

It's All Good Clean Fun



A San Francisco group, unable to fight Hitler, ridiculed him with costumes like these at a ball attended by artists and socialites. Every one had to wear a Hitler caricature of some kind to get in. A good time was reported by all.

BOY SCOUT FUND DRIVE MEETS READY RESPONSE; SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULED

The community's double-pointed drive to revitalize Boy Scouting in Torrance and finance its program for the coming year is progressing satisfactorily, according to J. W. Post, district chairman and C. Earl Conner, finance chairman of the fund raising committee.

Fifty campaign workers, representing the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs, American Legion and Junior Chamber of Commerce met at the Civic Auditorium last Thursday and completed plans for a community-wide drive. Cards containing the names of practically every resident in Torrance were divided among the fifty workers. While no general check-up has been made as yet, Finance Chairman Conner reported this morning that a number of workers had already turned in lists of substantial contributions. Anyone desiring to contribute, who is not contacted by a worker, is requested to telephone 62, and Conner will see that someone calls for the subscription.

It is our aim to raise the \$1000 fund by a great many small contributions, rather than by relying on a few large donations," Conner stated. "In this way, we will contact a greater number of people in the community and acquaint them with the more important phase of the drive, which is to sell Boy Scouting and the need of this character building movement in Torrance," Conner added.

Honor Court Scheduled

Meanwhile the program for expanding and ennobling the Scout movement is progressing under the direction of J. W. Post, district chairman. At a meeting of the district committee held Monday noon, it was decided to hold a Court of Honor in the high school assembly hall on Friday evening, March 28, to which the entire community is invited. The day following, on Saturday, a Field Day, always a major event in Scouting, will be staged at the Municipal Park. These activities are under the direction of J. R. Winters and Ray Begue, members of the district committee in charge of advancement and camping. Pete Zamperini, in charge of leadership and training, will also have an important part in the Field Day program.

For the purpose of planning a program for training scoutmasters and troop committees, a meeting has been called on Monday, April 21. Representatives of all churches and organizations in Torrance are invited to this meeting, which will have as its principal objective the training of additional leaders.

Many Motorists Warned Here for Illegal Parking

Nearly 40 motorists have received "first warning" notices that they violated the section of the California Motor Vehicle Code pertaining to illegal parking on city streets, Police Chief John Stroth reported today.

The police department is making a one-month drive to enforce this regulation by issuing the warning notices. If a motorist breaks the law a second time he is given a court citation.

Too many cars have been parked on the wrong side of the streets here, Chief Stroth has said, and the police have been instructed to attach the warning tags to machines found illegally parked.

Cure for Tax Increase Told Rotarians

The tax rate levied against property in Torrance jumped 18 percent in the years between 1936-37 and the current year—climbing steadily from \$4.28 in 1936-37 to \$5.0531 for 1940-41, declared N. Bradford Trenham, executive secretary of California Taxpayers' association, speaking on the subject "The Taxes You Pay" at the meeting of the Torrance Rotary club last Thursday evening at the Legion clubhouse.

In 1936-37, Trenham stated, the city rate was \$1.07 per \$100 of assessed valuation (Taxation Dist. No. 2) (\$1.11 in Taxation Dist. No. 1); the county rate was \$1.27; schools, \$1.37 for the property in the Los Angeles district and \$1.47 for the Perry District; flood control, 20 cents; and Metropolitan Water District, 37 cents. Most of the property in the city is included in the Los Angeles school district and the district's rate has been used in

Glass Plant Theft Regarded Here As 'Laugh-of-Week'

Torrance folk acquainted with the history of the Torrance Flat Glass Company viewed the stories published this week in the metropolitan press about the "mystery" of that plant's "disappearance" with: (1) broad grins; (2) outright laughs, or (3) wonderment at the credulity of some public officials.

What one George Knox Roth, described as a Los Angeles tax counselor, former manager of the old County Rehabilitation Department—and candidate for a Los Angeles city council berth, claimed was the year's biggest burglary furnished local residents with the "laugh-of-the-week."

According to Roth, the plant at 224th and Eshelman was appraised at more than \$880,000 in 1930 but sold at a tax sale for some \$4,000 in 1939. He claims that the several buildings comprising the factory had been virtually wrecked by the time the tax sale was held in June 1939.

Four Demolition Permits What local officials cannot understand is that if the plant was practically razed to the ground as Roth informed the county board of supervisors why should anyone have taken out four permits to demolish the structure in August and September 1939?

These permits were issued by the city engineer's office. Records there showed that the first two were granted William A. Drennan August 28, 1939, and two more were issued to the Western Iron and Metal Co. of Los Angeles on Sept. 13, 1939. (Continued on Page 8-A)

Alondra Park's Re-Financing Needs Support

Any Alondra Park property owner who has not yet received a "consent card" for rilling out in regard to the re-financing of that district's Mattoon Act assessments by the county board of supervisors should telephone Frank Pore's office at Mutual 9211 at once. The cards must be received by the supervisors before April 1 in preparation for the final hearing on April 8.

Response of property owners in the Alondra Park re-financing district in signing and returning the cards to county authorities won approval from city and county authorities this week along with an admonition that while the response has been gradually increasing, there is still an uphill fight ahead.

In the first 10 days that the consent cards have been sent in to the Board of Supervisors, approximately 10 percent, representing 2,000 individual property owners and a half dozen corporate owners, have been returned.

Need Majority Approval Property owners have until April 1 to return the cards, but are advised not to wait "until the last minute." It is vitally important that the majority of property owners in Alondra Park sign and return the cards immediately, not only because of the time limit but also to show the bondholders that they are acting in good faith, according to Pat MacDonnell, secretary of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Fifty-one percent of the property owners in area in A. and I. District No. 28 must give their written consent before the re-assessment can proceed, MacDonnell said. If 51 percent has given approval to the plan by April 1, in time for the county (Continued on Page 8-A)

Junior Chamber Prexy Joining Army; Will Be Dinner-Honoree

Members of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold a dinner-meeting in honor of President Jack Elder, who is joining the Army, Monday night at Attebery's Ranch House. The group will also discuss the progress of the current Boy Scout fund drive with Wallace Pest and Judge Robert Lessing as invited guests.



"A SCOUT IS BRAVE" ... That's the 10th Boy Scout Law and it was obeyed by Fred, 14, and Donald Freeman, 13, when they saved the life of their mother, Mrs. Katherine Freeman, after she had been overcome by gas in the family home at Watts. Here they are receiving citations from Ernest Voss, Scout executive, while their mother looks on. Many more Torrance boys will have a chance to share in the Scout Program that develops such youngsters as the young Freemans when the present drive for funds is completed. The Watts boys had been trained in artificial respiration and first aid which resulted in their ability to turn their Scout experience into this splendid performance.

Veteran Herald Worker Goes 'South of Border'

Not a single Herald employee even so much as hummed "South of the Border" this week as a fellow-worker 46 years old was retired and succeeded by a new member.

There were no tears, although Bob Lewellen, superintendent of the "back shop" and comrade of the departing worker for 16 years, had a suspicious glimmering in his eyes as the old fellow rode away.

You couldn't really say the old-timer was retiring—in fact, he was bound for another job in old Mexico. But his fellow-workers hoped that the veteran was going to have an easier time of it than he had in The Herald shop. They wanted him to spend his last days really enjoying the land of "manana" without too much "trabajo." Today's edition of The Her-

ald is the printed "swan-song" of the old fellow and he performed his tasks this week with all the ease and verve of his first week in the business 46 years ago. Not once did he give an indication of his age, not once did he have to pause for a rest.

Of late years he has been cajoled, bailed and bullied into performing as he did in his youth. It took quite a bit of doctoring at times to get him to function but he always managed to snap out of it and digest his normal consumption of "news copy" that was set before him.

The Herald only hopes that his successor, a modern youngster in the printing business, will be as faithful as the old Model 6 linotype which was replaced by a new model Inter-type this week.

'Refresher' Courses for N. S. Apprentices Here Ready to Start at H. S.

"Refresher" courses in blueprint reading, shop mathematics and drafting are now being formed at the high school under the national defense program with from 75 to 90 National Supply Co. apprentices expected to enroll. It was learned this week from Principal Thomas H. Elson.

In addition to this cooperative effort with local industry, the high school is anticipating work that several more pieces of shop machinery, urgently needed to fulfill the plan for training as outlined by the advisory committee in the shipbuilding industry, will be sent here. Torrance high school has been listed as one of the four training centers by this committee.

Principal Elson, working with Harry Bodley, apprentice advisor of the National Supply, has prepared a course of instruction that will accommodate 75 men to begin with. Classes will be held in the afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 o'clock and in the evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Bodley informed the high school principal that the National Supply has 90 men ready for promotional training in the courses soon to start here. One National Supply worker, James Van Degrift, has qualified with the Los Angeles board of education as an instructor and he is expected to start work as soon as his credentials clear the "red tape" of the State Education office in Sacramento.

"We have sent an inventory of the State Education office in Los Angeles board and this shows that many pieces of equipment are either obsolete or badly in need of repair," Principal Elson said this week. "We hope that the board will see fit to send us new equipment in the near future so that we can start shop classes to meet the needs of men engaged in the shipbuilding industry in our own Los Angeles harbor."

"We have room for 16 more units of machinery to make our school a first class machine shop training center," Elson said. Meanwhile, the aircraft sheet

C.I.O. Protests City's Ordering Ford Buses

A resolution of protest against the city's purchase of two Ford buses by the local Steel Workers' Organizing Committee lodge No. 1414, affiliated with the C.I.O., caused considerable discussion at city council meeting Tuesday night. The union protested against the purchase of "any and all Ford products until such time that company abides by laws of the United States" and demanded that the city's order for buses be cancelled.

Altho City Attorney John E. McCall said he did not believe the city could legally cancel the order, a motion by Councilman Vern Babcock that the council and city attorney confer on the matter and report as soon as possible was adopted. The council will hold an adjourned meeting Tuesday afternoon, March 13, at 4:45 o'clock to act on the union's request.

A resolution creating a Torrance Municipal Bus Line department with Secretary L. J. Gilmeister of the Chamber of Commerce as manager at a salary of \$1 per year was introduced by Councilman Babcock and adopted without discussion.

Want Council Attendance

The C.I.O. organization was represented at the meeting by K. C. Beight and Neil McConlogue. Only three members of the council participated in the discussion. Councilman John V. Murray opined that it was too late for the city to "go back on its contract"; Councilman George V. Powell said that the Ford buses "were the only ones to meet with our requirements and it would complicate matters to reverse our decision," while Councilman Babcock stated "we may have made a mistake but the union should have let us know in advance of their opinion and besides the Ford bid was the lowest, at least \$1,000 lower than any other bid."

"In view of the resolution of the union regarding our purchase of the buses, I move that the (Continued on Page 8-A)

Saturday, March 15, is Income Tax Deadline

The Ides of March are practically here! Those owners of ill tidings in ancient Rome will prove so again in America of 1941 to the unheeding citizens who forget the meaning of March 15.

That red letter day is the deadline for payment of income taxes to Uncle Sam, a day of special significance for the 8 million newcomers whom lowered exemptions have brought into the fold of direct taxpayers.

Married couples with gross incomes of \$2,000 and single persons with gross incomes of \$800 must file returns regardless of their net incomes after permissible deductions. And regardless of the fact that Uncle Sam probably hasn't let them know that now, for the first

time, he demands a tax accounting from them. A new schedule of office hours this week for 25 branches of the United States Internal Revenue service in Southern California is announced by Archie N. Vance, chief field deputy.

"To accommodate last minute Federal Income taxpayers, all Internal Revenue offices in this district will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., through Friday of this week," said Vance. "On Saturday, March 15, we shall be open from 8:30 a. m. until 10 p. m."

"Tax returns must be in our hands not later than next Saturday," continued Vance. "A postmark of March 15 will not be considered timely if the report is received late."

More Rain Due; Season's Total 25.94 Inches

—And it's not over yet. So says the weatherman as Torrance city firemen reported today that this week's storm drenched the city under 1.71 inches of rain.

The total rainfall up to 8 o'clock this morning is 25.94 inches.

Last year at this time the total was 15.04 and the average is around 10 or 11 inches.

Fourth Draft Call-Out of 14 All Volunteers

All of the 14 young men who will leave Torrance next Thursday morning, March 20, as the fourth Selective Service contingent from this area will be volunteers, it was learned today from the headquarters of Selective Service Board No. 280.

The fourth call-out group will report at the Board's office, 1337 El Frisco in Torrance, at 7:30 a. m. March 20 and, after an hour's farewell program on the Torrance city hall steps, will leave for a Los Angeles induction center aboard a special Pacific Electric bus at 8:45 a. m. Arrangements for the public goodbye ceremony are being made by L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and a group of civic and veteran leaders of Torrance, Gardena, Lomita and Redondo Beach.

When the 14 men are officially inducted into Army service, this district will have sent a total of 65 into training via the Selective Service Act. This figure does not include those who may have volunteered for the Navy, Marine Corps or Army during the past year. The first call-out from this district was Nov. 22, 1940 when four men were inducted. The second was on Jan. 20 when 22 entered training and the third contingent of 40 men left on Feb. 26.

List of Volunteers

Only two men picked for Army training under the Selective Service Act by Board No. 280 have been rejected by Army officials at the induction center.

Included in the fourth call-out contingent is Cliff Ezell, 27-year-old motor mechanic living at 25834 Appian Way, Lomita, who, according to Secretary Carl Marsteller of Board No. 280, was indicted by the Federal government last fall for failure to notify the board of his proper address and other personal data. He was released on his own recognizance and is now listed as one of the volunteers. Other volunteers who will leave March 20 from this district are:

Hitoshi Suminaga, 23, farm laborer, 18011 Hawthorne Blvd., Redondo. Kazunohu Tamura, 22, store manager, 16801 So. Arlington, Gardena. Floyd Ray Ramsey, 21, concrete steel tender employed at the Soule Steel Co., 2262 23rd st., Torrance. George Iwanaga, 23, farm laborer, P. O. Box 276, Walnut. Kazuo Sumida, 22, truck gardener, 947 Lomita Blvd., Lomita. Harry Melvin Hawks, 23, vegetable oil worker, 24815 Moon ave., Lomita.

Jack Albert Hall, 24, truck driver, 1947 Redondo-Wilmington Blvd., Lomita. Dr. Robert James Campbell, 25, chiropractor, 4415 Via Pinzon, Palms Verde Estates. Dale Ralph Howe, 24, student carpenter, 1503 Anapola ave., Torrance.

Walter Bowen McCartney, 23, unemployed, Box 115, Lomita. Curtis Alden Ramsey, 22, auto mechanic, 2267 Sonoma ave., Torrance.

Yoshito Nakamoto, 26, farm laborer, Rt. 1, Box 108, Torrance.

MILLION IN ARMY

WASHINGTON (U.P.) — The army passed the million mark Monday, with an estimated 1,003,500 officers and men in service.

Get Paid for What You Write

Who's the business man that never had a pair of shoes until 14 years ago? Which lady has nine watches and not one runs? Bet a cookie, there's not three people know this, but keep your eye on "People You Should Know" and learn these facts. From our notebook we see today that information must be secured on W. E. Bowen, Carl Alexander and Sam Gunn. Today's Special Handicap was won by Lucille Stroth's answers which broke the track record; only inches apart came Mrs. Lester James Dougherty for second money of one dollar.

C.I.O. Demands On U. S. Steel Await Answer

Bringing back the Steel Workers Organizing Committee's nine-point program for changes in the contract between that C.I.O. group and U. S. Steel Corp. subsidiaries — including Columbia Steel Company of this city — Carl D. Steele, president of the local S. W. O. C. lodge, returned from a hurried trip to Pittsburgh, Pa., this morning.

He confirmed reports that Benjamin Fairless, president of the U. S. Steel had rejected the C.I.O. union's demand for a 10-cent an hour increase in pay and offered instead a two and one-half cent increase which was, in turn, rejected by the S.W.O.C.

Steele reported that a letter containing the union's demands and giving 10-days notice of the C.I.O.'s desire to re-open contract negotiations, had been sent presidents of all U. S. Steel subsidiaries on Monday. On explanation of that period, or March 20, if the firms fail to reply or reject the proposals, the present wage, hour and working condition contract will be considered null and void after 10 more days.

Plan Local Meeting "I do not anticipate any favorable action on our requests by the company," Steele declared this morning on his arrival from two days of conferences with Philip Murray, national C.I.O. president and other organization leaders in Pittsburgh. "In fact, Murray told us just before we left for home to be ready to return to Pittsburgh within 20 days on short notice."

A meeting of the local C.I.O. unit, Milky Williams Lodge No. 1414, may be called for Saturday, the president said, to hear his report and comments on his conferences in the east.

Following is the program adopted at a meeting of the pres-

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San Pedro Youth Flouts Law But Now Awaits Trial

Another juvenile who had escaped publicity for his infractions because he was a "first offender" was certified to Los Angeles juvenile authorities this week and a full statement of his brushes with the law becomes a matter of public record.

He is Hugh Harrison Wilson, who will be 17 in October and not 18 as his driver's license shows, a resident of San Pedro. Last October young Wilson was given a citation for failing to observe a boulevard stop here. In court Judge Robert Lessing suspended a \$5 fine on condition that he be not re-arrested for two years.

On the night of Feb. 17 he transported a number of San Pedro and Banning high school students here for the purpose of "beating up" certain Torrance students. For this activity juvenile Wilson was allowed voluntary probation by the Juvenile Court in Los Angeles after a hearing.

Arrested at Dance Two days after the Feb. 17 brawl here he was given a traffic citation for failing to have his driver's license in his possession and having straight exhaust pipes on his car. He failed to appear in court in answer to that citation, Police Chief Stroth said.

Last Friday night the youth was arrested by Stroth at the student dance in the Civic Auditorium and charged with contempt of court, failing to appear in answer to a traffic citation and hanging around the dance in violation of one of the terms of his probation. Judge Lessing (Continued on Page 8-A)

MARCH OF RIMES SNAKES ALIVE

By H. F. NOAKE

Not all the snakes are in the weeds. Nay brother, some are wearing pants; and furthermore they're venomous, and busy as a mess of ants. Regrettable it is indeed Saint Patrick doesn't live today. Perhaps he'd venture over here and drive our human snakes away. Methinks 'twould be a nasty job, his skill put to an acid test; and chasing a reptilian horde, he'd find no sinecure at best. One specie, aptly labeled "red", is over here with ill intent; they plan, by fostering revolt to overthrow the government. Saint Pat would find war mongers too, who hope and pray we'll join the fight; a golden opportunity, to make a million, over night. Yes, Patrick we'd feel much relieved if you'd come back and take command and round up every single snake, the way you did, in Ireland.

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