



CAPT. KEEFER AND BRIDE... the former Vera Lu Lee, who were married recently at Clovis Army Air Field chapel. Details of ceremony are published on the woman's page of this issue.

Plans Ready for 3rd War Loan Drive with Local Quota \$625,000

The stage is set and all plans have been completed for the "kick-off" tomorrow morning inauguration of the Third War Loan drive, declared Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Torrance War Loan committee, in which the people of Torrance have been called upon to meet the \$625,000 goal set for this community.

Management of the various defense plants, labor leaders, civic and other organizations, as well as numerous citizens have pledged their cooperation in this project to provide funds with which to supply the fighting fronts to carry the war against the new weakened Axis powers to a successful conclusion as soon as possible.

Chairman Lee advised that the Torrance Woman's club and other women's organizations are intensely interested in the Third War Loan campaign and will maintain booths at each of the banks during the days that it is to run. In all the retail stores clerks will sell stamps and accept applications for bonds, Lee explained.

The slogan of this campaign, said Chairman Lee, is "Back the Attack!" This can be met by everyone squeezing their pocket-books a little tighter to buy one or more extra bonds, according to the ability of the purchaser to buy, he asserted.

"The Third War Loan provides another opportunity for every citizen of the Torrance area to appraise his or her personal contribution toward the winning of the war. No one can do too much. All of us can do too little," Chairman Lee emphasized. "Let's send Torrance's quota 'over the top!'"

The local committee feels that the home front and the fighting fronts are indivisible. War Bonds are the practical link. They back the attack. They also provide a moral and mental lift for every fighting man. They tell the soldier, the sailor, the airman, the Coast Guardsman and the Marine that you are ever beside them.

Buy bonds, and more bonds and the boys risking their lives on the fighting fronts will bring the enemy to his knees.

Local church to observe 20th anniversary. The First Christian church of Torrance has completed plans to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the church next Sunday, Sept. 12 with a special program.

Four Street Projects Due for Early Improvement in Torrance. At least four, possibly five, Torrance street improvement projects are assured for active construction in the near future.

ELDORADO AVENUE—Grading and surfacing roadway to 68 apartment units now being constructed in the Vista Highlands district. The construction company has agreed to install curbs, gutters and sidewalks to adjacent apartments.

Torrance Bears Score 11 to 7 on Los Angeles Nine. The Torrance Bears, Mexican baseball team, walloped the Fry Roofing Co. nine from Los Angeles by a score of 11 to 7 in an interesting game played last Sunday at the diamond on 203rd st.

CRENSHAW BOULEVARD—Grading and surfacing to connect with the present paved portion on the east side of the General Petroleum refinery with improvements now being made by the county on Alondra Park north of Redondo Blvd.

ABALONE AVENUE—This project calls for construction of a 24-foot service road on the east side of Abalone ave. between Plaza Del Arroyo and the Santa Fe tracks, with a 27-foot planted parkway between to serve as a screen for a row of multiple unit houses being constructed there.

CABRILLO AVENUE—Grading and resurfacing of the existing 27-foot roadways on each side of this street. The engineer's office has been advised at this time that the widening of this thoroughfare will be allowable

U.S. Soldier Pays 'Conscience' Debt Into City Court

While Tech. Sgt. Walter C. West, now instructor in gunnery at an Army training camp at Boise, Idaho was home on furlough last week he walked into the office of City Judge Otto B. Willett. He told his honor that slightly more than a year ago, in his hurry to get away to join his outfit, then stationed in Panama, he neglected to attend to a little matter in the local court and that it had sort of weighed on his "conscience" ever since he wanted to clear it up for all time.

He explained, and the court records show, that on June 7, 1942, he was given a citation to appear before the then city judge, John A. Shidler on the charge of violating section 250-A of the motor vehicle code—driving an auto without possession of a driver's license. He did appear before Judge Shidler on June 13, 1942, and was fined \$1 to be paid on or before July 10 of that year. This he neglected to do, in the hurry to get away to report for duty at the end of his furlough. He handed a dollar bill over to Judge Willett and went away much relieved with the knowledge that the debt is paid and his conscience is clear.

Mother of Flyer To Receive Medal Awarded to Son

Mrs. Violet Brooks, 1452 Engracia ave., whose son, Staff Sgt. Kenneth E. Brooks, gave his life to his country while on a mission with the U.S. Air Forces flying over France last May 13, has received a letter from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, that she will soon receive the Purple Heart Medal, which has been posthumously awarded by direction of the President to her son.

New Marine Corps Auxiliary Seeks More Membership

The Cpl. Hood Marine Corps Auxiliary, a unit of the national organization, organized in August with 14 members has since been augmented by additional enrollment and, on Sept. 1, petitioned for a charter, according to Mrs. Sarah Steen Neukemper, president pro tem. The next meeting of the organization has been called for Sept. 15 at 1 p. m., in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall at 104 Wall st., just off Pacific ave., Redondo Beach.

Any wife, sister or daughter over 16 years of age, of a U.S. Marine, now in the service, or who has been honorably discharged, is eligible to join.

Treloar Delegate Of Local Union To Convention

Local No. 560 of State, County and Municipal Workers of America, (C.I.O.) of Torrance, will be represented at the convention to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 22 to 28, inclusive, by its president, Albert E. Treloar, according to J. R. Winters, the local's reporter.

President Treloar will report to the convention that considerable improvement has resulted among municipal workers of Torrance both in working conditions and in pay increases since the local received its charter in March, 1942.

Treloar will let it be known to convention delegates from all parts of the country that Torrance is "The Modern Industrial City," ideally located in sunny Southern California where great things are being done by labor and management to put the Axis out of the war.

Torrance local 360 has a membership of 53 with fire, street, park and bus departments boasting 100 per cent membership, Winters asserted. Fifteen of the membership are serving in the armed forces of the United States and five others are engaged in defense work.

Torrance Oil Exploration Stirs Interest

Independent oil operators are reported to be busy in exploiting the northwestern end of the old Torrance field nor far from Redondo Beach where drilling results are being watched with keen interest.

The area was opened up some time ago by the Jorgins Oil Co. After completing one well and abandoning the second, the Jorgins concern halted further exploration and quit. Soon afterward Wood-Cullahan moved in and brought in several producers which has attracted other operators to the district. Now 13 wells are on production and about 20 other locations have been made.



STAFF SERG. KENNETH E. BROOKS... awarded posthumously the Purple Heart Medal by direction of Pres. Roosevelt. His mother has been advised that the medal is to be presented to her by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson.

Students Start Back To Studies on Monday In Torrance Schools

School days are here again—or at least they will be next Monday morning, Sept. 13, when the doors swing open at the Torrance high school, and the elementary schools open for admission of students.

Principal Harold E. Perry of the high school announces that the first day will be scheduled as a minimum session, opening at 8 a. m. and closing at 12:20 p. m. All pupils are requested to report at the assembly hall at 8 o'clock a. m. Monday.

There will be a number of new faces in the faculty personnel during the coming semester. Some have left the district, others have been granted leave of absence. But faculty will stand on the opening day as follows:

School Faculty Administration: Harold E. Perry, principal; Miss Elizabeth F. Parks, vice principal. Miss Anna Mae Aiken, music. Frank E. Barrow, English, social studies. Miss Florence Behr, librarian. Ivol R. Blaylock, woodshop. Mrs. Mabel T. Boynton, coordinator. James H. Burchett, drafting. Miss Ethel R. Burnham, English. Miss Ada M. Chase, art. Mrs. Lorraine L. Goodwin, English, social studies, Spanish. Leonard Green, continuation. Ivan H. Grigsby, sheet metal and electric shop. Charles W. Hamilton, printing. Charles F. Hoffer, physical education. Olin B. Hoyt, science. Miss Armine Janeves, commercial. Miss Catherine J. Jennings, physical education. Miss Bernice Johnston, physical education. Miss Marguerite Jones, commercial. Mrs. Edith P. Kelly, social studies. Miss Ruth M. Locke, mathematics. Mrs. Ruth E. Lockridge, home economics. Miss Cora E. Mabe, English, social studies. Miss Katherine Miller, mathematics. Miss Irene Mills, coordinator. Mrs. Grace Morse, counselor. George O. Moyer, auto and machine shop. Louis J. Sauter, music. Miss Clara L. Shearer, mathematics. Harry H. Stone, agriculture and science. Mrs. Madeleine B. Urquhart, home economics. Mrs. Florence W. Vandermast, home economics. Miss Sara H. Vaubel, social studies. Miss Jessie E. Weaver, commercial. John I. Winfield, physical education. Mrs. Stella M. Young, senior

Faculty Changes In Elementary School System

At the Torrance Elementary school, the principal, Bernhard J. Strand announces that all in readiness for the opening session on Monday with a short schedule beginning at 8 a. m. and ending at 12:20 p. m. There, as in the high school, will be a number of faculty changes and some substitute positions are yet to be filled. Among the new teachers will be Miss Stella Meloy, B-5, from Dominguez Elementary; Miss Ethelyn Morgan, A-3-B-4, from the Hamell Street school, and Mrs. Ruth Saunders, A-1 from Chapman Avenue school, Los Angeles. Others noted by Principal Strand were Mrs. Ithel J. Applegate who is on leave for the first semester to be with her soldier husband, Miss Harriet Bartlett retired last spring.

In addition to the new teachers mentioned the sessions will begin with the following faculty personnel: Lillian Mae Marsh, K.D.D.S.; Helen Wood Cole, B-1; Helen Veehik Whitney, B-1; Lovenia Boudinot, B-2; Alice Marie West, A-1-B-2; Evelyn Coigdarrippe, A-2-B-3; Mary Kittrell Liles, B-3-A-3; Phyllis L. Knorr, A-3-B-4; Dolores Knoll Lopez, A-3-B-4; Eva Marie L. Girder, B-5; Helen Lowell Lehman, B-5-A-5; Julia Lynn McManus, A-6-B-6; Ruth E. Hunt Roodal, B-6.

Teachers for bungalow classrooms: Lila Kern Deleiseques, Gertrude Mary Dullian, Myrtle Leary, Elizabeth W. Robinette (substitute for Mabel Eisnibise Rowley), Eleanor Andrews Alford, Norman Joseph Sowers, Fannie Ragin Schneider.

Much Red Tape. While most housing is needed for those engaged in war work right here and in most all other Southland communities, declared MacDonnell, it requires patience. He explained that considerable time must elapse before any new construction or conversion work can start. Talking public conversion applications as an example, MacDonnell pointed out that:

The War Housing Center receives applications and processes them to the Home Owners Loan Corp. The H.O.L.C. sends inspectors to examine the property. The inspectors make a report to architects. The architects draw plans for the proposed work, and turns the plans over to other architects who check the required critical materials.

Cost of the project is then figured, and this is checked against probable income from rentals. If the cost of the work exceeds the probable income for a period of seven years, the application is rejected. If the revenue promises to equal or exceed the conversion costs, the application goes on its way for final action, taking its chances among others as to location in

Acute Housing Needs Revealed by Area Center War Housing Manager. Housing needs in the Torrance area are decidedly acute and there is no indication of immediate relief for some time, according to Pat MacDonnell, War Center Housing area manager, with headquarters in Torrance. All this despite the various projects now under construction.

There are just not enough houses to meet the demands of war workers and in addition, this does not take into account the needs of those who come under the non-essential classification," he asserted. MacDonnell pointed out that the local office is flooded almost daily with applications from men employed in Torrance war industries as well as from others—but nothing can be done through this agency for those engaged in non-essential war tasks. He mentioned also a rather peculiar quirk in the Housing Authority's regulations which apply to men employed in war housing projects. While they build homes for war workers, regulations preclude them from occupying dwellings they help to erect. They are ineligible, although it would appear that they are essential workers, yet they are placed in the non-essential classifications list with civilians. Some of the builders now living in trailers resent this

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