



And the rock-ets' red glare, the bombs burst-ing in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.

Back from the Pacific battle of Santa Cruz, bearing honorable scars of battle, the flag of the battleship "X" shows why the Japs are not dictating peace terms in the White House as planned. Your War Bonds keep the battle flags flying against waves of enemy dive bombers.

NEW REGULATIONS GOVERN VEHICLES DURING ALERTS

New rules, established by the California War Council, go into effect July 18 regarding the operation of vehicles during periods of air raid alerts. The regulations supersede all present orders and types of motor vehicles permitted to operate during alerts and will be strictly enforced here, according to Police Chief John Stroth, director of the Torrance Civilian Defense corps.

Loss of Purse Worse Now Than in Shylock's Day

Shakespeare's Shylock said: "Who steals my purse steals trash..." But that Merchant of Venice was not under the O.P.A. ration plan.

Final Tribute Paid Veteran School Teacher

Final rites were held for Guy L. Mowry, veteran teacher and evening school principal at Torrance and San Pedro last Saturday at the First Methodist church here.

Building Total for Year Here Now \$4,138,874

New construction here during the first half of 1943 amounted to \$4,138,874, according to records at the city engineer's office. Building during the first six months of 1942 amounted to \$7,145,118.

Children Invited to Elementary Playground

All Torrance youngsters are invited to participate in the summer program of arts, crafts, games and gardening at the Torrance Elementary school playground.

Cafeteria at Hendy Plant Now Open

Employees will eat in their own cafeteria at the Joshua Hendy plant on Lomita Blvd., starting today when the new food dispensary, operated by a catering concern as a concession, will be opened.

Torrance Soldier Held Prisoner in Philippines

Many months of uncertainty over the fate of their son, Private Donald E. Meyer, ended recently for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Meyer of 21730 South Figueroa St., when they learned from the War Department that he was a prisoner of the Japs in the Philippines.

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Donald enlisted in August, 1941 when he was 21. He was born in Whiting, Ind., and attended grade, high school and junior college at Porterville, Calif.

But that Merchant of Venice was not under the O.P.A. ration plan. Mrs. H. C. Callahan of 24422 Neece ave., Wailonia, had her purse stolen at a Lomita market late last week and she lost.

Seaman Dunks While Artist Paints His Portrait



Ed Leight, merchant seaman, dunks his donut at the Music Box Canteen in New York City while Mary Robinson, well-known Greenwich Village artist, paints his portrait, a special treat for visiting service men.

H. S. Booklet Sponsors Appeal for Donations

Carrying out the spirit of their titles, the "Gone Forth to Serve" directories of 1347 Torrance high school alumni published recently by the school under direction of Miss Irene Mills are now—or soon will be—in the hands of 450 former students who are now in the armed services.

WAR BOND DRIVE TO BUY CRUISER STARTS WITH RUSH

"Every Torrance War Bond buyer this month will have a personal share in the battle cruiser 'Los Angeles' when it slides down the ways and this pride in 'part-ownership' will grow when the ship takes its place on the battle lines as a powerful new unit of our fleet."

Volunteer Aides Needed to Send Out Gas Rations

An urgent call for volunteer helpers to send out new "A" gasoline ration books was issued today by Frank H. Daniels, chief clerk of the Torrance War Price and Rationing Board.

This message was received by Hillman Lee, local War Bond chairman from Albert S. Scott, county chairman, as the county-wide \$40,000,000 Cruiser "Los Angeles" bond drive got into full swing.

Total known investment by local residents in cruiser War Bond drive up to last night was \$27,145, Chairman Lee reported this morning. This figure does not include several firms and war plants whose employees are being paid today and tomorrow and whose purchase of War Bonds will not be credited until next week.

Supplies of the lithograph prints of the cruiser by the famous artist, Arthur Beaumont, have been received, and each buyer of an extra bond will receive one free.

T.H.S. STUDENTS IN SERVICE WRITE INTERESTING LETTERS

More interesting excerpts from letters sent Miss Irene Mills of the Torrance high school faculty from former students now in the armed services were given The Herald for publication by the teacher this week.

PRIVATE WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, in Marine Corps at Norman, Okla.

"When I was in your advanced comp. class I never dreamed I'd be writing letters to my English teacher or I would have studied harder. Anyway, you can't give me a 'D' now, can you? ... I thought you would be interested in knowing how school in civilian life differs from school in the Marine Corps so here is what a day in the Corps is like: We get up at 5 a.m., make our bunks, wash and shave by 5:30. We march to chow and eat a good old Navy breakfast of mostly beans (this is a Navy base) and come back to the barracks to swab the decks (floors) and leave them in tip-top shape.

J. A. VAN KRALINGEN, with the Coast Guard "somewhere overseas:

"The issue of the T. N.T. plus three issues of The Torrance Herald supplied plenty of reading for me the other day. Some of the news was cheerful but I was very sorry to read about the death in service of an old friend of mine who was a regular guy and a swell pal, Dario Chavez. ... Reading several letters from the servicemen in the States the yearning to transfer overseas is quite dominant. But over here it seems the fellows want to get back to the States or go deeper into the battle zone. Each fellow feels as though he is not doing enough and wants to get into the thick of things as quickly as possible. ... The sooner it's over the sooner we'll all be back home leading a peaceful life again. I see that T.H.S. has qualified for a Minute Man flag. Great work. The students and defense workers are doing a great job on the home front."

ALBERT WINKLER, in armored division at Camp Polk, La.

"We have been going steady here 18 hours a day for the past three months. I sure would like to be with the old gang again but I know that that will not be possible until this awful thing is over and when it is, there will be some who won't come back to join the gang. But we all know that our lives will

Postal Receipts Make Big Gain

A 46.3 per cent increase in postal receipts, believed to be the greatest in the history of the city, was reported in postal receipts at Torrance postoffice for the quarter ending June 30.

Postmaster Earl Conner announced that the receipts for the June quarter were \$21,458.67 as compared to \$14,607.77 in the same three month period in 1942. Total receipts for the first half of this year amount to \$41,385.05 as compared to \$28,270.28 last year.

Postwar Group to Meet Monday

As temporary chairman of the group to be organized to consider postwar plans for Torrance, Paul Findley is calling a meeting to complete the study and investigation committee for 8 p. m. next Monday, July 12, at the city councilroom. All organizations are invited to send representatives and alternates to this session so the organization may be completed and postwar studies begun at once.

New Legion Head Proposes Postwar Memorial Building

In accepting the post of commander of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion, Irwin J. (Jack) Hallanger, deputy city clerk, announced the chief aim of his coming administrative year at Tuesday night's annual dinner meeting of the World War I veterans:

Appeal Made for 125 Blood Donors Here on July 12

One hundred and twenty-five more donors are needed immediately to complete the full quota of blood contributors here next Monday, July 12, when the Mobile Blood Donor unit makes its seventh visit to Torrance.

Mrs. Maude Kresse, chairman of the local Blood Donor committee for the Torrance Red Cross, appeals to every resident who can contribute to register at once at the Red Cross headquarters, corner of Post and Crovans avenues, phone 1524, leaving their names, addresses and time when they can be at the Civic Auditorium to contribute to the plasma fund.

Old Discs Sought by Legion for Servicemen

The Torrance American Legion Post joined others throughout the state this week in the nationwide campaign to gather scrap records so our fighting men can enjoy bits of entertainment and music from home.

Commander Charles Dunham, in announcing the opening of the local drive, said: "There are more than 200,000,000 old phonograph records lying around homes in the United States. Our fighting forces long for music and entertainment in the vast reaches of Alaska mountains, Sailors on transport or patrol duty far from home must depend entirely on phonographs for entertainment."

Collection Centers Listed

"One soldier in New Guinea writes his mother asking her to dig up the old records he played when a boy and turn them in as scrap so new records can be made for the armies. Records are made of shellac. Shellac is frozen in the United States, India, the source of supply, is not exporting shellac.

Enhance "Civic Center"

"Knowing this, we must begin our postwar planning now. What can we do for these men and women in service when they return? Let us give them a place where they may be brought together for mutual relaxation and continued service to their homeland. We propose to build a patriotic memorial hall in Torrance that may be used by all organizations of a patriotic nature."

Lomifans Learn Missing Son Held by Japs

Private Kenneth R. Hale of the Army medical corps is a prisoner of the Japanese, according to word received late last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew O. Hale of 26123 Oak St., Lomita.

Immediate study of financial plans to assure the construction of a Patriotic Memorial hall on two city-owned lots at the southwest corner of El Prado and Crovans ave., for the use of all patriotic organizations in the city when the war is over.

Such a building, Hallanger told Legionnaires, would do much toward the continued interest of all residents in their country and follow one of the statements in the preamble of the Constitution: "To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy."

The Legion is prepared to work in conjunction with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, auxiliaries of both veterans' groups, Sons of Legion, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Navy Mothers and other patriotic groups to put the memorial building project high on the list of postwar developments for Torrance.

"I accept the commandship of the Torrance Legion with the sole aim to conduct a city-wide campaign for the construction of such an essential structure immediately following the war," he said. "We should plan now to finance a building that will be of great value to every resident in peacetime. I have participated in joint discussions with representatives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and am assured that the two veterans' organizations working together and with the cooperation of all other patriotic groups here can assure construction of a memorial building when peace comes."

Retiring Commander Charles Dunham's splendid efforts in the year-long scrap drive conducted by the Legion must look for new quarters in order to perpetuate its contribution toward community progress, Dunham said. Commander-elect Hallanger today issued the following statement concerning the aims of the Legion jointly with all other patriotic groups in forming a postwar project of community value: "This war was forced on us and we have only one course to follow: Fight our way out of it. Although it began for us in December 1941 when the Japs made their sneak attack, our American fighting forces are now in service when they are fully equipped and in position to reply. And it will be a nasty, dirty, horrible fight. Fighting with the machines, engines and deadly explosives of modern warfare means extreme sacrifice by our fighting men. The casualties are inevitable."

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