



Driver Leonard Orchard was pursuing Rommel. But his truck hit a mine, and here he is receiving first aid.

Red Cross War Fund Drive Expected to Surpass Quota Here

There is every indication that Torrance, whose nearly 800 servicemen and women are direct beneficiaries of the Red Cross, will surpass its \$7500 War Fund quota.

This prediction was advanced yesterday by General Chairman Hillman Lee as he totaled \$5,317.88 in contributions up to 10 a. m. Returns from the scores of volunteer canvassers deposited at the Torrance Red Cross headquarters were more than that but the bookkeeping staff, headed by Mrs. Esther E. Lowen and Mrs. Betty Harrison, has not completed filing all of the returns, so fast have they come in.

Chairman Lee pointed out that the contributions from employees of the large industrial firms, such as Columbia Steel and National Supply are yet to be received. These, he said, will top all previous donations from the workers, according to information he has obtained from the leaders in the Red Cross War Fund drive in their respective plants.

Don't Wait for Home Call

However, Lee said that local residents who have not as yet been contacted by the volunteer canvassers — and many of the workers have made a number of return trips to homes without getting a response—should not wait for second or third calls but bring their contributions directly to the local headquarters at Post and Cravens aves.

The weekly-week totals, as reported to The Herald by the Torrance Red Cross workers during the course of the drive since its start March 15 were:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Amount. Rows include March 15 (\$1,696.99), March 18 (\$1,863.89), March 25 (\$1,435.35), and TOTAL (\$5,317.88).

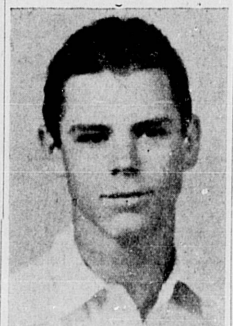
Table listing contributions reported from March 23 to 10 a. m. yesterday, including items like United Concrete Pipe Corp., M. and M. Theatres, etc., with their respective amounts.

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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 a. m. to 12 noon daily, Monday thru Friday.



Funeral Service Conducted Here For Serviceman

Funeral mass was celebrated Monday morning by Rev. Father Joseph L. Bauer at the Catholic Church of the Nativity for Private Jack Charles Hornell, 21, of 1651 West 218th st., who drowned March 21 at Crystal Lake, Fla. Interment followed at Holy Cross cemetery.

Boys Overseas Welcome Paper, Hayes Writes

Next to letters from home, servicemen look forward to the arrival of their home-town paper. For instance—take the letter received by The Herald this week from Corporal Roy Hayes, formerly of 606 Acacia ave.

L.A. Paves Way For Annexation Of War Plants

The Los Angeles city council prepared to let down the bars for construction of war-vital defense plants when it adopted an ordinance which would exempt Defense Plants Corp.'s synthetic rubber plant under construction in this area from routine inspection and excessive regulations under the city building code.

The ordinance, according to City Attorney Ray L. Chesbro, is intended to remove objections against proposed annexation of the site, which is on the old Dominguez ranch. Further action under the ordinance, however, has been withheld for a week pending information from a plant executive on the corporation's attitude regarding the annexation proposal.

Army and Navy Tests to be Held At High School

Prospective students for the Army specialized training program and the Navy college training program will take qualifying examinations at Torrance high school at 9 a. m., Friday, April 2, Theodore N. Rogers, military advisor, announced today.

The purpose of the tests is to aid in the selection of prospective officer material for the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The examinations are designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge of the candidates who will express a choice for the Army or Navy at the time of the examinations.

Steel Workers Save Torrance 'March of Dimes'

If Columbia Steel workers had not responded, the "March of Dimes" contribution here for the continuing fight against infantile paralysis would have amounted to exactly—and only \$8.50.

Capt. Keefer, Torrance Flyer, Wins Air Medal



DECORATED FOR VALOR—Air Medals were presented to members of Capt. William Keefer's crew which operated the "Liberty Lad" Liberator bomber in Tunisia at an Army air base in North Africa shortly before the plane returned to England.

Just before he piloted his huge four-engine Liberator bomber across the Atlantic to England last September, Lieut. Bill Keefer wrote his parents here:

"Keep your eyes and ears open for news about the 'Liberty Lad' because we're going places!"

The "Liberty Lad" has been piling up glory for the U. S. Air Force and acclaim for Keefer, now a captain, ever since his latest exploits were widely publicized late last month following receipt of news dispatches from overseas.

Returning to a U. S. bomber base in Britain after three months in North Africa, Capt. Keefer was quoted as saying: "Up here (in England) you fight Germans—in North Africa you fight the elements."

Capt. Keefer and four members of his crew have been decorated with Air Medals after they had more than 100 hours of combat in the air. On Feb. 15 he wrote his mother here that he had more than 150 hours of aerial fighting to his credit.

War Housing Center Offers Vital Service to City: McDonnell

How the new War Housing Center, which will be instituted here about April 15 will operate was disclosed today by Pat McDonnell, newly appointed district manager who has resigned his job as city housing coordinator to take the Federal position.

MacDonnell's main headquarters will be at 1119 Sartori ave., corner of Post ave., in an office that will also serve as the new Torrance Chamber of Commerce office. His chief aide will continue to be Mrs. Virginia Scott of Torrance. He will also have offices and secretarial workers in Inglewood and Santa Monica.

Priorities Available Operating under the National Housing Administration, War Housing Centers are to be either established, as in the case of the Torrance area, or the existing ones given new impetus in four Los Angeles county districts, namely: Torrance, Inglewood and Santa Monica, Long Beach - Wilmington, Bellflower, Downey and Montebello and Glendale-Hollywood.

Local Boys 'Benched' From Big Game by Battle Wounds

By MICHAEL STRASZER They tell me that two Bobs—one whose home address is Harbor Hills and the other who now lives in Costa Mesa—are feeling a bit low these days because their days of active service have been interrupted. They are Bob Yancey of Harbor Hills and Bob Perry of Costa Mesa, both former Torrance high school boys, who were badly wounded in action and both receiving honorable medical discharges from the Navy.

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He enlisted Aug. 5, 1942 and served with the 12th Infantry before going to the officers' school in Georgia. He was a corporal before being commissioned. The new officer was graduated from Torrance high school and attended Compton Junior college.

High School Singers To Entertain Rotary

The Torrance high school music department will furnish the program for tonight's dinner-meeting of the Torrance Rotary club. W. E. Bowen will be program chairman. The school glee club will be heard in several numbers.

Stroh Proposes 'Back-to-Farm' Movement Here

Pointing out that "we are facing one of the worst labor shortages in the history of California agriculture this year," Police Chief John Stroh today suggested a city-wide "back to the farm" movement with all stores closing two days a week to allow employees to join in the harvest.

"I believe we could solve the labor problem on nearby produce farms by our merchants taking the initiative and organizing now to help farmers in our district," Stroh said. "I suggest that they close their stores two days a week and every employee go out and help get in the crops."

"Our boys and girls and housewives could also go out in the fields on designated days and I believe residents here would not be inconvenienced by a four-day shopping week.

"We have a lot of people now who are working one shift at a war plant and then putting in from four to eight hours on another job and I cannot see why the rest of us should not get out and help gather the crops as they are ready to harvest.

Asked if the police department would close up two days a week to allow the officers to join the volunteer harvest hands, Chief Stroh said: "Well, if everybody went out into the fields they wouldn't be any crime and perhaps we could join in the movement."

Ration Stamps Good In April Are A-B-C-D

Red "A" stamps in War Ration Book 2 will be valid for purchases under the meats and fats program until April 30. During the month of April a new red point stamp becomes valid each week to expire on the same date, April 30. The red "B" stamps are good on April 4, the "C" on April 11, and the "D" red stamps on April 18, and together with the red "A's, they will be good until April 30.

Evacuation Plan To be Enlarged By C.D. Council

It can't happen here—nevertheless Police Chief John Stroh and his Civilian Defense council and corps keep right on training, planning, equipping and preparing for any emergency that may threaten the lives of Torrance residents or their property.

Typical of the many instructive sessions held during the past 27 months is the meeting called by Stroh in his capacity as Civilian Defense coordinator for members of the Torrance C. D. council tomorrow night. At that time arrangements will be made for an extension of the city-wide evacuation plan to conform with a request by E. E. East, who bears the imposing title of transportation and evacuation officer, Office of Civilian Defense, Southern Sector, Ninth Civilian Defense Region.

Chief Officer Coming Here Although Jack E. Miller, Torrance evacuation officer, has done a fine job, according to Stroh, in planning for any eventuality that may force evacuation of residents from any part of the city to one or more of the designated "assembly centers" here, the plans will be enlarged to:

Include arrangements for evacuation of Torrance residents from any part of the city to points outside the city limits, miles from their homes.

L. C. Schreiber, chief evacuation officer of the Los Angeles metropolitan area, will be here tomorrow night to confer with the local Civilian Defense council and Miller on the plans for this distant evacuation plan.

Will Enlarge Program "We are looking forward to Schreiber's recommendations on how we can—and must—enlarge our evacuation plan," Chief Stroh said today. "Jack Miller, because of his long experience in the moving business and his keen interest in Torrance, has worked out a splendid arrangement that will be used here in event any portion of the city becomes dangerously uninhabitable and the residents must be moved to another part of the community.

"However, the O.C.D. wants us to expand that plan to provide for any eventuality that may force residents of parts of the city to be moved inland and beyond the city limits. I know that Miller can enlarge his program to meet that official request and he will work it out tomorrow night."

United Nations Fund Tops \$500

Contributions to the United Nations War Relief fund here now totals \$506.50, according to Chairman J. W. Post, who said donations amounting to \$15 were received during the past week. The contributors of the week were:

LaMode Furniture Co., \$ 10.00 Mrs. W. D. Farnsworth, 3.00 Mrs. George S. Wheaton, 2.00 Previously reported, 491.50 TOTAL TO DATE, \$506.50

Defense Meetings Are Scheduled

Three Civilian Defense meetings were announced today by Police Chief John Stroh, coordinator. A regular training session for all Auxiliary Police officers will be held at 7 p. m., Monday, April 5, at the city council room.

New Building Here \$19,975 in March

New construction, slumping ever since building materials became hard to get—and then only by government priority—amounted to only \$19,975 in Torrance last month, according to records today at the city engineer's office. The total for 1943 to date is \$90,594 as compared with \$274,207 for the first three months of last year. Building permits totaling \$64,374 were issued in March, 1942.