

# 128 New Homes Ready Soon for Workers In Torrance War Plants

Fred S. Baversfeld, sales manager for Torrance Housing Corp., announces that a total of 128 new two and three-bedroom dwellings are nearing the completion stage in Torrance Terrace.

This tract is located just north of Carson st., between Western and Normandie. These homes are available to war workers in the Torrance district who meet eligibility requirements of the Torrance War Housing Center.



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The new homes are constructed under F.H.A. approval and are being sold on small initial payments and modest monthly terms. Prices range from \$4650 to \$5250 for two and three bedrooms, respectively, including the large lot upon which each unit has been built. Improvements include sewers, sidewalks, street paving, and electric service. Mr. Baversfeld pointed out that the new homes are within walking distance to many war plants, as well as the Torrance shopping district.

Bus transportation is available between outlying industrial plants and downtown Los Angeles.

Persons interested in procuring a home in Torrance are urged by Mr. Baversfeld to first apply for a "W" eligibility card at the Torrance War Housing Center, 1119 Sartori ave. The card should then be taken to the Torrance Terrace Tract office, 1541 Carson st., between Normandie and Western aves. Houses are being shown daily and all day Sunday.

## Heart Ailment Causes Death Of War Worker

Torrance police received a report last Sunday morning that Alvin O. Anderson, whose home address was given at 621 Catalina street Redondo Beach, advised that he was found dead in an isolated spot off Carson street east of Torrance. As the discovery was outside the city San Pedro police were called on the case.

Suspicion of foul play was discounted by the harbor police and cause of death was attributed to a chronic heart ailment, it was reported later. Anderson had been employed as a steel furnace worker in a war plant and was said to have been drinking. He is survived by his estranged wife, Mrs. Emma Anderson, who lives at 1636 1/2 West 219th street in Torrance who is employed at the Torrance Steam Laundry; also by three daughters, Jerry, Phyllis and Lorraine, and two sons, Eugene, who lives with his mother, and Milo who is in the U.S. Army. The father of the deceased, H. L. Anderson, is a resident of Long Beach.

## Recruiter for Navy Waves Plans for Torrance Meeting

Recent relaxation of Naval regulations permits enlistment as WAVES women whose husbands are enlisted men, warrant officers or midshipmen trainees for commissions, Suzanne Saffold R1/c, told a Navy reporter here last Tuesday. Women engaged to marry U.S. Army officers can join the WAVES, too, she pointed out, since the Navy now permits marriages within the service.

Miss Saffold announced today a colored film, "Men May Fight," will be shown at a meeting called to take place in the auditorium of the Torrance high school, Thursday evening, Nov. 30, to which all interested persons are invited. The presentation will be under sponsorship of the National Business and Professional Women's Club, it was said by officials of this organization.

## Youth Program to Open Monday at Civic Auditorium

The Torrance Youth Commission announced this week that the youth program planned for the Civic Auditorium under the supervision of the director of recreation, Dale Riley, will start next Monday.

Badminton, ping-pong, Chinese checkers, and dancing will be provided. The commission hopes soon to install a snack bar and soft drink stand.

Week nights the auditorium will be open from 7 to 9:30 p. m. All young people living in Torrance are invited to attend.

## NEXT ISSUE DELIVERED FRIDAY DUE TO THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Because Thanksgiving day comes next Thursday, The Torrance Herald and Lomita News will be distributed on Friday, Nov. 26. Carrier boys will report for their papers at 1 p. m. and subscribers may expect deliveries earlier than usual.

Both The Herald and News offices will be closed all day next Thursday in order that the staffs may enjoy a well-earned Thanksgiving day holiday with their families and friends.

Retail stores, public offices, and all business places—with the exception of war plants—will also observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

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FOR WAR CHEST . . . Before a background of standards from which hung flags of the United Nations during the Los Angeles Area War Chest, Torrance Division, "kick-off" meeting in the Torrance city hall last Friday, P. G. Winnett, general chairman for the area, presents a fund solicitor's working kit to Mrs. Madeline Dicke, secretary to the assistant director of public relations of the Doak Aircraft Company. Left to right are:

Sam Levy, chairman of the Torrance establishments' division; Mrs. Dickey, Mr. Winnett, Richard McCune, general chairman of the associated and suburban areas; Sgt. Don Blanchard, U.S. Marine, veteran of Guadalcanal battles with the Japs and a son of Mrs. Ruth Blanchard of Inglewood, district representative for Centinela Valley, who assisted in organization of the Torrance War Chest office. Sgt. Blanchard spoke briefly at the meeting.

## Red Cross Bank In Torrance on November 29

The next Red Cross Blood Bank will be in Torrance November 29—net on November 27, as previously announced, according to Mrs. O. A. Kresse, blood bank chairman of the Torrance Chapter of the Red Cross.

She again emphasized that the unit coming here a week from next Monday is the largest one ever sent to this area and will be at the Civic Auditorium from 3 to 7 p. m. on the day designated.

Mrs. Kresse reminded that the Torrance quota has been set higher than on any previous occasion—at 375 pints of blood to be converted into plasma for use in saving the lives of men and women who become casualties of the present war.

The previous quota was fixed at 300 pints and this area fell short only a few pints. The response must be greater from donors this time. Appointments should be made now—but these appointments should be kept, Mrs. Kresse said.

She recited that there have been times when this was not done. The result is that others willing to do their part may have been turned away because the time for those taking the blood is limited—they must take advantage of every minute. If someone, or more persons fail to show up that means time lost—perhaps several lives have been lost, because the appointments were not kept, Mrs. Kresse stressed.

"Don't fail to keep the appointments after they have been made," she said, "don't let such cruelties of human behavior enter in times like the present," she emphasized.

## Street Grading Begun for New Housing Project

The Thrifty Building and Safety Corp., which is constructing what is known as the Arlington project on the block bounded by Hickory, Greenwood, Eldorado and Sonoma aves., has made arrangements with the city engineering department to do the street grading around the block in accordance with the city engineer's specifications. Cost of the grading is to be borne by the city of Torrance. Surfacing will be done later by the street department with authority of the city council. The corporation is to install the curbing at its own expense.

The building concern is now constructing four apartment buildings containing 64 units, 40 of which will have one bedroom and 24 with two bedrooms, City Engineer Glenn Jain advises.

## War Chest Campaign Gets Off to Start At Kick-off Meeting

More than 100 loyal, patriotic men and women of this community were present at the "kick-off" meeting for the Torrance division of the Los Angeles Area War Chest held in the council chamber of the City hall last Friday forenoon. Most of them had volunteered their services for the house-to-house canvass for the cause of human needs which is under full sway this week.

Hillman Lee, chairman of the Torrance division, presided. He said the quota for Torrance had been set at \$50,000 and he believed that this amount will be more than realized before the campaign is closed. Mr. Lee reminded that this community had never failed to go "over the top" in the previous War Bond drives and expressed confidence that the reaction to this Chest campaign will be equally successful.

He thanked those present for the splendid response to the call for volunteer workers and introduced Mayor McGuire, who in turn presented the chief speaker, P. S. Winnett, general chairman of the Los Angeles Area War Chest who had previously expressed his desire to come to Torrance on this occasion since this city was entering the Chest for the first time.

Giving Not Charity  
Mr. Winnett stressed in his talk that giving to the Chest is not charity, but a responsibility which should be recognized by every good citizen as a patriotic and welfare agency by consolidating them all into one—the only exception being the Red Cross.

Beneficiaries of the Chest include such agencies as the Children's hospital, authorized major welfare organizations, U.S.O. and war relief associations. Donors may designate on their pledge cards which of the list of beneficiaries they prefer to receive their contributions.

Speaking directly to the volunteer workers he warned that their tasks would not be easy, but every citizen should consider it a privilege and an honor in having played a part in this War Chest work.

## No Boundary Line

"Work like this knows no boundary line. You should all feel that you are doing this job for the good of the community. Together our work is for the good of the nation. We can't do anything by sitting around and wishing. We all have to get down and work," Mr. Winnett said.

"California's quota for the War Chest has been placed at \$5,500,000, which is a lot of money even in these times. It cannot be raised by nickels and dimes. Neither do I think it will be done that way, for to

me, it is unthinkable that any man or woman faintly employed should not give liberally to this War Chest."

Praises Labor Group  
Mr. Winnett said the interest taken by labor organizations and the plans devised by them to provide for payroll deductions was inspiring to him. Labor is doing a fine job. "It has been a pleasure to me to work with them and to witness the real interest they are taking," he asserted.

Richard McCune, chairman for the suburban communities, spoke briefly but emphasized importance of the War Chest campaign. Sgt. Don Blanchard, U.S. Marine, veteran of Guadalcanal, said the men on the fighting front certainly appreciate what is being done for them on the home front. "Movements like this War Chest campaign surely will help to end the war sooner."

Lyman D. Mowatt, general manager of the L.A. Area War Chest, gave final instructions to the workers who later received their kits and were prepared to go to work.

## Industrial Unit Expansions to Cost \$67,900

A Torrance industrial area program which will help to step up production to the armed forces of the United States through improvements and expansions at a cost of \$67,900 was reported this week.

The Defense Plant Corp., was granted priorities to go ahead with construction of an addition to its refinery building, 19501 South Normandie avenue, Keystone, at a cost of \$17,300.

O. C. Taylor, owner, was granted permission to proceed with construction of a shed 20x40 feet in dimensions at 261 East Carson st., at cost \$600.

Most important are plans of the Aluminum Company of America to construct a 35x120 foot addition to its cafeteria building, at an expense of \$48,000 for its plant at 19501 South Normandie avenue, east of Torrance.

Two Run Down by Auto During Fog Sustain Injuries  
Ella Lou Johnson, Brighton hotel, and Howard M. Ray, Torrance hotel, were hit by an automobile during the dense fog that prevailed in this area about 7 o'clock Monday morning. The auto was driven by Charles A. Clensay, of 2418 Rockefeller Lane, Redondo beach, who was not held by the Torrance police who investigated the case.

The condition of Mrs. Johnson was reported serious. She sustained a fractured leg and possible internal injuries caused when the car piloted by Clensay passed over her. Ray suffered minor cuts and bruises. Both were taken to Torrance Memorial hospital.

The couple were walking south on Hawthorne blvd., near Garnet, after having been given a ride from Inglewood. Clensay hit the pedestrians after having passed around another south-bound car on Hawthorne blvd.

## Response to War Chest Gratifying To Chairman Lee

The schools of Los Angeles county have raised 97 per cent of their L.A. Area War Chest quota, was the information brought back to Torrance yesterday afternoon by Hillman Lee, Torrance division chairman, after having attended a meeting of Chest executives and 1,000 workers held at the Ambassador hotel.

Lee was informed while there that returns compiled to date indicated that in all the area \$4,000,000 had been pledged or paid so far in on the \$5,525,000 quota.

Inquiry made by Chairman Lee at the Torrance Division War Chest headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce bldg. late Wednesday revealed that canvassers in the residential districts of Torrance had reported \$1900 in pledges and cash as the result of their first day's work in the field. Only a few of the majors had turned in their reports up-to-date, he said.

"I feel very sure that Torrance will more than exceed its quota before the campaign is closed. The results so far are gratifying to me," Lee declared.

## Churches Plan Union Service On Thanksgiving

Several Torrance churches will join in holding Thanksgiving services Nov. 25 at the Central Evangelical church, it was announced today.

The services will begin promptly at 10 a. m. and close at 11 a. m. Rev. Griffith, pastor of the Four-square church, will bring the Thanksgiving message. Special music will be supplied by the Nazarene church organization.

## City and Chamber To Cooperate on Civic Promotion

At a joint meeting of the city council and directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce held Friday afternoon, an agreement was reached for cooperative effort between the two civic boards, according to announcements by Mayor Tom F. McGuire and Chamber President James L. Lynch.

Under the agreement the Chamber will act as advertising agent for the city in the preparation and distribution of literature and other media promoting civic development; the Chamber bearing the overhead expense and the city paying the actual cost of printing and advertising. Each expenditure recommended by the chamber will be submitted to the city for approval before the work is started.

The joint meeting at which the agreement was reached was attended by all members of the council and all directors of the Chamber, it was stated.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Chamber held on Monday, Nov. 15, further progress was reported on the transportation plan under chairmanship of William H. Tolson. A tentative program to be backed by local business men was considered carefully and will be shortly laid before the public, President Lynch states.

The Chamber has decided to support a suggested plan for keeping local stores open until 9 p. m. one day a week, remaining closed until 1 p. m. on that day. This will give an opportunity for war industry employees to shop, which, due to long shifts and irregular hours, is now denied them.

Directors of the Chamber decided to support a drive to recruit enlistment in the WAVES, which effort is to be sponsored by the National Business and Professional Women's Club of Torrance.

The Chamber will enlist the cooperation of service clubs for this campaign, which opens with a rally Nov. 30.

Members and the general public are again reminded by President Lynch of the open meeting to be held in the Chamber of Commerce offices, 1119 Sartori ave., Monday, Dec. 6, at 8 p. m.

## James M'Dougall, Pioneer Resident, Passes at Age 82

James MacDougall, 62, resident of the Torrance and Lomita areas for the past 23 years and an employee for some time of the National Supply Co. in Torrance, passed away at his home, 2065 22nd st., Torrance, at 12:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Gamby mortuary chapel, Lomita, with Rev. John Orr of the Lomita Presbyterian church, conducting. Interment will follow at Inglewood cemetery.

The deceased leaves as survivors his wife, Rebecca, three sons and four daughters. They are: George, now serving in the U.S. Army; William, who resides at San Francisco; and James, Jr., Torrance; Mrs. Charles Eberhart, San Francisco; Mrs. Dewey Hampton, Mrs. Neil Doherty, and Mrs. Jack Muir, Torrance. Also by one sister and two brothers, Mrs. John Glen Wilson, Torrance; George MacDougall, New York and William MacDougall, Los Angeles.

## Alleged Deserter from Army, Father Arrested

Noel Temple, 29, charged with desertion from an Army camp in Pennsylvania last July 5, was arrested by military police this week at 2214 1/2 Lomita blvd., Lomita, where they found him hiding in the attic of the residence.

Albert Harmon Temple, 51, Noel's father, also was taken into custody by the sheriff's office charged with harboring a deserter.

## Newspapermen Guests at Station Hospital; Equipment Exhibited

Officers and staff members of the recently constructed Army Station Hospital of the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation at Torrance held an "open house" for newspapermen this afternoon following a luncheon in the hospital mess hall.

Lieutenant Colonel Marcus D. White, port surgeon, presided at the luncheon, assisted by Captain Raymond H. Field, director of industrial and public relations. Following the luncheon program the newspaper representatives were taken on a tour of inspection of the 80-acre establishment.

## Lee Elected Dist. Scout Council Head

Hillman R. Lee, Torrance businessman and civic leader, Tuesday night was elected district chairman of the Harbor District Boy Scout Council at the annual meeting of the Council at which representatives were present from Torrance, Lomita, San Pedro, Keystone, Dominguez and Wilmington. Over 100 Scouters attended.

Vice presidents elected at the session were: R. T. McNeerney of San Pedro, E. R. Stephenson of Gardena and James T. Lynch of Torrance.

Lester Kaems of San Pedro who has served as district chairman for several years, was the choice for district secretary.

Trellingham Talks  
Dr. C. C. Trellingham, Los Angeles county superintendent of schools, was the principal speaker. He chose as his topic: "Current and Postwar Problems, Particularly as They Affect Southern California." He emphasized that more youth work is needed through such agencies as the Boy Scouts of America.

He mentioned the fine work in the training of boys through Scouting and the brilliant record achieved by these boys with almost total absence of acts of crime or any form of juvenile delinquency among them.

"This is a record for which we can all feel proud and is one of the very good reasons why nothing should be left undone to expand the work we are doing for the youth of America. The Boy Scouts of today will be the men of tomorrow, upon them will rest the responsibility of preserving the nation in the future," Trellingham asserted.

Den 2, Cub Pack C of Lomita, under direction of their Den Mother, Mrs. William Bean, put on a clever skit entitled, "Spooks." The opening ceremony was conducted by Troop 215, Boy Scouts of Lomita.

Committee Chairman  
Chairman Lee upon being inducted announced chairmen of three important committees. Others, he said, would be appointed later. Those named were:

Charles Crawford of San Pedro, camping and activities.  
Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler of Torrance, organization and extension.

W. E. Bowen, Torrance, finance.

Lee, acting in his new capacity as district chairman, will represent the Harbor district on the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Council executive board which sets up policies in the area within jurisdiction of the Council.

Chairman of the nominating committee which selected Mr. Lee as leader for the coming year was Dennis T. Stake of San Pedro.

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## Alcoa Executive To Speak Before Allied Chambers

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, comprising a federation of 50 Chambers of Commerce, improvement associations and public service groups is meeting at Gardena tonight for a business session and for a dinner to be served at 6:30 o'clock at the Wednesday Progressive club, 16121 Orchard ave. The dinner will be served by women of the Presbyterian church.

At least 200 guests, including delegates from each member organization, are expected to hear the address of welcome by Mayor Wayne Bogart, the response by George M. Moore of Wilmington and orchestra music.

The Aluminum Co. of America will present its production, "Unfinished Rainbows," with Harry E. Keller, works manager at a net \$75,000,000 Torrance plant, acting as speaker and narrator. Cash awards to the winners of the local victory garden contest will be made.

## John Delano Reported Wounded In Action

John Delano, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Delano of 2567 Sonoma ave., has been reported wounded in action in the Italian campaign on Oct. 13. He is in a base hospital. He has been in the Army for three years. He is attached to the Medical Corps.