



PLANT PROTECTION . . . Dow Chemical Company received Army's recognition by being awarded the coveted Guidon banner for efficiency, appearance and training of its Auxiliary Military Police upon whom the responsibility of plant protection rests.

Plant Protection Unit at Dow Chemical Plant Joists Coveted Guidon

The Plant Protection department of the Dow Chemical Co.'s plant on South Vermont ave. in the Torrance area, last Saturday forenoon was signally honored by Army officers of the Ninth Service Command with headquarters at Fort Douglas, Utah, plant officials and invited guests.

The occasion was presentation to the Dow organization, styrene division, of the seventh Guidon presented to a major war industry in Southern Security division, by the U.S. Army for outstanding efficiency, appearance and training of its auxiliary military police unit.

Qualifications to receive such recognition are strict and all must be met before authorization is made by the Army to any industry engaged in war work, it was explained by Lieut. Leonard R. Dykes, director, Southern Security district, U.S. Army, who represented Maj. Kenyon A. Joyce, commanding general of the Ninth Service Command, following a brief address by Dr. G. M. Hebbard, plant superintendent, who acted as master of ceremonies.

Col. Dykes' speech to members of the auxiliary police who a few minutes previous had marched through the huge entrance gate to the plant and were halted before the speaker's stand for the momentous event, he said:

"Your job is to see that a steady stream of supplies is kept going to our men on the fighting fronts. To do that you must be ever on the alert against acts of sabotage, or any other acts that would interfere in any way with the war effort. Reports I have received indicate that you have done your job well and I want to congratulate you not only for your attainment today in your neat uniforms, all of which goes to show that the hours you have had in training have been well spent. I do not need to tell you that you, of the auxiliary police unit of the Dow plant, are charged by the war department to ward off danger of any kind and from any source."

Col. Dykes remarked that the way the war has been going lately he was inclined to the belief that the danger of a Tokyo directed raid on the Pacific coast is not as threatening as it appeared a few months ago, but added "he didn't know for sure," and warned that there must be no let up in precautionary measures until the war is actually won. He explained for the benefit of the invited guests many of the things required of the men in training such as the study of military law, articles of war, investigation and prevention of sabotage, fire hazards, use and advantage of various types of fire equipment, practice in marksmanship to qualify them as a part of the U.S. Army, not to go the fighting fronts, but to take care of the home front.

Words of Appreciation
N. R. Crawford, manager of the Dow plant, expressed appreciation of the award by himself and for other officials of the company. He said the plant police force is a cosmopolitan lot having members from 21 states and two foreign countries—one being from Canada.

It fell to Capt. James A. Estill, chief of emergency branch, Southern Security district, to present the Guidon to Alex F. Buro, superintendent of plant protection who accepted it on behalf of the auxiliary military police force over which he presides, whereupon the Guidon was placed on a staff and raised by Sergts. Anderson and Fobey of the plant protection department.

This ended the ceremony and the police force marched out proudly displaying the much-coveted flag of distinction.

WHITTIER VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhone were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Rhone at Whittier.

Temporary Hours At Public Library

Owing to the shortage of help, coupled with transportation difficulties the Torrance Public Library hours will be changed starting next Monday, to meet the existing situation. Temporarily the hours will be 12 to 6, 7 to 9 p.m. on week days. The library will be closed during the supper hour, 6 to 7 p.m.

War Chest Kick-Off Meeting on November 12

While the establishments committee of the local organization to raise funds for the Los Angeles Area War Chest has already been putting in some good advance ticks toward doing its part in the campaign in the form of "our men in the armed services, our allies and our homes," Chairman Hillman Lee has announced plans for a formal "kick-off" meeting on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Chamber of Commerce.

Lee disclosed that already approximately \$27,000 has been either pledged or paid in cash to meet this year's demand for human needs.

Lee stated that Fay Parks has been chosen chairman of the business, or downtown committee, which is to make a canvass of the business district, while W. E. Bowen will serve as chairman of the residential committee. Meanwhile the committee chairmen are selecting their helpers and they are being called upon to be present at the session on Nov. 12 to receive final instructions.

Reports received by Chairman Lee from the head area office state that more than a half million employees of 8000 business firms and war plants throughout the area were the first group touched in the opening appeal of the War Chest for support for its 120 member organizations. J. A. Hartley, general area chairman of the establishments division, has advised that he hopes to have this part of the campaign near conclusion within the next week. Then will come the general house-to-house canvass.

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Reopening of Auditorium up To City Council

Possibility that the Torrance Civic Auditorium, closed since the beginning of the war emergency, will at least be partially reopened in the near future was heightened Monday evening at a conference held in the city council chamber between Mayor McGuire, two other members of the city council, Babcock and Powell, and representatives of the Services Men's Foundation which petitioned the council at its last regular session requesting removal of the ban on the auditorium for public gatherings.

The question was discussed from various angles by the mayor and associates and just what will be done was left to the councilmanic body at its meeting next week.

It was intimated at the gathering that the auditorium might be used again for dances, but not for the staging of shows or other entertainment until some future date.

Kenneth Munson Loses Life In Naval Battle

Word was received in Torrance this week that Kenneth Munson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Munson, formerly of Torrance but now residents of Long Beach had been killed in action somewhere in the Pacific theater of war. Further than that, no details were immediately available.

He had been in the Navy for about seven years and this was not the first time that his ship had been in action with the Japs. He was in Torrance two months ago when he visited his sister, Mrs. Tom Dougherty, and his many friends in this vicinity.

He resided in Torrance for several years during which time he attended the Elementary school.

Service Devoted to Prayers for Peace

Thursday, Nov. 11, Armistice Day, there will be a service of Holy Communion with prayers for world peace in St. Andrew's church, Torrance, starting at 11 a.m.

Torrance Third War Loan Sales Total \$841,822

The Third War Loan drive of September went over big, according to latest information received by Chairman Hillman Lee of the local bond campaign committee. Final figures just released by the department has revealed that bond and stamp purchases credited to Torrance during the period totaled to \$841,822, or \$216,822 in excess of the \$625,000 quota set for this community.

BURGERS HAVE GUEST

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Burger are entertaining as their house guest her sister, Mrs. A. H. Cox of Minneapolis, who arrived recently to spend the winter here.

Lynch Chosen Chamber President; Mrs. Young In Charge of Office

Stimulated by "new blood" recently injected into its directorate, the re-organized Torrance Chamber of Commerce is rapidly becoming an aggressive functioning body of civic developers. Highlights of the past week's progress are:

Election of James L. Lynch, president; Philip Van Dyke, vice-president; Robert T. McCallum, secretary; and Charles T. Rippey, treasurer.

Heads Chamber

Employment of Mrs. Leonard Young as assistant secretary in charge of the office at 1119 Sartori ave., which will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

William H. Tolson has been named chairman, and Philip Van Dyke, vice-chairman of the transportation committee. Other committee chairmen are: Charles T. Rippey, taxation; Sam Levy, public relations.

During the past week, President Lynch and Vice-president Van Dyke have been busy contacting retail business firms and professional men and enrolling them as Chamber members. The new Chamber officers report much enthusiasm throughout the business section and an almost unanimous realization of the need of an active civic organization and willingness to support it financially.

Retail firms are being enrolled to pay dues of \$5 per month, and a minimum of \$1 per month or \$12 per year, has been set for non-business memberships. Enrollment of industrial memberships and collections has been assigned to Directors Levy and Tolson.

Directors of the Chamber will meet every Monday at 8 p.m. and it is planned to hold monthly membership meetings, according to President Lynch.

Chief of Police Warns Blackout Regulations Remain In Effect Despite Order Relaxing Dimout

There have been more lights aglow in Torrance this week because of the relaxation of dimout regulations by order of the Western Defense Command. For the first time in many months John Strohm warned, there has been no setting aside of the "blackout" laws affecting this community.

The chief backed up this word of caution by an admonition received from Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, U.S. Army, commanding, who advised that while the lighting restrictions suspended by public proclamation No. 19 "may be renewed in full force and effect at any time from time to time as may be deemed necessary because of the military situation," adding "that the suspension . . . shall have no effect upon existing or future laws or regulations governing blackouts but relates solely to lighting restrictions for dimout purposes as promulgated by the said Proclamation No. 19."

Another Warning
In addition to the foregoing came a reminder from D. E. Andrew regional protection officer, Region No. IX, that "if shielding is removed, plans should be developed to re-protect the area within a 24-hour period; otherwise, should the restrictions (dimout) be suddenly renewed, these unshielded lights will have to remain extinguished until such time as proper shielding has been effected."

Tuesday morning Chief Strohm received a letter from Willard W. Keith, vice chairman of the California State War Council, who advised:

"Your city has been rated as a community of No. 1 priority, which may be interpreted to mean from a military standpoint, that it is considered as a primary target in the event of enemy action."

"For all No. 1 priority areas, it has been recommended by the Army, O.C.D. and this office that civilian protection service be maintained at the highest level of efficiency and alertness. It has been urged that every effort be made to increase the existing organizations of auxiliary fire, auxiliary police and emergency medical and to perfect their training and operational ability."

Chief Strohm declared that his department will not interfere in any way with the program for relaxation of the dimout, but he thinks the communications he has just received make it clear that there should be immediate action to restore the dimout and prompt enforcement of the blackout regulations—"and they will be enforced here if necessary: This war is yet far from being won. Until it is there remains the element of enemy danger on our coast," the chief declared.

Adding to the foregoing Chief Strohm stated that if any merchant or business they must delegate some responsible person 18 years or older to turn them off immediately in event a blackout warning is sounded. He also warned residents not to go away from their homes with the porch light aglow, unless they leave someone behind to extinguish them should an emergency arise. Under existing circumstances, the police department will not assume the responsibility of turning off lights in store windows at regular periods at night, as was the case in pre-dimout days, so long as the blackout laws exist, it was stressed.

E. W. Hedrick, Former Local Resident, Dies

Edward Wilson Hedrick of Pomona, 53, formerly of 1614 215th st., died Tuesday morning at Kaiser hospital, Pomona, following a heart attack. For 11 years he was an employee of Columbia Steel, leaving recently for Kaiser Steel plant at Fontana. He is survived by his wife, Blanche, five sons and one daughter.

Two of his sons, Harry and James, reside at Pomona; the other three are in the armed services of the United States. Leslie is stationed at present in Kentucky; William, now a corporal, at Boise, Idaho, and Arthur at Williams, Ariz. The daughter, Miss Margaret, is with her mother in Pomona. All will attend the funeral.

The deceased also is survived by his mother who lives in McCracken, W. Va., which was his native state, and by two grandchildren.

The body is at the Blackman mortuary at Pomona, pending funeral arrangements.

BAPTISTS BUY BONDS

The First Baptist church of Torrance has purchased four more \$1000 War Bonds, making a total of \$20,000 now invested in government securities.



CAPT. F. R. (PAT) BOYLE . . . well known Torrance man who was a sailor in World War I, now with Gen. George Patton's Seventh Army somewhere in the European theatre, has seen plenty of action in recent months. The above picture shows him in a jeep—probably during the campaign which drove the Germans out of Sicily.

Capt. Pat Boyle Sees Action In Battling Nazis

Pat Boyle, who is now a captain in the U.S. Army somewhere in the European theatre, has been away from Torrance a little more than a year. He was with the U.S. armed forces that landed at Casablanca; he was with Gen. Patton's Seventh Army in Sicily. Just where he is now Mrs. Boyle and her daughter, Mrs. Marcela Mae Acord who reside at the family home, 1229 Acacia ave., do not know.

Mrs. Boyle has had no letter for more than three weeks; neither has she seen any mention of the Seventh Army lately—all of which leads her to believe that there is something big and important brewing insofar as the Seventh Army is concerned. It will be remembered that this army, led by Gen. George Patton in the Sicilian campaign, was a potent factor after hard and difficult fighting in connection with the British Eighth Army in driving the Nazis out of Sicily.

Gifts Sent Home

Capt. Boyle never misses an opportunity to send back home something from the foreign lands he has visited and in which he has been fighting. Already he has collected many souvenirs, articles of merchandise made by skilled workmen with the crudest kind of tools, pictures of places of historic fame which he has written he will have to leave unexplained until he comes home. One of the interesting war trophies is an Arabian dagger and case. It is the kind of weapon used against the Americans and British at Casablanca before they were convinced that the invading forces had come as friends.

Of special interest to Mrs. Boyle and her daughter are two hand-embroidered Morocco leather hassocks. There are several trapezoids with figures of delicately woven strands of silver; a native sugar set, probably from Tunisia. A hammered brass tray, covered with hand-cut engravings is another treasure, a gift from a native cook who took a great liking for Captain Boyle.

When Captain Boyle returns he will find his "den" just off the spacious living room almost exclusively set apart for the many things he has sent home. These all have been skillfully and attractively arranged by Mrs. Boyle. In the collection are scores of pictures and places of interest and military scenes which had been closely scrutinized by the censor.

During World War I, the now Army captain was with the U.S. Navy and when discharged in 1922 carried the title of chief boatswain's mate. Altogether he served 13 years in the Navy. He also was awarded the Croix de Guerre on Sept. 14, 1918 in a situation for services while off duty with a Naval battery at Chateau Thierry took onto himself and beyond the call of duty, scouted across the enemy lines, and returning with valuable information which caused the destruction of one complete battery of German artillery and the advance of 300 yards by French troops.

The citation was signed by the commanding officer of the U.S. Naval forces operating in European waters in France, district of Rochefort.

SUNDAY GUEST

Marvin B. Beene of San Diego was a Sunday guest of Jack Beene of 1312 Post ave.

WMC Ceiling on Labor Limits Payroll Number To October's Peak Day

At the Torrance office of the U.S. Employment Service on Carson st., K. E. Bradley, local manager, has received official confirmation of the order of the War Manpower Committee issued early this week which places a ceiling practically on all kinds of labor—excepting household domestics and agricultural field workers.

There is a provision in the order, however, which makes allowances for employers in construction work, stores anticipating holiday increases in business and part-time workers employed 24 hours or less per week.

October Peak Basis
Otherwise, Bradley explained, no employer may have more full-time employees than were on his payroll on the peak day in October.

The order does not affect 129 high urgency war plants which already have had employment ceilings set; 35,000 employers and 1,000,000 men are affected by the ruling, these priorities having been set up for some time.

George Toll, Long Beach W.M.C. office manager, said: "Nothing in this new ruling prevents hiring double-duty or short-shift workers. The W.M.C. has also held that persons in non-essential work, taking an essential job on the four-hour basis, would not be obliged to stay with the four-hour job if they didn't find it suitable. Of course anyone can quit any job any time, without release. But he cannot take another job in Southern California, if his former job was essential, without a statement of availability, issued either by his former employer or by the local W.M.C. office. Without that statement of availability no employer, essential or nonessential, is permitted to hire workers."

Fall Fatal to Workman at G.P. Refinery

Falling off a tower where he was employed on construction work, Lawrence Seagle Murphy, 29, of 3205 Euclid ave., Lynwood, was fatally hurt Monday afternoon. He died at the Torrance Memorial hospital shortly after the accident, having been taken there by ambulance.

Murphy was an employee of the Lummis Co., contractors, now building a large tower at the General Petroleum refinery near Torrance. According to reports given to sheriff's office investigators Murphy was attempting to make some pipe fittings on the tower using a spud wrench. Something went wrong in the operation and he was hit on the head by a pipe fitting which precipitated him to a cement pavement approximately 20 feet below. Murphy landed on his head, sustaining a fractured skull and other injuries. The body was taken to the Stone & Myers mortuary.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Lucile, and a 5-year-old son, Michael Lawrence Murphy, residing at the Lynwood address; two brothers and one sister. One of the brothers and the sister reside at Simi, California; the other brother at Bakersfield.

Some Rowdiness Mars Serenity Of Halloween

Aside from the somewhat indiscreet use of snip on store windows and rowdiness displayed by a trio of Torrance high school boys by throwing vegetables and fruit as passing motorists before being apprehended by police, Halloween otherwise passed off quite sanely in Torrance, according to police department reports. Four youths disregarded the curfew ordinance by staying out over the zero hour and their passes were taken up and cancelled, at least temporarily.

The three high school boys, police said, extracted the fruit and vegetables from a market in the county area and were turned over to the sheriff's department for further disposition.

Howser Files Report on Findings Concerning Juvenile Delinquency

A total of 99 per cent of the boys and girls of Los Angeles county are "non-delinquent"—with delinquency numbering only 1.6 per cent among the boys of school age and .6 per cent among girls. This has been revealed this week by the complete report on "Juvenile Delinquency in Wartime" prepared by District Attorney Fred N. Howser and sent to school, church and community leaders throughout Los Angeles county.

The report lists 1598 cases of delinquency for the first three months of 1943—1226 among boys, and 372 for girls. The increase over previous years is shown by the listing of 4083 delinquency cases for 1940, 4762 for 1941, and 5149 for 1942.

"All types of delinquency have increased since the war, with the exception of juvenile auto thefts, which have decreased," Howser's report states. "Lack of proper parental control" is listed as the most numerous type of case—accounting for 953 boys and 765 girls in 1942—with immorality—134 cases for boys and 317 for girls—second.

Largest number of specific law violations are found in burglaries, a total of 574 for boys and three for girls. Second most numerous juvenile offense is car theft, with 562 boys and three girls arrested during 1942. Other offenses include checks and forgery, use of liquor, robbery, petty theft, sex offenses and traffic violations.

The report shows a greater increase in delinquency in the Los Angeles metropolitan area than in the rural areas covered by the sheriff's office.

Seven wartime factors were listed as important in creating delinquency. These include: 1. The disruption of homes. 2. Rigors of war work. 3. Entrance of mothers and older sisters, etc., in industry and war activity. 4. Sudden affluence. 5. Hysteria of war with its freedoms, relaxing of moral standards, concentration of new populations in strange surroundings. 6. Absence of all those controls that go with an established community life. 7. A definite tendency to earlier maturity, or at least the adoption by youngsters of the privileges and prerogatives of maturity. ("If he is old enough to fight, he is old enough to run his life.")

RODEO PATRONS BUY \$2000 OF WAR BONDS

A total of \$2000 in War Bonds were sold at the recent rodeo, it was announced by the Torrance Rodeo committee. Purchasers of \$25 War Bonds or larger denominations were admitted to the rodeo grounds without admission charge.