

While Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8, must of necessity be "just another week" to the Torrance Herald and Lomita News staffs, and likewise to most other California newspapers, we gratefully acknowledge the proclamation of Governor Warren and proceed about our task of giving the Torrance and Lomita districts the best newspapers possible under present circumstances shortage of help, materials, equipment and even paper.

The newspapers of America have assumed importance of a nature heretofore unknown in American history, in view of the tremendous war-winning task in which newspapers of the nation must, to use the World War II phrase, go "all out" to build morale, give voluminous space to the government and its hundreds of war agencies, sell war bonds, present the news of the boys at the front and at home and at the same time maintain its never-ceasing job of keeping the home folks informed of their own doings.

Newspapers have been caught in a squeeze of government agencies' demand for space for War Bond drives, salvage drives, Red Cross drives, War Chest drives, dissemination of wage and hour data, training publicity, the never-ending releases of the OPA, WPB, the ODT, the SSB and the WAC, not to mention the recruiting pleas of the Army, the Navy, the Coast Guard, the Merchant Marine, the Wacs, the WAVes.

We are happy to do it. That's part of our job. But the squeeze comes with the WPB cutting the amount of paper we can use. It is mighty hard to meet the demands outlined above and at the same time present a newspaper to the community with reader interest, but we are doing our best, and realize our readers know what we are up against.

But no job is easy these days; the newspaper business is no exception.

So we pause for a moment to acknowledge the salute of our Governor, as representative of the people of California, and continue to do our best to give the readers the finest newspapers possible under the circumstances.

PROCLAMATION

"California newspapers will from October 1 to 8 participate in the observance of National Newspaper Week. In recognition of the remarkable wartime record of the American press—a record of service to community, to the nation, and to the cause of world freedom—it is fitting that the entire citizenry of our state should join in the observance.

"Working as a team—a free people enlightened by a free press—we have met the unprecedented demand of our day in inspiring manner. Our production record and our fighting record stand as eloquent illustrations of popular understanding of why battles have had to be fought and why victory must be complete.

"Even in the face of wartime restrictions and curtailments, our press has risen to new heights of service. In a world that is on the march, it has kept us alerted to trends and realisms. On its pages will be found explanation of the tremendous determination and application of the people, and on those same pages will always be found encouragement for a central community effort and assumption of civilian responsibility.

"With these thoughts in mind, I, Earl Warren, Governor of California, take this occasion to commend the daily and weekly newspapers of California for the many and splendid public services performed during the months our nation has been at war and do hereby urge that further public recognition be given the truism that 'without a free press there can be no democracy.'

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this Twentieth-Seventh Day of September, A.D. One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Four.

EARL WARREN, Governor of California.
Attest: Frank M. Jordan, Secretary of State.

Torrance Professional Football Being Formed by Men of Brawn

If you feel the earth quiver in the vicinity of Torrance ball park, don't be alarmed.

It's just the new Torrance Athletic Association's professional football team out for practice—about 2,428 pounds of it.

Yes, the lads can put a string of brawny gridders weighing an average of 220 pounds each on the field.

It's going to be good. They started coming up the stairs in the Torrance Herald office the other day and the building began to shake. We almost dived off the balcony.

There came 280-pound Don Peck, followed by 255-pound Bill Gvazdauskas, 240-pound Snyder, 210, and a couple of lightweights, Lynn Baker, 186, and Lloyd Powell, 190.

They are the organizing committee of Torrance A. C.

They wanted some publicity. And here we sat, a mere 175 pounds.

They're getting it.

Gvazdauskas is president of the Athletic association, Snyder, first vice president; Baker, second vice president; Peck, secretary, and Powell, treasurer.

They are in the Los Angeles Municipal league, playing such teams as San Pedro C.F.O., East L. A. Bulldogs, Valley All Stars, Chino. The first game probably will be with the Valley All Stars, very soon.

They have Jack Fees, for-

CITY ASKED TO SUPPORT LOCAL ATHLETIC CLUB

Councilman C. M. Gilbert, chairman of the City Recreation Commission, has been asked by the Torrance Athletic Club to seek a \$500 donation from the city recreation funds to help defray the cost of organizing the club which will sponsor professional football, baseball, softball, basketball and other sports in the name of "Torrance." The city council has in the past supported similar ventures, including the Annual Torrance Rodeo and the Torrance Girls Softball team.

merly of the Pittsburgh Pirates and who years ago played under the immortal Howard Jones at Iowa U. as coach.

The home games probably will be played at night, on Fridays, and details of this are being worked out with Dale Riley, superintendent of recreation for the City of Torrance.

The point the boys want to get across more than ever is that they want more men.

"All former football players now in the Torrance area who are interested in playing with the team are requested to be at Torrance ball park on Friday, tomorrow, at 5 p.m.," Gvazdauskas said. "There still is a shortage of players in some positions."

The Athletic Club plans to sponsor other sports with the proceeds from the football games and also plans to get an organized sports club here in Torrance to provide emotional outlet through sports, provide entertainment for young people of the community, promote physical fitness programs for young men, give Torrance desirable publicity as a good place to live, work and play.

They have considerable equipment on hand, enough to get into practice, but need additional material. Merchants and the City Council probably will cooperate on this, it is indicated.

To get a look at the charter members and players, here's how Torrance A. C. stands, name, age, weight and position: Dan Greenway, 26, 190, L.E.; Don Peck, 24, 280, L.T.; Lynn Baker, 34, 196, L.G.; Dick Miller, 24, 202, C.; Art Larsen, 30, 210, R.G.; Bud King, 27, 210, T.T.; Bob Lewis, 19, 185, R.E.; George Snyder, 29, 210, Q.; Dick Costa, 18, 165, R.H.; Marty Costa, 19, 165, L.H.; Lloyd Powell, 27, 190, F.; Paul Bass, 18, 165, L.E.; Henry Pukoff, 25, 230, L.T.; Mel Birney, 29, 250, L.G.; Jim Hammonds, 20, 187, C.; Bill Gvazdauskas, 28, 255, R.G.; Bill Robinson, 29, 170, R.E.; Roy Reese, 29, 140, Q.; George Gould, 29, 185, R.H.; Charles Williams, 23, 160, L.H.; Charles Mearning, 23, 210, F.

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SKY WARRIOR HOME AGAIN . . . Captain Carroll J. Bender, son of Mrs. William N. Hiatt of 21502 Berendo ave., shown above being carried on the shoulders of members of his crew at the completion of a perilous mission over Germany, is visiting his family and friends in Torrance after two years of constant duty overseas. One year was spent in completing 25 missions of combat duty over Europe. Captain Bender completed nine important missions over Germany as a pilot of a lead plane, and his crew is credited with knocking down 21 enemy bombers on those missions. Captain Bender has come through unscathed time after time in spite of his loss in action of five Fortresses and one P-47 which he was piloting. The picture above shows him with his Tarfu IV, the three previous Fortresses of that name having been downed in enemy action. The Captain spoke at a Torrance High school assembly Thursday and is to be home a total of 20 days, after which he will report to Santa Monica redistribution center. Bender, a fireman 2/c, U.S.N., and Robert M. Bender, a sergeant in the Army, stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C., are brothers of Captain Bender.

TORRANCE ALCOA PLANT MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO WINNING WAR, KELLER TELLS AUDIENCE AT FAREWELL DINNER

The government-owned, Alcoa-operated aluminum producing works here made a major contribution towards winning the war during the period when the United Nations were achieving air supremacy, H. E. Keller, works manager for Aluminum Company of America, stated last night at a dinner marking the closing of the plant.

The plant was ordered shut down on Aug. 29 by the Defense Plant Corporation on recommendation of the War Production Board because of the great surplus of metal now on hand.

"The Alcoa plant east of Torrance was conceived as necessary to the war effort in 1941 by the War Production Board. It was built by Aluminum Company of America for the Defense Plant Corporation and operated by Alcoa under a lease agreement at the request of D.P.C.

The building of the plant was authorized in order to meet the anticipated military requirements for aluminum. The United States and her allies needed airplanes by the thousand—and quick. It was a question of where could electricity be obtained in sufficient quantities to make the metal required in the production of these planes. The Boulder Dam Power Supply of the Bureau of Power and Light furnished the government one answer. The local site was selected and construction started by Alcoa on Dec. 22, 1941.

The works was designed for a total capacity of 150,000 pounds of aluminum a year. The first unit was placed in operation July 3, 1942, and the plant reached its peak operation in September, 1943.

Keller is host The dinner last night was given by Works Manager Keller and his associates for local citizens, city and county officials and representatives of WPB, WMC, WLB, USES and other governmental agencies.

Attending from Torrance were: James L. Lynch, president, and Harry B. Lewis, secretary, of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Grover C. Whyte, B. C. Buxton, Dean L. Sears, Thomas J. Adams, Pat MacDonnell, D. S. Faulkner, as well as superintendents and departmental executives of Alcoa.

While regretting the fact that the pleasant and cooperative association with this community and the United States Government must come to a close because of the nation-wide overproduction of aluminum, Mr. Keller pointed out that we in this district should derive a great deal of satisfaction out of our contribution to the war effort. Enough aluminum was made here, Mr. Keller declared, for the production of 26,000 pursuit planes or 3,400 B-29s, the bombers that are now wreaking

Both Political Parties Will Hang Banners

Both major political parties of Torrance will have the right to display banners across Torrance streets between now and the Nov. 7 presidential election, as a result of action of the City Council Tuesday afternoon.

This was over the objection of Councilmen N. H. Cuel and G. V. Powell.

Rev. Ben H. Lingenfelter, chairman of the Torrance Area Democratic Club, and Jack Miller, of the Republican campaign committee, each had petitions before the council.

Mayor W. H. Tolson and Councilmen C. M. Gilbert and J. E. Hitchcock both supported the petitions, Miller declaring that "what we want to do is bring out more votes, encourage both sides."

When Cuel said that there would be fights about which corners the Democrats would have and which the Republicans would pick, Miller said that he would give the Democrats first pick and take an equal number of the remaining for the Republican banners.

The council agreed that Chief of Police John Stroh and City Engineer G. M. Jain would assign the corners.

Two Members of Family Battle Casualties

Mrs. Fred Chaison of 2427 251st st. recently received the sad news that her brother's son, Fred Le Blanc, was killed in action somewhere in action in France on Aug. 26.

Fred Le Blanc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Le Blanc, Nova Scotia, Canada, enlisted in the Canadian Army at the age of 17 and was stationed in Canada until he was sent to France in August at the age of 20. Besides a young widow and a two day old baby he leaves his parents, three brothers and six sisters, all in Canada.

Last Thursday, Mr. Chaison received word that his nephew, Capt. Robert Chaison, Boston, was seriously wounded in New Guinea. Captain Chaison is 26 years old and a graduate of Boston University. His father, Arthur Chaison, is a brother of Mr. Chaison.

25 Percent Gain In Postoffice Receipts Here

Torrance postoffice continues to show increase in business, and figures reflecting steady growth in the community have just been released by Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

For the quarter ending Sept. 30, the postoffice here did a total business of \$28,389.53.

This compares with \$21,210.85 in business done the same period of 1943.

The 25 percent increase in business is encouraging not only to the postoffice, status of which has been increased during the past year, but to the community as a whole because the type of mail going to make up most of this figure indicates permanence, it was said.

WAR CHEST QUOTA SET AT \$50,000

Torrance War Chest quota for 1944 is \$50,000.

This was announced yesterday by Chairman Hillman R. Lee, of Torrance's general War Chest.

A big Torrance rally is planned for the Civic auditorium on Oct. 17, which will serve as a "kick-off" for the big campaign.

W. E. Bowen, colonel of residential volunteers; Harry B. Lewis, colonel and head of the speakers' bureau; James L. Lynch, vice chairman in charge of business districts, and George L. Johnson, colonel, are busy making final preparation for the drive.

Torrance has much to gain from the drive, in addition to being able to do its part in aiding the many worthy agencies represented in the War Chest, Chairman Lee said.

The Torrance Service Center for Community Chest Agencies, enabling local clients to get immediate and local service, is one of the benefits derived from Torrance's participation in the Los Angeles area war chest, he declared.

City Wants Date For Delivery Of New Buses

Torrance City Council Tuesday voted to ask the Crown Body and Coach Co. for a definite delivery date on the six new buses ordered in July.

Mayor W. H. Tolson was authorized to write a letter to the firm setting Dec. 15 as a deadline for delivery of all the buses.

They were originally promised in August.

Mayor Tolson said that the delays had been largely due to interruptions from bus lines with higher priorities for repair service. The engines and materials all are in stock and the construction is proceeding, he said.

Councilman N. H. Cuel indicated that the city would cancel the contract with Crown and order the buses elsewhere. While he claimed they were available elsewhere, the assertion was disputed by the mayor, who said all firms are up against the same priority situation.

USO Receives Contributions For Work Here

Torrance USO received contributions of \$246.51 in its first three months of operations, according to C. Z. Ward, general chairman, and most of the money has been earmarked for maintenance of the canteen. A balance of \$159.80 is on hand, Ward's report shows.

The biggest donation was \$179.30 from the Second Annual Torrance Rodeo, and the local USO group donated \$61.36.

The USO, operating a clubhouse at the Woman's Club, has a \$300 a month budget from the USO, Inc. and half of it goes to rent. Operation of the clubhouse itself is taking the balance. Treasurer Marie C. Beale's report shows.

Phyllis Laughon is chairman of the canteen committee.

CITY HAS CASH BALANCE OF \$161,257; WATER, BUS DEPARTMENTS' PROFIT BIG

The City of Torrance ended the fiscal year 1943-44 with total fund balances of \$161,257.17, according to the annual summary of cash receipts and disbursements just released by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett.

The report shows that the city has two money-making departments, with the Municipal bus lines exceeding the Water department in total revenue, although not in profits.

Municipal bus lines, subject of much controversy over control and management of late, had a total revenue of \$74,428.41 for the fiscal year. Total expenses were \$62,003.47, with a net profit before depreciation of \$12,424.94. Depreciation lowered this figure to a net profit of \$6,285.47 for the year's operation.

The Municipal water works had a total revenue from operations of \$68,576.01, with a total operation expense of \$42,319.52. This left a total operating profit of \$26,256.49. Other revenue was \$6,640.25, mostly from taxes, and other expenses, \$16,519.97. This left a net profit for the Water department of \$16,199.37.

The summary of cash receipts and disbursements, officially published in this edition of the Torrance Herald, shows total cash on hand July 1, 1943, of \$120,846.12. The outstanding during the year of \$469,436.43, or a total of \$590,282.55.

Disbursements during the year amounted to \$429,025.38. Cash on hand June 30, 1944, amounted to \$161,257.17, with \$80,881.32 in the general purpose fund; \$6,434.29 in bond funds, and \$73,941.56 in special purpose funds.

T-Sgt. Tanoue Dies In Action On Italy Soil

Mr. and Mrs. Nikuma Tanoue, who are residents of the Rohrer Relocation Center near McGehee, Ark., have recently been notified by the War Department that their son, T/Sgt. Ted T. Tanoue, has been killed in action in Italy.

They were first notified that Sgt. Tanoue was seriously wounded on Sept. 1 and later they received a message that he had died on Sept. 6.

The Tanoue family lived at Torrance, Calif.

This is the second person of Japanese ancestry who has been killed in action who was formerly a resident of Torrance.

The other was A. R. Shimatsu, also killed in Italy.

Sgt. Tanoue is the 27th former Torrance man to give his life in World War II.

On Sept. 20, 1944, the Tanouye family received a telegram from the War Department that their son, T/Sgt. Ted Tanoue, had been wounded in Italy and had been sent to a hospital. Two days later came another wire bearing the information that he had succumbed to his wounds.

The attending Torrance schools, having graduated from Torrance High school with the class of summer '38. Of a genial disposition, he always had a smile and a helping hand. After graduation he was employed at the Quality Market.

Ted's service to his country consisted of duties at post headquarters at Fort F. E. Warren, Wyo., and then the training of Hawaiian volunteers at Camp Shelby. On being sent overseas he was made a technical sergeant, in which capacity he served with the 442nd Battalion, credited with receiving many citations for bravery. It has also suffered heavy casualties.

Ted carried with him his ukulele, which he strummed during the lulls upon the battle front. He owed his ability on the guitar to the instruction he received at the Dick McIntire Hawaiian Studio, his teacher a classmate of '38, Miss Thelma Hauck.

Sam Day Quits

After 19 years of service at Narbonne High school, Sam Day has resigned as head gardener to take up the management of his nursery in Lomita.

Day's health has been declining the last few years. Last spring he passed Civil Service tests which gave him the classification of head gardener. He had only one more year to go before he might have retired on pension. No successor has been chosen.