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"PROF" WARD AND PROTEGE... Daily drills in the four words "spoken" by a baby leopard seal are being given the animal by C. Z. Ward, Torrance bus system manager...

Something new has been added to the household of Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Ward of 1720 Gramercy ave. in the wriggling form of a 22-inch, 15-pound baby leopard seal which they claim emanates more words than a human baby of the same size, weight and age—estimated at four weeks.

Rippy Urges City Council to Improve Fiscal Accounting, Curb Civic 'Frankensteins'

A detailed plan for curbing municipal expenses in order to keep city taxes down so taxpayers can better carry war costs and suggestions for correcting certain alleged irregularities in handling of municipal funds were presented to the city council Tuesday night in a lengthy letter from Attorney C. T. Rippy of 1811 El Prado. He listed 14 points for the attention of the council and stated that:

"The affairs of the city should be operated in a business-like manner and if the law is followed with reference to capital outlays, borrowings and imposition of general and special taxes... the city in a short time could eliminate its borrowings and reduce the tax rate."

Councilman James E. Hitchcock moved that "the communication be referred to the city attorney for study so the council can get his opinion on any irregularity when the new budget is under consideration."

VITAL NEED FOR ECONOMY "As a taxpayer, during the past 15 years, I have maintained an interest in the economic and efficient administration of city affairs," Rippy's communication began. It is published in full as follows: "Approximately 18 months ago, when the United States began its Lend-Lease program in connection with its aid to the Allies, and later when we were attacked by Japan, it became increasingly apparent to most observers that Federal taxes, particularly income, excess-profits, social security, unemployment and excise taxes, must of necessity mount annually, and that, therefore, the tax burden upon most taxpayers would become exceedingly heavy."

5,100 Homes Needed Here at Once

86 MORE HOMES IN HILL SITE

Construction at Harbor Hills of a \$250,000 project consisting of 86 five-room houses and garages, with utilities and possible additional paving which may run the cost to \$300,000, was revealed this week as building permits were issued for the work. Grading of the site is already under way.

Builders of the project, Harbor City Heights, Inc., Beverly Hills, implied in taking out the permits that an additional large strip in county territory would be developed later.

The project will be situated between Palos Verdes drive, Western ave. and 284th st., and will be opposite the existing Harbor Hills low-rent project built by the county housing authority.

For Defense Workers The project required 172 individual permits, for dwellings and garages. The permits were taken out in Los Angeles but credited to the San Pedro office.

The office since April 14 has issued permits representing an additional \$25,000 worth of new construction and repairs.

The homes will help meet the needs of workers engaged in \$2,000,000,000 worth of war production in and about the harbor district, but, housing authorities said, hundreds of more units will be needed as automobile tires wear out and employment here increases.

4th Registration Lists 3,221 Men In Local District

A total of 3,221 men between 15 and 64 years of age registered under Selective Service Saturday, Sunday and Monday in this local district covered by Selective Service Board No. 280, according to Secretary Carl Marsteller Tuesday. This figure included the following registration center figures: Torrance Civic Auditorium 850 Gardena 860 Lomita 720 North Torrance 70 Columbia Steel Co. 123 National Supply Co 296 Palos Verdes 134 Walker Center 78 Pacific Electric Shops 78 Redondo Beach 5

There will be no national lottery drawing of numbers for the older men's registration and they will be asked to fill out only employment questionnaires, according to Selective Service officials.

A total of 7,339 men from 20 to 64 years of age in the local district served by Selective Board No. 280 have registered. This total includes the following registrations: Oct. 16, 1940—1,892 between 21 and 35 years of age. July 1, 1942—152 who had become 21 years of age. Feb. 16, 1942—2,074 between 20 and 44 years of age. April 25, 1942—3,221 between 45 and 64 years of age.

NO ALERT Altho all Los Angeles and San Diego radio stations were ordered off the air last night from 10:25 to 11:15 o'clock, no alert was issued from the county central control headquarters or Western Defense Command.

Auxiliary Police To Drill Sunday For Graduation

All members of the Torrance auxiliary police are instructed to meet at the city hall next Sunday morning, May 3, at 9:30 o'clock to drill in preparation for the graduation ceremonies May 24 at Washington high school, 107th and Normandie ave. Police Chief John Stroh will ask experienced men to direct the maneuvers.

Final Instructions for Sugar Rationing APPLICATION FOR WAR RATION BOOK (To be filled in by Registrar only)

IMPORTANT—A separate application must be made by (or, where the Regulations permit, on behalf of) every person to whom a War Ration Book is to be issued. The separate applications for each and every member of a Family Unit (see Instructions to Registrar) must be made by one, and only one, adult member of such Family Unit.

Applicants for sugar rationing books are urged by the Office of Price Administration to study carefully the application card, illustrated above, and have the correct answers when they register May 4, 5, 6 and 7. A separate application must be made for every person when a ration book is issued, but only one member of each family unit is to appear at the nearest elementary school to apply for all members of the family.

Public Asked to Follow Alphabetical Plan

To help prevent delays and long waits, principals of all elementary schools in Torrance, Lomita, Walteria and Harbor City are asking the cooperation of the public in the following alphabetical plan for registrations for war ration books:

- Persons whose last names are in the A to G inclusive category, apply May 4; H to N inclusive on May 5, and O to Z inclusive on May 6 with May 7 remaining free for the last day rush. The school heads point out this is not an official order; but it will assist greatly in speedy registration.

Cooking School Instructor Will Stress Small Families' Problems

Food Planning Eases Strain on Home Budget

The small family does deserve consideration. Traditionally the older cook books use quite large measures, planned especially for families of four or six people, but in these fast moving eventful days other considerations are now becoming more important at meal planning time.



HOME ECONOMIST... Miss Eulita Hogle will conduct the streamlined Happy Kitchen Cooking School May 13, 14 and 15 in the Torrance Civic Auditorium. She is coming with the latest information on equipment and foodstuffs and many ideas on how to fit the food budget to the family's nutritional needs.

PAPER DUMP ESTABLISHED

A "Community Wastepaper Dump" has been established by the Kiwanis club at the Firestone Auto Supply and Service store, corner of Marcella and Cravens ave, where local residents can bring their papers and toss them in a large bin. No collections at homes or places of business will be made and the public is asked to tie the papers up to facilitate handling.

Need Fed. Okay For Cabrillo Job, Engineer Reports

The only thing now holding up the long-sought improvement of Cabrillo ave. is a decision from somebody in the FWA, OPA, PCA, OCD or someplace that nobody would have any objection to the removal of the rails, ties and overhead wiring in the center right-of-way purchased by the city from the P.E. last June.

City Engineer Glenn M. Jain informed the city council Tuesday night that he has not given the contractor, the Oil Field Trucking Company, the "green light" sign to clean up the center strip from Torrance blvd. to Carson st. because he had heard the Federal government must first approve the work.

"But the Federal Works Administration says the procedure for this permission has not yet been established," Jain reported. "I've also tried to find out if the Office of Price Administration and other agencies are concerned without success. I believe we may get in a jam if we don't get permission from the proper body first."

Oldster Wants to Help; Tries to Register Here

"I want to help—can't you register me for something?" But the Selective Service registration board in the Civic Auditorium regretfully told E. W. O'Neal of 2929 Abalone ave. he was born just five years too soon. O'Neal is 69. "There ought to be something I can do for my country," Oldster O'Neal said. "It's been good to me and I feel I ought to show it. I'm buying war bonds and living up to all the regulations but that doesn't seem to be enough."

HOUSING GROUP TO SEEK AID

Within a few months—when new and expanding Torrance industrial plant swing into war-time production—there will be a shortage of 5,100 dwelling-unit for industrial workers, unless immediate action is started to erect additional housing here.

This is the vital information which members of the five-man housing committee appointed by Mayor Tom F. McQuire will stress at a conference tomorrow afternoon with Howard Holtzendorf, executive director of the Los Angeles City Housing Authority. The conference has been called for 4 o'clock in Holtzendorf's office, 103 South Broadway.

The decision to appeal to Federal aid in meeting the housing shortage was decided upon at a joint meeting of 11 civic leaders and members of the Torrance city council last Friday afternoon. The Los Angeles City Housing Authority is the medium which is sponsoring a large share of the 10,000 dwelling units which have been allocated by the Federal Housing Authority for Southern California. The entire cost of these projects is being financed by Federal funds.

Local Survey Reported In presenting the acute housing conditions facing this community, the Torrance committee will break-down its figure as follows:

- Number of workers employed in Torrance industrial plants 10,000
- Number of dwelling units in Torrance 10,000
- Number of dwelling units in Torrance which are vacant 2,000
- Number of dwelling units in Torrance which are occupied by workers 8,000

Workers to be employed at aluminum plants which begin operation Sept. 1 2,000

Workers to be added thru expansions of: Columbia Steel Co. 300 National Supply Co. 400 Gen. Petroleum Corp. 100 Miscellaneous Plants 300

TOTAL NEW DWELLINGS NEEDED 5,100

A survey of local industrial plants made recently by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reveals there are 4,500 men now employed in Torrance plants. Factory records show that approximately half of them are residing outside the city, some at long distances from their work.

Sell Homes After War The committee has learned that housing facilities to be wholly financed by Federal funds will consist of duplexes and other multiple units. It is the belief of the committee that this type of construction could more easily be obtained for the Los Angeles Shoestring strip adjacent to Torrance, inasmuch as the work will be done under sponsorship of the Los Angeles Housing Authority.

City "Next Hot Spot" Because the proposed Federal housing projects total only 70 units, out of a total need of 6,600, it is anticipated that other housing projects will be undertaken by private builders as soon as the pending hal...