

# 'MIKE' STRASZER LEAVING HERALD FOR L. A. TIMES

With this issue, the 368th he has edited, Michael Straszer, The Herald's city editor since Nov. 1, 1936, ends his local duties, Grover C. Whyte, publisher, announced today.

Straszer will become full-time assistant to Tom Parker, state editor of the Los Angeles Times, Monday. He has been serving part-time in that capacity for several months.

This marks the second time "Mike" as he is familiarly known to many residents here, has severed connections with The Herald. The first was in January, 1932 when, as result of the then-current depression, the staff had to be curtailed. He went to Corona where he served as editor of a daily paper for five years and then was recalled to The Herald.

Two of his outstanding contributions to The Herald are the compilation of the community "Honor Roll" of servicemen and women which is being periodically published, and his editorial work on the "Torrance On the Air" special edition of 1938. This edition received the gold-cup award as the best special issue published by any newspaper—weekly or daily—in California that year.

Mr. and Mrs. Straszer and their two daughters, Melissa Ann and Nancy Lee, will continue to reside in their home at 1004 Acacia ave., until they find a residence in Los Angeles.

"Leaving The Herald forces a break in many pleasant associations here," Straszer said today. "But the opportunity to hold a responsible position on the Los Angeles Times does not come every day and I want to return



RESIGNS — Micheal Straszer ends duties as city editor of The Herald today. He is joining Los Angeles Times staff.

to a metropolitan daily newspaper. My work here with Grover Whyte and other members of The Herald staff has been most enjoyable."

## Hotel Built for War Workers of 1917 to House 1943 Producers

History does repeat itself and the repetition in Torrance involves a World War I building that is shortly to see World War II service.

The Ironton hotel at 1205 Border ave. was originally constructed in 1917 to house World War I workers at the Llewellyn Iron Workers (now Columbia Steel), Union Tool (now National Supply Co.) and the Torrance Glass Works (now extinct).

Work is expected to start shortly on the conversion of that building, idle since the 1932 earthquake, into apartments to house World War II workers in local war plants. The reconstruction and renovation by the Home Owners Loan Corp., which has leased the structure, will cost approximately \$40,000.

Named by City Founder Name of the hotel, which was built by the late Harry Little



IRONTON SERVES AGAIN

of Lomita, for Mrs. Isabel Torrance Henderson, deceased mother of Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, Torrance librarian, was chosen by the founder of this city, Jared Sidney Torrance. He and Mrs. Henderson were brother and sister.

Built of reinforced concrete hollow tile, the three-story hotel was a model of its kind. It had accommodations for 50 guests and during the 1917-18 struggle was filled to capacity by the production fighters who were turning out munitions for the A.E.F.

Survived 1941 Quake Several years after the Armistice the name of the hostelry was changed to the Royal. Although it was condemned after the 1932 earthquake and remained idle, it survived the Nov. 14, 1941 temblor far better than many other buildings here. But the original condemnation remained in effect and it stayed empty.

Now, with living quarters for war workers at a premium, it will be remodeled into 28 double apartments and again serve production fighters on the home front.

## Youth Commission to Meet Monday

The Torrance Youth Commission appointed by authorization of the city council to study problems of juvenile delinquency here will meet Monday, July 19, at 8 p. m., in the city council chambers.

All organizations of the city are invited to send representatives. The temporary chairman, Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, hopes to effect the permanent organization of the Commission at this meeting.

BUY TENNIS NETS To provide additional recreation facilities here, the city council purchased two new tennis nets Tuesday night for the high school courts which are open on Monday, July 19, at 7:30 p. m., Monday, July 19, at the city council room. Another lesson in Advanced First Aid will be given at 8:30 p. m.

## Ration Board Explains Ruling on 'Validation'

Those new War Ration Books—No. 3—contain spaces for their "validation" by the local War Price and Rationing Board but you don't have to worry about that.

Frank W. Daniels, chief clerk of Torrance Rationing Board, reports he has been swamped with conscientious rationees who have brought their new books to him for this "validation."

"This formality does not apply to those who have received or will receive their new books through the mail," he said, "and you don't have to bring them to our office—just go ahead and use them."

## Torrance to Have New Multiple Housing Units

Building permits totalling \$42,565, including four four-family two-story frame and stucco multiple housing units to be built by California National Builders, were issued here during the past week.

Multiple units are to be erected at 2467, 2471 and 2463 Terrace blvd., and 1749 Cabrillo ave., at a cost of \$10,000 each. Other permits were issued to Longren Aircraft for a galvanized iron and frame storage and factory building at 2576 Carson st., \$1000; Heath Dalby for termite control at 1735 Andrea ave., \$115, and A. J. Cammer, frame stucco residence at 24415 Hawthorne blvd., \$1450.

More Units Planned If the city will pay for certain street improvements, Katz & Pine, builders, intend to erect three multiple-family dwellings for eight housing units on six lots on Arlington ave., off Plaza del Amo. The builders have offered to dedicate a 25-foot right-of-way to the city in return for the installation of surfaced street, sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Members of the city council will inspect the site of the proposed housing development tomorrow afternoon and consider Katz & Pine's offer at an adjourned meeting at 5 p. m., next Tuesday, July 20.

## Auxiliary Police to Meet Monday

All members of the Torrance Auxiliary Police who are not working are expected to attend the regular meeting at 7:30 p. m., Monday, July 19, at the city council room. Another lesson in Advanced First Aid will be given at 8:30 p. m.

## Twelve Soldiers Join Civilians Giving Blood

"After plasma saved my life, I promised myself that the first chance I had I would contribute life-giving blood to someone else," Private Charles V. Peters, a donor at Torrance's blood bank unit, said Monday. Private Peters, who recovered from nearly-fatal spinal meningitis after plasma was twice administered at his station hospital, was one of 12 soldiers from a nearby Army camp recruited by Mrs. Lena Parke, local Red Cross volunteer, when the Mobile Blood Donor unit visited Torrance for the eighth time, in cooperation with the Red Cross branch here.

Corporal Clyde Wilson, who has been in Army training for about a year, explained: "The fellows over there are spilling a lot of blood so it hurts. The least we can do is to give some the easy way." Sergeant Eugene Boyle admitted being a little scared at being shipped along with their transport units. All the boys agreed, with traditional Army good humor: "We really came because we feel we should contribute a little to the war effort."

Other soldier donors were Privates Edwin Budzinski, Herbert Daffurn and John Gibbs; Sergeants Vincent McGlinchey, George Murgare and Wallace Kregg, and Corporal Donald Muir.

Notable, too, among Monday's contributors were Raymond Yard, an eight-time donor and Torrance's first eligible for the new red-ribbon award; Paul E. Vonderhake and Marie LaFont, seven-time donors; one Navy representative, Seaman Ernest R. Dorchak, of 119 West 220th st., and industrial contingents re-

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## Eleven Inducted from Contingent of H. S. Youths

Eleven men from this area were accepted into the armed forces from the 41st draft contingent which left Torrance July 1, according to Mrs. Doris Watson, chief clerk of Selective Service Board No. 280, today. The draft contingent of 30 young men included 22 who had recently been graduated from Torrance and Narbonne high schools.

Those inducted from Torrance were: Edward A. Michelsen, 814 Madrid ave., Army; Daniel Frank Ordway, 2007 Plaza del Amo, Navy; Wallace C. Kvilvang, 2304 Torrance blvd., Army.

Those inducted from Lomita were: John Roger Eisenbraut, 25924 Cypress st., rt. 1, Army; Vernon Farrar, 2113 Lomita blvd., Navy; Robert Dwayne Herron, 24648 Moon ave., Navy; Phillip W. Wechsberger, 25229 Oak st., Army; Lowell Elsworth Shelhart, 1808 247th st., Army; Fred Horridge, 24689 Woodward ave., Marine; James G. Reagan, 1719 251st st., Harbor City, Army; George Robert Riggs, 24433 Park st., WALTERIA, Army.

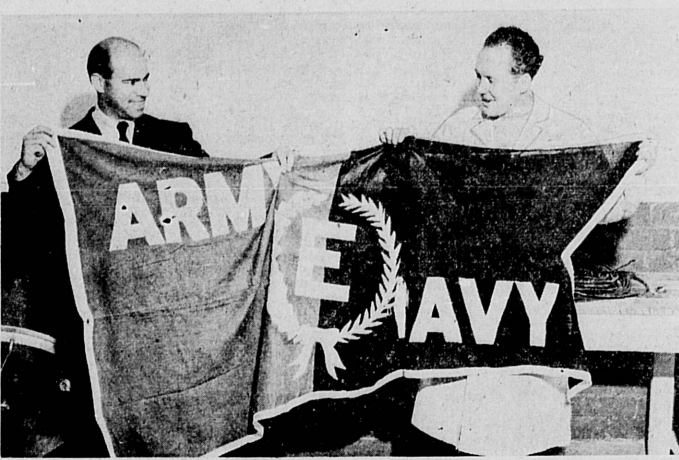
## 'Block Mothers' Ready to Offer Haven to Children During Alerts

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## Felker Employees Get 'E' Today



DISPLAY AWARD—Max Felker, left, president and owner of the Felker Manufacturing Co., and Martin Von Bergen, shop superintendent and senior employee, prepare to hoist Army-Navy "E" burgee over the plant at 1128 Border ave. Employees will celebrate the award Friday night.



AIDS WAR EFFORT—Max M. Felker, sole owner of the busy industry bearing his name, reads congratulatory letters.



SENIOR WORKER—Martin Von Bergen, Felker shop superintendent, studies blueprint preparatory to "setting up" a job.

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## Public Invited to Ceremonies at 4:30 P.M.

For outstanding achievement in producing war equipment, employees of the Felker Manufacturing Co. at 1128 Border ave., will receive the Army and Navy's accolade—the "E" award—at ceremonies this afternoon. The public has been cordially invited by Max M. Felker, president and sole owner of the busy firm, to attend the presentation, scheduled to start at 4:30 p. m.

High-ranking Army and Navy officers will be present to speak and award the "E" burgee that will fly from the plant flagpole and issue the honor pins to all Felker employees. An Army band will provide the music for the program which will be held in the parking lot adjoining the plant.

The industry has been in active production here since 1936 when it was founded in a small shop on Emerald st., by Max Felker and his father, W. A. Felker. Two years later the business was transferred to Max Felker who is now the president and sole owner. The new location on Border ave., was occupied in December, 1941 and the firm has continuously expanded since then to fill war orders for its high quality diamond-abrasive tools and related equipment.

Major to Present Flag H. R. Cole, manager of the firm's Washington, D.C., office, has come to Torrance to serve as master of ceremonies for today's ceremonies. He will open the program after the Army band plays "America" and give a brief resume of the company's history and the significance of

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## Drunk Driver Who Rammed Fire Truck Convicted

Found guilty of driving while intoxicated, by a jury of 10 women and two men Tuesday, Jesse Dean, 48, of 1634 Beech ave., captain of guards at a local war plant, will be sentenced by Judge Otto B. Willett at 10 a. m. tomorrow (Friday). Dean was accused of impaling his car on several ladders on the fire truck when he rammed into the machine during the blackout of April 25. He had previously plead guilty to violation of the blackout and paid a \$20 fine and had agreed to pay the estimated \$215 damage done to the fire department equipment.

His attorney, Milso Smith, gave oral notice of appeal after the jury had rendered its verdict. The jury deliberated about 30 minutes and it was learned, took two ballots. James F. Hudson, deputy district attorney, conducted the prosecution.

Members of the jury were Misses Louise Becher, Nora Deinger, Olivia Lee, Margaret Felker, Evelyn Furnley, Lucille Kerber, Ruth Ingold, Muriel Nannan, Frances Clark, Miss Katie Orman and William H. Telson and J. Hugh Sherfy.

## Ten P.M. Curfew for Minors Goes in Effect Tonight

(The complete text of the city's new 10 p. m. curfew ordinance which becomes effective tonight is published on Page 4-A)

A curfew ordinance with a double set of teeth—penalties for offending juveniles and their parents alike—goes into effect at 10 p. m. tonight here as an emergency war measure.

Every boy and girl under 18 years of age must be off the streets and out of public buildings or places of amusement and entertainment unless they have obtained an official permit issued under authority of the police department to be at large after the 10 p. m. deadline. These permits will be issued only when both parents and child apply for them at police headquarters.

The ordinance, adopted by the city council Tuesday night, becomes effective with its publication in today's issue of The Herald. One section of the emergency measure pertains to juveniles and a second section applies to parents, whose duties and responsibilities in keeping their underage offspring at home are defined. Each violation of the provisions of both sections shall constitute a separate offense.

Punishment Provided Penalties are the same for both juveniles and parents, insofar as fines and detention are concerned: A minor violating the

'Easy on Sirens' Chief Stroh Tells Officers Here Because siren blasts will be used as air raid warnings, Police Chief John Stroh has told his officers to go easy on their sirens and avoid confusion.

Unnecessary and unwarranted use of sirens may cause worry and anxiety if mistaken for raid signals, Stroh said, and also annoy motorists stopped for minor traffic code violations.

Stroh told his men they should use sirens only when a suspected law violator appears to be disregarding a signal to halt.

## Variation Appeal Necessary for Home Conversion

Despite a vigorous appeal by Councilman George V. Powell "as a point of justice to a family which has been outstanding in the community for many years," the city council Tuesday night refused to override the decision of the Planning Commission in rejecting Mrs. Mildred Lancaster's application for a variance of the zoning ordinance which would permit her to allow the Federal government to convert her large home at 1503 Post ave., into four apartments.

Powell moved that the council grant the variance, declaring the conversion would in no way harm the appearance of the Lancaster home and would not depreciate the value of "anybody's" home in the neighborhood. When other members of the council indicated they intended to abide by the letter of the zoning ordinance, he withdrew his motion.

Appeal Procedure Told It was pointed out by City Attorney John McCall that Mrs. Lancaster or "any resident with 300 sq. ft." of her property may file an appeal with the city clerk for the necessary variance before the next regular meeting of the council. Then the municipal board must set a date for a formal hearing "within not less than 15 days nor more than 40 days" and give public notice of the time of such a hearing. After this is held the council then may sustain or reject the Planning Commission's decision.

Discussion brought out the fact that opinion regarding conversion of the Lancaster property in two previous hearings conducted by the Planners is about evenly divided between residents

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Terms of the emergency law, drafted by City Attorney John McCall in collaboration with Police Chief John Stroh and Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, temporary chairman, and his Youth Commission, are all-inclusive in outlining juvenile appearances in public after 10 p. m.

Reasons for Emergency "It shall be unlawful," the measure states, "for any minor under the age of 18 years to loiter, idle, wander, stroll, or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, public buildings, places

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## District Attorney Tells Moose Guests Need to Curb Delinquency

"Too many mothers are working in war industries—under the pretext of American defense—for the American dollar and the chance to get away from home responsibilities," warned District Attorney Fred N. Houser in discussing the rising tide of juvenile delinquency before a large crowd of men at Torrance Moose hall last night.

In our zeal for winning the war, the American home for which our armed forces are fighting, is being crumbled to dust in Los Angeles county. Children whose parents are off at work, are left for days with nothing to eat but cereal and milk, Houser stated.

Even before the war, there were 30,135 serious offenses among juveniles in California in one year, and 80 per cent of these cases came from broken homes. What can we expect from the increasing number of neglected homes, the district attorney asked.

Institutions Overcrowded Houser complimented Police Chief John Stroh for the work he was doing in Torrance and pleaded for public support of law enforcement officers. The recent 2000 suit riots in Los

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SPEAKER—Dist. Atty. Fred N. Houser tells views on crime at Moose dinner here last night.