

Red Cross War Fund Drive Passes Half-way Mark in City Canvass

With contributions totaling \$3882.53 up to Tuesday night and several hundred dollars received since then but not officially tabulated, the Torrancia campaign to raise a quota of \$7500 for the American Red Cross War Fund gives every indication of being successful, according to Chairman Hillman Lee, director of the scores of volunteer workers who are canvassing the city for the funds.

However, Lee has observed a tendency on the part of many contributors here to take the War Fund drive as another Red Cross membership campaign when \$1 members are all that was required to become affiliated with the great peacetime agency.

"We are raising a War Fund and not conducting a membership campaign," he pointed out. "The need is much greater as everyone knows and contributions, wherever possible, should be increased. The Red Cross is not going to 'fold up' just because some stint with their contributions but its work will be seriously curtailed if there is no more response to meet the immediate need."

Child Gives Bank While some cannot give more, it is believed by the volunteer seriously curtailed if there is many who have already contributed who could have "stretched" their donations. However, in the case of one family here that "stretching" involved the donation of a little child's piggy-bank full of pennies. When visited by a Red Cross solicitor, the mother said she could not afford to give a donation as though she earnestly desired to do so.

"Then her daughter came forward with her piggy-bank and urged her mother to give it to the Red Cross," the canvasser reported. "I did not want to take it but both the mother and child insisted and so the baby's savings were added to our total contributions."

Honor Roll of Donors Contributions to the War Fund reported by Chairman Lee this week were:

- Previously Acknowledged \$1,696.00 Columbia Steel Co. 450.00 Jack G. Koch 50.00 N. T. Miller 10.00 Newberry's Store 41.00 I. E. Cunningham 25.00 J. H. Miller 10.00 Dr. W. I. Laughon 25.00 Axelson Mfg. Co. 25.00 Busy Bee Cafe 25.00 Beatie V. Myers 25.00 Mrs. Charles Goldmeyer 25.00 Mr. and Mrs. Hartley E. Carr 25.00 Mrs. A. J. Richter 15.00 Herb Allen's Cafe 15.00 Kimmel's Market 10.00 Leonard Dykes 10.00 Fred Stone 10.00 Dale Riley 10.00 10.00 Bernhard Bunje 10.00 Harris 10.00 G. W. Dye 10.00 Mrs. F. G. Hodges 10.00 Mrs. Wilda McKenna 10.00 Howard H. Lander 10.00 John H. Ritchie 10.00 Mrs. Chas. McWhorter 10.00 Wm. B. Best 9.00 Juanita Begue 8.00 Higgins Brick-Tile Works 7.00 E. C. Dawson 7.00 Hcott 7.00 \$5 Donations \$485.00 W. R. Page, L. M. Norris, W. R. McLeod, E. A. P. Stevenson, F. A. Covington, Mrs. E. I. Robinowitz, Lucille Thompson, Mrs. Marie West, B. J. Haney, Mrs. R. Long, Isaac Washor, W. Virpittat, Lorene Ulrich, Harold Smut, B. J. Scott, Mrs. Mary Schultz, J. B. Scotland, Clara Reenan, Dr. J. Neelands, Mrs. W. Flewelling, W. Flewelling, Ruth Woodcock, Mrs. W. F. Totten, Wm. R. Ames, Louise Deinger, Mrs. M. O'Toole, C. E. Conner, Harold Backs, Anne Phoenix and Harriett Leech, Aljo Alcala, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stewart, Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Wheeler, Mrs. M. M. Knasse, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. M. Schoeninger, P. E. Corder, Mrs. M. A. Russell, Mrs. Homer Morgan, Mrs. H. J. Penora, Mrs. E. K. Lowen, Mrs. Dr. O. E. Fossom, Paul Yuen, Shop, Mrs. Fred Quaglin, A. B. McTea, E. C. Buxton, Buckeye Cafe, Tom Waters, Mrs. Olsen Mrs. R. A. Huber, Mrs. J. J. Wood, Mrs. E. M. Locke, Willett Baugh, Bertha Wallace, Mr. and

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 avenues, Monday through Friday.

The period between sowing the seeds and their germinating is one of watchful waiting. So during the past week there has been very little activity at the Model Garden. However, the warm shower and sunshine which followed sprouted weeds as well as vegetable seeds. Wherever the seedlings distinctly marked the rows a light scratching of the soil was given the area to break the crust and to kill the young weeds which had sprouted. The garden was carefully checked to see if any gardener pests had become active. A few hills of red ants were eliminated with cyanagas. Next week we will discuss moisture retention.

Butter Freeze Catches Many Short Stocked Here

Grandfather's tales of hardship when lard was used for butter—when there was lard to be had—were brought into living reality here in a number of families as result of the week-long freeze of butter, margarine, lard and other edible fats preparatory to their point-rationing next Monday.

Many were caught short of these products when the O.P.A. abruptly announced their retail sales ban last Sunday and a lot of bread has been eaten savored

The official point ration table for meats, cheese and edible fats is published on page 5-A. Clip it for future reference.

with preserves only while housewives scanned their cookbooks for shortening and salad oil substitutes. Margarine was "haved" out of the general freeze this (Thursday) morning when sales of this product was resumed by order of the O.P.A.

Beginning at 12:01 a. m. next Monday the frozen goods will be subject to rationing along with meat, cheese and canned fish. Restaurants are not affected by the butter ban and as result, "dining-out" took on a special glamor this week for those whose "edible fats" supply became exhausted.

Stores Being Stocked The O.P.A. said the suspension on sales was necessary because stocks were insufficient "to support heavy public buying during the one week remaining before rationing." The sales freeze does not apply to any of the cheeses or meats involved in the new rationing plan and sales of these foods are continuing.

Sales of canned fish and canned meat, which were frozen Feb. 18, will continue to be suspended until meat rationing begins. Mayonnaise and other salad dressings are not rationed and were not included in the sales freeze.

Storekeepers are now obtaining supplies in order to make ration sales against red stamps from War Ration Book 2 next Monday morning.

Sedan Smashes Municipal Bus

A sedan, driven by Ole Lindwood Brookshire of Bakersfield, which collided with a Torrancia municipal bus, driven by A. K. Hill, early Sunday night at Hawthorne Blvd. and Highway 101, badly damaged the bus, according to police reports.

Brookshire was going west on Highway 101 in the left-hand traffic lane at the time of the crash, investigating officers said. He was accompanied by Mrs. Effie Coats, also of Bakersfield, said to have been the owner of the sedan.

"Both driver and Mrs. Coats had evidently been drinking but not to the extent that they could be placed under arrest," the police reported. "Mrs. Coats had a bruise on her nose but refused to have medical attention."

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Soldier Drowns In Florida; Body Being Sent Here

The tenth serviceman from the Torrancia area to lose his life in the armed forces, Private Jack Charles Hornell, 21, of 1651 West 218th st. (Shoestring Strip adjoining Torrancia) was drowned in Florida, March 21, at Crystal Lake, Fla. No details have been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hornell.

A telegram from the War Department advised that the body is being sent here for funeral services, accompanied by an honor guard. The rites will be held at the Catholic Church of the Nativity at 9 a. m. Monday, March 25, followed by interment at Holy Cross cemetery. Rosary will be recited at 8:30 p. m., Sunday at Stone and Myers' chapel.

Private Hornell joined the Army Dec. 10, 1941, three days after the Jap sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. He was stationed at an air base at Crystal Lake near Keystone, Fla. The last letter his parents received from him contained word that he and another soldier had built a sailboat and were eager to try it out on the lake.

His parents presume that he drowned on one of his boating trips but they maintain that he was expert swimmer and probably lost his life attempting to rescue his companion. In addition to his parents, Private Hornell leaves a sister, Mina, 20. His father is a machinist at National Supply. His grief-stricken mother is under care of friends here.

Sergt. Perkin Will Become Escondido Chief

Sergt. Tom H. Perkin, member of the Torrancia police department since May, 1936, will become police chief at Escondido April 16.

He has submitted his resignation to Police Chief John Stroth who said he was "very sorry to see him leave but I recommended him for the position at Escondido knowing that he could fill the bill there in every particular."

Perkin and his wife, Cleely, who has been associated with the National Supply office staff off and on for 15 years, the last six of which have been steady, plan to sell their home at 1606 Annapola ave., and move to Escondido.

Near Two Service Camps The popular Torrance officer, who has been Chief Stroth's main aide in Civilian Defense training here, accepted the San Diego county city's offer after making several recommendations for the improvement of the Escondido department.

"They have six men on the force there who are working 12-hour shifts. I have suggested the men's duty be cut to eight hours for better efficiency and, if necessary, more men be appointed to the force. Escondido, a sixth class city of about 5000 population, has Camp Elliott, the Marine base, near by and also an Army camp within the city limits," Perkin said.

Perkin succeeds a police chief who is retiring on account of age. A native of England, the departing officer attended the Army Civilian Defense training school at Occidental college and was also graduated from the U.S.C. School of Government where he studied police procedure. He was promoted to sergeant here Nov. 1, 1942.

Council and Civil Service Board To Discuss Law Amendments

Informed by the Civil Service Board that the proposed amendments to the city's civil service ordinance were "not acceptable" to Local 360 of the State, County and Municipal Workers' C.I.O. union, the city council Tuesday night arranged to meet with the board April 7 to discuss the matter. The council was scheduled to meet with representatives of the municipal workers' union tomorrow (Friday) night but this was called off until after the joint session with the Civil Service Board.

The Board also notified the council Tuesday night of two other regulations which have been adopted here. In the future, if any city employe is actually drafted into war industry, he may obtain a leave of absence from the city. Those who voluntarily give up city jobs to enter war industry are not entitled to the privileges of such

200 Lots Sold for First Major Housing Project

Early construction of 200 to 400 dwelling units to partially relieve the critical housing shortage in the Torrancia area was forecast yesterday by an announcement by J. C. Smith that he and Charles T. Rippe have signed an option for the sale of 200 building lots they own in East Torrancia to Marlow-Burns Corp., prominent Los Angeles builders.

'Fort Jain' Disguised By Plants

The lots are located between Western and Normandie avenues, north of Carson st. It is the largest group of building lots to be transferred in this area and involves a consideration of \$100,000, Smith stated.

The decision regarding the type of residential dwellings to be built on the property rests with the Federal Housing Administration. A request for single family residences will be made, in which case 200 houses will be built. However, if the F.H.A. requires multiple type family dwellings, 400 or more units may be erected, Smith said he learned from the builders.

White House Directive The Marlow-Burns project is but the initial step in a movement to secure additional housing facilities for workers in Torrancia war industries. The Herald has learned from reliable sources.

While F.H.A. has been accepting and processing applications for Title VI loans in the Torrancia area, actual commitments to builders have been held up by the F.H.A. awaiting Congressional action providing additional funds for the housing. However, this last obstacle was overcome yesterday with receipt of information by the Los Angeles F.H.A. office that President Roosevelt had signed a bill appropriating an additional \$400,000,000 for the F.H.A. insurance fund for both Title VI and Title I loans. The Los Angeles office has been authorized to resume issuance of commitments until July 1, 1944.

For several weeks the Torrancia War Industries Committee, organized through the efforts of Pat MacDonnell, city housing coordinator, has been vigorously pressing for additional financial commitments necessary to permit construction of large blocks of houses in the Torrancia area. The appeal was carried through the entire gauntlet of federal agencies and finally, about three weeks ago, was presented to President Roosevelt.

Shortly after the White House conference, prominent builders of large housing projects began contacting land owners in the area to purchase suitable sites for residential development. It is reported that the "go ahead" signal has been given for at least 750 new dwelling units in the Torrancia area, and announcements of additional housing projects are expected to be made in the near future.

Builders Seek Oil Land Cleanup

Blocked in their efforts to enlarge the development of Park Knolls tract near the city park by the presence of two old oil derricks and an abandoned refinery, Katz and Pine, builders of the tract, appealed to the city council Tuesday night to get the unsightly structures removed and the property cleaned up.

The council referred the request to the city attorney for action. Applications presented to the National Housing Agency for approval of the continued development of the tract were rejected because of the presence of the derricks and abandoned refinery building near the property, the builders informed the council. Katz and Pine indicated they planned to erect more homes on both sides of Border ave., and possibly to Western ave.

Contractor Pays Full City Fee

The city's general fund gained \$15 as result of the city council's refusal several weeks ago to accept a \$90 "compromise" payment from C. L. Peck, contractor, for a building permit for the newest addition to the National Supply plant.

Peck paid the required fee of \$135, City Engineer Glenn Jain reported to the city council Tuesday night after the city attorney had demanded the entire payment on the \$187,000 structure being built by the Defense Plant Corp.

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United Nations Fund Gains Here

Local contributions to the United Nations War Relief fund now totals \$549.50, according to a report from Chairman J. W. Post, who said donations amounting to \$58 were received during the past two weeks. The contributors were:

- Mrs. N. F. Jamieson \$20.00 Mrs. Frank Dalton 20.00 J. J. Newberry Co. 10.00 Nat'l. Bus. & Prof. Women 5.00 St. Andrew's Club 3.00 Previously reported 491.50 TOTAL TO DATE \$549.50



NEW JOB — Pat MacDonnell named district manager of War Housing in Torrancia, Inglewood and Santa Monica.

Schools Respond To 'Save Gardens' Plea by Paper

Response to this newspaper's publication last week of the revealing story of a prospective Victory gardener who gave up trying to cultivate his lot when it was damaged six successive times by school children has been most gratifying. Reprints were sent to all schools with a request that the article and accompanying editorial, "A Word to Boys and Girls..." be read in the classrooms.

Principals and teachers cooperated with the result that youngsters here were made aware of their duties as good citizens in respect to the Victory garden movement. This newspaper is grateful to the school staffs for this response and is glad to extend the thanks of all Victory gardeners in the area to those who made the news story and editorial a subject of good conduct lectures to their pupils.

Typical of the response from the schools was this cordial letter from Principal E. J. Straub of the Torrancia Elementary school:

"The reprints you sent us have been distributed to our teachers and your letter was posted on our bulletin board. Now is the time for us all to emphasize the importance of the Victory garden movement. You may be sure that we will stress on numerous occasions the importance of helping to protect gardens."

"Good citizenship is our first objective in our school instruction. We appreciate your friendly and most practical cooperation in this matter of pupil citizenship responsibility."

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'Honor Roll' Now Lists 793 in U.S. Service

In the last nine weeks since the Jan. 21 publication of the Torrancia and Walteria "Honor Roll" of service men and women, 97 names have been added to the list. There are now 793 on the roster of local men and two women in the armed forces, which is published on page 4-A.

Undoubtedly there are some names that are not on the "Honor Roll" but if relatives and friends of men thus overlooked will call The Herald, phone 444, the additions or corrections will be gladly made.

The "Honor Roll" includes the following service totals:

- Army 464 Navy 240 Marine Corps 9 Coast Guard 35 Naval Reserve 27 Army Reserve 5 W.A.A.C.S. 2 Active State Guard 6 Prisoners of War 1 Missing in Action 3 TOTAL 793

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