

# TORRANCE WAR LOAN DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED MONDAY; SCOUTS, CUBS GET STARTED

With Boy Scouts and Cubs taking the lead with their Fifth War Loan Drive, Torrance is preparing to launch on a campaign to sell in excess of \$950,000 worth of war bonds starting Monday. Already it is predicted that the sales will exceed the quota considerably, as they did in the Fourth War Loan Drive, when \$1,156,545 in bonds were sold against a quota of \$650,000.

Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the drive, said that his committee are ready to take the field, to repeat the performance of the Fourth drive.

The Boy Scouts launched their drive after a "kick-off" show at the Grand theatre, selling the first of their quota of \$175,000 to Captain J. R. Winters of the Fire Department, who bought \$100 worth of bonds from the Scouts and Cubs.

## Show Stated

Highlighting the campaign for the balance of this month will be the big show to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium on Monday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m., admission price for which will be one bond, \$18.75 or up. A 35-piece band is being sent to Torrance for the affair, and the program, Chairman Lee said, will be worth the price of admission, in addition to the fact that every bond brings money to prosecute the war to the victory which we all are seeking.

"Display of the flag and bond buying go hand in hand," Chairman Lee declared. "You render help service when you hoist the national banner today and then do little or nothing to keep it a symbol of freedom.

## Service Men Know

"In the invasion zones the men from this community know the full price of the American flag in blood and tears. To them it means their homes, their families and their very bodies. For the flag, they die.

"What better day than Flag Day, this coming week, June 14, for you at home, safe and comfortable, far away from the screaming battlefields, to make a genuine sacrifice in buying extra war bonds, more than you ever bought before? Doff your hat to the flag and to the men who fight for it by going with out even the suggestion of a luxury until the war is won, until our invading forces have torn to shreds the twin symbols of greed and treachery, the Rising Sun and the Swastika. Buy war bonds and help Torrance put over its drive to help the boys at the front lines to win us the peace we want."

## 'D' Day Marked By Greater Bond Buying

"D" day in Torrance was noticed by the increased tempo in industrial plants building implements of war and by stepped up bond buying, especially at the local postoffice.

Postmaster C. Earl Conner said that the day marked a substantial gain in bond sales.

From Carl D. Steele, secretary of local union No. 1414, United Steelworkers of America, came an appeal for greater bond buying, and harder work.

He said: "The long awaited invasion of Europe is now under way. Remember, we are a long way from total victory. We on the home front must now redouble our effort. Not one member of our armed forces must die for the lack of effort and cooperation on our part.

"Now is the time to work twice as hard; give your blood to the Red Cross; support the war bond drive to your last dollar; reaffirm your pledge to stay on the job.

"Don't fall for defeatist propaganda that the war is over. Unity behind our Commander in Chief is necessary for victory. Support our boys and girls who are fighting that we may remain free people."

## Postal Receipts In Torrance Gain 47 Percent

Torrance postal receipts increased 47.8 percent in May of this year over May of 1943, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

The total for the post month was \$10,049.65 and that of the same month of 1943, \$6,849.12. The increase reflects a general gain in postal transactions, not chargeable to any one type of business over another, the postmaster declared.

## LONG BEACH GUESTS

Dr. K. F. Siskomann entertained as his guests Saturday Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Miller of Long Beach and formerly of Detroit.

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## Fifth War Loan Drive Launched by Boy Scouts



BOY SCOUTS OF TORRANCE DISTRICT . . . got off to a whirlwind campaign in their Fifth War Loan Drive to sell \$175,000 worth of bonds by walking from the Grand theatre Saturday morning, where they had their big "kickoff" party, across the street to the City Hall where they met Fire Captain J. R. Winters and proceeded to sell him five \$100 bonds.

It took seven boys to do it, and they settled for one \$100 bond for each of five boys, a total of \$500 in one crack! In the background above, left to right, are Mrs. William Boyes, Mrs. B. R. Conners and Mrs. Carl Gipe watching while Floyd Walters, Walteria; Vincent Reichman, Troop 241; Harold Rolfe, 215; Edmond Tapia, 217; Gene Krieger, 230; David Vonderahe, 241C, and Danny Chambers, 218C, proceed to sell Captain Winters his bonds.

Others in the picture are: Lower row, left to right, Larry Roy, David Brenner, Fred Critser, Peter Vail, Gordon Branch, Dickie Ferguson, Delbert McGuire, Michel Conner, Warren Bennett, James Ward, Franklin Gipe, Carl Lord and Gary Day, all of Walteria; SECOND ROW, left to right, Martin Montanye, Richard Dodds, Eddie Stampfli, Billy Boyes, Donald Krieger, all of 218C; John Williams, 241; Frank Schmidt, 228C; Gerald Rolfe, 218C; Clyde Crawford and Fred Bartlett, both of 241; THIRD ROW, left to right, Donald Lamberth, 218C; Roland Stratford, 218C; Lawrence Shirley, Jerry McIlvaine, Lory Watson, Frank Norris, all of 241; John Moffitt, Don Russell, of 215; Bill Carstens and Bill Mallard, of 241, and George P. Thatcher, field commissioner, Boy Scouts of America, who conducted the bond "kick-off" in the Fifth War Loan Drive.

## SHARE-RIDE COMMITTEE NAMED HERE

Greater use of the "share-the-ride" system in encouraging employment in Torrance industrial area is being worked out by a committee named on Thursday in a meeting sponsored by K. E. Bradley, local manager for the United States Employment Service.

The committee is composed of K. E. Hanson, National Supply Company; Eddie Ahlstrom, Columbia Steel Corp.; M. Bailey, Goodyear Rubber; Charles F. Koors, Torrance transportation coordinator; and Bradley.

A meeting is proposed for Monday, at which plans for a central file of "share-the-ride" information will be discussed. "Records show that there are more than 15,000 men employed in Torrance," Bradley said. "Of this number, in excess of 7,000 are traveling from out of town. Too many of these are coming in cars with no passengers. This is what we want to overcome.

We want to fill these cars, to save gasoline, tires and to make it easier for many people to get to their jobs in Torrance."

Bradley said that a transportation office on a community-wide basis is a "large order," but that with the cooperation of the industrial employers, it can be worked out.

The committee named will make recommendations to this end on Monday, it was said.

## CITY COURT MAY RECEIPTS ARE \$1,209.50

From May 1 to and including May 31, 1944, the City Court of the City of Torrance received \$1,209.50 net from fines and fees, according to Judge Otto B. Willett. Of this sum \$725.00 are general fund monies while \$475.50 came from vehicle violations and thus are road fund monies.

Six civil cases were filed during this month, five of which were small claims cases, making a total of \$9.00. General fund monies were collected from the following cases: Drunkenness, \$455.00; parking, \$50.00; boulevard stop, \$45.00; and miscellaneous criminal violations, \$175.00.

Vehicle code funds were derived from the following cases: Drunk driving, \$387.50; speeding, \$55.00; and miscellaneous traffic violations, \$50.00.

Appearing below is the number of criminal and traffic cases actually handled during the month and the disposition thereof:

Violation	Total Guilty
Drunkenness	24
Drunk driving	9
Parking	31
Boulevard stop	8
Speed, reckless driving	6
Misc. traffic	25
Misc. criminal	6
Certified to Juvenile	11

## STATE GUARD BATTALION TO ENGAGE IN MANEUVERS JUNE 18

Troops of the entire 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, are preparing for exercises and training maneuvers to be staged at Compton Junior college on Sunday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Major A. Milton Fish, commanding officer of the battalion, has informed various company commanders that a minimum attendance of 60 percent of strength is expected at the exercises. The State Guard being a voluntary organization, composed of defense workers, business and professional men, allowance is made for those who have to work on that day, the major pointed out. He called for attendance of all others at the affair.

The companies of the 2nd Battalion are: Companies A, B and C, headquartered in Long Beach; Company D, Wilmington; Company E, Bellflower; Company F, Hermosa Beach; Company G, San Pedro; Company H, Torrance, and Company I,

## BLOOD DONOR DAY JUNE 16 IN TORRANCE

Friday, June 16, is Red Cross Blood Bank day, and donations will be taken from 8:40 a.m. until 12:40 p.m. by appointment, with a limit of 200 persons on the quota, according to Mrs. Maud Kresse, blood donor chairman for the Torrance branch.

The Army and Navy have asked for an additional 5,158,000 pints of blood for 1944, she pointed out. The Red Cross blood donor project is the largest controlled undertaking in medical history and already thousands of lives have been saved through this service. The Red Cross is charged by the Army and Navy with this responsibility of procuring the blood from which plasma and serum albumin are processed for the armed forces. The cost is borne jointly by the national organization and local chapters participating.

All blood collected by the Red Cross Blood Donor Service is turned over to the armed forces without charge. Mrs. Kresse said, and the Red Cross receives no pay for this work, directly or indirectly, and no plasma or serum albumin processed from the blood is ever sold. No service man is ever charged for transfusions by the Army or Navy.

## Compton, which will be host company.

The exercises will be held on the athletic field and lecture courses will be conducted in classrooms.

The training course will include rules of the range, safety; triangulation and sighting; field stripping the U. S. Rifle, Cal. 30, Model 1917; positions of firing; ordnance. Sounding of "To the Colors" will open the day and "Retreat" will close the observance. The men will mess at noon on the campus.

Speaking of the fact that the exercises are called on Father's Day, Major Fish said, "There are thousands upon thousands of fathers on the battle fronts of the world who are not stopping for Father's Day. We cannot stop. Neither do we have the time. The United States Army has equipped us for a job and has given us a program to follow to train each and every man to do that job. We are going to follow it, and be in shape to do our part."

## PROCLAMATION

By MAYOR WILLIAM TOLSON

D-Day on the fighting fronts now belongs to each of us. It is appropriate that we have a Civilian D-Day on the home front also. In launching the Fifth War Loan on June 12, the Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., will designate that date as Civilian D-Day throughout the nation.

Civilian D-Day, June 12, and military D-Day, June 6, are inseparable. All of us need to take stock of ourselves, in our homes and in our places of work. Our support will be reflected in the tide of battle and the bloody price we must pay to defeat the Nazis and Japs.

The opening of the Fifth War Loan must be a day of home front action, a day when all the resources we have been mustering for the bloody and expensive showdown go on the attack.

As Mayor, I am proclaiming June 12 as Civilian D-Day in Torrance.

The source of the spirit and morale of our fighting forces lies right here at home. Civilian D-Day, opening the Fifth War Loan, gives Torrance a weighty share of the invasion job. We will do our part and more.

## OPENING OF TORRANCE USO SCHEDULED AS GROUP UNDERTAKES PROGRAM

Torrance offers succor to the service men and women who have no place to go, who find themselves stranded in the community after transportation has ceased in the early morning hours, or who have a few hours for entertainment and relaxation and can find no place to spend them.

Torrance, as a result of action of the Torrance Service Center of the Community Chest Agencies and of service-minded citizens, July 1 is to have its own U.S.O. to serve the service people of the many camps, posts and units located in or near the city.

The Torrance Woman's Club offered the use of its clubhouse at 1422 Engracia Avenue, and the action of the board of directors was ratified at a membership meeting yesterday afternoon. A rental of \$150 was decided upon, on a lease basis.

A budget of \$345 per month has been set up and financed by the U.S.O. regional office. A grand opening and dance is scheduled for Saturday night, July 1, in which all community organizations and citizens are asked to cooperate.

Hours of the U.S.O. will be from 4 to 10 p.m. and all day Saturday and Sunday, continuing late into the night on weekends.

Signs will be posted throughout the city pointing the way to the U.S.O.

Torrance's active participation in the War Chest is believed to be responsible for the cordial reception and quick action in getting the U.S.O. for this community. It was first thought of late in May, and is slated for operation July 1.

At a meeting held last Thursday afternoon, Robert Burns, U.S.O. regional director, pledged a budget sufficient to take care of the needs of a Torrance U.S.O., and a group gathered in

## BUS LINE TRAFFIC IN BIG GAIN

Revenue of the Torrance Municipal bus lines in May was up 76 percent over May of last year, according to a report from C. Z. Ward, bus manager.

The number of passengers carried was up 40.8 per cent last month over the same month of 1943.

Reflecting a tremendous increase in business, Ward's figures bear out the need for the expansion program of the Torrance bus lines, announced elsewhere in this edition.

Ward said that the number of passengers carried on the Torrance buses was 26,800 in May against 19,042 for May of last year. This is a gain of 7.78 passengers.

The revenue from fares was \$6,705.64 in May of this year against \$3,808.34, an increase of \$2,897.30.

The mileage traveled by the buses was 23,658 in May of 1944 against 21,525 in May of 1943, indicating that the increase in revenues and traffic is being born on virtually the same routes as were in operation a year ago.

Ward's report is to be submitted to the City Council meeting on Tuesday evening.

## HAMPDEN WENTWORTH GIVEN LUNCHEON ON DEPARTURE

Jointly honoring Hampden Wentworth, vice president and chief engineer of Longren Aircraft, on the eve of his departure for training as a cadet in the Naval Air Corps, and John J. Brill, employee, and his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary, the entire Longren personnel stopped work Saturday at noon and staged a mammoth luncheon in the middle of the plant.

Hampden Wentworth will enter training in Berkeley, his induction bringing to a temporary close a remarkable career which began with the very start of Longren. A brilliant engineer, he designed most of the machinery used in the plant.

Women employees, wives of the men in the plant and others joined to make the luncheon a success. The whole meal virtually was home cooked. The employees pooled their rest periods for the whole day to provide time for the affair, and every employee was there ex-

## TORRANCE HUB OF BIG BUS SYSTEM AS PURCHASE OF GARDENA LINE NEARS CLOSE

Torrance will become the hub of transportation by motor-bus for the entire southwest industrial area of Los Angeles county under plans being devised here which involve the expenditure of thousands of dollars in development and expansion, including the following:

1. Purchase by Torrance of the Gardena city bus lines, a deal now in process of negotiation between the two cities.

2. Service of Gardena and Moneta by Torrance municipal buses including through service to the Hill street terminal on one fare for all persons of those communities and en route.

3. Direct service between Gardena, Moneta and way points with Torrance and Lomita.

4. Remodeling and leasing by the city of the old Ford building at 1514 Cabrillo, for use as a modern bus terminal with inside loading—designed after the other civic buildings of Torrance.

5. Construction of a new maintenance and repair shop for Torrance municipal bus lines at a cost of about \$10,000, this likewise to follow the architecture of local civic buildings.

6. Improvement of service, with new routes and more frequent schedules, for the whole area from Walteria through Gardena, using 20 buses involved in the two systems under the plan.

Practically all of the financial aspects of the program have been worked out by the city officials involved, and the big program will be accomplished with monies in the general fund. It is a Torrance inspired and sponsored idea to give greater service to a greater number of persons throughout the industrial area of which Torrance is the hub.

Torrance municipal bus line already is a paying proposition, with service extended to Los Angeles and other communities in the area. Under the program being worked out, the system practically will be a "pay as you go" expansion, with the local

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## SHIP TO BE NAMED AFTER TORRANCE

Torrance will have a tanker named in its honor, according to word from Marinskip Corporation.

Keel laying for the first of a series of 24 large tanker ships to be named for leading oil producing areas in California was announced by the Sausalito shipyard on San Francisco bay.

The ship now under construction is the S. S. Kettleman Hills, named for the famous oil deposit area of Kings and Fresno counties. This will be followed by 23 other similar ships named for important California petroleum fields, among which will be the S. S. Torrance Hills.

The keel section for the first ship of this series was lifted dramatically by two 90-ton cranes and dropped into place at 1:00 p.m. on May 29, at exactly the same spot where the Sausalito shipyard laid its first Liberty ship keel 23 months previously.

"We are very pleased to name this series of high-speed modern oil-carrying ships after the

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## Bicycle Thefts Cause Police to Urge Registration

Boys with bikes! Girls with bikes!

If you want to hold on to your bicycle, go down to the Torrance police station and register the serial number dis-stamped on the frame.

Chief of Police John Stroh reports that there has been an alarming number of bicycle thefts in recent weeks, particularly in the vicinity of the high school. These thefts are hard to trace unless the serial number is available.

The police department is prepared to record the serial number, and if any trouble comes in the future, will have the information by which the bikes can be traced.

Chief Stroh is appealing to bicycle owners to cooperate with the police by taking advantage of this registration service.

## FATHER VISITS

Mrs. Forrest McKinley recently entertained as her house guest her father, J. L. Potet of Tucuman, N. M.