



WAR FUND

Your RED CROSS is at his side Red Cross Organization Ready For War Fund Drive Next Week

Mrs. Lola Hoover, chairman of the local branch of the American Red Cross, advises that arrangements are complete for the "kickoff" breakfast next Monday morning when the majors, captains and volunteer workers will come together to receive final instructions for the war fund campaign, which is scheduled to start on the following Wednesday.

Torrance's quota has been set at \$8,000 for the business and residential district of the city and \$10,000 is the amount set to be subscribed among the industrial plants.

"This is the people's Red

Cross—made up by them and for them. The people's Red Cross is made up of human beings who dispense mercy, compassion and every form of assistance. The soldier on the field, anxious because of home conditions he is unable to alleviate, turns to the Red Cross; the prisoner of war looks to the Red Cross as his only link with home and for food and comfort articles; the man left homeless through a disaster on the civilian front knows where he can be fed, where his family will be taken care of, where assistance will come from the Red Cross," declared Mrs. Hoover.

TORRANCE HOST TONIGHT TO HARBOR DISTRICT CIVIC GROUPS AT DINNER-MEETING

All plans have been completed for the March meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce and other civic organizations of the Harbor district at the Torrance Civic Auditorium tonight, commencing at 6:30 o'clock with a six-course dinner prepared and served by a popular Southern California caterer.

Humane Society Has Collection Of Stray Dogs

If you have lost your dog, it may be at the South Bay Humane Society's pound at 20386 Earl st., west of Hawthorne blvd., and about four blocks from Torrance blvd.

Mrs. Bernice Davison states that the society has been picking up a good many canines bearing no license tags or other means of identification. "We are obliged to pick up such dogs," she said, "when they are not kept on leash and are allowed to run at large. Owners should realize that it is to their advantage to obtain license tags."

Mrs. Davison called attention to the leash law, which has been violated frequently in this community in recent weeks. The result is that a number of persons have been bitten by vicious dogs recently. One case was reported where a woman was bitten on the leg and had to be treated for severe lacerations, Mrs. Davison said.

The society has added a billy goat to its collection of animals during the past week, she advised. The owner can have the "billy" by coming after him.

Engineer Issues Permits for Three New Oil Derricks

Construction of three new oil derricks within the city limits of Torrance was authorized this week by the city engineering department, one wood and two of steel, value \$5,000 each. The J. L. McDonald Oil Company is making the improvement on Sepulveda blvd., near the Santa Fe tracks. K. H. Day is putting up the wooden derrick on 228th st., east of Border ave. Wood & Callahan's project is described as being 329 feet north of Huntington, between Henrietta and Victor sts.

A permit also was issued to C. A. Stewart, 1314 Madrid ave., to build an extension to a service porch at an expense of \$400.

BUS SYSTEM SURVEY REPORT ISSUED

Tolson Reported Ready to File For City Council

Widespread reports that former Mayor William H. Tolson was "considering" the appeals of many supporters who are urging him to enter the Torrance councilmanic race were given credence yesterday when Tolson resigned as a director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce—a natural prelude to entering the council race.

Current rumors have it that Merton C. Gilbert, popular young Boy Scout leader and municipal bus driver, will also file, but up to noon today the list of candidates who have actually filed their petitions with City Clerk A. H. Bartlett remains the same as reported last week.

Councilman George V. Powell is the only incumbent to officially enter the race. Neither Mayor Tom F. McGuire or Councilman L. V. Babcock has officially declared himself, but it is predicted by well informed political observers that both will be on the ballot April 11. It is reported that Mayor McGuire will have his petition ready before the zero hour for filing next Saturday at noon. It is also claimed that Babcock's petition has been circulated and all he has to do is to leave it with the city clerk to get his "hat in the ring" again.

Besides Powell, those who have officially filed are: George Thatcher, Joel Hagberg and Robert Paul Stoneker, all of W. 12th and Paul Findley, 2121 Gramercy ave.

Koors Outlines Program for Better Service to Torrance After Comprehensive Study

Whether the proposed bus system program will succeed or not may depend upon the result of a meeting tomorrow between members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce transportation committee and a group of industrialists at the chamber offices, commencing at 6 p.m. The meeting has been called by William J. Tolson, committee chairman.



ADDS NEW TITLE . . . City Judge Otto B. Willett, who last night was selected to head Rotary Club for year beginning July 1.

Judge Willett Chosen Rotary Club President

On July 1 City Judge Otto B. Willett will add another title to that of president of the Torrance Rotary club. His election to the top post of the service club was announced following a meeting of the newly elected board of directors last evening at the home of President Fay L. Parks, whose term expires July 30.

Other officers chosen for the 1944-45 term include: Hillman R. Lee, vice president; Robert T. McCallum, secretary; Sherwood McIntyre, treasurer, and Thomas J. Adams, Otto A. Kresse, James L. Lynch, directors. Retiring President Parks automatically remains as a member of the board of directors.

City Judge Willett is a native of Effingham, Ill., and graduated at the University of Illinois with a B.S. degree in journalism. He was editor of the university newspaper. He received his law degree at U.S.C. in 1936 and practiced in Los Angeles until 1940, when he came to Torrance and opened his present law offices at 1313 Sartori ave. He was appointed to the city bench in August, 1942, to fill the vacancy left when Judge John A. Shidler entered the army.

Between now and July 1 when he takes over the club presidency, Judge Willett is to be given an opportunity of getting in some good "ground work" for his top-post. Rotary directors voted recently to champion a drive to promote victory gardens to assist in the food conservation program—and Judge Willett was chosen chairman of the vegetable growing project. W. E. Bowen will be chairman of the flower garden division. Later in the season the club will display the products of its members.

The major who also asked that it be announced after the meeting he will speak to any woman between the ages of 20 and 42 regarding the air WACS for which he is the recruiting officer in charge in this area.

Maj. Knox Manning, Open Forum Talker, Here Tomorrow

The corrected date for the public forum, sponsored by the vestry of St. Andrew's church, when Maj. Knox Manning will speak on the "Fifth Army Landing at Salerno," will be this Friday night, March 10, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Torrance Woman's club. The general public is invited.

William P. Agapito, fireman 1/c of the Seabees branch of the U. S. Navy, a member of BMU 549, Platoon 5, ABD, Port Huenehue, appears in the Warner Bros. moving picture, "Fighting Seabees."

Since the picture was taken, Agapito has shipped overseas for duty believed to be somewhere in the South Pacific. He graduated from Torrance High school, winter class of 1932, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Agapito of 804 Anapola ave., Torrance.

Deputy Assessor at Torrance City Hall

A deputy county assessor was at the council chamber in the Torrance city hall today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to assist taxpayers with property assessment for the 1944-1945 fiscal year. Hereafter, he will be at the same place and at the same hours on each Thursday until April 13 inclusive, City Clerk Bartlett advises.

Moose Lodge to Observe 20th Milestone Sunday

The 20th anniversary of Torrance Lodge No. 785, Loyal Order of Moose, will be observed next Sunday, March 12, with a breakfast from 11 a.m. to noon, to be followed by an elaborate entertainment program at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

The breakfast will open with invocation by Carl Anderson, prelate of the Long Beach lodge. An entertainment program will begin promptly at noon containing 45 musical and dancing features provided by students of the Pacific Talent Academy and Bessie Clark studio of Inglewood and Hollywood, with branch studios in Torrance Moose Hall. This program will run until 1:45 o'clock.

At conclusion of this part of the program Thomas F. Wilkes, governor of the local lodge, will deliver an address giving highlights of the institution of the lodge 20 years ago and its advancement in the meantime to one of the largest and most progressive Moose organizations in Southern California. He will then turn the session over to John E. McCall, Torrance city attorney, acting as master of ceremonies, who will introduce officers present from other lodges and guests of the occasion.

Among the officials and guests for whom reservations have been made are the following: Arlie Prowant, Great North Moose of Long Beach lodge; Al Lusk, president of the California Moose association; Bob Shippee, secretary of the California Moose Association; James B. West of Hollywood, regional director of Moose lodges in California and Nevada; Oscar Hauge, Fourth District supervisor; Fred Howser, Los Angeles county district attorney; Richard Bonney, Bank of America executive offices in Los Angeles; Clarence Cray, governor of the Long Beach lodge; Antonio Entenza, attorney and member of the state boxing commission; Maj. H. L. Holland, commander of materials division, U. S. Army Air Force; R. M. Garbe, of the National Supply Company; Otto A. Kresse, general superintendent Columbia Steel; L. V. Patton, assistant superintendent, Columbia Steel, Torrance; Ernest Hinnerous, sales manager of a large Los Angeles distributing firm, representatives of the press and others.

Following conclusion of this part of the program, a general social time will be had.

Henry A. Urban, Age 79, Passes After Lingering Illness

Henry Alons Urban, 79, resident of Torrance for more than 20 years passed away Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the home of Fabian Abram, 210 S. Grandview st., Redondo Beach, following a lingering illness. He left no survivors, his wife having preceded him in death a number of years ago.

Old-time residents of Torrance will remember the Cra-Post Fruit Market conducted by the deceased and his wife at Cravens and Post aves., where they conducted a lucrative business.

The body is at the Stone & Myers mortuary. Rosary will be held at the mortuary chapel tomorrow, Friday, at 8:30 p.m. and mass will be said at the Church of the Nativity, Torrance, at 9 a.m. Saturday. Rev. Joseph Bauer officiating. Interment will be in Calvary cemetery.

Cabrillo Paving Job Work Resumed After Being Halted by Rain

The Griffith Company, recently awarded the contract to pave Cabrillo ave. between Carson st. and Plaza del Amo, moved their equipment just before the storm of last week and had one side of the street broken up when the rain arrived, when operations were temporarily halted. Work was resumed when weather conditions changed and will be rushed to completion. The Griffith firm was awarded the contract on the low bid of \$13,483.20.

Lieut. Bill Stewart Reported Missing In Action Since Feb. 25

Lt. William R. Stewart is reported missing in action since Feb. 25—this message received yesterday by the popular pilot's wife, the former Jean Hathaway of Lomita, east widespread anxiety through Torrance and Lomita, where the former athlete is known by thousands of admiring friends.



MISSING . . . Lieut. Bill Stewart, popular Torrance athlete, now Army pilot, is reported missing since Feb. 25, over Europe.

Old Paper Drive At T.H.S. Will Open March 30

Harold E. Perry, principal of Torrance High school, announced during an interview this week that March 30 will be set aside for collection of old paper at the school as a part of the paper drive campaign of the Los Angeles schools, sponsored by the Tenth District Parent Teachers Association.

Perry further revealed that if the drive is a success a special full length feature film will be shown to students, submitting a predetermined poundage of scrap paper to the drive. Other rewards will be offered by the P.T.A. The first prize for the school that takes in the most paper per capita will be \$250 in cash for both the winning junior high and the winning senior high; \$150 and \$50 respectively constitute the second and third prizes to senior and junior groups.

Proceeds from the drive will be divided between P.T.A. charity funds and the school, which will buy new athletic and orchestra equipment for the student body.

Citizens of Torrance are urged to cooperate with students who will canvass them in the near future for old paper and to aid the drive by saving any and all pasteboard containers.

First Unit of General Petroleum Octane Plant Goes on Stream

The new super 100-octane unit at the General Petroleum plant in Torrance has gone into production and is now turning out in considerable quantity the vital fluid needed by Uncle Sam's fleets of war planes to bring the nation's enemies into submission.

There was no special ceremony, only a few Army and Navy officials were there to witness the momentous event, along with company heads and their employees who were gratified to see the many hard days of work transposed into triumph.

One observer declared when the valves were opened: "It was a great occasion, giving a thrill to every man who did his part on this important job. It marked a step forward in the support of our sons, brothers and friends who are in the front lines on sea and land and in the air, fighting the Jap and Nazi hordes for the freedom of the world.

"A great feeling of pride and satisfaction went through every man as he realized that soon the product of his individual labor will be at the fighting fronts, enabling planes on those fronts to do a far greater and more effective job in carrying the war to the enemy, and probably helping to shorten the conflict.

"Whether it is bombing Berlin or blasting Jap warships out of Truk, he knows this super 100-octane gasoline now being turned out at the Torrance plant will enable bombers to carry heavier bomb loads at a faster rate of speed and to fly further in accomplishing their missions. He knows that especially in the critical fighter-plane divisions it gives our boys greater maneuverability, more zip, higher altitudes and increased superiority over anything that the enemy can produce.

"The finishing of this first

T.C.C. unit was not easy. No construction as extensive and complicated as this is easy. But the job was done as may be expected of good local Americans in anything they undertake. And the second unit is now being pushed through to completion in a manner that is calling for the commendation and praise of representatives of the Army, Navy and labor alike.

"This goes for the public, too. For you may be sure that with all the publicity that has been given to the importance of 100-octane aviation gasoline, the public is fully aware of the extreme importance of the work we are doing. More than that, they feel we are one of the lifelines between them and their boys at the fighting fronts. They are quick to praise good work and equally quick to condemn failure. Let's keep our standing high!"

Ex-Gov. Merriam to Attend Civic Meeting

Former Gov. Frank P. Merriam will be among the guests who will attend the dinner session of the Harbor District Chamber of Commerce in the Torrance Civic Auditorium tonight. He placed his application for a dinner reservation with H. B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, last Tuesday.