

Mrs. Kresse Reports 2398 Pints of Blood Was Donated Here

Two hundred and seventy-two persons donated a pint of blood each when the Red Cross mobile unit of the blood bank was here last Friday, according to Mrs. O. A. Kresse, chairman of the Torrance blood bank committee. Mrs. Kresse advised that during the 11 visits of the mobile units to Torrance in the past year, a total of 2,398 pints of blood was collected from citizens of this community to be converted into the precious plasma still very much needed to save the lives of men wounded on the various battlefronts in the global war.

Gallon Club Eligibles

Mrs. Leona Linch, 1227 Gota ave., is the newest member of the Gallon club. The pint she donated last Friday makes her eighth contribution, which makes her eligible for membership in the club. Mrs. Kresse also reported that Paul Vonderahe of 1452 Egracia ave., Torrance, who became a member several months ago, appeared at the Civic Auditorium again and gave another pint, the fifth donation he has made up to this time. Mrs. Marion Welton of 2414 Sonoma ave., Torrance, donated her ninth pint.

The unit here last Friday was in charge of Capt. Moore J. Smith, M.D., who was assisted by a group of Red Cross nurses attached to the unit. They in turn were aided by Milton Hoover, Torrance branch Red Cross chairman, and Mrs. Kresse, who were in charge of arrangements and registration of donors, and a group of other Torrance women who had volunteered their services. They included Lillie Maas and Lucille Wallenweber, nurse's aides; Julia Nordland, chairman; Garnett Johnson, Selma Kiefer, Mildred Lancaster, Pluma Whyte, Fern Woods, Alice Taylor, Barbara Engle, Ona Dowell, Dorothy Post, Marie Feldts and Daisy Watson, representing the canteen committee;

Marie Beale, chairman; Helen Silligo, Gladys Weston, Marie Morgan, Katherine Curtis, Lucille Thompson, Belle Tolson, Hilda Silence, representing the staff assistance corps;

Appreciation Note

"We all feel that the showing made with the blood bank during the fiscal year which has just closed has been a very successful one and we are hoping the response will be greater during the next year or until the war ends, when the need for plasma will be less acute. These donations are an important contribution."

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World Brotherhood Week Programs in City Announced

World Brotherhood Week will be observed in Torrance Feb. 20 to 26 inclusive. Sunday, Feb. 20, will be Brotherhood Sunday in many churches, it was announced.

The Torrance city council at a recent meeting adopted a resolution to conform with President Roosevelt's proclamation setting aside such a week for the purpose of studying the means of establishing harmonious racial relationships between all people of the country.

Under the chairmanship of Sam Levy and the Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler the week's program will be: Monday program at the Kiwanis club, Wednesday a special meeting called at the high school assembly hall and Thursday a program at the Rotary club.

Annual Cleanup Week Urged by Torrance Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is ready to back the "Annual Cleanup Week" in Torrance and, carrying out a motion adopted at a meeting of the directors last Thursday evening, Executive Secretary H. B. Lewis suggests in a letter to Mayor Tom F. McGuire that the council give its approval and that the mayor be authorized to designate a week for the purpose indicated.

"With proper publicity," said Secretary Lewis, "the citizens of Torrance could be made more conscious of the problems confronting the city officials in this respect and would cooperate generally in helping to keep the city clean throughout the year. We refer particularly to the increased use of receptacles placed in prominently convenient locations, reducing the work ordinarily performed by regularly assigned street sweepers.

"The destruction of weeds on vacant land would enhance the beauty of our buildings and grounds. It is our understanding that this aspect is handled through the office of the chief of the fire department—that he has the authority to post notices

Auto Collision Causes Injury To One Person

An automobile collision at the intersection of Torrance blvd. and Portola ave. about 4:15 p.m. last Friday caused damage to both cars and injury to one person, according to the daily log kept at the police station.

One of the cars involved was driven by Mrs. Lydia Lawson, 2557 215th st., Lomita, and the other by Albert Francis Michael, 773 Ximeno st., Long Beach. In her statement to the police, Mrs. Lawson, who had been driving west on Torrance blvd., said she saw the Michael car approaching from the west but thought she had time to complete a left-hand turn to a gas station. Michael hit her car broadside, injuring Nora Long, 56, of Dallas, Texas, a passenger in the Lawson car, who was later conveyed to the Torrance Memorial Hospital in the Stone & Myers ambulance.

Keys Are Little, But Important, Says Chief Stroth

While looking over a collection of keys at the police station one day this week Chief John Stroth remarked that many people have "funny ideas" on how to keep them in their possession.

Lost keys to automobiles, homes and business houses are frequently turned in to the desk sergeant. Some of them are recovered by the owners, who call and identify them, but many are not.

As he was talking, he said to a Herald representative, "Now look at this." He had two identical keys to an automobile among others in one bunch. "No doubt the owner had a duplicate made just in case one became lost or if he slammed the door shut, leaving the ignition key inside. That would be all right if the keys were kept separated. Two keys are no more than one if both are lost at the same time," the police chief remarked.

The habit of leaving the ignition key in the car and going away without locking the ignition as well as the doors was described as one of the factors that invites so many auto thefts. As an example, he referred to the 12 cars stolen in Torrance and Lomita over a period of ten days not long ago. Most of these thefts were caused because keys were left in the car for the convenience of the thief. These thefts could have been avoided if the owners had been a little more careful.

Keys are small things, yet they are of great importance in these days when cars are getting fewer and tires are still scarce, the chief stressed.

IOWA PICNIC

Iowans will hold their mid-winter picnic, which is an annual affair, at Lincoln Park, Los Angeles, on Saturday, Feb. 26. Should plans be interrupted by rain, the outing will be postponed one week, according to Robert L. Roland, president of the Iowa Association.



PROUD TO BE SCOUTS . . . these boys are members of Boy Scout Troop No. 241, sponsored by St. Andrew's church in Torrance. Reading left to right, they are: First row—Vincent Reichman, Bob Browning, Leroy Swigart, Richard Foster, Clyde Crawford, Don Sivard, Freddy Bartlett, W. Shaw. Second row—

David Shirley, Orvan Davis, Walter Stevens, Max Robinson, Jerry McVayne, Larry Dodds, Ray Maddox, Jack McQuaid. Third row—Dean Wickham, Dick Turner, Larry Watson, Jack Turner, Frank Norris, Neal Silence, Bruce Gregg, Charles Ringle and Bob Maxfield.

Scout Awards Presented at Court of Honor

Boy Scout troops from this area fared well in the Court of Honor awards presented at the Narbonne High school, the climaxing event of Boy Scout Week, last Friday night, according to Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the harbor district Scout committee.

Awards follow: Troop 215 of Lomita, sponsored by the Kiwanis club of Lomita; Robert Moffat, Scoutmaster—Earl Moore, first class; Vernon Moore, Billy Phillips, Gordon Gohan, second class.

Troop 230 of Keystone, sponsored by the Carson Street School P.T.A.; Ray C. Krieger, Scoutmaster—Billy Haselwood, Billy Pistoge, second class.

Troop 241 of Torrance, sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal church; Martin Gilbert and A. C. Turner, Scoutmasters—Dick Turner, Bruce Gregg, Larry Fisher, second class.

Billy Bowman, Troop 215, received the tenderfoot air award. Star Scout awards were made to Robert L. Andrews, Melvin Bennett, Ralph Breitfield and Joel Hagberg of Troop 240, sponsored by the Walters Civic Association. A like award was presented to Cleon Stoner of Troop 230, Carson Street school. Jack Sherman and Leroy Anderson, also of the Carson Street school, received life awards for their proficiency in scouting activities.

The rare Scoutmasters key award was presented to Dennis T. Stako, harbor district commissioner, by Ralph Anderson, district Scout executive.

Den mothers training certificates were awarded to the following: Mmes. Elsie Garrett, 252-C; Lillian Carlsen, 218-C; James L. Vail, 250-C; Zela Peterson, 252-C; Norval Triple, 252-C; Gerald Haver, 252-C; A. Irene Wolfe, 218-C; Martha Hanson, 218-C; W. C. Hale, 252-C.

Cubmasters training certificates went to Gerald C. Moran, 241-C; Richard Sinclair, 252-C; Thomas J. Watkins, 253-C; Charles A. Hatfield, 218-C; D. A. Murphy, 241-C and William H. Dean, 218-C.

T.H.S. Students Hear Discourse About Lincoln

Approximately 500 Torrance High school students were present to hear a reading pertaining to Lincoln's birthday by Harold E. Perry, principal, in the school auditorium last Friday, Feb. 11.

Mr. Perry announced that the assembly was an experiment inasmuch as all in attendance came as a voluntary audience. The reading was "The Perfect Tribute," a short story which appeared in 1906 in commemoration of the Great Emancipator from the pen of Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews, an American short story writer who passed away in 1936.

The program was a complete success in that half of the student body was present to hear their principal and that tribute, and due respect was paid America's greatest statesman with complete silence during the reading.

War Bond Quota For Torrance "Over Top" \$66,856, States Lee

The U. S. Treasury Department has extended time for completion of the Fourth War Loan drive to Feb. 29. While Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Torrance war finance committee, released the gratifying information that Torrance yesterday had exceeded that the war is yet far from won and urged citizens to dig still deeper in their pockets to buy more bonds so that the men who are fighting the battles may lack nothing to achieve victory, which eventually will be accomplished.

Wants Job Finished

"We must not lose sight of the fact," Lee declared, "that lives of American service men will be saved if we set out to whip the enemy without spreading it out over a long period. This is one of the prime reasons to make me say—'Let's give our men everything they need, just as they need it. If we do this, the war will be shortened. Our fighting men will finish the job and those who survive this world calamity can then return home.'"

Lee has labored hard and patriotically in this and previous war bond drives. He is of the

Torrance Elementary School Enrollment Now Over Thousand

Enrollment at the Torrance Elementary school advanced well over the 1,000 mark Monday when eight additional pupils were registered at the administration office, according to Bernard J. Strand, principal.

It is expected, Strand said, that many more will apply for enrollment soon from the Jewell homes tract near East road and Vermont ave. in the very near future. These homes, located near the Dow Chemical and synthetic rubber plants, are in the school district and are served by one of the school buses. If the attendance from that source reaches the proportions anticipated, it probably will become necessary to add another bus to serve pupils from that area, it was stated.

Strand also advised that another teacher was added to the faculty last Monday morning, making 31 now attached to the staff. The new member is Mrs. Alvina Olson, whose home state is Minnesota.

Because of the shortage of teachers and lack of classrooms, half-day sessions will be started

Freak Accident Carries Drill Unit Up Derrick

Described by oil field men who witnessed it as "one of Ripley's Believe It or Not," the entire drilling unit at the Young & Hissey lease, 229th and Pennsylvania ave., became lodged about 30 feet up the derrick this week as the result of an odd accident.

When the pulling unit broke, the drilling unit was forced up the derrick and carried Amos Young, the operator, with it. He was thrown off about 20 to 30 feet up the derrick and sustained internal injuries and is reported to be paralyzed from the waist down. He was first taken to the Torrance Memorial Hospital, but later removed to Hawthorne Hospital. He lives in Redondo Beach.

Griffith Company Lowest Bidder for Cabrillo Paving Job

The Torrance city council meeting in adjourned regular session late Tuesday opened bids for the proposed paving of Cabrillo ave. between Carson st. and Plaza de Amo. Eight bids were received and turned over to the city engineer for checking.

The Griffith Company was found to be the lowest bidder, offering to complete the job for \$13,483.20, and expects to be awarded the contract at the council session next week.

Traffic Signal Request

Acting on a request from the Valtaria civic organization for installation of a stop-and-go electrically controlled traffic signal at Hawthorne blvd. and Pacific Coast hwy., the Torrance city engineer's office has forwarded the appeal to the state highway department for consideration.

Profitable New Oil Zone is Discovered At 3220 Foot Level

Discovery of a new productive oil zone at the 3,200 to 3,400 foot level in the Torrance-Lomita field was revealed this week when Shaster Petroleum brought in a commercially profitable well at the Kenney Day lease on Sepulveda blvd. west of Normandie. After pumping water and rotary mud for 24 hours, the well is now cleaning up and producing approximately 50 barrels of oil a day and shows every indication of becoming a 100 barrel producer. Specific gravity is approximately 15.

Theron E. Price Loses Life In Tarawa Battle

Mrs. Roy V. Holoman, 1635 Crenshaw blvd., Torrance, has been advised by the Navy Department that her brother, Pvt. Theron E. Price, 31, was killed in the Battle of Tarawa. He was a member of the force of Marines who invaded the South Pacific atoll and wrested it from the Japs.

Pvt. Price formerly attended school in Torrance and later became a trapeze performer in the New York Hippodrome and at state and national shows. He carried the same courage and daring which he must have had in his trapeze exhibitions into battle, his relatives insist.

When Price enlisted in the Marines his wife, Betty, took up welding at the National Supply plant in Torrance and worked there until loss of her husband was confirmed.

The last letter received from Pvt. Price was in November, when he then was in the South Pacific area. A former employe of the Coast Insulating Company, he is survived by his widow, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Price, Bakersfield; two brothers, Doyle in the Navy and Royce, who received a medical discharge from the Army and is with the National Supply Company here; two other sisters, Mrs. Frances Blankenship, Gulfport, Miss., and Mrs. Glenn Adcock, Lomita.

In testing the new 3,200 foot zone, Shaster Petroleum used an old Shell lease hole down to 2,900 feet and then whipstocked and starting coring. They picked up the first productive sand at 3,220 feet and continued coring down to 3,380 feet, where the sands ran out. A full string of seven-inch casing and combination liner were used on the job.

The 3,200 to 3,380 foot zone was entirely overlooked during the 1922-23 boom which brought in the 3,600 to 3,700 foot zone, and again by drillers in the 1938-39 boom, who went after the 5,000 foot sands.

Early last Sunday morning Fletcher H. Prim, 24, of 2705 Bataan Road, Redondo Beach, was taken to the Torrance Memorial Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained at Hawthorne and Sepulveda blvds.

He told Torrance police that he was making the curve at Sepulveda when he lost control of his car and it turned over on the shoulder of the pavement. His injuries were reported as not serious. The car was considerably damaged, police said.

Redondo Man Injured When Car Turns Over

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PLANNING BODY MEETING

The post war planning commission of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce has announced a meeting for this (Thursday) evening at 8:30 in the chamber offices at Post and Sartori aves.

Eugene Held Has Five Brothers In Armed Services

Eugene S. Held, 1911 Gramercy ave., Torrance, who has been employed in the sheet mill at the Columbia Steel Company plant for the past eight years, has five brothers in the armed services of the United States and two more are expected to be called in the near future. One has passed the air cadet examination at Pittsburgh, Pa., and will leave as soon as he finishes his current school term. The seventh in line will follow shortly afterwards. The five already serving their country are: Homer, Richard, Russell, Wayne and Ernest. All are sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Held of Georgetown, Pa.

Gunner Missing After 'Greatest Battle' In Air

Another young man known in this area is reported missing in action since Jan. 11, the day of the record breaking assault by American Air Forces upon five important German industrial cities. He is Staff Sgt. Warren S. Cadle, who was employed prior to the outbreak of the war at the D & M Machine Works in Torrance.

Sgt. Cadle had arrived in England from his last training point at Dalhart, Texas, only a short while before being sent on the mission to Germany. The giant assault on the enemy included more than 1,200 planes. The Allied air forces lost 60 bombers and five fighters, while the Germans lost 152 fighter planes in resisting the raids.

Just where the plane which Sgt. Cadle rode as a gunner was at the time of the air battle has not been disclosed, but the points raided included Berlin, Bielefeld, Mepem, Oschereleben, Halberstadt and Brunswick. German fighter planes and ground rocket guns were used to resist the Allied raiders. It was described the next day as history's greatest air battle.

Cadle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Cadle, reside at 2054 E. 131st st. in Willowbrook. Sgt. Cadle has two brothers. One is Pvt. Charles Cadle, who is stationed now at Palm Springs, Calif., and Randall, the youngest of the three, who hasn't quite reached the age of military service and is a student in high school near his home.

Thatcher First to File for Council

George Thatcher, resident of the Waller area, has filed his nomination for the city council of Torrance and his name will be on the April municipal election ballot. He is the first candidate to qualify.

Another prospective candidate is Merton Gilbert, active in Boy Scout work, who took out his nomination papers this morning. George V. Powell, incumbent, also applied for nomination blanks.



SGT. WARREN S. CADLE . . . reported missing while on a bombing mission over Germany during the giant raid of more than 1,200 Allied planes on key industrial cities last Jan. 11. Before going to war he was employed at the D & M Machine Works in Torrance.

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TRADITIONAL HOME . . . of pioneer Torrance family sold by Mrs. J. S. Lancaster to Russell C. Hoskins, Santa Fe agent.

Lancaster Home on Post Ave. Purchased by Santa Fe Agent

With the sale of her home at 1503 Post ave., announced this week by Mrs. J. S. Lancaster, one of the oldest and most prestigious residence properties of the early days of Torrance passed from ownership by the pioneer Torrance family to Russell C. Hoskins, Santa Fe Railway agent here.

The large ten-room residence at the corner of Post and Arlington aves. was built in 1920 by the late Judge George W. Post, father of Mrs. Lancaster and James Wallace Post, president of the Torrance National Bank. Some years after the death of Judge Post, title to the property was transferred by Mrs. G. W. Post to Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Lancaster.

Mrs. Lancaster had planned to convert her home into apartments and the property had been rezoned for multiple family residences. However, after about eight months delay on the part of federal agencies, she decided to sell the property. She has purchased the Walter Clausen residence at 1438 Egracia ave. now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller. Both sales were consummated by B. C. Buxton, realtor. Mrs. Lancaster and her daughter, Jean, plan to move into their smaller home in about six weeks.