

Variation Appeal Necessary for Home Conversion

(Continued from Page 1-A) who approve conversion of the large home into apartments and those who are against the remodeling, fearing the depreciation of their own property.

No Relief Provided
"I believe that in simple justice to a family which has paid high taxes all through many years here we should give consideration to Mrs. Lancaster's plea that she be permitted to make expenses of maintaining the property by allowing war workers to occupy apartments in her home," Powell said. "It is impossible to sell this property as a residence now because of its size. About a year ago we met with housing leaders who told us to prepare to receive the influx of war workers pouring into our city."

"The conversion of the property would in no way, I am convinced, be harmful to the neighborhood. If we do not allow the property to be used in this manner we are penalizing an individual who has been a distinct credit to our city, whose family has done much for the community. It's not fair to take their taxes—amounting to about \$300 a year—and allow the owner no relief," he said.

Recalls Hog Dispute
Powell also pointed out that the zoning ordinance was being broken by hog owners who were permitted to retain their pigs here "in defiance of the ordinance while we take the matter under advisement for 30 days. It has been at least a month and a half since we had the hog controversy, and still we have not given any decision on it."

None of the other members of the council spoke on the Lancaster matter and the decision now rests with the owner of the property or interested neighbors who may file an appeal from the Planning Commission's ruling and ask for the hearing before the city council.

HOUSING OFFICIAL PLEDGES 'NO VIOLENCE'

In explaining the need for converting such properties as Mrs. Lancaster's home into apartments for war workers, Kenneth S. Wing, division manager of the Los Angeles County War Housing Center, informed the City Planning Commission in a letter recently that the conversion "would be accomplished without material change of the exterior and without doing violence to the high standard of the district."

"In every respect our plans

STORKatorials

Following are the new arrivals reported at Torrance Memorial hospital:

JULIAN ARTURO ALMARAZ was born to Private and Mrs. Julian Almaraz, 32 203rd st., July 8, weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces. His mother is the former Olga Helen Canon, his father is in the Army Air Force and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Canon of the same address and Mr. and Mrs. Florentino Almaraz of Gardena.

CLARENCE GERALD LICHTENBERG was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lichtenberg, 2321 237th st., July 12, weighing 5 pounds 1 ounce. His brother Ray, 12, sister Jacquet, 10, and grandmother Mrs. Barbara Hiatt live at the same address.

REATA BERNICE BENNETT weighed 7 pounds 1/2 ounces when greeted July 12 by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bennett of Gardena.

DIANE FRANCES DRINEN was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Drinen of Moneta, July 13, weighing 5 pounds 1/2 ounce.

PANELLA LEE LORENZ was welcomed July 12 by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lorenz of Gardena. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces.

DAVID LAWRENCE KIEFER was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence T. Kiefer of Manhattan Beach, July 13, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces.

NELISSE KEYES arrived to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Keyes of Redondo Beach, July 5, weighing 9 pounds 1 ounce.

TO WIDEN STREET

An ordinance creating set-back lines on 203rd st., so that thoroughfare may ultimately be a 100-foot street, was given its reading at city council meeting Tuesday night.

would measure up to the present high standards," he asserted. "We cannot over-emphasize the urgent need of providing these additional accommodations. Housing has become an integral part of the war need and by granting a zoning variance to permit the development of this property you would be making a substantial contribution to the success of the war effort."

Wing's letter also pointed out: "Nowhere is the housing shortage more acute than in the Torrance area. In addition to the new construction which has been authorized, a quota has been set up under our conversion program through which we hope to at least partially supply the deficit."

"In this connection, Mrs. Mildred P. Lancaster has offered to lease her home at 1503 Post ave. to the government for conversion into apartments. Preliminary inspection of the property indicated that it would lend itself readily to such development. We are advised, however, that the property is on the edge of an area which at present is restricted to single family occupancy. Tentative plans are for the conversion of the property into four units. We are mindful of the fact that its location and surrounding development is such as would require that its conversion correspond to this high standard. This requirement we are prepared to assure would be observed and that it would be accomplished without material change of the exterior and without doing violence to the high standard of the district," Wing stated.



PLEASED—William M. Jeffers, rubber czar, looked pleased as he toured synthetic rubber plant in Torrance recently

Synthetic Rubber Future Assured, Jeffers Asserts

Synthetic rubber has progressed to a point where, after the war, it will hold its own with natural rubber from the standpoint both of use and cost, William M. Jeffers, rubber director, said in an interview this week.

"Synthetic rubber is here to stay," he said. "And when I say it can hold its own, I mean hold its own without tariffs or subsidies."

This assurance from the top man of the rubber industry is good news for Torrance and the future operation of the huge synthetic rubber project now in production in this area. Executives of the local rubber factories report the first output of the Torrance plants exceeds their expectations, both in quantity of production and quality of product.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARY WEBB—Pioneer resident of Torrance and wife of Neal Webb, Sr., of 1910 Plaza del Amo, died this morning at Torrance Memorial hospital. She was a devout member of the Catholic Church of the Nativity. The Rosary will be recited in her memory at 5 p.m., Friday at Stone & Myers' chapel and the funeral Mass will be conducted by Rev. Joseph L. Bauer at the Church of the Nativity at 8 a.m., Saturday. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Webb leaves four sons, Neal, Jr., Frank, Joe and Jake, and a daughter.

ENJOY HOME DANCE
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zaver joined a dancing party of 25 Saturday evening at the Hermosa Beach home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cosner.

Old Discs Sought to Give Music for Servicemen

"There are no theaters in the jungle wastes or the Aleutians," said Commander Charles Dunham, pressing the Torrance American Legion Post drive in the nationwide campaign to gather scrap records. "Recorded music is our only answer to soldier boys hungry for entertainment."

Old cracked, scratched or broken records are the only source of shellac for new records. Men, women and children cooperating in the drive by digging into attics and closets for discarded discs may leave them at the Torrance postoffice, Torrance Hardware Store at 1515 Cabrillo

ave., or Charlie Smith's cafe at Narbonne and Lomita divds., in Lomita.

"One of the greatest opportunities for service is offered by the Legion's drive for scrap records so that our fighting men in remote locations may enjoy music and entertainment from home."

"Shellac, from which records are made, has been frozen in the United States. It is an essential of war. India, the source of supply, is not exporting shellac these days. It must be obtained from old records. And these must come out of the attics of our homes."

"Dig up your old records, your cracked, scratched and broken records today and turn them over to the Legion Post," Commander Dunham concluded.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mason and Betty are at their new home, 1028 Acacia ave.

18 Patients Enter Hospital

Eighteen patients were received during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital.

They were Mrs. Yolande Adams, Redondo, Sunday for surgery; Mrs. Margaret A. Alter, 2024 Cabrillo st., Tuesday, for surgery; Mrs. Mary Colmerauer, Redondo, July 7 for surgery; Mrs. Georgia Hall, Redondo, Tuesday for surgery; William Johnson, Los Angeles, Sunday for medical care; Mrs. Evelyn Kaiser, Manhattan, last Friday for surgery; Albert J. Kluska, 1608 West 223rd st., last Friday, for surgery; George C. Lanning, 1415 Amapola st., Sunday, for medical care. Chester F. Malone, 2135 24th st., Lomita, Monday, for sur-

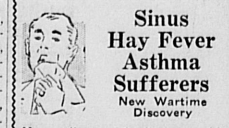
AUTHORIZE CONTRACT

A contract with Stone & Myers Mortuary for ambulance services during the present fiscal year was authorized by the city council Tuesday night at the rate of \$25 per month, an increase from the previous charge of \$12 per month.

K. D. Moore, Los Angeles, Tuesday, for medical care; Daniel Moser, 1317 Amapola st., Tuesday, for surgery; John Marker, 2111 Andree st., last Saturday, for medical care; Mrs. Pauline Marshall, 2310 Sierra st., Monday, for surgery; Rev. C. Miles Northrup, 1827 Andree st., last Thursday, for surgery; Patrick O'Conner, Hermosa, Tuesday, for medical care; Mrs. Rose Swope, 4425 Torrance blvd., West Torrance, last Thursday, for surgery; Miss Dorothy Ward, Hermosa, Monday, for surgery, and Mrs. Mary Webb, 1910 Plaza del Amo, Monday, for medical care.

IN RIVERSIDE

Mrs. C. L. Jones and daughters are enjoying a two weeks' visit with relatives in Riverside. Mrs. W. T. Jones of Riverside was a recent guest at the C. L. Jones home here.



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At Close of Business on June 30, 1942 and June 30, 1943

	As of June 30 1942	As of June 30 1943
RESOURCES		
Loans and Discounts	\$ 429,935.03	\$ 551,173.59
Overdrafts	96.72	171.86
U. S. Government Bonds	277,465.63	809,567.19
Municipal and Other Bonds	27,867.50	2,955.00
Stock, Federal Reserve Bank	3,600.00	3,600.00
Banking House	47,017.70	51,827.73
Other Assets	13,025.00	15,195.53
OTHER REAL ESTATE	None	None
Cash and Due from Banks	386,788.42	670,535.14
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$1,185,796.00	\$2,105,026.04
LIABILITIES		
Capital Stock—Common	\$ 77,500.00	\$ 80,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	22,500.00	20,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00	20,000.00
Reserves and Undivided Profits	30,947.82	32,857.52
Total Capital	150,947.82	152,857.52
Other Liabilities	16,923.22	17,707.32
REDISCOUNTS	None	None
BILLS PAYABLE	None	None
Deposits	1,017,924.96	1,934,461.20
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,185,796.00	\$2,105,026.04

The substantial increase in deposits during the past year,—an increase of nearly one million dollars,—enables the Torrance National Bank to broaden its services to this community.

Sound industrial and commercial loans are invited.

Recent liberalization of rulings by the Federal Housing Administration permit us to make more attractive loans for the purchase of existing homes as well as financing the upkeep and modernization of residence buildings.

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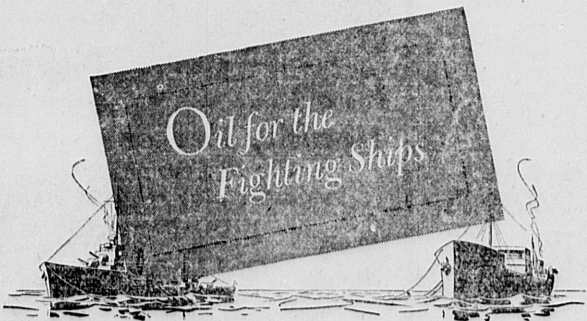
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