



BILL OF RIGHTS WEEK—DEC. 12 TO 18 . . . Left to right: Joe Crail, chairman of the Bill of Rights Commemorative Committee; Louis Crowe, president of Orange County League of Cities; councilman at Brea; Mayor Tom McGuire of Torrance, president of Los Angeles County League of Cities; and Mayor Larry Olson of Glendale, president of the California League of Cities, meet to discuss plans.

Governor, City Council Urge Bill of Rights Week Observance

Gov. Earl Warren, by executive proclamation, has designated the period of Dec. 12 to 18 as Bill of Rights Week in California—and has urged that all citizens commemorate the occasion by re-examination of the ideals and principles which have made America the world's greatest citadel of liberty.

Acting on suggestions of the governor and cooperating with him to carry out the program in this area, the Torrance city council has adopted a resolution embodying the ideas and purposes set forth in the state executive's pronouncement by proper observance of the Bill of Rights with fitting ceremonies and urging citizens to "redouble their individual efforts toward an early and unconditional victory over the forces of oppression and tyranny."

Lt. Floyd F. Ramsey Missing In Action on Mission Over Germany

Mrs. Jacqueline Ramsey, 2262 231st st., Torrance, has been officially advised by the War Department that her husband, Second Lieut. Floyd F. Ramsey, 25, has been reported missing in action since Nov. 13 when he went on a mission over Germany with a squadron of Liberator bombers. Further than this there were no details. It is feared here by relatives and friends that he was with the Army Air Forces which bombed a vast German chemical warfare site in Germany in which the American air fleet encountered stiff opposition with the heaviest losses of the war before liquidating the objective target. Press dispatches at the time asserted that the great plant was reduced to utter ruin and probably put out of commission for the duration.

Lieut. Ramsey was well known and popular in Torrance and Lomita. He attended the Narbonne high school and was a fullback on the school's football team in 1935, and one of the team's most popular players. He graduated from the Army Air school at Santa Ana and departed last June 9 when he was shipped overseas. He piloted Liberators over North Africa, Sicily and had to his credit several missions into the interior of Germany to bomb strategic war production centers in Germany.

He won his wings at Luke Air Base, Ariz., completing his intensified training at Santa Ana.

The telegram came addressed to Lieut. Ramsey's wife at the residence address of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsey, at their 231st st. home. Their daughter was in Ohio at the time visiting with her mother, but she was promptly notified of its contents.

The parents of Lieut. Ramsey are still clinging to the hope that their son is still alive and may be a prisoner of the enemy, or that he has landed somewhere among friendly people who will protect him until he reaches safety. The missing pilot is a half brother of Sergt. H. E. Garner of the Torrance police department.



MISSING IN ACTION . . . Second Lt. Floyd Ramsey, 26, former Narbonne high football star, pilot of a U. S. Army Liberator bomber and son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsey, 2262 231st st., Torrance, reported missing by the War Department since Nov. 13, while on a mission to destroy a major war industry in Germany.

BOY SCOUT MEETING

The annual meeting of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held Thursday night, Dec. 9 in the John Adams junior high school auditorium, it was announced yesterday by President Floyd Foraker. More than 1000 Scouters are expected to attend.

Joshua Hendy Iron Works Maps Plans Under New Ship Contracts

Speaking in front of the administration building of the Joshua Hendy Iron Works plant at Torrance last Monday, Gen. Mgr. J. D. Gordon outlined to an audience of the entire swing and day shifts what the future holds for them when new contracts with the Maritime Commission are approved in Washington.

The Liberty ship program, Gordon explained, is being supplanted by the new and larger Victory ship schedule which is getting under way. Problems involved in quantity production of a new type pump for the faster ships will require different methods which are now being worked out.

He revealed that the company's record on previous orders was an important factor in causing the Maritime Commission to consider the Joshua Hendy organization for the forthcoming new contracts and that the men and women, especially in the production department, were largely responsible for that performance.

Sources of material still con-

Stewart Smith Given Sportsmanship Cup

Following a basketball rally on the Torrance high school campus today, the Sportsmanship cup presented to the school by Ray Richhart was awarded to Stewart Smith whom the students voted as having displayed the best sportsmanship on the 1943 varsity football team.

Stores to Open Evenings During Holiday Period

William Kempen, president of the Torrance Retail Merchants Assn., announced today that the majority of Torrance retail stores will remain open nights till Christmas starting Thursday, Dec. 16.

"With the present critical help situation," said Kempen, "we believe that this plan will be practical and allow Torrance merchants to render this extra service to the people of the area who find it inconvenient to shop during regular store hours."

Christmas Club Savings Here Over \$70,000

Over \$70,000 was distributed last week to Christmas club members of the two Torrance banks, according to information furnished by the Torrance Branch, Bank of America and the Torrance National Bank. The distribution this year was \$11,000 over last year's Christmas club savings, due, according to bankers, to the large amount of U. S. War bond buying.

Throughout the nation, \$420,000,000 is being distributed, two per cent ahead of last year. A recent cross section survey indicates the money distributed will be used by recipients approximately as follows:

Permanent savings	24%
War Savings Bonds	17%
Taxes	11%
Insurance Premiums	10%
Debt Retirement	9%
Christmas Purchases	23%
Unclassified	1%

Herbert F. Rawll, founder and president of the Christmas club plan, states that approximately \$300,000,000 of this year's Christmas club distribution is being used by members for War Savings Bonds and other government-urged, anti-inflationary purposes.

Meat Rationing Points Reduced For December

Chester Bowles, O.P.A. administrator, has advised that there will be more fresh meat available to civilians in December and has announced a reduction in point values starting next Sunday, which may mean there will be more beef steaks for home people. The ration reduction will range from two to three points, it was announced.

Complete charts will be released to markets this weekend. O.P.A. meantime removed the remainder of the 1943 crop of California juice grapes from price control, acknowledging that its efforts to control prices within the state by ceilings on wine had failed.

O.P.A. also authorized increases in packers' prices for California and Arizona grapefruit to bring them into line with Texas and Florida grapefruit prices. The action is preliminary to issuance soon of maximum price regulations for sales of citrus fruits at packer and broker levels.

Bowles said continuation of present high ration values for butter still is necessary to assure fair distribution throughout the country.

He said that with a few exceptions pork cuts will remain at the lower values ordered in an emergency reduction earlier in November.

New Order Eliminates 3-A Classification

Southern California Selective Service Board has received orders to eliminate the 3-A classification of selectees, which consisted of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. All are being placed in one of three categories, 2-A, 2-B or 3-D, it was stated.

Officials explain that the 2-B class consists of men engaged in actual war production, 2-A those in occupations supporting the war effort, such as policemen and firemen, and 3-D, fathers whose family conditions are such that undue hardship would result if the registrant were forced to serve in the armed forces.

Torrance Division of L.A. Area War Chest in Sight of \$50,000 Goal

The Torrance Division of the L. A. Area War Chest was within shooting distance of its \$50,000 quota today, according to figures released by Hillman Lee, general committee chairman.

The total collected in cash amounted to \$23,895.07, in addition to payroll and other pledges of \$24,000 making a total of \$47,895.07. Several of the industrial plants are yet unreported as to payroll deductions, but it was indicated that when these have all been accounted for the goal will have been reached and, considerably exceeded.

However, to make sure, there is work yet to be done to achieve the desired results from the current campaign. There are a few Los Angeles county cities that have doubled their quotas. There may be some persons ready and willing to make donations who have not been contacted. Chairman Lee suggests and urges that a good many among this number should call at Chest headquarters at 1119 Sartori ave., or call phone 125 so that they may be listed before the closing day of the campaign.

Over \$5,000,000 Mark
The Los Angeles area as a whole reported contributions considerably above the \$5,000,000 mark earlier in the week. Subsequent donations have been substantial since then. The associated cities, public and parochial schools divisions have made their respective quotas, while the large business and industrial corporations have reported 100 per cent of quota for \$2,257,955, it was announced.

Next Tuesday, Dec. 7, second anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, is scheduled for a "victory meeting" of the volunteer workers of Los Angeles Area War Chest. The meeting will be at noon in the

Biltmore Bowl.
One of the more important contributions will come on that day from the motion picture industry, which has been conducting a vigorous campaign in behalf of the War Chest under the chairmanship of Y. Frank Freeman. It is expected that its first report Tuesday will cover 23,000 contributions.

Communities in the associated cities division which have exceeded their quotas are San Pedro, Wilmington, Bell, Maywood, Palms-Cheviot Hills, Culver City, Venice, South Gate, Westwood, West Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Hollywood and the communities comprising the San Fernando Valley district of the Chest.

Campaign Chairman P. G. Winnett has issued an appeal for every division and district to complete all assignments for report at the Dec. 7 meeting. "It would be a most fitting way to observe the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor," he said, "by all districts of the Los Angeles area going over the top and thus serving notice that we of the home front are in the fight for victory and have promptly and cheerfully met our obligations."

Open territory has been declared, which means that the volunteer worker may ask for and receive gifts anywhere, instead of being confined to the territory described in his original assignment. It is planned to close the Chest campaign next Tuesday.

Local Citizens Give 319 Pints of Blood for Plasma Here Monday

Mrs. O. A. Kresse, chairman of the Torrance area Red Cross Blood Bank, today expressed sincere gratification over the fine response for blood donations when the Mobile Blood Bank last Monday paid its ninth visit to Torrance this year at the Civic Auditorium.

She reported that altogether there were 319 donors who each contributed one pint of their blood for processing into the precious plasma which is saving the lives of thousands of men wounded on the battle fronts.

"This is the highest point we have reached so far," Mrs. Kresse advised and she explained that residents of this community have donated altogether 1927 pints during the current year.

Dr. S. H. McClosky was in charge of the Blood Bank here Monday, assisted by a large number of Red Cross and other nurses. Members of the Torrance Red Cross chapter also played an important part. Notably among them were Mrs. M. J. Beale and her staff assistants, corps attired in their natty new uniforms recently specified and designed for these workers by the National Red Cross organization. Mrs. Beale and her staff took charge of the registration of those who appeared to make their donations.

Two More Qualify For Gallon Club

Two more local residents qualified for membership in the Gallon club at the Red Cross Blood Bank in the Civic Auditorium last Monday.

Each had donated a gallon of blood for conversion into plasma needed on the various battle fronts to save the lives of men wounded in action.

Paul Underhage who qualified for membership in the club some time ago, has made donations the ninth time.

Members of the staff Assistant Corps who served were: Mrs. Marie Beale, chairman; and Mmes. Marie Morgan, Helen Siligo, Katherine Curtis, Gladys Weston and Freda Moon.

Mrs. Julia Neelands, canteen chairman, was assisted by Mmes. Phyllis Whyte, Mildred Loucaester, Selma Keefer, Garnet Johnston, Marie Morgan, Bernice Currier and Marie Taylor.

Commissioner Frowns on Compton Bus Line Extension to Torrance

Hearing on the application of the Compton Municipal Bus Lines proposing through bus service to Torrance and Compton was held Friday before the State Railroad Commission in the State State bldg. in Los Angeles.

The Torrance Municipal Bus Lines was represented at the hearing by C. Z. Ward, manager, and Otto B. Willett, acting attorney, who contended that the Torrance buses already operating in a greater part of the area that would be served by the proposed extension and granting of the petition would amount to unnecessary duplication. Ward suggested that the same ends could be met through cooperation between the two systems. He pointed out that the Torrance buses are now operating on South Figueroa st. and are prepared to pick up passengers at Compton ave. Transfers at this point, he explained, can be accomplished by a short extension of the Compton service to that location.

The commission's examiner, according to Ward, expressed the view that this proposal was worthy of due consideration by Frank Atkinson, manager of the

Compton Bus Lines and Ward, and granted them ten days in which to try to reach an amicable membership agreement. "Until then there will be no commission ruling on the application."

A representative of the War Production Board told the examiner that this agency would look with disfavor upon any plan that would create duplication of existing bus services.

Rev. Wheeler to Talk On Church Merger Plan

Women of the Moneta Presbyterian church have announced their regular monthly meeting for Thursday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 o'clock at which time Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector of St. Andrew's church in Torrance, will be the principal speaker.



WINS PROMOTION . . . Carroll J. Bender, of 21502 S. Berendo ave., pilot of Flying Fortress "Taru VI," and who has participated in numerous bombings over Germany and Axis conquered countries, besides being decorated with medals has been promoted to captain, is official word just received from his base in England.

Carroll Bender Promoted to Flying Captain

The promotion to captain of Carroll J. Bender, flight commander of 21502 South Berendo ave., Torrance, Cal., has been announced at the Eighth Air Force Flying Fortress base in England.

Capt. Bender, 26-year-old pilot of the Fort "Taru VI," has participated in 18 bombings of Germany and the conquered countries, including those on Huls, Paris, Bremen, Emden, twice; Le Bourget, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven. He has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

A flying instructor in civilian life, Bender entered the Army as a cadet in December, 1941, and received his wings at Mathers Field, Calif., in July, 1942. Single, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hiatt of Torrance.

Rev. Wheeler In New Plea For Housing

The people of Torrance as a whole evidently do not care if Army men and their families who are transferred here either to the Torrance Station hospital or the Lomita Airfield find even rooms in private families, opined Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler of St. Andrew's Episcopal church today.

"Apartments and houses are rare indeed, but there are plenty of available rooms in the homes of Torrance people. Yet to our shame, we refuse to open them to fill the need," Rev. Wheeler emphasized.

"In the past two weeks," Rev. Wheeler said, "45 rooms have been made available, in addition to one house. That is a mere drop in the bucket. There are many more rooms needed. Let's make them available at once."

"To those of you who have opened your homes in behalf of the Station hospital and St. Andrew's church, we thank you. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated."

The procedure is simple and Rev. Wheeler continued, "If you have rooms, apartments or homes for rent, call Torrance 560 and the office of St. Andrew's church will list them with the Station hospital."

Torrance Schools Start Yule Vacation Period December 10

Harold Perry, principal of the Torrance high school, today announced that the Christmas holidays in the school will begin Friday, Dec. 10 and continue through Christmas day, with classes to reopen on Monday, Dec. 27. This is being done, Principal Perry said to give the students the opportunity to help lift the existing labor shortage in local stores during the holiday shopping season.

The Elementary schools will also have vacation during the same period, preceded by Christmas parties in the various classrooms next Thursday. Principal Bernhard J. Strand announced.

Interesting Program Planned for Chamber Meeting Next Monday

With three "big name" speakers as highlights, and an array of vital local problems up for discussion, the first general community-wide meeting of the recently re-organized streamlined Torrance Chamber of Commerce to be held next Monday evening promises to be one of the most important civic gatherings of the year. And certainly it is one no citizen interested in the future welfare and development of this community should miss, according to James L. Lynch, president of the Chamber.

Charles P. Bayer, secretary of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and Glen B. Eastburn, secretary of the aviation division of the L.A. Chamber, will address the meeting. Both are outstanding leaders in Chamber of Commerce activities and are expected to give much helpful information for the guidance of the local body.

Fred W. Marlow of the firm of Marlow & Burns, builders of large housing projects, is also scheduled to give a talk. Marlow was the first administrator for the Los Angeles area of the Federal Housing Administration and is considered an authority on housing problems. Marlow and Fritz Burns, operating under the firm name of Torrance Housing Corp., are just completing the erection of 128 new two and three-bedroom dwellings located north of Carson st., between Western and Normandie aves. The new home district is known as "Torrance Terrace."

Officers and directors of the Chamber have been active during the past two months perfecting an organization and promoting projects of benefit to Torrance. They are ready now to submit their program to the general membership, and it is hoped that a good crowd will be present at the Monday evening meeting, President Lynch stated. "A cordial invitation is extended to everyone interested in civic development, whether members of the Chamber or not," Lynch emphasized.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m., Dec. 6, in the courtroom of the Torrance city hall.

Youth Struck by Auto Dies In L. A. Hospital

Leonard Gonzales, 13, 220 Marten st., in the Keystone district, who was hit by an auto early Tuesday morning, is reported to have succumbed to his injuries in a Los Angeles hospital yesterday. The accident happened at Marten and Carson sts.

As a special incentive, each \$18.75 bond bought through the high school from Nov. 1 to 24 entitled the purchaser to one ticket to the Quiz Kids broadcast to be given in the Hollywood Bowl Dec. 5 from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

A three-way bond-buying contest is under way among the junior high, the senior high and the faculty with the winner still in doubt. During the last week bonds may be bought at Miss Victory's booth during the noon hour in addition to those sold regularly through the students' store. The public is always welcome to buy through the school.

High School Students Complete Plans for Yule Playlet, Dec. 10

An appealing playlet, "Christmas at Home," by Mrs. Helen Frazee-Bower and Miss Mildred Cook, has been chosen by the high school for its Christmas presentation. The program will be presented Dec. 10, at 10:15 a.m. for the junior high school pupils and at 2 p.m. for the senior high school and P.T.A. The public is invited to either performance.

Pupils from the B-10 will portray the characters: Marion Schmidt, the mother; Lois Severin, June Johnston, Juanita Quick, Lillian Mantych, Emogene Held, Doreen Hatton, Charlotte Ellis, Bud Holje, and Barbara Tossas, as readers. The living portraits will be set forth by Jeanette Probert as the married daughter of the family, Julia, Bill McCleod, as the brother away at college, Ward; Leona Van Kralingen, as the sister in Africa, Carol; Edford Page, as the soldier at the battlefront, Richard; Mary Jones, the high school sister, Kathie.

Christmas Carols
The Girls' Glee clubs will sing the Christmas carols and in special numbers of "The Birthday of the King" and "The First Christmas Morning," under the direction of Miss Anna Mae Aiken.

The string ensemble and a quartette of brasses, under the direction of Louis Sauter, will furnish background music.

Miss Ada M. P. Chase will supervise the living portraits and Miss Edith Allen the tabernacle of the stage lighting.

The program will be concluded by the singing of the carols in community chorus, led by Mr. Sauter.

Tableau Characters
Mary—Nancy Walker.
Joseph—Wallace Prieur.
Wise Men—Bill George, Oscar Escobar, Joseph Trujillo.
Angels—Clarice Ossen, Dolores Fulton.
Girls Holding World—Imogene Jarnagan, Marilyn Jarnagin.

Girls Holding Trumpets—Anna Svensk, Marjorie Popp.
Orchestra Members—Violins, Julia Menni, Joyce Franzen, Gale Hardy, Shirley Antis, Clarinets, Norman Baker, LeRoy Swiggard, Mary Laferty, Anita Lee Wellman, Trombones, Daisy Blackburn, Irene Hippick, Bass, Wayne Newland, Piano, Anna Mae Aiken.

Senior Girls Glee club—Phyllis Anderson, Evelyn Bradford, Wanda Cline, Bobbie Jean Fitzgibbon, Gloria Flores, Betty Foster, Thelma Foster, Pauline Leetz, Rosalie Lisoni, Jean Lovelady, Wilma McBride, Burma Morris, Alice Holmstead, Shirley Peterson, Rose M. Pickett, June Pulk, Owlyn Richards, Shirley Rossiter, Jane Scottin, Ruth Snuffer, Lucille Smith, Dotie Snuffer, Shirley Thompson, Evelyn Tucker, Lorraine Turner, Jeanette Whittington.

Junior Girls Glee club—Patricia Allen, Juanita Andrews, Betty Bingham, Wynona Bollinger, Estelle Boudreaux, Lorraine Boughn, Jean Border, Beverly Browning, Peggy Carney, Anna Lou Caveness, Doris Cline, Beverly Coger, Beverly Crook, Hazel Davis, Ramona Delgado, Dorothy DeWitt, Lupe Escobar, Betty Fuller, Evelyn King, Daisy Knappenberger, Geraldine Knight, Beverly Lee, Angelina Martinez, Dorothy McKee, Valerie Miller, Jean Munger, Shelby Peerm, Elsie McDanie, Claudine Pickett, Joineva Reimer, Nancy Ringler, Beverly Ross, Shirley Schaller, Wilma A. Seeborn, Dorothy Swavens, Barbara Thompson, Jacquelyn Undergroff, Dorothy Warning.