

Harry B. Lewis In Hospital Recovering From Crash Injuries

Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, in Torrance Memorial Hospital with a fractured pelvis, broken rib and other injuries, is making satisfactory progress toward recovery, no complications having set in, it was announced yesterday.

Rubber Plants Solve Car Tire Problem—Daniels

In an interesting informal talk to the Torrance Kiwanis Monday night, Frank Daniels, chief clerk of the local War Ration board, said that the government had solved the rubber problem with plants such as those located in Torrance.

"We will build," he continued, "twenty-two million automobile tires for the public this year. Actually thirty million tires are needed. The difference is not a shortage of rubber, but rather that of manpower and facilities to manufacture more tires for civilian use. We will issue certificates as fast as these tires are available for 'B' and 'C' book holders.

"Of course, in all cases, it must be remembered that I am on the board. What the board thinks and what I think may be two different things. Rationing is becoming less and less an important part of our activity, rather today we are devoting most of our efforts in the price control field. Prices must be within the established ceiling on both new and used articles if we are to prevent run-away inflation. This is a more serious threat to our country's well being today than shortages. But rationing and price control working together will prevent inflation."

He said that his board now covered more than 37,000 people in the Torrance district. This district is a square bounded by 190th st. on the north and 101 highway on the south, with Hawthorne blvd. on the west and Avalon blvd. on the east.

Doak Nine Wins Over Army Team By 13-12 Score

By PFC. DAVE DORTOIT

The Torrance Army Hospital's "Medical Commandos" have played two games this week, dropping a very close one to Doak Aircraft and then coming back Wednesday to overrun the 37th Brigade, made up of several Redondo Beach Army units. In the game against Doak, more thrills were in evidence than in any murder mystery. Doak began the game with a rush, putting four runs across in the first inning. Then the "medics" came back slowly, with one in the first and two in the second, but it all seemed in vain as the Doak boys slammed four more runs across in the third. With the score 8 to 3 in their favor, the Doak team, paced by "Ching" Dohm, athletic director of the company, and Assistant Director of Industrial Relations Garrett, thought they had the game in the proverbial bag.

Then the Army began to go to town, with a brace of long, solid hits that brought in five runs to even up the score. When Doak slapped two more runs across in the fifth, the "Commandos" came right back with two more of their own, tying the score again and raising pandemonium in the stands.

The sixth saw another Doak run as Dropphammer Man Van Pelt hammered Pitcher Jarvis in, and then in the seventh "Pop" Garrett made a hero's entrance by crashing a mighty home run into left field that brought Nordquist in ahead of "Commandos." In the last half of the final inning, Pratscher doubled and the iron-armed Army pitcher, "Olie" Olson, hit a beautiful home run. The stands were in an uproar, with everyone on their feet and cheering as the Army loaded the bases, one by one. Then with two out, bases loaded, and the Army team one run behind, Lt. Smith ended the ball game by a vicious smash straight into Shortstop Laubhan's glove. Final score, 13 to 12, in favor of Doak.

By comparison, the Hospital victory over the 37th Brigade was a mild affair. "Olie" Olson pitched superbly and Lt. Smith, Jack, Bernard and Pratscher supplied the batting power. Final score, 7 to 3, in favor of Torrance Army Hospital.

Lewis was injured Saturday, May 13, at 1:55 a.m. in an accident at Fifth and Flower sts., Los Angeles, in which Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman Wentworth miraculously escaped serious injury. He was taken to Angeles Receiving hospital and removed to Torrance by ambulance on Monday evening.

Wentworth, general manager of Longren Aircraft Company, general chairman of the Torrance Industries Post War Planning Committee, and a director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was driving the automobile, which was struck by a car driven by Robert R. Brown of Long Beach.

Wentworth said that his car, in which the party was returning from a dinner at the Altadena residence of Philip Van Dyke, also a Chamber of Commerce director, was traveling south on Flower st. and that Brown was traveling east on Fifth st. at a rapid rate of speed. Wentworth said he saw the Brown car, but did not realize its speed until it was upon the Wentworth machine. The Brown car skidded 46 feet before the impact, according to Wentworth.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth were thrown from the automobile by the impact which bounced the car some 40 feet. Lewis was on the side of the car which was hit and received the brunt of the impact. However, he got out of the machine and aided Mrs. Wentworth, whose back was severely sprained, before thinking of his own serious injury.

While shocked and bruised, Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth and Mrs. Lewis were not badly hurt.

Cpl. T. H. Davis of Muroc was a witness.

Lewis will be confined for some time.

Thos. Berkebile, Incorporator of Torrance, Dies

Thomas Berkebile, 73, city attorney of Monterey Park, who assisted with the incorporation of the City of Torrance, died in Monterey Park yesterday.

Mr. Berkebile was well known throughout the district and state as an authority on municipal law. He was a lecturer on constitutional law at University of California, post graduate school, and had directed the incorporation of the cities of Monterey Park, Montebello and Bell. He had served as city attorney of Azusa, Alhambra and other cities.

Arrangements for the funeral are in the hands of Wilson's mortuary in Monterey Park.

Ration Board Now Has Public Phone

For the convenience of the public, the local War Price and Ration Board, 2300 Carson st., Torrance, has installed a public telephone, according to Frank Daniels, chief clerk. The telephone number is Torrance 25.

Torrance Army Hospital Benefit Premiere Set For Hollywood, May 31

Wednesday evening, May 31, is the date that has been selected for the gala Hollywood premiere that is being staged to provide funds for a recreation and rehabilitation program for disabled servicemen at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation's Hospital at Torrance.



COMPLETING A CAMPAIGN . . . launched at the suggestion of the Torrance Herald on March 30, a city crew with tractor Wednesday tackled the barricades around the former Chamber of Commerce building, and the Herald photo above shows the first section falling to the ground to afford the Torrance residents and visitors a glimpse of the attractive structure. Crews are likewise removing the blackout shades from city lighting standards, and Torrance once more becomes a "well lighted" city. The removal comes out a promise by Mayor Tolson to the people and is the result of councilmanic action on May 9.

Montgomery, Kersey Visit Torrance High

By OLIVER THAYER

With graduation activities already in advance stages at Torrance High school, two high executives of the Los Angeles City Board of Education visited the campus of Torrance High this week, being well received by faculty and student groups.

Assistant Superintendent G. Millage Montgomery of Los Angeles city schools was guest at the school last Monday during the greater part of the day.

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Mr. Kersey's speech was concerned with the future of graduating students. Although burdened by a heavy program of talking personally to all seniors in the 43 high schools that comprise the Los Angeles city school district, the speaker gave considerable attention to problems of the local youth in the Torrance area.

Kersey is well known in influential circles and is an eloquent public speaker.

James Lynch at the Chamber of Commerce has a block of 100 tickets available at \$5 each. Lynch is urging all those who can buy tickets to do so and those unable to attend are urged to give their tickets to soldiers who are patients at the hospital.

The premiere will be staged in the typically grand Hollywood manner, with large numbers of the leading stars of movie and radio in attendance and with floodlights and special band music for the occasion. The picture is particularly appropriate as a benefit for a military installation as it combines a magnificent musical background, based on the great Czech composer Smetana's patriotic masterpiece, "The Moldau," with an engrossing, intriguing story of two anti-fascist people caught up in a whirlpool of Nazi cruelty and hate.

Narbonne High Wins Marine League Track, Field Championship

Torrance High school has accepted the decision of the officials with good grace, and accepts the score in the Marine League track and field meet making Narbonne High the champions as final, Harold E. Perry said in a statement to the students of Torrance High Tuesday.

The meet, held last Saturday, at Narbonne High campus in Lomita, ended with Narbonne in first place with 46½ points; Banning second with 37; Torrance third with 34½; Gardena fourth with 22½ and San Pedro fifth with 20½.

Object of a contest was the change that War Henderson, Torrance miller, had cut in during the mile race to win. He cut his season record 12 seconds, but was disqualified.

Final score—Narbonne, 46½; Banning, 37; Torrance, 34½; Gardena, 22½; San Pedro, 20½.

Paul Biller came through with 16 points by winning the high and low barriers and the pole vault. His times in the hurdles were two of the best times in the city. He hit 15.8 in the high and 20.5 in the low. He also cleared 11' 9" in the pole vault but was unable to break the record.

In the sprints, Bud Hayes and Meyers took first in the 100 and 200 respectively, in fair times. Bob Leech, Tartar star, even after his previous illness which left him too weak to be at top form, came through with a third in the 220 and a fourth in the 100.

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The field events came out much like the predictions, as Arthur of Banning won the broad jump at 19 ft. 4½ in, and Kenny Fontes, also of Banning, won the shot put with a 46 ft. ½ in. throw. The high jump was a duel between Tartars Bill George and Ed Robst and Gaucho Holbrook, with George winning it at 5 ft. 11 in and the other two boys tying for second at 5 ft. 10 in.

Weir Henderson, Torrance miller, lowered his best season time 12 seconds to win the event, but he was disqualified for cutting in on the Narbonne boy. With him out it left young Banning in first and Ackerman of Narbonne second, in 4 minutes, 47.2 seconds. The Gar-

Election Table

For Torrance, Lomita, Keystone, L. A. Shoestring and Victor Precinct High Tor. Blvd.

	TORRANCE	LOMITA	Keystone and L.A. Shoestring Precinct High Tor. Blvd.
U. S. SENATOR Democratic			
Downey	741	577	109
Houser	169	132	24
Bonelli	148	111	21
Dockweiler	115	66	18
Tenney	49	16	2
Johnson	34	18	2
Bancroft	30	37	5
Crowder	13	11	0
Cræmer	10	12	0
Taheny	8	3	2
Casad	7	4	1
U. S. SENATOR Republican			
Houser	310	248	18
Downey	128	78	19
Bancroft	49	31	6
Bonelli	48	28	1
Tenney	32	19	6
Cræmer	24	2	3
Johnson	24	16	1
Riggs	6	36	1
Taheny	6	0	0
Casad	2	3	0

CONGRESSMAN 17th District

Democrat	Rep	Dem	Rep
King	1088	755	149
Walker	74	42	8
Reinheimer	55	61	8
DiMicieli	27	44	7
Greene	19	21	3

CONGRESSMAN 17th District

Democrat	Rep	Dem	Rep
King	310	250	14
Walker	164	76	3
Rose	38	22	2
Foster	34	31	2
Reinheimer	15	11	5
Greene	10	5	0

ASSEMBLYMAN State Legislature

Democrat	Rep	Dem	Rep
Thomas	883	636	104
Donley	312	280	54

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Democrat	Rep	Dem	Rep
Thomas	276	175	38
Hix	271	226	15

COUNTY COMMITTEE

Democrat	Rep	Dem	Rep
MacDonald	559	425	78
Beight	545	359	82
Porter	509	388	78
Glenn	500	363	68
Sandison	481	365	71
O'Toole	72	0	0

COUNTY COMMITTEE

Democrat	Rep	Dem	Rep
Buxton	399	265	36
Haley	378	259	33
Metcalfe	375	272	32
Layson	375	271	33
Raycraft	372	272	33
Maynard	368	267	32
Long	368	271	34

SUPERVISOR

4th District (Non-Partisan)	Dem	Rep	Dem	Rep
Darby	951	614	70	26
Hauge	807	588	117	13

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(Non-Partisan)	Dem	Rep	Dem	Rep
Houser	1200	840	163	26
Dockweiler	413	316	56	10
Ware	327	236	21	4

Congressman King Wins Nomination On Both Tickets

Congressman Cecil R. King emerged an easy winner in the 17th congressional district race Tuesday, capturing both his own democratic nomination and the republican as well.

Ration Board, Gas Station Are Ransacked

"Smart young kids after gasoline stamps for hopped up cars," is the version put on the burglary of the War Price and Ration Board office in Torrance and the General Petroleum station of A. F. "Pinky" Palmer at Carson and Arlington sts. late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

At the Ration Board office, the door was jimmied and the door was broken. A thin dime and a five cent candy bar were all that was taken. Drawers and desks were ransacked, papers strewn over the floor, and obviously the burglars were after gas stamps, according to Frank Daniels, chief clerk of the board.

But all ration books and stamps were safely locked up in a big, strong safe. The board closed Wednesday morning, but opened after midnight. Chief Strohm said the vandals drew down the window shades so that the lights could be turned on for the search.

At Palmer's station about 500 gallons worth of gasoline ration stamps and approximately \$10 in money were taken. The burglars gained entry by throwing a brick through a plate glass door. They passed up tubes, batteries and other accessories, ransacking the various drawers until the stamps were found.

Evidence points to the fact that the Palmer burglary was after midnight, Chief Strohm said. There was too much grease and dirt around the place to get good fingerprints, he declared.

No prints were available at the Ration Board office. A previous attempt to break into the Palmer station had been made, a brick having been thrown against the door on Sunday night, it was said.

Suspicion is directed against a group of young boys, 14 to 16 years old, who were seen in 9 Ration Board office on Tuesday, the chief said.

Torrance Favors Government Tax On Real Estate

Local voters strongly favored the state constitutional amendment eliminating the present exemption of property belonging to the federal government. The vote in Torrance was: Yes, 4075; No, 657.

In Lomita: Yes, 737; No, 496. In Keystone and the two Los Angeles Shoestring precincts: Yes, 118; No, 89.

POST-WAR PLANNERS WILL MEET TONIGHT

Members of the Torrance Post-War Planning Commission will meet tonight (Thursday) at the Chamber of Commerce, according to B. C. Buxton, chairman.

Torrance Service Center (Opened and Welfare Group Tells of Operation Plans

Torrance Service Center for member of the board of the Community Chest agencies has been opened in the Chamber of Commerce office, with Miss Virginia Hall, office secretary, in charge, and the new service was introduced to leaders of the community in a meeting last night in the city council chamber.

C. W. Pfeiffer, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Council of Social Agencies, was principal speaker of the meeting, explaining the welfare and health services being brought to Torrance by 92 agencies participating in the plan.

He introduced various representatives of the agencies, including Rt. Rev. T. J. O'Dwyer, who in a statement to the Torrance Herald praised the movement of establishing the Torrance Service Center. "As a member of the board of the Community Chest and as a representative of a number of social institutions, I feel that this move is a service which we owe to the civic organizations who are giving to the War Chest," Monsignor O'Dwyer said. "We appreciate the service that the civic organizations are giving and we feel that we should provide one place where any problem of any welfare or health nature can be cleared."

The office will give information about any social service problem and take inquiries about aid available therefrom. Representatives of various agencies will be reached through the office, it was explained.

Introduced at the meeting, presided over by Rev. Paul M. Cravens, were: Harry Edgar Raymond, 2113 Cabrillo ave.; Gaiel Clayton Maddock, 21310 S. Denker ave.; William Charles Fulton, 2350 227th st.; Phillip Gallegos Araiza, 220 Arlington ave.

Men Taken for Army Service

The following Torrance selectees were accepted for the United States Army on May 15, 1944, from Local Selective Service Board No. 280, Carl D. Steele, chairman, announced today.

James Joseph Jordan, 1823 Gramercy ave.; Harry Edgar Raymond, 2113 Cabrillo ave.; Gaiel Clayton Maddock, 21310 S. Denker ave.; William Charles Fulton, 2350 227th st.; Phillip Gallegos Araiza, 220 Arlington ave.

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