

## Celebrate at Home 'V' Day, Avoid Trouble

If you're inclined to celebrate the end of the war with Germany when it comes—with or without convivial beverages—better do it with your friends and families at home and stay off public streets and highways.

This is the warning issued by the Automobile Club of Southern California to southland motorists. The club points out that currently deteriorating automobiles are a hazard in themselves and that the combination of these and exuberant drivers is a potential hazard to life and property of the first order.

Moreover, the club declares, garage and service station operators are likely to be celebrating, too, and motorists who become stranded for any cause may find themselves left so until the celebration ends.

At the termination of World War I in 1918, although Southern California had a much smaller population and fewer and far better automobiles, celebration of the signing of the

## Townsend Club No. 1

By LOTTIE WADE  
Torrance Townsend Club No. 1 will hold semi-monthly business meeting on Sept. 22, 1944, in the Men's Bible Class Hall. After the short business session, there will be games, refreshments and dancing. Prizes for high scores will be awarded, also door prize. All members are asked to be present. The public is invited to any and all meetings. Social night is planned for Sept. 29. The birthday party on Sept. 15 was well attended. There were nine honored at the birthday table, including some who were among the visitors from Club No. 2. The table was nicely decorated with flowers and candles and the cake was beautiful and delicious and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

armistice resulted in tremendous property damage and many serious automobile accidents.

If you can't celebrate V-Day sanely, at least you should try to celebrate it safely, the club emphasizes.

Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

## St. Andrew's Rally Day Is Set for Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 24, will be Rally Day at St. Andrew's Church school when the 1944-45 term opens. All departments will register at 9:30 a.m. Nursery, beginners and primary children will meet in the parish house with Mrs. Grace Stewart, the superintendent, who will be in charge of registration.

Pupils in the fourth grade and higher will meet in the church and register with Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler. New children in the Torrance area and those not now attending church school are cordially invited to join the church school of St. Andrew's church. Parents of new students should attend with their children Rally Sunday.

## MINNESOTA PICNIC

George A. Judson, president of the North Star State Society, calls all "Gophers" to gather in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, Sept. 23, 1944, for an all-day reunion.

## Torrance USO Committee Given Certificate of Recognition

Torrance U.S.O. committee has been given a "certificate of recognition" that it is the "official U.S.O. committee in Torrance, Calif., and is authorized to conduct U.S.O. services in conformity with the policies and regulations prescribed and to be prescribed by the President and the board of directors of the United Service Organizations, Inc."

The certificate, received by Charles Z. Ward, chairman, from Robert Wayne Burns, regional executive, was signed by Chester I. Barnard, president of U.S.O., Inc.

"It is a real pleasure to provide a pat-on-the-back for you and your associates of the U.S.O. committee in the form of a 'certificate of recognition,'" Burns told Ward. "This certificate of recognition is presented as evidence of highly satisfactory functioning in the direction of services to men of our armed forces in your community. 'I am confident that you good citizens are getting a lot of satisfaction out of this civic effort

to cooperate with men of the services and do not need this formal recognition to keep you on the job, but we are glad to add this bit of commendation from our end of the line."

Ward said that the Torrance U.S.O. committee also had received a letter from the departing 1008th Engineer Refinery Battalion, stationed on East road, expressing thanks of the men for the work of the U.S.O. here. "There is no doubt that the activities of your U.S.O. branch have contributed greatly to the feeling we all have that California is a pleasant place and composed of friendly neighbors," Capt. Albert W. Long, commanding, said.

Torrance U.S.O. club is at the Woman's clubhouse, and was organized last summer by Ward and other local civic leaders.

## More Money for Dependent Young Is Being Asked

Nine times as much federal money has gone to the state of California for old-age assistance as for aid to dependent children during the past three years under the Social Security Act, according to Richard M. Neustadt, regional director of the Social Security Board. Federal grants for old-age assistance totaled \$71,280,000, but only \$7,992,000 went for aid to dependent children.

In June of this year only 17,296 dependent children received assistance as against 157,605 aged persons. Throughout the nation less than 2 per cent of the children receive state-federal public assistance as compared to 22 per cent of the aged.

These figures represent, in part, a difference in the extent of need among the two groups. Primarily, however, they reflect the under-development of the aid to dependent children program. The federal government and the state of California share responsibility for providing adequate assistance to California's dependent children. The federal matching maximums on monthly assistance payments for children are \$18 for the first child and \$12 for every other eligible child in the same home and such payments may have to meet the needs of the mother as well as the child. On the other hand, the maximum on monthly payments for the aged person is \$40.

To pave the way for more help to children, the Social Security Board has recommended to Congress, as part of the duties imposed upon it by the terms of the act, that states be encouraged to remove their maximums so that need as determined can be met.

The Social Security Board has further recommended extension of coverage under the aid to dependent children program to all needy children living in family homes. All needy persons 65 years of age and over, except those in public institutions, are eligible for assistance under the federal act, but the board estimates that not more than one-eighth of the child population can be helped under terms of the act. At present only children in need because of death, absence or illness of a parent are eligible for aid.

## Disapproves



It appears that Irene Kelly doesn't have any particular love for authorities as she gives vent to her dislike during questioning by police and FBI men after she was arrested on charge of illegally wearing the uniform of a U. S. sailor in Los Angeles this week.

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