

TORRANCE WAR BOND QUOTA \$215,000 IN CRUISER DRIVE

A definite quota of \$215,000 in War Bonds has been set for Torrance during July as its share in building the "Cruiser Los Angeles," a countywide project, according to Hillman Lee, local War Savings committee chairman, who pointed out that all purchases of Series E, F and G Bonds will be counted in the community's Cruiser Drive totals.

The campaign to raise the necessary \$400,000 through Bond sales to build a first-line fighting ship bearing the name of the county, will be launched officially on June 30 by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox in two appearances — at a luncheon in the Biltmore hotel, sponsored by the retailers, and in the evening at Hollywood bowl, the latter affair's arrangements being in charge of the motion picture industry's war savings committee. Tickets are obtainable through the local committee.

Special events during the month are being planned locally to spur interest in the Cruiser

campaign and to insure attainment of the quota.

"The fact that the County War Savings committee has been given the honor of conducting this drive to build our own battle cruiser with War Bond dollars is very gratifying," Lee said.

"Now every community in the county has the privilege of sharing in that honor and pride by doing its assigned job. I urge everyone in Torrance to get behind this patriotic July program and assure its outstanding success by buying 'extra' Bonds over and above normal purchases during the month."

SCOUTS WIN 149 AWARDS AT TORRANCE HONOR COURT

In the most successful Court of Honor ever held here, 149 awards were made to Scouts from Troops in the Gardena and Torrance-Lomita divisions last Friday night in the Torrance high school auditorium before a throng of more than 500 Scouts, parents, neighbors and friends. Torrance City Attorney John E. McCall, advancement chairman for the Torrance-Lomita Executive Scout committee, served as master of ceremonies.

Ray Brady, member of Troop 219 sponsored by the Kiwanis club, joined the ranks of Eagle Scouts. The highest honor which a Scout may obtain, the Eagle badge, was presented by Guy Rowell, U.S.N., Torrance's latest war hero and himself a former popular Boy Scout.

Continuing his pace toward the Eagle award, Donald Russell of Troop 215, sponsored by the Lomita Kiwanis club, was presented with a Life award by Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Torrance-Lomita Executive Scout committee.

Pennant Awarded

Star awards were presented George O'Haver, Frank Chandler and Fred Benton of Troop 225, sponsored by the Western City Citizens of Gardena; Vance Sandstrom of Troop 215, and Jack Sherman of Troop 230, sponsored by the Keystone Chamber of Commerce. The presentations were made by J. D. Lee Anderson, assistant district commissioner for Gardena.

Ray Eipper of Troop 215 was awarded the Eagle bronze palm, emblematic of having secured five more merit badges than required for Eagle honors. Jim Lynch, secretary of the Torrance-Lomita Executive Scout committee, made the presentation.

Troop 215 won the attendance pennant, contributed by Lee. The pennant was awarded by Mayor Tom McGuire of Torrance. Rev. Paul M. Wheeler of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, gave the invocation, and Hal Kennedy, assistant county counsel and a member of the executive board of the National Boy Scout Council, was the principal speaker.

Other awards follow:

Troop 215, second class awards: Marklyn Grove, Jack Nitzel, Kenneth R. Noel, Clifford Bergon, Edwin Quesinberry, Norman Daws and Earle Moore. First class: LeRoy Young, John Moffitt and Richard Steffenson. Merit badges: LeRoy Young, wood carving and cooking; Alton DuRant, farm mechanics, handicraft, swimming, camping, cooking, bird study, life saving and civics; John Moffitt, handicraft; Donald Russell, cooking, handicraft and bird study; Richard Steffenson, first aid.

Troop 217, sponsor, First Christian church, Torrance; first class: Robert Voien. Merit badge, Robert Voien, carpentry. Troop 230, sponsor, Keystone Chamber of Commerce; second class, Richard Preston, Donald Udell, Henry Hazelwood, Thomas Thompson, Raymond Anderson, Gordon Earle; first class, Cleon Stoner; merit badges: Jack Sherman, scholarship, first aid, woodwork, swimming, handicraft.

Troop 240, sponsor, WALTERIA Civic Association; second class: Robert L. Andrews, Melvin Bennett, Ralph Breitfeld, Wesley Christian, Chester Kohler, Jack Land, Ralph Martin, Edward Bergeron, Edwin Hansen, and Donald Larsen. Troop 241, sponsor, St. Andrew's Episcopal church; second class: Walter Stevens, James Burchett, Jack Turner, Dean Wickham; first class: Neal Silence, LeRoy Schwenk, George Kopsch; merit badges, Ralph Pegors, athletics, cooking, scholarship, Neal Silence, metalwork, first aid and printing.

Troop 251, sponsor, First Methodist church, Gardena; second class, John Gillmore.

Troop 253, sponsor, Western City Citizens, Gardena; second class, Jimmy Murphy, Henry Carvalho, Leland Jackson; first class: Benny Avakam. Merit

Boy, 10, Near Death; Hit-Run Driver Sought

There's a 10-year-old North Redondo boy lying near death in the Children's hospital in Los Angeles today because a rattling trap car, allegedly driven by three intoxicated Mexicans, cut him down while he was coming home last Sunday afternoon on the outskirts of Torrance.

Robert Lee Henkel, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Henkel of 225 Marshall Field Lane, North Redondo, was walking on the shoulder of Beryl ave., near the Beryl Avenue school — well out of the roadway — when the hit-and-run driver smashed into him and veered down the street. Little hope is held for Bobbie and if he lives, he'll lose a leg.

Witnesses have told police the car was either a 1935 or 1936 Chevrolet coupe of dark blue or black color and dirty. Investigation has failed to produce any clues to the riders so police are appealing to anyone who may have seen the machine or its occupants last Sunday to turn in any information possible about them.

'GEYSER' ERUPTS

When a hydrant was broken off this morning at Berendo and Carson sts., a typical "geyser" erupted and the escaping water inundated a large area. Cause of the damage to the hydrant was not immediately determined.

Preface to Post-War Studies Planned for Torrance Offered as Immediate Guide for Local Group's Action

By MICHAEL STRASZER

Post-war planning is a subject that can arouse argument and discussion any place, any time anywhere. It is not limited to the heads of government, military leaders or top-flight economists. Plain John Citizen can — and does — break into the public prints with his pet ideas or conclusions.

War strategy, strangely enough, apparently takes second place in curbstone comments, club free-for-alls and social gatherings where "after the war — what?" brings more conflicting opinions to light than the Axis has enemies. The discussions embrace every field of human endeavor — government, medicine, labor, capital, religion and luxuries. The other day a new post-war group appeared on the scene, a Committee to End All Committees in Post-War Times.

Here in Torrance we are to be favored with the deliberations of a post-war commission whose personnel is still somewhat nebulous. Its sponsor is Councilman George V. Powell. He has announced his group will begin its contributions to post-war debate next Tuesday but the general public will not be permitted to mingle with the commission on that auspicious occasion.

TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES

Having given considerable attention to published accounts of post-war efforts and having participated in a number of round-table discussions on that theme I, too, fancy myself as an exponent of "some things we ought to do when Victory comes."

Because the Torrance Post-Warriors will not concern themselves with the problems that will follow the peace outside of this municipality — leaving those greater themes to county, state, national and international groups — we can safely assume that what they plan here will be exclusively in the local interest. However, there are at least two basic principles to sound plan

Aluminum Plant Equipment Shift to East Denied

Los Angeles officials of the War Production Board and of the Aluminum Corp. of America yesterday denied knowledge of any plan to abandon effort toward putting the Torrance works into full production. It had been reported in Washington that it was proposed to move three of the plant's five pot-lines east because of manpower shortage here.

War Manpower Commission officials reported the Torrance plant recently needed 400 men, but that later the need dropped to 200, but reports yesterday were that the problem appeared near solution.

It was pointed out that the wage differential between Alcoa and shipyards and other war industries had been a major factor in the problem confronting the local aluminum plants.

Increase Approved

Yesterday it was disclosed, however, that the W.L.B. had approved an increase of 8 cents an hour in the starting wage rate and 5 cents an hour in all other rates. The 8-cent increase is retroactive to June 11 and the 5-cent boost to Jan. 6.

Company officials said the wage changes could be considered in line with other industries in the same field. It was pointed out, however, that Alcoa cannot compete on an even basis with the shipyards because there are no skilled aluminum workers in this area. All workers are hired as common labor and must be trained on the job.

Dog Leash Law Effective Friday

Dogowners were warned today by Police Chief John Stroh that the new municipal leash law, adopted by the city council May 25, will become effective tomorrow, June 25, and that it will be enforced "to the letter."

The law is designed to stop dogs from running at large except on the premises of their owners. Dogs on the streets must be restricted by a chain or leash "not exceeding six feet in length" and be in the "charge, care, custody and control of a competent person." All dogs found at large will be impounded, notice will be sent the owner when the animal carries a tax tag and will be destroyed unless claimed within five days.

Violations of the new law will be deemed misdemeanors and upon conviction, offenders will be fined up to \$300 or imprisoned up to three months or both.

Torrance Graduates Class of S '43



RECEIVE DIPLOMAS TONIGHT—Members of the summer class of 1943 who will be graduated at commencement exercises tonight are, top row, left to right: Leon Baker, Ted Smith, Bob Sterling, Harvel Guttenfelder, Herman Jones, James Woodburn, Charles Rippey, Walter Delisigne, Edwin Egerer, Bill Johns, Don Baxter and Archie Bell.

Second row, l. to r.: Kenneth Harris, Ralph Wolfe, Diane Stratton, Marilyn Smith, Helen Carlson, Retha Mathews, Mary Dowdy, Dorothy Leetz, Louise Van Kralingen, Pat Whitney, Enid Weis and Karina Deiningner.

Front row, l. to r.: Mrs. Goodwin, class sponsor; Lee Campbell, Pauline Greer, Ruby O. Dollar, Lorraine Newton, Doris Fawcett, Eleanor Garland, Phyllis Sprague, Norma Jean Harrell, Mary Louise Ordaz, Lupe Mariscal, Mae Linnihan, Frances McCall, Gloria Eshbaugh and Miss Miller, class sponsor.

Schools Ending Term Tomorrow; Diplomas Tonight

With tomorrow (Friday) closing day of the regular school year, 45 boys and girls will graduate from Torrance high school and Narbonne high school will send 101 of its students into wartime careers tonight. Junior high school students of both institutions, 87 in Torrance and 123 in Lomita, were advanced this afternoon and will enter Senior high next fall.

The Los Angeles city junior and senior high schools are graduating 21,044 boys and girls this week—the largest class being that of George Washington high where 533 received diplomas.

Narbonne holds its commencement exercises at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Torrance honors its graduates beginning at 6:30 p. m. Both programs carry a strong patriotic theme with students giving tributes to the armed forces. Diplomas will be presented by Principal Harold Perry in Torrance and by Harry Howell, assistant superintendent of Los Angeles city schools, at Narbonne.

PROPOSED CURFEW LAW EASED FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Boys and girls from 14 to 16 who conduct themselves "like ladies and gentlemen" may not have to observe the 9:30 p. m. curfew proposed by the new Torrance Youth Commission through its temporary chairman, Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, at city council meeting Tuesday night.

He recommended the curfew law be absolute for all children under 14 and issuing "honor cards" or badges to those older so that they may attend theaters or the young people's dances in the Woman's Club-house.

However, one violation of the rules of good conduct by the older children would result in automatic revocations of their "passes" and they would then have to abide by the curfew," Rev. Wheeler proposed.

Continuing Studies

On motion by Councilman Nick Cucci, the city attorney was instructed to draft a curfew ordinance along these lines for presentation to the council at its next regular meeting.

Rev. Wheeler also proposed that the city park be closed at sundown unless an adult-sponsored event is in progress there; that the council should investigate the possibility of retaining a trained, experienced recreation director for activities in the park and the installation of a roller

skating rink for children here. "We have not yet held a formal meeting of the Youth Commission but will continue our investigations and studies leading to the formation of a complete plan to curb juvenile delinquency and institute a long-range program of recreation activities for our young people," Rev. Wheeler said.

Alcoa Plant Gets Second Bond Flag

A second "Minute Man" Treasury flag was received by the Torrance Alcoa plant during the past week when its employees in the operations division signed up 90 per cent and more to purchase War Bonds out of their salaries. The honor flag was raised without ceremony last Friday, according to Superintendent H. E. Keller.

Alcoa won its first Minute Man award several months ago when construction crews signed up 100 per cent to buy War Bonds.

Mayor Asserts City Will Have 1943-4 Budget

The city of Torrance will have a municipal budget for 1943-44. There will be open public hearings held on its contents. And "everything possible" will be done to hold down the tax rate for the coming fiscal year.

These three assurances were given The Herald Tuesday night by Mayor Tom McGuire who said:

"I knew we did not adopt a budget for the present fiscal year but we certainly will have one for 1943-44. The council has already begun consideration of the new cost sheet and we are having another huddle on it Thursday (tonight). We will obtain preliminary estimates from the heads of all departments and then work out the main budget with the thought uppermost of keeping all expenditures to the bare minimum.

"We can't say yet what effect that will have on the new tax rate but you can be assured that we are going to keep that rate down," the mayor concluded.

PLAN ALTERATIONS

The Torrance Escrow Corp. is planning alterations to the exterior of its building at 1325 Post ave. to cost \$250.

Felker Workers Win Army-Navy 'E' for Service

Employees of the Felker Manufacturing Co., 1128 Border ave., were notified this week that the Army and Navy were conferring upon them the coveted Army-Navy Production "E" Award for "outstanding achievement in the production of war equipment."

July 15 has been tentatively selected for the formal award ceremonies, according to Max N. Felker, president. An early conference with military officials is planned to perfect details of this event, he said.

The announcement was made in a letter from Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson addressed to the "Men and Women, Torrance Plant, Felker Manufacturing Co., and stated:

Set High Standard

"This is to inform you that the Army and Navy are conferring upon you the Army-Navy Production Award for outstanding achievement in producing war equipment.

"The award consists of a flag to be flown above your plant and a lapel pin that every member of the Torrance plant may wear as the mark of an inspiring contribution to the future of our country.

"Your accomplishment has set a high standard of practical patriotism, yet the Army and Navy are confident that your record in the future will raise that standard even higher."

Employees of the National Supply Co., Torrance plant received their Army-Navy "E" award May 19.

War Housing 'Tailored' to Fit Local Demands

War housing programmed for factories in specific Southland workeries won't be occupied by people who work in other communities, under a "eligibility" plan outlined here last week by a reading of National Housing Agency housing managers.

Donald B. Kirby, N.H.A. regional homes use director from San Francisco, explained to the group of war housing experts, including Pat MacDonnell of Torrance, how they will administer the thousands of new units being added in critical industrial areas under Government approval.

"Scarcities of building supplies, virtually all of which are under priorities, demand that the facilities which can be squeezed out of the available materials, be used only for housing of war housing problems of a war areas," declared Kirby. "We are 'tailoring' the housing to the manpower situation, and new must see that none of it is diverted to other uses."

How Plan Works

Under the plan, the National Housing Agency, which writes a "prescription" calling for priorities to build or convert housing units to ease the "pinch" of each war-crowded industrial area, will limit occupancy of the homes to employees of specific plants. Cross-travel between communities will thus be virtually eliminated, it is expected.

A shipyard worker at Long Beach would not be allowed to occupy one of the government-sponsored homes at Torrance which was designed to accommodate workers at local war plants, but would be placed in a home in the harbor area.

The plan which went into effect in the Southland Monday calls for certification by N.H.A.'s chain of 15 Southern California war housing centers to any unit built or converted under priorities. This includes privately and publicly-financed housing, as well as the large structures which are being broken up into multiple housing quarters under N.H.A. sponsorship.

Cabrillo Improvement Authorized by Council

Improvement of intersections and drainage along Cabrillo ave., from Carson st. to Plaza del Amo, at a cost of \$1000 was authorized by the city council Tuesday night on motion by Councilman James Hitchcock.

COUNCIL MEETS MONDAY

An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held at 7:45 p. m., Monday, June 28.

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