

## Japs Receive Mercy



American and Australian soldiers mercifully provide food, water and first aid dressings for their Jap prisoners.

## V.F.W. Post Files Strong Protest Against Recruiting Japs for Army

Asserting that no person of Japanese ancestry should be added to our armed forces "now or ever," Torrance Post No. 3251 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has sent a strongly worded resolution of opposition to the plan of military authorities to recruit and train interned Japanese-Americans for regular Army service to the V. F. W. County Council in Los Angeles.

"We as a body of foreign servicemen are very much opposed to such a move," L. E. Stanley, quartermaster-adjutant of the local post, declared. "We are sending our objections to our immediate superiors to forward with other resolutions against such a move to where it will be heard and we hope will halt any such movement."

The Torrance V. F. W. resolution, signed by George H. Bradford, commander; Leo B. Bauman, chaplain, and Stanley, follows:

**Warning of Danger**  
"Whereas; we understand that several companies of Japanese are being trained as an addition to our Army.

"And Whereas; we who are making this protest against this movement, have been residents of the Pacific Coast for many years and predictions of a conflict with the Japs was common conversation here long before the Pearl Harbor tragedy.

"And Whereas; we believe because of our knowledge of the Japanese, (whether born here or elsewhere) a serious mistake is being made and we give our warning that such a procedure is very dangerous to our national welfare and embarrassing to our troops.

**Rap 'Good Will' Move**  
"And Whereas; our conclusions are that Japs born here are raised in continual Japanese influence, and we have no doubt in our minds that should we be invaded these Japs would certainly go with their own race.

"And Whereas; they are Orientals and inter-marriage with our people is taboo and never will be sanctioned or desired. So consequently we vehemently protest any effort to promote good will with this race for political reasons or otherwise.

**East Coast Pacifists**  
"And Whereas; we feel that our protest against arming several hundreds or thousands of Japs should be immediately considered, in preference to pacifists at the East coast who naturally would not be familiar with Jap tactics.

"And Whereas; we, as Veterans of World War I, believe that such a procedure is uncalled for, therefore let it be resolved: that no one of Japanese ancestry be added to our armed forces, now or ever."

## This Week At the Model Victory Garden

By FRED BLAKE  
City Park Superintendent

... who is available for consultation at the community plot, El Prado and Cravens aves., 10 to 11 a. m. and 6 to 7 p. m. Monday thru Friday.

The Model Victory garden at Cravens and El Prado was cleaned, graded and fertilized this week.

Now we have staked out our rows according to the carefully planned chart which is reproduced on page 4-A. Shallow furrows for irrigating were dug between the vegetable rows. The seed beds between the furrows were slightly raised. These beds were carefully raked and leveled.

Before any seed was planted, water was run into the furrows to test for levelness and also to saturate the soil before seeding.

Next week we will sow seeds of the early varieties of vegetables.

## More Blood Donors Needed For Monday

About 50 more contributors are needed to fill the quota of 200 who will give blood to the Red Cross plasma fund when the Mobile Blood Donor unit visits Torrance next Monday, March 8, Mrs. Lola Hoover, chairman of the Torrance branch of the Red Cross, announced today.

Mrs. Hoover said the scheduled call of the Mobile Blood Donor unit on March 22 had been cancelled and that those who had registered to give blood on that date are eligible to perform the same service next Monday if they so desire. The blood donor staff will set up a complete plasma unit in the Civic Auditorium and start taking blood at 8:40 a. m. Monday. The 200 donors are expected to be finished by 1:45 p. m. Those who desire to give blood which is urgently needed for the armed services should register at once at Red Cross headquarters, Post and Cravens ave., or call 1521.

## Storm Victim Saved by Police Of Two Cities

It took two police cars, three officers and a fireman to rescue Patrick J. Kelly of 2242 Victoria st., Los Angeles, last night when his Buick sedan was washed off Western ave. into the surging storm drain at 174th st.

Kelly, a Columbia Steel employee, was en route home during the rainstorm when his car slipped off Western ave. and toppled into the rushing stream. He managed to get out of the car and Officer James Pond, 28, of the Gardena police, swam to his rescue.

A police car, manned by Torrance Officers Swayne Johnson and William Evans, arrived on the scene and they threw the rescuer and victim a tow rope and brought them to shore, losing the tow rope in the rushing water. En route back to Torrance the police car developed a flat tire.

A radio call to the central station brought Fireman Fred Bever to their rescue, armed with another tow rope and blankets for Kelly. The transfer was made from the stalled police machine into the other car and Kelly was brought to the police station where he was given a bed until relatives called for him later.

The Gardena officer was treated at the South Bay Community hospital for shock and exposure.

## Rotarians to Elect Directors Tonight

Torrance Rotarians will vote tonight to select five new directors from among the 10 members who received the most ballots in the primary election a week ago. The new directorate will, in turn, name the president to serve for the 1943-44 term. Dr. M. A. Bauman is in charge of the program tonight.

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## Housewives Turn Mathematicians To Get Most Out of Point-Rations

Many a local housewife has already learned that a month's supply of point-ration coupons—48 points—will not go very far. In fact, according to grocers here, some have already exhausted the tickets valid for this month.

Those who have already exchanged their "A," "B" and "C" coupons know why those valuable little squares were printed in blue—it matches their feelings.

Shoppers here had the same difficulties as those throughout the nation who did not study up on point-rationing—and brush up on their arithmetic. But the general consensus is: "If British housewives can buy everything with point rations, we can do it too!"

**More Rationing Due**  
Meats, cheese, butter, cooking fats and oils will be rationed beginning April 1, it was reported yesterday under current

## INFORMATION SERVICE NOW AVAILABLE

Housewives who may have shopping problems in connection with the new ration program are invited to consult an informed volunteer worker at the Torrance War Price and Rationing Board, 2300 Carson st., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p. m.

Plans of food and rationing agencies. The sources for this information, who withheld use of their names, said that the red coupons of the No. 2 ration book would be used and that meat rations probably would run about 1 1/2 pounds per person a week.

Price Administrator Prentiss Brown said plans to start rationing of meats, cheese and other commodities would be discussed at a press conference later, ago, cheese will be rationed together with meat because of its usefulness as a meat substitute, while butter, margarine, and cooking fats and oils will be grouped for rationing because of their interchangeability.

**Use Largest Stamps First**  
Careful purchasers are warning their friends that it is impossible for a grocer to make change in coupons and food-buyers should use their largest (eight-point) tickets first, save the smaller ones (one, two and five points) for smaller purchases. If you don't keep one eye on your book and the other on the point labels you may have to relinquish more points than necessary to cover your purchases. This is comparable to handing your grocer 25 cents for 20 cents.

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## Less Meat for S. C. Residents; May Limit Sales

Meat eaters in this area will get just about half of the amount they were receiving in September under new allocation plans announced yesterday by Samuel Leask, Jr., OPA director here.

If evenly distributed this will mean 1 1/2 pounds per person a week, said Leask who has been given power by Washington authorities to control allocations of meat from packers to retailers.

The OPA director said he is suggesting to retailers that they limit the meat sold to each customer, stop taking reserve orders for favored patrons and sell only to customers in their own area. He said restaurants may be asked to limit each meat serving to 8 ounces, have two or three meatless days a week and use meat substitutes.

## Rain Total Here Now 15.66 Inches

This week's periodic downpours added 1.91 inches to the season's rainfall total which now is 15.66 inches in Torrance. Last year at this time the rain total was 6.20 inches, according to records maintained at the central fire station.

Heaviest rains were between 7:15 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. yesterday when 1.19 inches were recorded. From 4:30 p. m. yesterday to 7:30 a. m. today .58 of an inch was added. In 1941 at this date the rainfall total was 24.12 inches.

## Local Shopping Area has Over 27,000 Consumers

Indicating that the Torrance-Lomita trading area includes 27,139 consumers, that total received War Ration Book No. 2 last week at eight elementary schools. Four institutions in Torrance issued 11,472 ration books while three Lomita schools gave out 13,275. At the Carson Street school, 2392 ration books were applied for.

The 1940 Federal census showed that Torrance had a population of 9050 and in September, 1942 the County Regional Planning Commission estimated the inhabitants at 10,150. The census of three years ago gave Lomita a population of 6479.

North Torrance claimed the distinction of having the family with the largest stock of cans to be declared. A family of four revealed they had 738 excess cans of food in stock, according to Principal Ray F. Reel of Perry school. A family group in Walteria declared 157 excess cans while other record food stocks were reported as follows:

Carson Street school, a family of three with 75 cans; Fern Avenue school, a man and wife declared 58 cans and at Torrance Elementary, one registrant listed 31 cans; in Lomita: Lomita Elementary, a family of two reported a stock of 150 cans; Orange Street, a four-person family had 84 cans, and at Harbor City School a man and wife declared they had 450 cans of food on hand.

Ration registrations at each school in this area were as follows:

TORRANCE AREA		LOMITA AREA	
Elementary	7,270	Elementary	4,613
Fern Avenue	2,628	Orange Street	4,554
Walteria	836	Harbor City	4,108
Perry School	738		
TOTAL	11,472	TOTAL	13,275

## Parents Visit Torrance Marine Injured In Guadalcanal Battle

There was a joyous reunion last Sunday at a San Diego Naval hospital between a mother and step-father with their Marine son who had recently been invalided home for battling Japs on Guadalcanal. They were Mr. and Mrs. Pat MacDonnell of 3507 Cherry st., North Torrance and Lyle C. Mulhall, 21-year-old veteran of three major engagements.

"He looked fine and you'd hardly know he'd been in the fight," Pat MacDonnell, city housing coordinator, reported Monday. "He came running toward us as soon as he saw us at the gate. We spent three happy hours together and expect to see him again soon."

**No Marine 'Absentees'**  
"We're proud of him, alright," MacDonnell declared, "especially because of his high spirits and eagerness to keep on doing his duty by his country. He is keen to get going with his technical studies so that he can go on serving his Marine Corps, which he joined in December 1941 and says is the finest branch of the armed services."

**Taking Radio Course**  
"He told us he didn't regain consciousness until he was in a field hospital. Neither he nor his three buddies were wounded but all suffered from concussion of the shell blast. The sinus trouble developed and he was invalided home to undergo observation and an operation."

## Former Lomitan Killed In Action With Navy Unit

Mrs. Linden Chandler has returned to Benicia, Calif., where she spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Archie T. Holland, Sr., who has been notified by the Navy department that her husband, a machinist's mate 1/c, had been killed in action. No date was given Mrs. Holland as to the time of her husband's death.

The Hollands formerly lived in Lomita. Mrs. Holland has two children here by a former marriage, Mrs. Chandler, a son, Roy Dawson. Her husband had two sons, Archie T., Jr., and Roy E., both of whom are serving in the Navy.

His mother, Mrs. A. Holland, and four sisters live in Atlanto, Ga. After leaving Lomita the Hollands bought a home in Benicia. Mrs. Holland plans to return here.

## Plant Executive Purchases Building

Phillip Martin, owner of the Martin Tool and Die plant on Border ave. at El Prado, has purchased the old Tolson garage building at 213th and Border ave., according to J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Co., who negotiated the sale.

## OPA Prepares Ceiling Prices On Meat Cuts

Presaging an end to the maldistribution of available supplies in the Los Angeles area, specific uniform dollars-and-cents ceiling prices are to be clamped on all meats.

The OPA is reported ready to disclose a new system of pricing retail cuts of pork Friday. This will be followed later by similar pricing systems on beef and other meats, but none of the new price schedules will go into effect until April 1.

**Will Even Supplies**  
While the new setup will not affect the total supply of meat available for sale to civilians, it is expected to even up supplies between stores in the same localities. At present, stores with the highest individual ceilings tend to get more meat.

Under the new system, OPA will fix standardized ceiling prices for each type of cut, specifying for example, the top price in a given zone for loin chops, T-bone steak and so on.

**Three Classes**  
It is understood that the meat price ceilings will be divided into three classifications according to other measures taken to ration and stabilize food.

These will be divided into super - markets prices, ordinary chain store prices, and independent store prices; the exact dollar and cent ceilings to be announced by the Office of Price Administration.

## Letters From Home Great For Morale

Take the word of Private Diver C. Brody who is in North Africa.

"The fellows overseas welcome anything from home—especially mail. If the folks at home write regularly—and don't wait to receive answers—our job can be made much easier."

Brody, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brody of 1504 Armapola ave., is in the Quartermaster corps. He is a battalion bugler with a rating of sergeant. His last letter to his parents here indicated that he and all others in the African theater are in high spirits and confident they will wipe the Axis out of that sector of the world battlefronts.

Brody attended Torrance Elementary and St. James Parochial school in Redondo Beach.

## Red Cross Seeks \$7,500 in War Fund Drive Here

With the demand on the national organization 78 per cent greater than last year, the American Red Cross war fund hopes to obtain \$500 in Torrance contributions during a drive that will begin here March 15 under direction of Hillman Lee, chairman, and J. Hugh Sherfy, war fund campaign "colonel."

**Hillman Lee, Red Cross Drive Chairman, Says:**

"When you are asked to help in the Red Cross war fund drive to help raise the Torrance quota of \$7500 please don't say you are too busy. Just remember—our boys on the fighting fronts are not too busy looking after their own welfare to get in some telling punches at the enemy."

"You will find that the work of a volunteer requires but little time on your part. Let us all ease from our minds that we are too busy to help with this essential war effort."

**'The drive starts March 15 and we reach our quota. Your help is needed if we are to do the things the boys are expecting from those on the home front. You can volunteer your services—and they will be most welcome—by notifying the Torrance Red Cross headquarters at Cravens and Post aves., phone 1521.'**

## Home Plans are Now Available At City Offices

Practical assistance to prospective home-builders, including data that will eliminate considerable "red-tape" is now available at both the city engineer's and city housing coordinator's offices in the city hall in the form of complete plans, specifications and lists of materials for three different sized homes.

Prepared by Hans Wallner, Los Angeles architect commissioned by the city council, the building data may be obtained by prospective builders at a nominal service charge yet to be determined by the council. A decision on this fee is expected to be made by the municipal board at the meeting next Tuesday night, March 9.

**Different Exterior Designs**  
"Everything required by both the F. H. A. and War Production Board to obtain approval for construction of the model homes is included in this helpful aid to builders," City Engineer Glenn M. Jain and Pat MacDonnell, city housing coordinator, said in a joint statement inviting those interested to call at either of their offices and inspect the material.

Architect Wallner has prepared blueprints showing three different types of exterior design for each of the three home plans. One floor plan is for a five-room (two-bedroom) house of 794 square feet; the second plan is for a six-room (three bedroom) house of 996 square feet and the third set of drawings are for a duplex dwelling for one-bedroom homes, the entire structure to cover 1120 square feet.

**Meets Federal Lists**  
Attached to the floor plans and different elevations are complete specifications, lists of necessary materials for their construction and sample application forms filled out to meet F. H. A. and W. P. B. requirements.

Floor space for each of the model homes falls within the maximum limits set by the Federal agencies for defense housing construction.

## Truck Tire Quota Cut to 37 Here

Because of a critical shortage in truck tires, the March quota for the Torrance War Price and Rationing Board has been cut to 37, according to word received early this week by F. W. Daniels, chief clerk. He said tire inspectors have been warned to make "doubly sure" that a tire is not replaceable before approving requests for replacements.

Other ration quotas for this area this month are: Grade 1 passenger tires, 25; Grade 2 passenger tires, 25; Grade 3 passenger tires, 200; passenger tubes, 200; recaps for truck tires, 70; truck tubes 40; new passenger cars, six, and bicycles, 65.

TOTAL TO DATE \$446.50