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Final Session of Cooking School Due Tomorrow

With large and enthusiastic audiences attending the first two days of the Happy Kitchen Cooking School, at the Torrance Civic Auditorium under direction of Miss Hulita Hogle, noted home economist and kitchen craft expert, the third and final session will be held tomorrow starting promptly at 1:30 o'clock.

An unusually large number of door prizes have been donated by Torrance merchants for awarding at the final session Friday. These worthwhile gifts will be augmented by twenty big bags of foods, supplied by national manufacturers. The Atlantic & Pacific Food Store in Torrance is also giving away five large bags of groceries each day to guests at the cooking school.

With the final big day scheduled for tomorrow, additional fun, surprises and additional demonstrations in the "kitchen laboratory" of Miss Hogle, will conclude the three cookery classes sponsored by the Torrance Herald and the News, in co-operation with local merchants and manufacturers of nationally advertised products. Miss Hogle is using the latest and most modern appliances in her programs and a large assortment of small, handy utensils, all necessary to the perfect management of any kitchen.

Doors Open at 1 P. M. "Simplicity in both materials and methods," explained Miss Hogle, "is the keynote of our programs as presented to the enthusiastic audiences that greeted us the first two days. We all like to do things the easy way. The simplest way too, is usually the most practical and most economical. One of the finest tests of an efficient housewife lies in her capacity to meet an emergency. While it is a great help to have an emergency shelf, there are innumerable ways of working in leftovers that have been carefully stored in the refrigerator.

"New recipes, ways to make old dishes look different, little tricks to brighten and lighten the home tasks—all will be carefully demonstrated," concluded Miss Hogle. "Remember tomorrow is the last day. It is entirely free. The Herald and News again cordially invite each housewife to be their guest. Doors open at 1 o'clock."

55 Give Blood to Red Cross

Fifty-five men and women donated their blood to the American Red Cross Monday during the visit here of the mobile unit of the Blood Donor Service. A group of 24 who had registered to "give their pint" was held over for another call here by the mobile unit because the Red Cross could only accommodate 55 on one call. Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman of the local Red Cross branch, is now making arrangements for this second visit of the touring force of doctors and nurses.

Those who gave blood Monday were: Mesdames Bessie Anderson, Kathryn E. Baird, Renee Bartlett, Bessie M. Carter, Clara A. Conner, Katherine Curtis, Loella J. Elder, Mary Emery, Harriett Hawk, Effie Johnston, Theresa Jones, Hillman R. Loe, Mary J. Millard, Edna Miles, Mildred Mitchell, Gertrude Murison, P. L. McConlogue, Rosie Nady, Leona Nyland, Mary Powers, Winola Rauss, Hilda J. Silence, Melba Snyder, Mary Schroeder, Ethel Tansey, Pearl Thayne, Victoria Thompson, Gladys E. Treadwell, Marion E. Welton, Mildred M. Wernett, Fannie Wilkes and Cecilia H. Young, all of Torrance; Grace E. Leatherwood of Waltham, Marie A. LePont of Lomita, Mary Towler of East Torrance, Messrs. Daniel R. Baird, John Disario, Elaine Diner, Jr. Fete Gads, Charles V. Jones, Loren E. Maddux, Fremont Mullen, Tom McGuire, Sherwood McIntyre, Robert M. McMaster, J. P. McReynolds, Glen M. Robinson, Walter C. Silence, Michael Strasser, John H. Stroh, William E. Tolson, Paul F. Vonderahe and Charles E. Woodcock, and Miss Georgia Marlow, all of Torrance.

Week's Building Totals \$5,850

Building permits issued here during the past week totaled \$5,850. They were issued to: Carl L. Stiles for a 550-gallon gasoline tank at 23007 Normandie ave., \$100; Rubbercraft Corporation for reconstruction of a concrete building now used as a warehouse at 2012 Border ave., \$500; M. R. Beck for a seven-room two-family dwelling and two-car garage at 907-911 Arlington ave., \$5,250.

Midway Island Veteran Now In Army Camp

Robert C. Good, 24, of Torrance faced the Japs for the first time armed with only a pick and shovel.

But the next time it will be with soldier's weapons. Good, now in training at Camp Callan, was a construction worker on Midway Island, "peacefully playing cards in the recreation hall when a Jap cruiser opened fire from only 600 yards out" last December.

The Torrance man who formerly lived at 918 Portola ave., described how the Marines, firing three-inch guns, sank the Jap with four direct hits.

Stricken Seal Owner Must Get Rid of His Pet

While recovering from a heart attack at his home, C. Z. Ward, manager of the Torrance municipal bus system, was served with a warrant Monday, the citation accusing him of "harboring a public nuisance—to wit: a baby seal."

Ward, who was stricken May 3 and still has another three weeks or a month in bed before he will be allowed to resume his duties, said Tuesday that he will voluntarily present his seal to the Griffith Park zoo.

The warrant was issued on complaint of a neighbor who evidently objected to the baby leopard seal's vocabulary—Ward asserted the creature was capable of "speaking" four words: mama, doo, now and me.

"Maybe the complainant thought the seal was cussing," Ward said. "But I know he wasn't—it was just seal baby talk. I don't like to give up the little fellow but I don't want any trouble with a neighbor—so to the zoo he'll go."

Air Wardens to Graduate May 27

Approximately 150 Torrance Air Raid Wardens and messengers will graduate May 27, having completed the essential part of their Civilian Defense course under direction of Jack Hallanger, Chief Warden. The program will be held in the Civic Auditorium starting at 8 p. m.

Starting early in December, this patriotic group of men and women have regularly attended classes each Wednesday night and have served the community during most of the blackouts. They are conducting a house-to-house canvass in an effort to obtain vital information which will help protect all residents. While most of the Civilian Defense questionnaires have been promptly filled out by families here there are some still outstanding and a few have refused to give this data. "We need the information to complete our preparations for any emergency," Chief Warden Hallanger said today. "I urge every one who has not filled out a questionnaire to do so at once and give it to his or her Air Raid Warden or bring it to me at the city hall."

Strange Craving for Onions Making Ashton Social Outcast

An irresistible craving for onions—preferably the large Bermudas—is ruining Captain Ernest Ashton's social life but he asserts he is powerless to remedy his predicament.

Even Mrs. Ashton—no onion-lover—is giving her mate the cold-shoulder these days as the police officer's strange hunger persists for the odoriferous Allium cepa. "I can't explain it but I've eaten more onions in the past days than I've eaten in two years. I crave 'em!" Capt. Ashton revealed. "Why, even when I'm just driving along on a short trip, I've got to stop at the nearest vegetable stand and buy myself an

Clerk Recount Suit Delayed Until May 21

James W. Loughridge of Waltham who filed a complaint with the Superior Court May 6 asking for a judicial recount of the votes cast for city clerk here April 14, said Tuesday that he expected no action on the case until May 21 or later.

"I have been informed by my attorney, Albert Isen, that the court is holding up completion of the filing of the complaint until that date when several other recount suits are to be entered from other cities where there were close elections," Loughridge said.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who polled an official 937 votes to Loughridge's 919, and was certified by the city council as winner of the election, said that he had not been serving any papers so far pertaining to his recent opponent's recount move.

The Walthamian said his attorney had learned that a number of other recount suits are contemplated and the Superior Court has expressed a desire to combine all of them into one action.

H. C. Postoffice Merger Arouses Protests In Dist.

The proposed merger of the Harbor City and Lomita postoffices has aroused a storm of protests among citizens of Harbor City and the matter will be submitted to debate. Circulation of a petition to apply for the making of the Harbor City postoffice a branch of Lomita has been stopped for the present.

In the past it has been against postal regulations to allow a postoffice branch offices before it reached the status of first class and Lomita, second class since 1936, has a long way to go before reaching a first class rating.

T. F. Gladwill, Harbor City postmaster, is reported to have sent in his resignation, and under postoffice regulations must serve until a successor is appointed. At the time of the examination for Harbor City postmaster a number of citizens took the examination and passed and it is possible that one of the eligibles on that list may be appointed.

Employment Office Back to Old Location

The U. S. Employment Service will return to its former location at 1927 Carson st. Monday, according to Manager E. J. Puhols. The bureau has been located at the Health Center, 2300 Carson st., since the Nov. 14 earthquake. The Wartime Civil Control office for this district will also move back to the 1927 Carson st. site. The Employment Service is cooperating with Selective Service boards on the occupational inventory for all men from 18 to 64 at the present time, Puhols said.

NEW POSITION

W. Harold Kingsley, well-known former Torrance resident, this week began his duties as director of welfare at the \$100,000 Basic Magnesium Corp. plant in Las Vegas. Another former Torrance resident, Carl Hyde, is director of personnel at the new plant.



"I Am An American" Day

Two years ago, in May of 1940, Americans held their first observance of "I Am An American" Day. It was as if an uneasy, self-doubting people sought to reassure itself in face of the evil vision of despotic conquest of democracy throughout Europe.

More evil has come to pass in Europe since that May. France, the first citadel of liberty and equality in modern Europe, is in slavery. And now Americans see vengeful, powerful enemies across both oceans.

Yet the third "I Am An American" Day, the 17th of this month, will find an America no longer uneasy and self-doubting. For America has proven herself to the world—and to herself. Stepping from school, from the workshop, from the store counter, from the field, American kids have formed an amazing army of wrathful power that shall presently sweep through the cities of Germany and Italy and Japan. And all factions and creeds, as if the blood in their veins were drawn from one vast central pool, have joined to make the weapons, and make the sacrifices, and keep the faith for posterity that Washington kept for Lincoln and Lincoln kept for us.

"I am an American!" Proud words to be proudly spoken. We all know that—now!

Aluminum Plant Power Pact Said Biggest Ever Made

The biggest power deal in Los Angeles' history was made Monday when that city's council contracted with the Defense Plant Corporation to supply \$5,000,000 of electricity annually to the aluminum plant under construction at the outskirts of Torrance, 190th st. and Normandie ave.

All Groups Bid to 'M'Arthur Day' Meeting

Every effort will be made tomorrow night to enlist the active participation of all organizations in Torrance in the local observance of "General MacArthur Day" June 13. All groups—civil, social, fraternal, service and unions, have been invited by the Torrance Moose lodge, sponsor of the program, to meet at the lodge hall, 1951 Carson street, Friday night at 7:30 o'clock to discuss the celebration.

Tentative plans call for a late afternoon parade Saturday, June 15, followed by a short patriotic program at the Moose hall and a dance in the evening, the proceeds of which will be turned over to the Torrance Kiwanis club's city ambulance fund. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett is chairman of the lodge's "Gen. MacArthur Day" committee and James A. Evans is secretary. All organizations are invited to send representatives to the meeting and later arrange for their groups to march in the parade as a public demonstration of loyalty and respect to the commander of the United Nations forces in the southwest Pacific.

Paving Bids on Cabrillo Wanted

City Engineer Glenn Jain informed the city council Tuesday night that removal of rails and overhead wiring on the Cabrillo ave. right-of-way is proceeding and that no delay is anticipated in paving the center-strip. He said the State Highway department has issued a "tentative statement" allowing the reconstruction of the street and the city has applied to the War Production Board for permission to proceed with the work. Jain is now advertising for bids on the paving.

HAVE HOUSE GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Koch entertained as their house guests last week Mrs. Don Rose of West Los Angeles and their nephew, Sidney Koch of Oakland.

Congratulations! We've Found Ourselves!

10,417 Get War Ration Books at Torrance Schools

A total of 10,417 men, women and children were issued War Ration Book No. 1 during the four-day application period last week at the Torrance Elementary, Fern Avenue, Waltham and Perry schools, a survey showed Monday. This figure does not include the 388 persons who were denied Ration Books because they had more than six pounds of sugar, the first commodity to be rationed, and who must apply to the Torrance Ration Board later (in about a month) for their books.

Anyone who failed to register last week will have to wait another week before applying to the local rationing board (not the school) for a War Ration Book. The total number who applied for books last week—10,805—is regarded as closely approximating the total population of Torrance.

Registration totals by schools, all of whom reported there was no last-minute rush last Thursday night, were:

Torrance Elementary, 6,312 books issued, 251 temporarily refused because of having too much sugar on hand; Fern Avenue, 2,195 books issued, 90 refused; Waltham School, 750 books issued, 15 refused, and Perry School, 660 books issued, 32 refused.

Auxiliary Police Drill Tonight at City Ball Park

With Major Frederick A. Tiffany, U.S.A. retired, rapping out commands, members of the Torrance Auxiliary Police will drill tonight at the city park ball diamond starting at 7 o'clock in preparation for their graduation review May 24.

Major Tiffany volunteered to instruct the men in basic military formations and marching in order that the Torrance unit will present a good appearance at the graduation program to be held at George Washington high school field, 107th and Normandie ave., starting at 10 a. m. May 24.

All city officials were invited to sit in the reviewing stand at that event by Police Chief John Stroh and the general public is cordially invited to witness the ceremonies from the grandstand at the Washington school's field.

Stroh also requested that the city furnish a municipal bus to transport the Torrance high school band to the program and the council Tuesday night endorsed this. The band will lead the local group in the parade review.

Oil Sump Blaze Threatens Derrick

An oil sump blaze threatened to engulf the C.C.M.O. Del Amo No. 2 rig in flames this morning off Carson st. but was brought under control before any damage was done. The fire was the biggest sump conflagration here in more than a year. Several Army planes scouted the billowing smoke during the course of the firemen's fight to put it out. A grass fire is believed to have caused the sump burn-off.

BOULDER CITY FLIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Austin motored to Lone Pine during the week-end and flew their plane to Boulder City where it will be used for the duration as a government trainer.

Cyclists Determined to Make Long Trip to Lake Elsinore

All that free-wheeling along the highways and byways in and around the Harbor District by Postmaster Earl Conner, Henry Grubb and other ardent cyclists is not going to be wasted. The practice peddling is toughening them up for a trip to Lake Elsinore.

That long-distance jaunt is scheduled late this month and what's more Cyclists Conner, Grubb & Company are offering to either (1) arrange for photographic evidence that they make it, or (2) permit witnesses to trail 'em in an automobile.

Civilian Defense Matters Aired by City Council

Civilian defense matters took the spotlight of interest at city council meeting Tuesday night with members of the board and the two chief officers of emergency forces here, John Stroh, director, and Jack Hallanger, chief air raid warden, participating in the discussions.

Council Opposes Deduction Plan by Co. Library

The city of Torrance does not want the county library to arbitrarily deduct from city tax monies collected by the county the fee due the library for local service.

This was reaffirmed by the city council Tuesday night in referring the county council to the city's letter of Feb. 24 in which the pre-set manner of payment—on receipt of regular invoices—was said to be preferable to the automatic deduction plan.

Councilmen indicated the new contract for library services will not be signed with the deduction clause included.

Dim-Out May Extend 15 Miles Inland from Sea

Possibility that all lights may have to be dimmed 15 miles inland from the ocean from the Mexican border to the Oregon state line loomed today as Naval, OGD, and other officials continued preparations for the coast line blackout that now extends from the mouth of the Santa Maria River to the Oregon line.

Frank Hansen, vice president of the American Society of Illuminating Engineers, on whose studies the dim-out orders in northern California were issued, said:

"We went out along the coast on a destroyer during the survey and found that ships were clearly silhouetted against the glow. However, we don't know yet just what lights, other than those directly visible from the ocean, contribute to the situation."

Willard W. Keith, regional OGD director, said civilian defense officials of Southern California cities would meet this week, probably in Pasadena, to perfect dim-out plans.

Kiwanis Orders City Ambulance

A fine new modern ambulance will soon be delivered here and turned over to the city of Torrance by the Kiwanis club, directors of the service organization announced this week. The club has arranged for the \$1900 unit's purchase and is now in the final stages of a funds drive.

The Torrance Red Cross branch will share use of the converted panel delivery truck, which is being bought with citizens' contributions in downtown paper bottles, organization gifts, milk drive proceeds and, on June 15, from the proceeds of the "MacArthur Day" dance to be sponsored by the local Moose lodge.

FROM SAN DIEGO

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neely and the L. J. Rademaker of San Diego visited Sunday at the E. R. Rademaker and the L. J. Finlayson homes here.

Councilman Nick Cucci suggested an amendment to the municipal ordinance pertaining to blackout enforcement that would place definite restrictions on pedestrians during blackouts. He pointed out that there were greater hazards to people on the streets than in their homes or places of shelter and the police force, including Auxiliary Police and Air Raid Wardens, should be given authority to keep pedestrians off the streets during such emergencies.

Chief John Stroh said the pedestrian regulation has been considered by a committee of police chiefs and the amendment was adopted by the Los Angeles city council but was vetoed by Mayor Bowron. However, the cities of Glendale and Long Beach have adopted pedestrian restrictions during blackouts and an effort is being made to draft a uniform measure that will be presented to all cities and counties. The local council decided to wait until this uniform amendment is drafted before changing the local ordinance.

Act on Ambulance Gift Informed by City Attorney John E. McCall, who is a past-president of the Kiwanis club, and Robert Deinger, treasurer of the service group, that the Kiwanians are now ready to purchase their gift of a new ambulance for the city, the council took the first steps toward acceptance of this equipment. Mayor Tom McGuire was authorized to execute an agreement covering use of the ambulance and an application to the War Production Board for permission to buy it.

The ambulance will only be used in "case of emergency, personal injury or death to anyone in Torrance and when a private ambulance is not available." Councilman Vern Babcock stated that the Kiwanians "should be complimented for their hard work in raising the fund," but Kiwanians McCall and Deinger pointed out that the club served only as the means of raising the fund, that many other groups and individuals contribute toward it.

The city council also appropriated \$650 for the purchase of 256 steel helmets for Auxiliary Police and Firemen, Air Raid Wardens, messengers and other civilian defense units here. This equipment, ordered several weeks ago, was "frozen" by the OPA before it was to have been shipped from the manufacturer in Los Angeles to Torrance. Stroh and other civilian defense leaders are now hard at work trying to get the OPA to "thaw out" the order in time for the May 24 graduation of the Auxiliary Police.

Name Property Officer Helms, including 143 which Stroh has already received from the county, will be issued to qualified civilian defense members, except city employees, on payment of a \$2 deposit for the heavy type hats that are now "frozen" or \$1.50 for the lighter type. City employees will not be required to put up deposits because the city can deduct the value of the equipment from their pay checks if necessary.

On recommendation by Stroh, the council named Fire Chief J. E. McMaster the city council officer with control over all OGD equipment obtained by the city. This will include helmets, gas masks, fire equipment and other material obtained for civilian defense forces.

Following a recommendation from the county Civilian Defense council, the city council decided to ask Jack Miller of the M & M Transfer Company to serve this community as civilian evacuation officer to serve in event of an emergency.

Wife Writes Council for Job for Husband

Mrs. Lela Gonner of North Torrance applied to the city council Tuesday night for a job for her husband, writing that \$75 had been allocated by the city for painting the water tank and tower in North Torrance and that her husband was qualified to do the job. The council filed the communication for future reference.