips and hold her tight, the way you once did half the night? If you can truly answer yes to all these things, then it's our guess your likeness in a golden frame will some day grace the Hall of Fame.



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## Auto Accessories Stolen to Order by Gang Here

A gang of auto accessory thieves who allegedly are taking orders to be filled with stolen merchandise is the object of investigation by Torrance police and deputy sheriffs.

Working in the Harbor and South Bay districts, the gang, according to police, has contact with men who arrange for the sale of stolen accessories in advance of their theft—in some cases going so far as to specify the color and brand of equipment to be delivered.

In what are believed to be the latest thefts of the outfit, Lester King of the Mayfair apartments, complained this week that for the second time within the last 30 days, fender pants valued at \$18 were stolen from his coupe and Fred Cordes of Los Angeles reported that while he was at work at the National Supply Company his car was entered by a master key and accessories valued at \$12 taken.

Mercury thieves were also busy in the Torrance oil field over the weekend, according to a report filed by the National Gasoline Company of 2429 229th street, listing loss of mercury from seven meters, totaling 45 pounds and valued at \$131.25.

## Trespass Law Is Introduced

An ordinance prohibiting trespassing and loitering around industrial plants, water works, public utility plants, oil properties and other sites listed as essential to national defense was read for the first time at city council meeting Tuesday night.

The measure, modeled on the suggested "anti-trespassing, loitering" law written by legal counsel for the California Municipalities League, practically covers all industrial, oil and utility property in the city of Torrance. It does not, however, apply to streets, highways or sidewalks and does not limit labor activities, councilmen pointed out.

When it goes into effect 15 days following the second reading and adoption, scheduled for the next session of the council on Sept. 23, infractions of its provisions constitute misdemeanors. The penalty upon conviction for these is a \$300 fine or imprisonment for 90 days or both.

## Lomitan Killed by Hit-Run Driver

A hit-and-run driver is being sought by sheriff's officers following the death last night of Mrs. Hannah Oederick, 67, of 26132 Narbonne avenue, in Torrance Memorial hospital two hours after she was struck at Highway 101 and Lucille street in Lomita.

The aged woman, who had been in ill health for many years and walked a great deal at night, was fatally injured by the unknown motorist who is reported to have sped on without slackening speed after striking her. A coroner's inquest is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 at the A. M. Gamby Mortuary in Lomita.

## Two Local Youths Get Pilots' Licenses; Seek Naval Training

Having passed their physical and flying tests and received their pilots' licenses, Weston Leech and Bob Tolson are now anxiously awaiting the U. S. Navy Department's decision on their application to begin training as Navy pilots. The two local young men were awarded their pilots' licenses last Friday after taking Civilian Aeronautic Authority training in conjunction with their Commot Junior College studies. Both must be 20 years old to enter Navy service and this means that young Leech has another month to go.

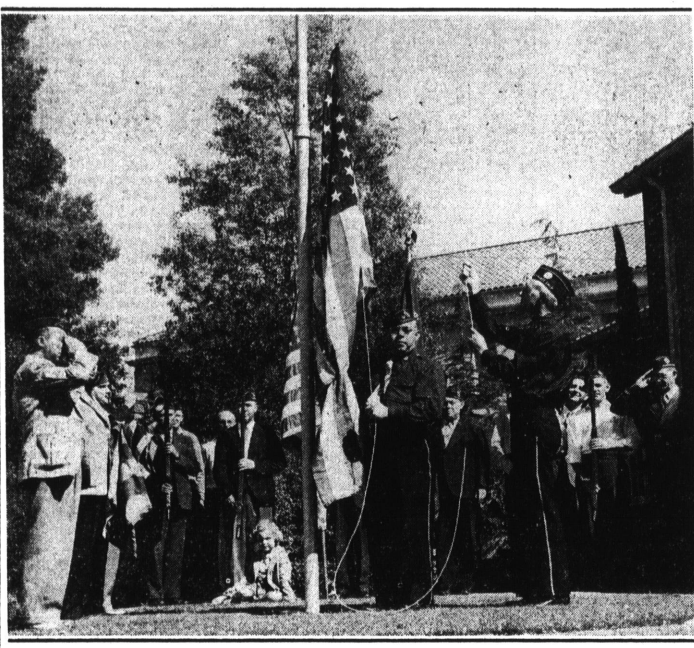
If there are enough requests

**STEEL WORKERS' Red Cross Fund Raised to \$636**  
Bringing their total contribution to the Red Cross War Relief Fund up to \$636.35, employees of the Columbia Steel Company this week turned over \$136.35 more to Mrs. Flora Wright, local Red Cross chairman.

The steel workers had previously donated \$500 to the fund and their total gift is the largest sum raised by any group in the city. The Torrance Red Cross Fund total now stands at \$2,244.48, it was announced today.

**ROTARY SPEAKER**  
L. Newton Small, specialist in arthritis research and manager for a drug distribution concern, will speak on "It Can Happen to You" tonight at the dinner-meeting of the Torrance Rotary club. Dr. M. A. Bauman will be program chairman.

## Legion Post Raises New Colors



"TO THE COLORS!"... A new flag, presented to the post by William H. Stanger, was raised at the American Legion clubhouse last Saturday. Left to right: Commander Edwin Bird, James Wilkes holding the old colors, Bugler Robert Lewellen, Jake Zimmerman, O. W. Johnson, Tom Bahitt, Howard E. McDonald, C. E. Youngken holding new flag, Vern Babcock, Jack Hallenger raising flag, P. B. Rhodes, Charles Schlerf and B. M. Frewett. Little Marian McDonald is seated on the grass.

## Retired, Faded Flag Expresses Faith in America

By LEGION'S OLD, "OLD GLORY" as told to MICHAEL STRASZER

A STRONG BREEZE from off the blue Pacific flung my tattered red and white bars with a final caress as I was honorably discharged from service atop the American Legion's flagpole last Saturday afternoon.

Reverent hands gathered my faded and torn colors as I neared the ground—hands which still remember the stock of a Springfield army rifle they gripped in 1917 and 1918, hands which had dragged me over the hump of a former commander of my post, Charles Myers. The clear, ringing tones of the bugle, blown by Robert Lewellen, sounded "Retreat" as I was hauled down by Jack Hallenger and C. E. Youngken.

Waiting in front of the Legion clubhouse to snap my successor... a new colors, brave with their crimson red, their serene blue and their spotless white... to the lanyard was Commander Edwin Bird. A score or more of my Legionnaires and little Marian McDonald were in the group that saw my retirement.

For many months I had tossed and folded—thru sunshine and rain, thru late mornings and wind-swept afternoons. This service had dimmed my colors... frayed my edges... but still I served the people to whom I represent much that is American.

I wished the new Old Glory years of continued service as I rested on the arm of James Wilkes while it was sent up the mast... while

the bugler sounded "To the Colors!"

And I prayed, as many men and women are praying all over this land, that the hand of a despoiler would never haul it down.

My beginning was humble enough... in an eastern factory where many workers wove my cloth, where sweating men dyed my colors, where nimble-fingered women, operating huge machines, sewed my bars of red and white together, my stars to my blue field and then sent me to Torrance.

My illustrious forebear, the first Old Glory, was born in far quieter surroundings... in the "dim, candle-lit parlor of Mistress Betsy Ross" home. My life was uneventful... I sailed into the sun and I covered a coffin. But some of us lived and died in battles, fluted down under the waves, dropped over national cemeteries where their comrades sleep... row on row.

All of us have contributed to the priceless possession of patriotism available to everyone in our beloved country. I faded my colors in this service... I hope it has not been in vain because I know there are eventful days ahead for my country... days in which the souls of my people will be tried and tried again.

I went to rest, without ceremony, in an incinerator. But my ashes were cast upon the soil of my land... cast there to give new life, a new glory that is... America!

## Adult Evening School Ready for Opening of Term Monday Night

Torrance Adult Evening school opens its new fall term of activities on Monday evening, Sept. 16, at 6:30 o'clock at the high school building. Two new teachers will be added to the faculty, according to Principal C. B. Baldwin.

Courses to be offered are: Arts and Homecrafts, Mrs. Amy Harris Burkland, Monday and Wednesday nights; Civil Service preparation for city, county, state and federal examinations, Mr. Chadsey, Monday and Wednesday nights; Comptometer operation, shorthand and typewriting, Mr. Merrill, Monday and Wednesday nights; Physical exercises and games for women, Miss Toland, Monday and Wednesday nights; Dressmaking, sewing and millinery, Miss LaMar, Monday and Wednesday; Advanced first aid course, (standard Red Cross course), Mr. Hartford, Wednesday night only; Voice training and chorus, Miss Gothold, Wednesday night only.

If there are enough requests for "Everyday English and How to Use It," Spanish, or public speaking, classes can be arranged. This school is open on two evenings a week, Mondays and Wednesdays, some classes from 6:30 to 7 o'clock, to 9 and 9:30 o'clock.

New enrollments will start on Monday evening, Sept. 16, at 6:30 o'clock. Students should come to the main office, directed by signs upon entering the building. There information will be given how to enroll and where the study group will meet. There is no charge for tuition. Instruction is free. Anyone 18 years old or older may attend.

All instructors hold California state credentials and have passed qualifying examinations under the Los Angeles City Board of Education.

**Shoreline Development Includes Local Beach**  
A comprehensive plan of shoreline development, outlined by the County Regional Planning Commission, is to be given public hearing next Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the State building in Los Angeles, the city council was informed Tuesday night. Because Torrance beach is included in the plan, the outline was referred to Glenn Jain, acting city engineer, for recommendation.

## 2,200 CHILDREN WILL RESUME STUDY MONDAY

Approximately 2,200 boys and girls will return to the five schools in Torrance next Monday morning to begin the 1940-41 term after a vacation which began June 28. The only major change they will find in their schools from last term will be a number of new teachers, two in the elementary school.

### Motorists Must Renew Guard Against Mishaps

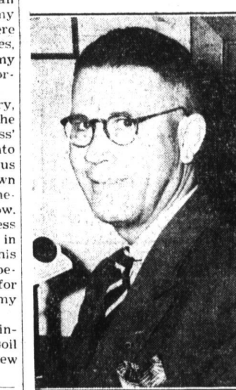
The near approach of school days again brings the timely plea for care on the part of motorists. Many children are entering school for the first time next week and are ignorant of the dangers of traffic. Extra driving caution is necessary for motorists wherever small children are apt to be.

School-child auto accidents are decreasing, thanks to more careful driving and safety education in the schools, but the number of them is still cause for extreme consideration. While it does not seem possible to eliminate accidents due to carelessness in driving, this phase of the problem is strictly up to motorists.

Care and caution should be the watchwords for all drivers now. Their usual vigilance exercised during the school months of the year may have been allowed to lapse during the vacation period because of absence of children on the streets.

But the youngsters will soon be crossing streets in droves again. Let every motorist, then, renew his or her vigilance. Drive carefully... cautiously... and courteously.

### Elementary Principal



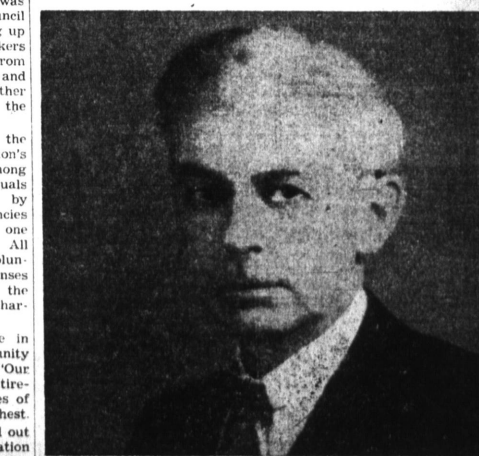
LEONARD DYKES

A month's training in the Seventh Infantry, commanding the Third Battalion completed Major Leonard Dykes' vacation. He was ordered to report at Ft. Lewis, Washington, while touring the east with his family and began active participation in the war games of the northwest with 41,000 officers and men on Aug. 2. Dykes was released from service Aug. 29. He also enjoyed traveling to Richmond, Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia; Washington, D. C.; and Portland, Maine, during the summer.

The following faculty changes were reported by Principal Dykes: Mrs. Texa D. Williams, retiring; Miss Marian Crittenden, exchanging to Albany, N. Y.

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### Torrance High School's Principal



THOMAS H. ELSON

## Charity Chest Donations Asked of City Workers

Good progress is being made in the campaign to raise a minimum of \$2,200 for the Torrance Charity Chest by the Torrance Community Service Association, according to Postmaster Earl Conner, who is campaign chairman. This week he appealed to all city employees, including members of the city council, to contribute to the fund. Last year the municipal workers gave \$96.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was authorized by the city council Tuesday night to start taking up contributions from city workers for the fund. Donations from other residents, industries and businesses may be left at either of the two local banks or at the Chamber of Commerce.

Conner pointed out that the Community Service Association's work in relieving distress among local families and individuals whose needs are not met by county, state or Federal agencies is accomplished "without one cent of overhead expense." All the workers are unpaid volunteers and there are no expenses of any kind charged against the funds being raised for the charity chest.

"Torrance does not share in the Los Angeles Community Chest," Conner emphasized, "Our local needs are dependent entirely upon the existing agencies of relief and our own Charity Chest. We contribute a sizable fund out of our Chest to the Salvation Army in addition to meeting local relief needs."