

Pearl Harbor and Coral Sea Navy Veteran's Funeral Held

Apparently fully recovered from severe shock which he suffered at Pearl Harbor when the ship on which he was stationed was bombed by the Japanese, James Benedict Newton, 24, Navy fireman, 2/c, experienced a pain in the region of his heart Jan. 17 while on duty at San Pedro. He reported his condition to his Admiral, was told to report to a doctor, turned

been a prisoner of war ever since, according to word from Washington, D. C. The Newtons have had no direct word from him although they heard once that he had broadcast a message to them over the Jap radio beacon at the U. S. Both boys were born in Longmont, Colo.

Funeral service was conducted for James B. Newton last Sunday at St. Anthony's Cath-



JAMES B. NEWTON



ROBERT A. NEWTON

to go out the door and dropped dead. Newton had participated in the Coral Sea battles after going through the Pearl Harbor bombing. He is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Newton of 2071 1/2 Torrance blvd., to be a victim of the war.

A younger brother, Corporal Robert A. Newton, 21, who has been in the Marine Corps three years, was captured at Guam, Dec. 7, 1941, and has

olic church in Long Beach, followed by military rites at the National cemetery at Sawtelle.

The Newtons with their daughter, Lorraine, who is a Torrance high school student, have lived here since last August, coming from Los Angeles. The father is employed at the National Supply plant. Another brother, Lowell R. Newton, is a railroad fireman and lives in Indio while another daughter, Mrs. Flora Kerstetter, lives in Denver.

Draft Contingent Leaving Torrance Early Feb. 1 from Auditorium

Next Monday morning, Feb. 1, another large group of potential selectees are scheduled to assemble at the Torrance Civic Auditorium at 6:30 o'clock for bus transportation to a Los Angeles induction station and final physical examination. This will be the 34th Selective Service contingent to go from this district and the second for 1943.

The Torrance Selective Service board has notified the city council that the contingent is leaving Feb. 1 and asked that the Civic Auditorium be opened and heated as a reception center for the selectees and their friends. Local men notified to appear at that time are:

From Torrance
Wendell Fergie, P. O. Box 178, Waltham.
Robert H. Hannan, 1724 Martina ave.
James Perkins Groome, 1021 Cravens ave.
Joseph G. Prince, 622 Amador ave.
Charles E. Robinson, 1313 Beech ave.
Fred M. Hansen, 2065 Carson st.
Timothy J. Nolan, 1617 Arlington ave.
Charles B. Haguewood, 1100 El Prado.

John A. Nady, 710 Madrid ave.
Ralph R. Sach, 1016 Cota ave.
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Edgar C. Dumont, 2731 Arlington ave.
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Business Clinic On War Problems Arranged Here

A Wartime Business Clinic where local business men and interested residents may get the answers to the many business problems growing out of the national emergency from well-qualified government specialists, will be presented here for four consecutive weeks by the Torrance Evening School, Principal Guy Mowry announced today.

Meeting every Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock at the high school, the Clinic will have speaker representatives from the various governmental agencies and other trained men to supply accurate, up-to-the-minute information to those who have questions to ask and any difficulties to overcome.

Begins on Feb. 10
"The governmental agencies participating in this Clinic will endeavor to supply specific answers to all questions within the scope of their activities as they are raised by participants," Mowry said.

Arranged under direction of C. M. Davis, coordinator of distributive occupations of the Los Angeles city schools, the Wartime Business Clinic will be open to every business man and woman and interested resident of the city.

The tentative program, as arranged by Mowry and Davis, will begin Wednesday night, Feb. 10 with interpretations of the new Victory Tax and the income tax. Regulations concerning the Victory tax will be discussed by a member of the Treasury department staff while details of the 1942 income tax law will be explained by a staff member from the Office of Collector of Internal Revenue.

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However, the Board has to make arrangements with Army authorities in Los Angeles to have the Civic Auditorium designated as the assembly place for those who are classed as reservists following their acceptance into service. At any rate, the Board has notified the city council when the next contingent is leaving and the Auditorium will be opened and heated for the convenience and comfort of that group and their friends.

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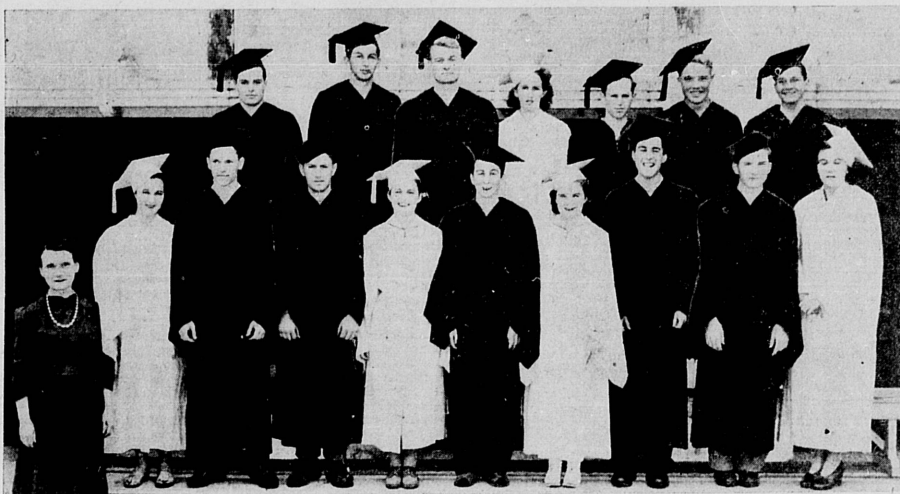
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High School Graduation Sunday Afternoon



CLASS OF WINTER 1943—Top row, left to right: Joseph Marek, Lawrence Prince, Jim Prowten, Wallace Post and Tom Bishop. Middle row: Miss Sarah Vaubel, Eileen Carlin, Harland Johnson, Margaret Ungert, Robert Wardrop, Margaret Schultz, Gertrude Unger, Robert Wardrop, Margaret Schultz, Larry Gandsey, Robert Michelson and Dorothy Treloar.

Draft Board Acts To Curb Waits On Sidewalks

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Four Members of Class Already In Service; 21 to Get Diplomas

With four of its members already in the armed forces and one, Stanley Pierson, enrolled at Oregon State College, the Winter Class of 1943 will be graduated Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31, at 2 o'clock at the Torrance high school assembly hall during a combined Baccalaureate and commencement program. The class includes eight girls and 18 boys but only 21 will be present to receive diplomas from Miss Elizabeth Parks, acting principal, and Miss Irene Mills.

License Renewal Deadline Only One Week Off

Motorists—if you have not paid your 1943 state auto fees by 5 o'clock next Thursday afternoon, Feb. 4, better be prepared to dig a little deeper in your pocket in order to pay the penalty of double their cost.

Manager Harry Rose of the Torrance branch office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, located at 1819 Carson st., in the Torrance hotel building says:

"We have sufficient clerks to give immediate service to all residents of this area. Only seven more days remain before the close of the renewal period and it will not be extended. We will be open until 5 o'clock every day except Sunday and Feb. 4 is the deadline."

City Bans Piling Refuse at Curbs

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Quake-Damaged Hotel to House War Workers

With the reconstruction of the Roi Tan hotel at 1211 El Prado started this week under direction of the War Housing Authority, every effort will be made to speed the work so approximately 23 war workers' families may be located there as soon as possible.

The building permit for the reconstruction of the building, damaged and closed by the Nov. 14, 1941, earthquake, was issued to the Victory Construction and Investment Co. of Los Angeles. The work will cost approximately \$13,000.

According to plans approved by the city engineer's office, the three-story structure will contain 22 apartments and rooms. It is understood that the Home Owners' Loan Corp. is financing the improvement. Engineers from the National Housing Administration inspected the building recently and found it worthy of reconstruction.

Architect Hired To Draft Model Home Sketches

Retention of Hans Wallner, Los Angeles architect, to draft complete plans and specifications that would pass all the new building requirements and meet F. H. A. approval, for model "Victory homes" here was authorized by the city council Tuesday night.

Wallner's plans and specifications will be made available to local builders at fees yet to be determined by the council. These will probably include \$1 for inspection out of the city engineer's office and \$15 for the complete set when sold outright.

Pat MacDonnell, city housing coordinator, suggested that the city provide such assistance to local builders Dec. 15, 1942. He contended that by furnishing the authoritative information on building requirements together with complete plans and specifications of single family and multiple family dwellings that would meet all requirements of the National Housing Administration and the War Housing Authority, Torrance could do much toward relieving the housing shortage here.

Wallner will prepare the plans for a single family home with both two and three bedrooms and a multiple family dwelling with several different exterior designs for \$850. He is expected to submit the work within the next few weeks.

POSTOFFICE WINDOWS OPEN LATE SATURDAYS
Providing additional service to patrons, the Torrance postoffice is now open until 6 p. m. every Saturday. All windows except those issuing money orders and receiving postal savings are open until that hour on Saturdays, according to Postmaster Earl Conner.

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Industries Urge Open Discussion Of City Budget

Another request was made of the city council Tuesday night by F. J. Carpenter, assistant treasurer of the National Supply Co., on behalf of the industries located here to discuss the "proposed budget for the coming year before it is finally adopted" with a view toward effecting municipal economies.

Carpenter wrote the council early in 1942 for a similar consultation but "although verbal promises were made, the committee was never given the opportunity for consultation as never saw the budget prior to its adoption."

Although this wasn't announced at the council session, one (except city officials) has seen the 1942-43 budget and municipal expenditure sheet has never been adopted here.

Mayor Makes Only Comment
For that matter, it is quite probable that the council does not have a current budget of a reasonable facsimile thereof.

Indications that there is some change of a budget being set up for the current year was given by Mayor Tom McGuire Tuesday night when he made the only comment following the reading of Carpenter's letter. The mayor said:

"I think the council will consent to notify Mr. Carpenter will confer with him when it is drafted or is under consideration."

There was no other comment and so far as it could be learned later, there is no budget-making on the council agenda. It is customary to adopt the budget before setting the tax rate, but this procedure was not followed this year. Following is Carpenter's letter to the council:

"Questions 'Small Reduction'
Early in 1942, a special committee representing the industries located in Torrance, wrote to your council on the subject of city taxes. This committee desired to consult with you regarding the city budget before that budget was finally adopted. Although verbal promises were made, the committee was never given the opportunity for consultation and never saw the budget prior to its adoption."

"The industries of your city pay more than 80 per cent of the taxes. Their tax committee acknowledges a small reduction in the tax last year as applauds this as being in line with the trend throughout the country to reduce state and local taxes. Because of the failure or unwillingness of the council to meet with the industrial committee on taxes, the committee has no way of knowing if the tax reduction was as great as it should have been or whether or not reduction represents an economy move on the part of the council or can be attributed to causes beyond its control."

"The burden of taxes is most serious problem for industry. The need for greatly increased Federal taxes for the war makes it imperative that local taxes be reduced to a minimum requirement of local government, eliminating frills. The taxpayers large and small want to know that this is having intelligent attention."

"The committee representing the industries located in Torrance again expresses its desire to offer all possible assistance, and respectfully asks that the council discuss with it the proposed budget for the coming year before it is finally adopted."

"Please advise the writer, chairman of the committee, we may expect your cooperation."

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