



FOR POST-WAR PERIOD . . . The type of four-engine luxury airliner which will be available for service along the nation's airways and on the routes to Latin America in the post-war period was described today by six of the nation's leading airlines in releasing details of the Douglas DC-4. Jointed in the announcement were American, Eastern, Pan American, Pan American-Grace, United and Western Airlines. The DC-4 is powered with four Pratt & Whitney engines totaling 4,400 horse-power, has a wing spread of 117 feet and will carry 50 passengers plus mail and express at a cruising speed of 220 miles an hour.

Townsend Club No. 2
By M. E. ATTEBERY

MRS. M. E. ATTEBERY
Torrance Townsend Club No. 2 celebrated Dr. Francis Townsend's birthday with a gala party Thursday evening at the Men's Bible Class building. A decorated birthday cake was cut and served with coffee, and dancing to Fiddler Jack Rich's music was the evening's diversion. A potluck supper is being planned for Thursday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to a foundation fund. A short address by Ted Fult of Los Angeles will be followed by dancing. Jack Rich will furnish dance music.

TREE COMPLAINT
Residents of Gretnahaw Blvd. have petitioned city authorities to top eucalyptus trees along that thoroughfare, pointing out the danger of falling limbs during storm periods. The city engineer was instructed by the city council to investigate with power to act.

The rubber you save now may help buy a life raft for your son. Drive slowly and only when necessary!

In any event, send Flowers—Torrance Flower Shop, Member F.T.D. 1328 Sartori Ph. 1778. (adv.)

U. S. Steel Wants Wage Rate Certified to War Labor Board

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The five steel producing subsidiaries of United States Steel Corporation yesterday requested the Secretary of Labor to certify to the War Labor Board a number of issues growing out of proposals made on Dec. 14, 1943, by United Steelworkers of America (CIO). These include a wage increase of 17 cents an hour and a guaranteed minimum weekly wage during the life of the new labor contract. Various collective bargaining conferences held since Dec. 11, 1943, have not resulted in any agreement being reached, according to company officials.

United States Steel estimates that if all of the unions' 43 proposals were granted and applied to all subsidiaries having contracts with the union, its manufacturing costs would be increased about \$186,000,000 annually, equivalent to an average increase in cost of \$9 per ton of finished steel shipped by it during 1943. This figure makes no allowance for a guaranteed minimum weekly wage or for severance pay.

The request was made on behalf of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, American Steel & Wire Company, National Tube Company, Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company and Columbia Steel Company, in a letter to the Secretary of Labor

from John A. Stephens, vice president in charge of industrial relations of United States Steel Corporation of Delaware. Stephens explained the proposals now being referred to the board "are of such a nature as not to permit solution in collective bargaining since they either involve departure from the national economic stabilization program administered by the National War Labor Board or concern fundamental matters of principle on which the respective viewpoints cannot be reconciled. Most of the above referred to proposals of the union, if granted or ordered, will involve increases in cost which, in view of the ceiling on prices for steel products, the companies are financially unable to absorb."

The letter stated that further negotiations on the matters enumerated are deemed futile and requested that these issues be certified to the War Labor Board for prompt determination. Although Mr. Stephens advised the secretary that certain other proposals would continue to be the subject of collective bargaining, he said "as agreement on any issues appears impossible we will request that they be incorporated with the other issues which we are now asking be determined by the War Labor Board."

Living Costs Listed
In a letter last December to the chairman of the War Labor Board, U. S. Steel stated that wages paid by the subsidiaries had increased since Jan. 1, 1941, at a rate in excess of the reported advance in the cost of living index since that date. In this period, the basic common labor rate in the Pittsburgh, Chicago, Ohio and California districts increased from 62½ cents to 78 cents an hour, an advance of nearly 25 percent. Average hourly earnings of all wage earners in these subsidiaries increased from \$3.01 to \$5.42 per week, an advance of 82.7 percent. The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor reported an advance in the cost of living index of 23.4 percent between Jan. 15, 1941, and Oct. 15, 1943.

Library Contract Renewal Brought Up

The county library department has written a letter to the Torrance city council inquiring if the city desires to renew its city library contract for the next fiscal year. Last year the city contracted to pay \$3566 for this service, payable in two semi-annual payments, after furnishing the building, janitor service and lawn upkeep. Owing to increase in salaries the cost ran \$365.67 over the contract price last year, which the city will pay. During the 1942-43 fiscal year the circulation was 38,688 books. Salaries amounted to \$3872.85. Action on the renewal was deferred to a later meeting.

PERMANENT POLICEMAN
Alex Thompson was made a permanent member of the Torrance police department under civil service regulations at the regular adjourned session of the city council last Thursday afternoon at a salary of \$195 a month.

BUY WAR BONDS & STAMPS

Dr. Sarah Cummings Conducts 'Q' and 'A' Session at Narbonne

An interesting program, featuring questions and answers on health problems, with Dr. Sarah Cummings, Narbonne physician, answering the queries of the organization, featured the regular meeting of the Narbonne P.T.A. Thursday afternoon in the Little Theatre of the high school.

Dr. Cummings commented on the results of the recent tuberculin tests given at Narbonne and introduced Mrs. Selma Swinney, school nurse, who gave interesting details on the tests and the people who took them.

Mrs. Kenneth Schwartz, program chairman, presented Alice Sturdy, musical director at Narbonne, who introduced her group of Glee Club girls, who sang three songs, accompanied by Miss Doris Stanton.

Chairmen reporting were Mrs. E. J. McCoy, motion picture and radio; Mrs. A. E. Cole, Red Cross; Mrs. Elmer Eriksen, magazine; Mrs. H. C. Woods, parent education, and Mrs. J. J. Millard, membership.

It was reported that Narbonne P.T.A. has reached a new high in membership with 350 members.

Dramatic Play By Junior Class Staged Friday

The first junior class play presented at the Torrance High School assembly hall is scheduled for tomorrow, Friday night, to which the public is invited. "Ghost of a Show" is the title of the dramatic production. Eleven members of the class of '28 will appear in the cast.

"Helen" is portrayed by Doris Robinette. She is student director of "Romeo and Juliet."

"Pinky," Shirley Lee, is the script prompter in the play. "June," Phyllis Hargett, is playing the part of Juliet, and Sam Intermill as "Bob" plays the part of Romeo in the school play.

"Tubby," played by Paul Hoke, is stage manager, technician and general handyman. In "The Ghost of a Show" he makes his debut with pail, brush and ladder. He'll be found painting scenery and always in arguments with Bob, and aggravating Helen and June with his whistling.

Dorothy Sandstrom as "Peggy" and Irene Hippik as "Clarissa" are two loving gum chew-

Misselhorn Departs on Trip to Mexico City

W. M. Misselhorn, owner of the Torrance Men's Shop, left Monday morning for Burbank via Pan American Airways for a vacation in Mexico City.

This is the first vacation trip taken by Mr. Misselhorn in a number of years. He was practically ordered to "get away from it all" by his doctor, who was worried by his overworked condition as a result of the Christmas rush and lack of help in the operation of his store during the holiday period.

ers and giggling gerties who have small parts in Romeo and Juliet.

Sitting back on stage the audience will spot a very studious lad with Latin and French books at hand. That handsome character is "Alfred," played by Rodney Clarke.

"Mac," portrayed by Virgil Gamet (a newcomer to T.H.S.), is that recent graduate who is hunting for a "scoop" for his job as a newspaperman.

With "Arky" accent, "Anthony," played by Bert Smith, takes on the role of the high school janitor.

"The Ghost of a Show," that the winter, 1945, class is giving,

NAVY MANPOWER SURVEY

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox has announced that the Navy has established a national manpower survey board to examine the complements—officer, enlisted and civilian—of all Naval shore establishments located in all Naval districts to determine whether they are overmanned or undermanned and whether their manpower is utilized efficiently. Rear Admiral I. C. Johnson heads the committee for the 11th Naval district.

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is a real plotted story, and the whole class cordially invites the public. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

The class of W. '45 is trying to start a new tradition in T.H.S. by presenting the first junior A play, "The Ghost of a Show," so relatives and friends of people that are in the cast and of the other students in the class are being urged to support this new idea. See you there!

The play is being directed by Miss Mills.

Among the features will be piano solos by Shirley Wright, and violin solos by Pauline Seely and Shirley Antis.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS!

Significant Statements by Interesting Californians
O. D. MILLER, president Western Growers Assn., speaking against food subsidies—"We don't want any government pap. All we want is a chance to run our business with a reasonable margin of safety."

GOV. EARL WARREN—"If we want to preserve the spirit of free enterprise, we must work for it. We can't let George do it!"

CAPT. JOHN D. LESSING, much decorated L. A. combat pilot—"The Japs are willing to die for their emperor all right! But apparently they want to die in his arms. Anyhow, directly they catch sight of our planes they head for Tokyo."

LIEUT. IRENE WILLIAMSON, WAVE officer, S. F.—"Because fleet operational plans are expanding, many Naval officers serving ashore must be released for sea duty. There is a greater need than ever for qualified young women as officers in the WAVE to take over their jobs ashore."

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