



COLUMBIA STEEL . . . workers listening to Pharmacist Mate 2/c F. E. Hayward tell of his experiences on Guadalcanal. (See Story and Picture on Page 4-A)

Ration Books Show Increase in Population

Population increases in all cities and communities in this area are reflected in a compilation of No. 4 Ration Books issued last week. Total figures reported by school principals, who were in charge of issuing the latest ration books, show the following populations:

Torrance	12,188
Lomita	9,714
Harbor City	4,296
Keystone	2,465

Total . . . 28,663
Every school throughout the Torrance-Lomita-Harbor City area reported substantial increases over the number of No. 2 Ration Books issued last February, indicating a general population increase throughout this district. A breakdown of the number of books issued in each school last week follows:

TORRANCE AREA	
Tor. Elementary	7,790
Fern Avenue	2,759
Walteria	865
Perry (N. Torrance)	774
Carson (Keystone)	2,465
Total	14,653

LOMITA-HARBOR CITY AREA	
Lom. Elementary	4,866
Orange Street	4,848
Harbor City	4,296
Total	14,010

A comparison with the No. 2 Ration Book issued in February, shows an increase of 716 in the Torrance area and 735 additional in the Lomita-Harbor City district.

The process of registration and issuance of the books proceeded smoothly and the teachers and others who gave their services received high praise from O.P.A. representatives. Bernhard J. Strand, principal of Torrance Elementary school, was in charge in the Torrance area and C. P. Lyon, principal of Narbonne high school in Lomita-Harbor City and Walteria.

Dimout Ban to Be Lifted in U. S. November 1

A government source at Washington announced last night that effective next Monday, Nov. 1, dimout regulations that have been operating since the spring of 1942 will be lifted—whereas, lights will be again on "The Great White Way" in all the principal coastal cities of the United States.

The War and Navy Departments and other government agencies jointly announced lifting of the dimout as a result of the success of the anti-submarine campaign in coastal waters. At the same time the warning was sounded that the war is yet far from ended; that "we still have a hard struggle ahead before the enemy is vanquished."

Canadian officials at Vancouver, B.C. are reported to have expressed surprise over the U.S. order, relaxing dimout regulations, declaring Canada had no such plans in immediate contemplation.

Seven More Listed As Delinquents by Local Draft Board

Selective Service Board 280 in Torrance has listed the following persons as delinquent and their names and last address have been reported to the U.S. district attorney's office for such action as may be deemed advisable.

Celestino Encarnacion Ariaz, 4011 1/2 Spencer st., Torrance.
Felipe Tostao Magana, 203 House 32 Pueblo, Torrance.
Atanacio Garcia Acero, 2208 263rd st., Torrance.
Ramon Rodriguez Bejar, 1520 Cedar st., Torrance.
Gilberto (Nono) Soto, Rt. 1, Box 899, Sanger (also Palcs Verdes Estates, and San Pedro).
Alfonso Socorro Herrera, Tia Juana, Mex. (was 1223 W. 168th st., Gardena).
Henry Cordova Hernandez (was 36 263rd st., Torrance, in care of sister, Mrs. Josephine Hernandez, Gen. Del., Naco, Ariz.)

TRANSPORTS STUDENTS
The Torrance Municipal Bus department has signed a contract with the Los Angeles school district to convey students in the Walteria area to and from the Narbonne high school with only a slight change in the established schedule. The service will be rendered at slight profit, it was stated.



LT. DOUGLAS L. CRAWFORD . . . former popular Torrance young man, killed in crash of Flying Fortress near Ponca, Okla., along with 13 other crew members. He graduated from Torrance high school in 1942.

Lieut. Crawford Loses Life in Bomber Crash

Second Lieut. Douglas L. Crawford, 20, one of the most popular students of Torrance high school in the mid-year class of '42, was killed in a Flying Fortress crash near Ponca, Okla., on Oct. 22, along with 13 others of his associates. None of the crew members escaped.

Lieut. Crawford was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Crawford, formerly residents of 1547 West 221st st., Torrance, but now of Portland, Ore., where the elder Crawford is employed in war work. They have another son, Jimmy, who lives with his parents.

The young lieutenant enlisted in the Army Air Force shortly after graduation and received his commission on April 12, 1943 at Luke Field, Ariz. He was serving as a copilot on a B-17 at a South Dakota base and had only recently completed a 10-day furlough spent with his father and mother.

The bereaved parents arrived in Torrance Wednesday night and advised from government authorities that the body of the lieutenant would reach here tomorrow. Funeral rites will be held at the Stone & Myers chapel at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Interment will follow at Inglewood cemetery.

Rodeo Attracts 5,000 Fans Here Last Sunday

An audience of an estimated 5,000 fans witnessed the colorful parade and rodeo at Torrance Municipal park last Sunday afternoon. Altogether the show was successful, not only from the standpoint of entertainment but financially, it was asserted. H. C. Callihan, manager of the affair, and his associates expressed appreciation to the public and to business and industrial firms who gave their cooperation.

Headed by Bob Chambers on his champion parade horse with the golden horns, "King," a parade of beautiful animals, some not quite so pretty, but rather practical looking at that, through the downtown streets and followed by thousands of prospective spectators cantered back to the park where a crew of employees had been busy since early morning unloading George Demeree's high class bucking stock for the afternoon's performance.

Handsome engraved trophies were presented to the various winners of parade events. Chambers and his horse were awarded the cup for the outstanding parade horse, and King is all of that. He surely was a proud animal as he headed the troop into the arena and cleverly side-stepped over to let his owner accept the trophy. Toni Deeter, Queen of the Rodeo, was awarded a trophy for horsemanship and appearance on Callihan's fine cow horse.

Council Asked To Remove Ban On Auditorium

A movement, purpose of which is to induce the city council to order the reopening of the Civic Auditorium for use of civilians as well as for civilian defense, which has been brewing for some time, crystallized Tuesday when a formal petition was filed with the city clerk for presentation to the council. The petition contains the signatures of 11 local citizens as follows: Henry C. Barrington, L. G. Barkdull, Charles T. Rippey, Laura Davis, Anne Warburton, Bettina Miller, Gertrude Wilson, T. R. Miller, F. L. Parks, John E. Miller and James L. Rahl.

The petition is being sponsored by the Torrance Service Men's Foundation, represented as a non-profit corporation or organized by civilians of Torrance. Before taking action on granting the prayer of the petition the council decided to meet with the petitioners and members of the Civilian Defense Council in the council chamber next Monday at 8 p.m. for a hearing and discussion of the matter.

The petition recites among other things that "an examination of the auditorium discloses that it can be used for civilian purposes without interfering with civilian defense; that military authorities have conceded that the danger of bombing is so remote as to be practically non-existent," which has been evidenced by the recent relaxation of dimout regulations.

Torrance Gridmen Going to China

The recently formed football team consisting of men employed in local war industries will travel to China next Sunday for a grid contest with the country reputed to have some really good players.

Johnny Douglas, manager of the Torrance team, is taking along his crew of former college and high school football enthusiasts and feels confident that the Chinese lads will find out they have been in a ball game before the end of the last quarter.

Douglas invites any men employed in the war industries who are interested to join his group and urges them to appear at the Torrance park on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons at 4:30 o'clock for tryouts. They may call either on Douglas or the team's coach, Lloyd Powell.

Firemen Called To Blaze on S. O. Marble Fee Lease

The Torrance fire department was called out at 12:30 o'clock p.m. Friday to a fire which was confined to two small oil tanks on the Standard Oil Marble Fee lease south of Sepulveda Blvd. The blaze started while oil was being pumped into the tanks from a truck. The foamite apparatus from the C.C.M.O. and Superior Oil properties responded and assisted in subduing the flames. Little could be done by use of water, Chief McMaster said.

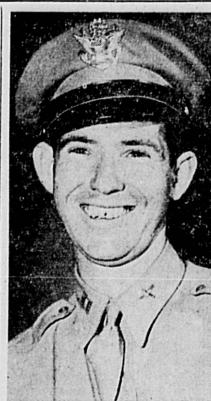
The fire department is not equipped with a "foam" truck. About 100 gallons of oil contained in the two tanks were destroyed, it was reported.

Alexander Released For Probation Period

After he had agreed to secure a suitable housekeeper to care for his two small daughters, Clarence C. Alexander of 24435 Neece st., Walteria, arrested Sept. 30 for unjustifiable punishment and neglect of the children was put on probation by Otto B. Willett, Torrance city judge, and approved by juvenile court officials.

The judge gave Alexander a suspended sentence after learning that the mother of the children had recently died in a Los Angeles hospital. The children were made technical wards of the juvenile court after a hearing, but were released to the father when he agreed to get the housekeeper to care for them. He is a worker in a defense plant.

WHERE TO COMPLAIN
Persons having any complaints about any Torrance city matters—other than the police and fire departments—are requested to lodge them with the city engineer's office. By doing so, said Engineer Jain, less delay in making adjustments will result.



BURMA BOMBER . . . Clarke E. Johnston, famed air pilot, to tell thrilling experiences in fighting Japanese in the Orient before National Supply company employees, between 4:15 and 4:45 p. m., November 2.

Famed Far East Air Pilot Here On November 2

Young in age, but old in his experience of successfully combatting Japs in the Far East theater of war, Clarke E. Johnston—famed bomber pilot in the Burma area of combat—will deliver a personal message to employees of the National Supply Co. on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 2.

Bomber Johnston is only 25 years old, but because of his missions over Jap held territory of Burma and his many reconnaissance exploits he was selected by the Army Intelligence Division to tour the country and tell of his battles with a ruthless enemy. Johnston was born in Dallas, Texas. He became an Army flyer in 1940 and won his second lieutenant's commission in July, 1941. He is a captain now and has participated in 48 fighting missions against the Japs. He will relate that when he was assigned to the Tenth Air Corps in India, the equipment for that entire outfit consisted of only three B-25 bombers. Capt. Johnston will stress to National's employees the great importance of more production to bring the enemy to his knees in the shortest possible time. He wants every worker to realize the gravity and responsibility of his or her job in this hour of peril.

For his outstanding services in Far East theater of war, Capt. Johnston has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the American and Asiatic medals. A stirring account of Capt. Johnston's exploits over Burma appears in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

Torrance Water Bonds Bought to Save Over \$600

The session of the Torrance city council Tuesday evening was confined to transaction of purely routine business, such as reading of communications and hearing reports from department heads.

The council authorized the purchase by the city of \$2000 worth of Torrance Municipal Improvement Dist. No. 1 bonds, bearing 6 per cent interest and due July 15, 1954. Cost to the city was \$2,637.20, but which will represent a net saving to the city of more than \$600, according to City Clerk Bartlett.

A warrant was ordered issued payable to the Pacific Electric Railway Co. to pay the cost of the company's abandonment of railway tracks on Caballero ave. The Pacific Electric submitted a claim for \$2,152.02.

LEAVES FOR IDAHO
Mrs. James W. Lines (nee Elaine Foster) has departed for northern Idaho to join her husband who is an instructor at the U.S. Navy base at Farragut. Mrs. Lines expects to be away for two or three weeks. Mrs. M. F. Foster, her mother, who resides at 911 Cota ave., reports.

BUS LINE DATA
During the fiscal year ending last June 30, the Torrance Municipal buses carried 234,153 passengers and covered 247,000 miles.

Industrial Firms Lined up for War Chest Campaign In This Area

Local organization for the local Los Angeles Area War Chest campaign is approaching completion, according to Chairman Hillman Lee in announcing the list of firms and their respective representatives to conduct the establishment's department drive in the Torrance Division No. 257. Names of the participating firms and representatives follow:

Felker Mfg. Co., M. H. Felker; Longren Aircraft, A. K. Longren; National Supply Co., R. R. Smith; Doak Aircraft, Inc., Donald E. Blaisdell; International Derrick Co., Mr. Rumbold; D & M Machine Co., Robert E. Cato, Sr.; Chanlor, Canfield-Midway Oil Co., Sherwood McIntyre; Pacific Smelting, P. G. Lannon; Plastik Co. of America, Neil H. Anderson; Joshua Henny Co., G. S. Ogden; Automatic Printing, Henry Ulbricht; Salm Mfg. Co., Joe Salm; Torrance Brass Foundry, E. Harwood Clark; Barrington Welding & Machine Works, H. C. Barrington; Torrance Aluminum, Harvey Crawford; Torrance Laundry & Dry Cleaning, William Rojo; United Sulphur & Chemical Co., representative not named; Mayfair Creamery, Earl Brunner; Pacific Perfuming Co., J. E. Pooler; Bohm Aluminum, representative not named; Builders Brick Co., Henry Guenser; Higgins Brick & Tile, Higgins Bros.; Coast Brick Co., representative not named; United Concrete Pipe Co., Dave Roberts; Axelsson Mfg. Co., W. J. Jackson; Martin Tool & Die Works, Philip D. Martin; B. & H. Machine Co., representative not announced.

Stroh Appeals to Young People for Sane Halloween

Chief of Police John Stroth wants the young people of Torrance to enjoy themselves on Halloween night next Saturday, but in a lawful and sane manner.

The chief emphasized that the municipal curfew law will be rigidly enforced by the police department, which will have the help of the auxiliary police force—if needed. Any damage to property will not be tolerated as all materials are vital to the war effort and must be preserved.

"There are a lot of teen age youngsters in Torrance now who have brothers, possibly fathers, somewhere in the armed services and I feel sure that our young people will be mindful of this fact before indulging in any of the Halloween pranks. They should feel it their duty to cooperate with the police for protection of all property in any manner whatsoever."

"I want the young people to have their fun—up to 10 o'clock and celebrate in the way that Halloween was intended to be. I hope parents will instruct their children what they can do to cooperate in keeping this year's activities the way they should be."

OCD Workers Leaving City Requested to Return OCD Property

Fire Chief J. E. McMaster who has charge of all property issued by the Office of Civilian Defense and issued to the city of Torrance, today urgently requested anyone about to leave the city permanently who has been active in civilian defense work to turn in all such property they may still have in their possession.

Chief McMaster's attention has been called to the fact that several persons have departed without returning the property entrusted to them which they should have done and carried away an official clearance receipt. McMaster warned that equipment issued to them is the property of the United States and that the penalty for failure to return it before leaving the community or after having been requested to do so is severe. When the equipment was issued it was with the understanding that the ownership remained with the government, McMaster asserted.

Civilian Defense Drill Set for Next Tuesday

Chief of Police John Stroth this morning called attention of members of the Civilian Defense Corps that Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m., has been set as the time for another incident drill. All are requested to be in their respective posts.

MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of Torrance auxiliary police scheduled for next Monday, Nov. 1, has been postponed to Nov. 15, it was announced today by Chief John Stroth.

Chamber of Commerce Board Is Streamlined for Action

Torrance needs a Chamber of Commerce and it is going to have one—that really functions. This was the determined purpose expressed unanimously by a group of 25 representative citizens who met at the present Chamber headquarters, 1119 Sartori ave., Monday evening.

The new vitalized Chamber is to be a more closely-knit organization, streamlined for action. The former unwieldy and largely disinterested board of 15 directors has been scuttled and a smaller board of seven directors has been empowered to direct the affairs of the civic body for the balance of the fiscal year, ending Dec. 31. Those who were selected and have agreed to serve as directors are: James L. Lynch, Hugh Sherkey, Jr., Philip Van Dyke, William H. Tolson, Robert T. McCallum, Sam Levy and C. T. Rippey.

The new board will hold its first meeting tonight at 8:30, was decided.

Ed. Brown Joins Torrance Herald As Business Mgr.

Edwin B. Brown, who for the past nine years has been advertising manager of the San Pedro News-Pilot, will be associated with The Torrance Herald as business manager and director of advertising, beginning Nov. 1, it was announced today by Grover C. Whyte, publisher.

Brown brings to The Herald a



EDWIN B. BROWN . . . sees bright future for Torrance.

wide experience in the newspaper and advertising field. Prior to his work on the San Pedro daily, which is one of the Copley chain of newspapers, he was associated with the chain's Glendale News-Press and San Diego Union-Tribune. His first job on a newspaper was in his home town of Fort Worth, Texas, on the Star-Telegram as office boy during summer vacations. This paper was owned in part by Brown's family, so it might be said that he was raised in the newspaper business.

During Brown's nine years in San Pedro he was active in civic affairs of that city. A number of Torrance business men came in contact with Brown as vice-president and director of the San Pedro Business Men's Assn. During this period, he served as mediator for both the unions and business interests of the harbor district in settling wage disputes and negotiation of contracts. Brown has also been active in the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. and has served as president of the Cali-

In Appreciation

The editor and staff of The Torrance Herald gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following kind and thoughtful tribute from Rev. Fr. Joseph L. Bauer, pastor of the Church of the Nativity. The message, dated Oct. 25, and captioned "In Appreciation," states:

Upon completion of three years in Torrance, I wish to extend very sincere thanks and expressions of gratitude to the Editor and Staff of The Torrance Herald for the many favors and kindnesses and solid cooperation bestowed upon me during this time.

I am pleased that I have been permitted to remain here for that length of time and I sincerely hope that we may remain together for many years to come.

I pray the blessings of God upon each and every person in Torrance and I sincerely hope that God will bless us in spiritual and temporal ways.

Appreciatively,
FATHER BAUER.