



HAPPY WITH GUIDE DOG . . . Shown above with "Gracie," his guide dog provided by the National Brotherhood of Service, conducting a flower sale here tomorrow and Saturday, is Joseph F. Stephens, familiar to all old-timers in Torrance. He lives in Paradise, Calif., now.

FLOWER SALE DRIVE IS BRIGHTENED BY LETTER FROM JOSEPH STEVENS

As Torrance plans participation in the annual "Brotherhood Day" for the blind and handicapped by buying flowers made by the less fortunate, a letter was received this week from Joseph F. Stevens, familiar to all old-timers in Torrance, who received a guide dog through the efforts of the National Brotherhood of Service.

Stevens, who for years operated a popcorn stand outside the Torrance National bank, left

Flower Sale for Blind Shut-ins Here Tomorrow

July 28 and 29, tomorrow and Saturday, will be "flower days" in Torrance for the benefit of the blind and shut-ins of the National Brotherhood of Service.

Elsie Smith, local leader, is in charge of the sale to be conducted by junior high school students.

The artificial flowers to be sold were made by members of the order and the proceeds will go to the financing of "guide dogs" for the blind. The guide dogs, thoroughly trained and carefully selected to suit the temperament, home surroundings and working conditions of the student, cost only \$350. This price includes board and room for the student during his training period which requires only one week, and complete equipment for the dog.

The National Brotherhood of Service is a charitable organization having the support of the Better Business Bureau, the Braille Institute of America, and various public service organizations.

Bob Crosby In Hospital Here After Accident

Bob Crosby, who gave up his band to become a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, was knocked unconscious for two hours and suffered a knee and chest injury early Saturday when he dozed at the wheel of his car and ran off the road and into a telephone pole at 101 highway and Jefferson ave., Torrance. He was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital.

LT. Crosby was on route to his Beverly Hills home from Camp Pendleton at the time of the accident. A short time before he had taken several serum shots for overseas duty and the effects of the shots caused him to become sleepy, he said. His car was wrecked.

As no one witnessed the accident, he lay unconscious for two hours. Reviving, he awakened the occupants of a nearby house, who summoned aid from the sheriff's office and California Highway Patrol. He was taken home after emergency treatment here.

EXTENDING OF SANTA FE LINE THROUGH TORRANCE TO LONG BEACH ASKED

The Santa Fe Railway today submitted application to the Interstate Commerce Commission seeking approval for an extension of its line through Torrance into Long Beach. The company for years has reached practically to the border of Long Beach without entering it. The present application seeks authority to effect an entry by constructing an extension of track approximately 2.02 miles in length, from its present trackage near the intersection of Leeds ave. and Grant st. in Wilmington to connect with the Harbor Terminal trackage of the City of Long Beach near the intersection of Pico ave. and Water st. in Long Beach. This announcement was made by E. E. McCarty, Los Angeles, general manager of the company.

This would place Torrance, through which city the line was constructed at the request of local leaders nearly 25 years ago, on the main line from the whole of Long Beach-Los Angeles harbor.

According to McCarty, the Santa Fe for many years has contemplated extending its line into Long Beach and had set the project in motion when the war intervened and it was concluded to postpone action for the duration. Recent surveys, however, have indicated that additional rail facilities are needed in the harbor area and the need will become intensified with the expected increase in the scope of the American war effort in the Pacific.

MUNICIPAL BUS LINES OPERATION BRINGS NEW CRITICISM TO COUNCIL

Torrance Municipal bus lines, management of which recently passed from C. Z. Ward to Charles F. Koors, came in for double criticism Tuesday night at the City Council meeting.

Jim Evans, local merchant, brought to the attention of the council that buses of the Torrance line at times are carrying 62 passengers, when they are built for 27 passengers—thus violating the laws of the state to a marked degree. He urged additional buses, particularly at the rush hours.

Another criticism came from Joel Hagberg of 24241 Neece st., who wanted to know why the council had to hire an outsider for the transportation job when Ward was on the job and qualified to go ahead with it.

A third came from the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, Local 380, who complained that "there has been a lack of interest toward present employees of the city" by the City Council. The statement, directed at the Koors appointment, continued, "We do not feel that it is the intention of your honorable body to continue this practice, and we think that whenever a vacancy is to be filled or a new position created, present employees should be given first consideration, therefore creating a better feeling among the men, especially when they know there is a chance of bettering themselves."

It was pointed out following the meeting that former Manager Ward had several letters on file with the City Council asking for new schedules to eliminate the heavy crowding on buses at peak hours.

It also was revealed that the new buses for Torrance which the city is buying, six, at about \$11,000 each, will not be delivered until November.

LEWIS HEADS WAR CHEST SPEAKERS

Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has been named chairman of the speakers bureau of the Los Angeles War Chest for Torrance and Gardena.

Requested to serve by Ralph Reynolds, chairman of the whole area war chest speakers bureau, Lewis accepted the appointment and is arranging a committee of Torrance and Gardena men to serve with him.

Lewis will assist in arranging speaking engagements before clubs and organizations, and the bureau will start operating early next month, it is indicated.

PENICILLIN TREATMENT
Beverly Jean Howe, young daughter of W. H. "Buster" Howe, will enter Torrance Memorial hospital tomorrow for her final penicillin treatment for an infection.

JUNIOR COLLEGE QUESTIONNAIRE

MAIL OR RETURN TO TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1119 Sartori Ave., Torrance, California

QUESTION:	ANSWER: Yes	No
1. Do you want a Junior College?	_____	_____
2. Would you favor merging all areas and communities west of the Los Angeles shoeing into a Junior College District?	_____	_____
3. Do you want a Junior College run by Los Angeles City?	_____	_____
4. Would you rather have an independent Junior College outside the Los Angeles city system?	_____	_____

(Signature Optional)

JUNIOR COLLEGE RETURNS INDICATE 15 TO 1 STAND FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

Although returns are somewhat discouraging to members of the Junior College steering committee formed recently to bring about establishment of an institution of higher learning to serve the area west of the Los Angeles shoeing strip, the sentiment is overwhelmingly against a Los Angeles city schools college.

Out of the several score ballots sent to the Torrance Chamber of Commerce testing sentiment in this area, the results are 15 to 1 in favor of an independent college, Executive Secretary Harry B. Lewis said.

Returns still are coming in and the sentiment in other areas is being tested. Other communities, too, want to stay out of Los Angeles city junior college district, it appears.

The ballot is printed again this week and results will be placed before the steering committee, headed by Oscar Willett, at a meeting to be called within the next ten days, it was stated.

War Housing Cooperation Here Urged

Pat MacDonnell, war housing center area manager, pointed out this week the seriousness of the housing situation in Los Angeles county and the need for greater cooperation on the part of property owners toward reporting to the war housing center any accommodations that might be available. According to a recent statement made in Washington by Undersecretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard, there is a shortage of 30,000 civilian war workers in Navy shipyards and production plants, principally on the Pacific Coast, he said.

MacDonnell also emphasized the need for the utmost use of existing structures and urged owners of properties which can be converted to multiple-family use to do so either by private funds through local lending agencies or through the lease program set up by the National Housing Agency. The public conversion program has emphasized the fact that it can be done at less cost both in money and materials.

MacDonnell stated that in order to honor a military claim for materials to crate overseas shipments, the War Production Board July 18 prohibited use of several kinds of lumber for 26 different uses. According to Stanley Mark, War Production Board priority chief in Los Angeles, the "freeze" applies to certain grades of white oak, Idaho white pine, spruce, Ponderosa pine, sugar pine, white fir and redypress. All lumber comes under drastic new controls Aug. 1, but the foregoing types are restricted almost entirely to military use at once.

MacDonnell points out that the potential increase necessary to man Navy shipyards and production plants on the Pacific Coast, coupled with the heavy restrictions against the use of lumber, will seriously augment the existing housing problem, and that relief can be obtained only through the cooperation of civilians who will recognize the need and provide living space not only for the war worker but for the honorably discharged soldier and others who are pouring into the general area of Los Angeles county.

Carsonmart Wins Bowling Play

Sunday night the Carsonmart team won the Tuesday Night Handicap Bowling league championship in a playoff with the Chief Cafe men. Both teams led the league with a tie, thus a roll-off Sunday night was necessary.

The men on the Carsonmart team are W. Hesse, J. Welsh, W. Swope, J. Barker and L. Sommers, Jr.

TORRANCE BOULEVARD RESURFACING BIDS BEING ASKED BY CITY COUNCIL

Resurfacing of Torrance boulevard for .63 of a mile, in the downtown area, will be undertaken by the city, it was indicated as the City Council Tuesday night voted to advertise for bids for the project to cost an estimated \$49,500.

Full War Production Board approval for the job has been secured, City Engineer G. M. Jain said, and the work must be completed by Dec. 1.

That the city will get increased gas tax monies as a result of an agreement worked out by the Regional Planning Commission was indicated by Mayor W. H. Tolson Tuesday night. He said that it is too late to have a census taken to aid the city funds this year, but that the planning body had worked out a way in which the city can get the benefit of the additional funds without the census. The amount of the increase was not stated.

Engineer Jain also told the council that if it is to get favorable action on application for \$12,000 government aid for right-of-way surveys and plans for post-war projects, it must select its projects carefully. Parks, transportation facilities, public buildings and similar projects are not acceptable, Jain said. He pointed out that cities or counties which cannot use the government money can assign such funds to other districts needing additional funds. The money must be matched by the local governments seeking the aid.

SEWER BIDS FOR PUEBLO ARE ASKED

Stating that it would be cheaper for the City of Torrance to expend the cost of a sewer trunk line into the 203rd st. Pueblo district than to stand the chance of having its children exposed to disease which might emanate from the cesspool conditions at the area, Councilman N. H. Cucchi Tuesday night moved that the council advertise for bids for construction of such a sewer trunk, and the motion received favorable action of the City Council.

Cucchi said that house connection permit fees would pay for the work and that it would be good insurance and protection to the community as a whole to build the trunk line.

The matter has been pressed before the City Council for several weeks by residents of the district who have taken up a collection to defray the cost of sewers, but who became discouraged when they found the cost would be prohibitive.

City Engineer G. M. Jain had estimated that it would cost about \$9000 to construct the sewers and the little Mexican community was able to raise only about \$2500.

Similar projects have been handled locally, Cucchi said when the question of the legality of the matter was brought up during discussion.

The city will prepare plans and specifications and advertise for bids for the trunk line of about 2000 feet, and then when the cost is determined, further steps can be taken, was said.

It had been suggested that federal aid be sought by means of letters from the group interested to various federal officials, including the President.

Unknown Bombshell Is Title Barring To Jack Barrington

"An Unknown Bombshell." So city sports writers describe President H. C. (Bomber) Barrington of Torrance Kiwanis club, as a result of his spectacular upsetting of the medalist and popular favorite, Ernie Combs, Jr., 3 and 2, in the second round of play of the annual Virginia Country club men's golf championship at Long Beach Tuesday.

Combs, making a tournament comeback after several years of golfing dormancy, was medalist with a subpar 70—but he was no match for Barrington's last nine even par, and had a 76 for the day. He never once let Combs off the hook.

COUNTY TAKES ROAD
The Hollywood Park-Vardes parkway, which passes through Torrance from Redondo Beach to Palos Verdes city lines, is being taken over by the county and will be improved, it was announced by Mayor W. H. Tolson on Tuesday night.

Gambling Charge Is Made at City Council Meeting

Councilman N. H. Cucchi charged that petitions for promotion of Torrance post-war recreation which are being circulated here are calculated to open Torrance to "wholesale gambling" at the meeting Tuesday night.

The petitions, notice of circulation of which was filed with the city Tuesday, ask that certain games be allowed to exist in zoned areas, on a basis of one to each 4500 population. Circulated by Post-War Recreation Centers, John S. Madill, president, the petitioners intend to establish centers to carry on recreational games known as bridge, auction bridge, pinocle, cribbage, 500, hearts, rummy, solo, checkers, chess and any other recreational and social games not forbidden by the state laws of the state of California. It provides that a fund from the proceeds go to the aid of returning or wounded men from the war, their wives, orphans and other dependents.

"The people of Torrance are not ready to have gambling opened up here on a wholesale basis," Cucchi said.

When the petitions are presented, the council must either grant permits to operate the games, by ordinance, or place the matter before the voters at the next general election.

You Can Buy It In Torrance, Sale Theme

"If it's obtainable anywhere, you can buy it in Torrance"—this will be the theme emphasized by local retail merchants in the forthcoming Dollar Value Days to be held in Torrance Friday and Saturday, Aug. 11 and 12. It was decided at a meeting of the retail merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce held yesterday noon that merchants will utilize the Dollar Value Days to point out the broadened shopping center in Torrance and the increased diversity of merchandise now being sold here. An extensive educational campaign was planned to accompany the advertisement of Dollar Day Values, which will include many outstanding values in practically all types of merchandise.

The merchants at their meeting yesterday also agreed to sponsor a Boy Scout Field Day Circus to be held Friday, Sept. 1, at the Torrance Municipal Park. More than 1,400 Scouts and leaders from the Harbor area will take part in the event, it was reported by Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the retail group.