

Tomorrow and Saturday Are Dollar Bargain Days in Torrance!

Girl Marksmen Organize in L. A.



These sharpshooters are members of the cavalry unit of the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps of America in Los Angeles. They devote Sunday mornings to drill and target practice.

Water Dept. Buying \$10,000 Defense Bonds

"Now that the Federal government needs aid, I recommend that the city council go on record by resolution authorizing the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 to purchase ten \$1,000 series G Defense Bonds," Superintendent William H. Stanger proposed in a letter to the council read Tuesday night.

"This transaction will not only help the government but will pay interest to the Water department as well," Stanger's letter continued. "I know that the people of this district will be glad to know that they are helping defeat the mad men of this world."

Stanger recalled "During the years 1934 and 1935 when the city council was endeavoring to sell bonds to complete the Water District's system, the Federal government came to our aid with a \$125,000 loan and an outright grant of 45 per cent. Today we have one of the best little water systems in California."

And story Water Dept. Buying. . . . And so, one good turn deserving another, the city council unanimously adopted Stanger's recommendation without comment. The water department head is now negotiating the purchase of the \$10,000 in Defense Bonds.

Electric Lock Halts Police Station Visitors

With the installation of a new electric lock on the door leading to the squad room and fitting of all windows with blackout boards, the police station this week followed in the steps of local industries by banning visitors.

Heretofore, the door to the squad room "behind the desk" was open to all comers and the one upholstered chair attracted considerable patronage. Now no one except those on legitimate business can "crash the gate" because the electric lock bars entry except when the officer on duty releases it from inside. The release button must also be pushed to allow those inside to leave.

VISIT FRIENDS

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Blanchard were Sunday visitors at the D. T. Smith home in Palms.

Merchants Ready With Pre-War Bargains for Dollar Days Here

In keeping with the tempo of the times, Torrance merchants this weekend are staging their annual DOLLAR BARGAIN DAYS event—and it's an all-out effort in value-giving sponsored by the Torrance Retail Merchants Association.

Even a hasty glance at the items in the various advertisements printed in this issue will convince the most prudent shopper that this is a bargain festival that should not be overlooked.

In the face of merchandise shortages, rising prices and other stringencies caused by the war, local store owners have

Honor Roll Data Wanted for Re-Publication

The Herald thanks those who have kindly called in giving the additional names or corrections for our Honor Roll of local men in the armed services of the nation.

The first list, published last week, was by no means complete and we want the names of all local service men or women. The Honor Roll will be re-published with corrections March 26.

In the list are many who had attended Torrance high school. We cannot give ships or locations of these service men but there are a number who saw action Dec. 7 at Pearl Harbor and since then with U. S. forces battling in the far Pacific.

If you know of any man, resident of Torrance, Wateria, Lomita, Harbor City or Rolling Hills, who was not included in the first publication of the Honor Roll please call The Herald, phone 444, and give us the information.

Sheriff's Uncle Leaves Hospital for Rest Home

William Biscailuz, 75-year-old uncle of Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz, left Torrance Memorial hospital, where he had been confined for several weeks, Monday to go to a Whittier rest home. Biscailuz, a Spanish-Basque, is a brother of the late Martin Biscailuz, the sheriff's father. He lived for many years in San Fernando and Newhall, where he has a wide circle of friends among the Spanish and Basque residents. He was an employee of the Standard Oil Co. for 35 years until he was pensioned more than 10 years ago.

gone the limit to make this annual event an outstanding success. Most of the values offered are based on former costs and practically none of them could be sold at these bargain days prices if bought on the present wholesale market.

In fact, some of the items cannot be obtained from the manufacturers at any price. For this reason, the public is advised to take advantage of this opportunity which will probably be the last bargain event "for the duration."

The bargains offered are for Friday and Saturday ONLY.

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Serial Numbers Drawn for Third Draft Registrants

Alphabetical lists, giving serial numbers of all men who signed up during the third registration period, have been furnished The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News by Selective Service Board No. 280. These lists will be available for public inspection tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 1336 El Prado, Torrance, and 24792 Narbonne ave., Lomita.

"Life begins at 40"—and so did the third Selective Service registration in Torrance. All of the holders of the first 10 serial numbers drawn Monday were in that "beginning age" bracket. Little Jimmie Watson, three-year-old son of Mrs. Doris Watson, assistant clerk of Board No. 280, drew into a large cardboard container to extract the first registration cards on which the T (for third registration Feb. 14, 15, 16) were placed by members of the board.

The first 10 are: T-1—Charles E. Ventwood, 42, 1306 1/2 Amapola ave., Torrance, who registered in San Bernardino. T-2—Francis Dean McCuningham, 42, 16408 Dalton ave., Gardena. T-3—Emmett Lorain Boyd, 41, 1837 Lomita Blvd., Lomita. T-4—Donald Agulla Boone, 41, Finetree lane, Rolling Hills. T-5—Alexander Roderick McDonald, 41, 1639 Cabrillo ave., Torrance. T-6—Arthur Hayes, 44, 16108 Brighton ave., Gardena. T-7—Rhodes Tucker Graham, 42, 2702 West 156th st., Gardena. T-8—Glenn Ernest Crist, 42, 16128 Orchard ave., Gardena. T-9—Vincent Richard Gorman, 44, 2061 235th st., Torrance. T-10—Paul Henry Brackman, 45, 1855 256th st., Lomita.

A total of 2,081 serial numbers were attached to the registration cards by the time the local drawing was complete. Johnnie Gally, 21, P. O. Box 228, Wateria, has the final serial number. The national draft lottery will be held in Washington, D. C., March 17, when the "order numbers" will be drawn. After these are announced, the local board will begin sending out questionnaires.

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Supervisor for Palos Verdes Farms Named

Benjamin P. Weston, owner of the Weston ranch on Highway 101 near Lomita, has been named field supervisor for the office of county agricultural co-ordinator to help keep Palos Verdes farm lands under production. The land, with crops already under cultivation, was vacated recently by Japanese farmers who moved out following a series of F. B. I. raids.

The field service will be carried on in 15 districts with Harold E. Pearson as principal assistant under W. S. Rosencrans, county co-ordinator. Prospective American tenants of the abandoned truck farms are being interviewed daily. Pearson said Japanese farmers who have not already moved out are co-operating by watering crops and caring for growing vegetables until other tenants are placed on the land.

Leases of all Japanese farmers were terminated by voluntary action of the three principal land owners in the area. These are the Palos Verdes Corporation, the Rolling Hills Company and the Sepulveda Land Company of San Pedro.

IN SAN FERNANDO Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beecher were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Owen in San Fernando.

PASADENA GUESTS Recent guests of Dr. K. F. Sliemann at her home, 1343 El Prado, were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frank of South Pasadena.

Scorced Photographer

It took considerable coaxing and the promise of an ice cream cone for three-year-old Jimmie Watson to do his duty by his country Monday. But when his mother, Mrs. Doris Watson, assistant clerk at Selective Service Board No. 280, promised him the treat, Jimmie dutifully plunged his hand into a tall container holding all registration cards for the third Selective Service sign-up.

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22 Selectees Compose 22nd Contingent Today

A group of 22 men, comprising the 22nd contingent, were sent to Fort MacArthur for Selective Service induction from Board No. 280 this morning. Rev. Frank Porter of the First Christian church spoke to the men, a "privilege," he said, that he has enjoyed at all of the local inductions but one since they started Nov. 22, 1941. Members of the contingent were: Charles Delain Crook, 24, meat cutter, 1928 Gramerey ave., assistant leader. John Edward Cobb, 21, unemployed, 2467 Moon st., Lomita. Charles Edward DeMott, 22, service station attendant, San Pedro.

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His Number is T-1

Charles Brentwood Bond of 1306 1/2 Amapola ave. is needed by Uncle Sam he won't be an inexperienced hand. Bond, whose registration card for Selective Service was the first one drawn Monday, is an ex-Navy man who served on a U. S. destroyer overseas in World War I. He enlisted in 1917 and was honorably discharged in 1919 as a first-class gunner's mate.

He is a shipyard worker and has been a resident and property owner in Torrance since 1922. He is a member of the Torrance American Legion Post.

A native of Aspen, Colorado, he came to California 20 years ago and married. His wife was a nurse at the Columbia Steel plant for 11 years. They have no children.

Building permits for two major and three minor earthquake (Nov. 14) repair jobs were issued from the city engineer's office this week. Sylvia Fink has started reconstruction of the store and Reed apartment building at the corner of El Prado and Sartori ave. at a cost of \$20,000 and the First National Bank is starting repairs of damage to its building at 1329 Sartori ave. at a cost of \$7,000.

Other quake-repair jobs were: Harvel Guttenfelder, reconstruction of store building at 1618 Cravens ave. for \$550, thus ending months of dispute with the city council and engineer over this repair project; George Beidler, repairs to stores and apartment building at 1400 Cravens ave., \$3,600, and Van Terriok, repairs to chimney at 1427 Post ave., \$50.

Building permits were issued to C. H. Brawley for a four-room frame house and single garage at 24249 Neece ave., \$2,300; Mrs. Letha Sells, termite repairs at 1411 Amapola ave., \$275, and Cecil W. Smith, re-roof garage building at 2172 Torrance Blvd., \$82.

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Council Seeks Free Defense Phone Service

Because the city council believes the telephones installed at the Torrance Civilian Defense Control center and a service requested for the first aid station in Hollywood Riviera are used very little, Mayor Tom McGuire and City Engineer Glenn Jain were instructed Tuesday night to attempt to secure free service or reduced charges.

Their mission will probably be fruitless because Police Chief John Stroh, Civilian Defense director, reported that the telephone company is installing three miles of line to connect the General Petroleum air whistle with the other air raid signals at a service fee of only \$150. Other plants linked with the whistle signal system are Columbia Steel, National Supply and Ideco with the Pacific Electric shop and Rubercraft still to be added.

The new aluminum plant at 190th street, between Western and Normandie aves., is to be equipped with a powerful siren which will carry the air raid warnings over a wide area, Stroh said.

No Free Garden Water Other civic matters aired at the Tuesday night council session were: Receipt of a check for \$4,100.73 as a franchise payment from the Southern California Gas Co. and a letter of appreciation from Palos Verdes city officials for the repair and center-lining of the Hawthorne ave. extension into their municipality.

A conference of councilmen, city attorney, water superintendent and Attorney Don Findley and North Torrance residents interested in the water service being obtained from the city's operation of the well and pump formerly owned by the defunct Crava-Walick Co. is to be held regarding collections and other matters pertaining to the service.

A request for installation of a four-inch water meter to serve the 25-acre "Victory garden" to be maintained by local W. P. A. labor near the Columbia Steel plant was held up for further consideration after William H. Stanger, water superintendent, declared his department could not give water free for that project. "The charge will be 20 cents per 1,000 cubic feet—the same as it was when the W. P. A. operated a similar garden here several years ago," Stanger pointed out.

When he repeated his request to be allowed to employ a junior clerk at a salary of \$100 per month for three months to assist in his office, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett received the council's approval over Councilman George V. Powell's negative reply. Bartlett pointed out that his budget is "3865 to the good" so far this year and the employment of the clerk will not mean any additional expense to the city.

The council adopted the "Firemen's Manual," issued by the (Continued on Page 5-A)

Hitchcock, Cucci File for Election; Nominations Close Saturday Noon

James E. Hitchcock, veteran member of the Torrance city council, this week gave his consent to run as a candidate to succeed himself. His nomination petition, which was filed this week, was the only new entrant to officially enter the municipal election race. Hitchcock has been a member of the council for the past 10 years.

However, The Herald was informed by Nick H. Cucci of 1634 Cedar ave. that he intended to file his petition today or tomorrow. He will be a candidate for councilman. Cucci has been employed in the rolling mill of the Columbia Steel Company plant here for the past nine years.

While a number of other well-known citizens are reported to be considering entering the councilmanic race, no definite commitments have as yet been

Hog Ranch, Pinball Skeletons Rattle Out of City Closet

Two political skeletons rattled out of the municipal closet Tuesday night at city council meeting, the first one sending Mayor Tom McGuire scurrying through a copy of the municipal zoning ordinance and the second being received with frigid silence. The Walteria Civic Organization released one of the political skeletons while Judge John Shidler introduced the other.

Chamber Group to Meet Monday for Procedure

The Committee of 15 charged with reorganizing the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday night, March 16, at 8 o'clock at the former Chamber headquarters to formulate procedure for the proposed new Chamber. Carleton Bell is chairman of this group and Mrs. Lillian Barrington is secretary.

After the procedure is established the complete proposed reorganization plan will be presented to the membership for approval. The public is invited to attend the Monday night session.

Bids on Cabrillo Strip Cleanup Asked by City

Property owners on Cabrillo ave. Don't start any plans for a "victory celebration" yet, but the city council Tuesday night instructed the city engineer to advertise for bids for the removal of the P. E. tracks and wiring on the right-of-way.

Engineer Jain reported that all differences with the Pacific Electric and others interested in equipment along the center-strip which the city purchased in June 1941 have been settled and specifications have been drafted for the removal job. Bids on this work are to be opened at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of April 7.

After the last sign of P. E. occupancy of the right-of-way is gone, then the city can proceed with the improvement of Cabrillo to make it an 80-foot thoroughfare. Plans for this improvement as drafted by Engineer Jain propose "channeling" the street with a series of "islands" designed to direct the flow of traffic.

Mrs. O'Toole and Son Jimmie Hurt In Milk Truck Crash

Mrs. J. J. O'Toole and son, Jimmie, of 1225 Madry ave. are making a good recovery from injuries suffered early last Saturday morning when their milk truck collided with a telephone pole at Anaheim Blvd. and Laagon ave. in Wilmington. Mrs. O'Toole suffered severe cuts about the face and head which necessitated some 27 stitches to close while Jimmie escaped with a badly bruised nose.

Mother and son, who were delivering their milk route at the time of the crash, were taken to a Wilmington emergency hospital in a police ambulance. She is said to be unable to tell how the collision occurred. No other car was involved, according to police.

DINE IN CHINATOWN

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ashley were hosts at a dinner party Saturday night in Chinatown. Those present were their houseguests, Mr. and Mrs. Otto B. Lawrence of Bakersfield and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harder.

After the council had voted to refer the Walterians' complaints to the Police department to run the critters down and to the Street department to repair the trees and repair the streets so the police can catch the animals," Chief Stroh pointed out: The city has no ordinance forbidding pasturage of animals as long as they are kept at least 20 feet from any doorway to a house. Then he reported the establishment of a new hog ranch.

"Pain in Council's Neck" "The owner, I learned, has been advised by a state cattle inspector to import more hogs in order to increase production," he said. Mayor McGuire, with a "they-can't-do-this-to-us" air, rushed to his office for a copy of the city zoning ordinance while other councilmen, all but Kenneth Kall, veterans of the periodic "hog ranch battles," sat silent. McGuire returned with the zoning law declared.

"Somebody ought to tell that state cattle inspector to tend his own business and we'll take care of hog ranches in Torrance." He thumbed through the ordinance but failed to find what he wanted. "We'll investigate further," McGuire snapped. Hog ranch contracts have been a "pain in the neck" for city councils in recent years here and the city now has two ordinances on the subject, but they conflict.

Shelved in 1940 In releasing Civic Skeleton No. 2, Judge Shidler announced he was speaking as "just an ordinary citizen." He said: "Several people have spoken to me recently about pinball machines in Torrance and have wondered why we don't have an ordinance to license them if they must be permitted to operate here. With defense expenses mounting, I think the city could well use the revenue derived from this source, but a licensing ordinance should be adopted soon in order to get the license collections in this fiscal year."

There was no comment on the proposal from any member of the council. Efforts to adopt such a licensing ordinance here were shelved during the summer of 1940 after Councilman Vern Babcock introduced the proposed law as an "emergency measure" in June of that year. His proposal, modeled after the county's ordinance and presented at the request of Police Chief Stroh, would have allowed but one licensee per 12,000 population who could operate 25 of the machines for \$250 annual fee or \$10 for each additional machine over the original 25.

Owners of pinball games paid a total of around \$6,500 in license fees to the county quarterly since adoption of the county ordinance. This would indicate that the county has been benefitting to the extent of about \$28,000 annually in revenue from operation of the games. The county's fee is \$12 per machine per year.

Other cities are enjoying substantial incomes from the pinball machines. Redondo Beach requires a license fee of \$400 per year for a "blanket" permit; Hawthorne extracts a quarterly fee of \$5 for each machine and an application fee of \$75; Manhattan Beach gets \$5 per year each; Inglewood gets \$7.50 for each machine per quarter and Long Beach issues a "master license" costing \$50 for the first machine, \$55 per year each for additional ones.