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TORRANCE SUBSCRIBES \$37,715 TO WAR CHEST; 56 PERCENT OF QUOTA

The end of the second week of the War Chest campaign found Torrance citizens had made 2,970 contributions totaling \$37,715 to help with the support of the 133 home war related and home front causes which are giving hundreds of services to the fighting forces, the suffering Allies and for local health, welfare and youth agencies. This is 56% of the \$50,000 quota.

The report was made at the second great rally of the current campaign which took place last Tuesday noon in the Biltmore Bowl when leaders of the War Chest campaign rung up \$4,065.801 against the combined goal of \$7,613,579. This was "Allied Nations Day" and honored the 19 great societies sending food, clothing, medicine and other necessities of life to war victims and refugees. Miss Merle Oberon, screen and radio star, was principal speaker and praised the work of British War Relief Society, a War Chest agency during the four years of bombings in England, where the robot raids still continue.

Hillman Lee, chairman, here states that while there is no doubt but generous Torrance citizens will give their full share, and more, for the great patriotic and humanitarian appeal, the utmost cooperation is asked to "speed it up" and release the scores of local volunteers for other necessary duties.

War Industries
The majority of the contributions recorded have come from the war industries, he said, where an excellent job is being done under the direction of R. R. Smith.

James L. Lynch, campaign vice chairman in charge of the Business division, reports that one of the bright spots in that campaign is the work being done by Mrs. C. A. Stewart and her co-workers.

Wallace Post, vice chairman in charge of solicitation of business houses having more than 10 employees, is expected to make a good report shortly. George L. Johnson, chairman soliciting contributions in the high or brackets from individual donors, reports that contributions "should be coming in faster."

Residential district solicitation is also progressing slowly, with volunteers having difficulty in finding contributors at home, according to W. E. Bowen, colonel in charge.

"Citizens who were missed by the neighborhood volunteers taking up War Chest contributions will greatly help us in rapidly completing our campaign," Lee said. "If they will telephone headquarters, Torrance 1040, and state when they can be contacted."

"This campaign directly affects practically every home here," he said, "and I am confident every adult will wish to help raise the needed fund."

A third great report rally will take place next Thursday, Nov. 9, when the Community Chest and other home causes will be honored.

The Honor Roll of "over the top" cities joined in the War Chest is filling up, let's get Torrance on that list.

MARITIME 'M' AWARDED TO COLUMBIA

In recognition of their outstanding production of materials used in the construction of new ships in the Victory Fleet, employees of the Torrance Works of Columbia Steel Company have been awarded the "M" pennant.

Notification of the coveted award was received yesterday in a telegram to O. A. Kress, superintendent of the Torrance plant, from Admiral E. S. Land, chairman of the U. S. Maritime Commission.

Arrangements are now being made for a presentation ceremony at some future date when the "M" flag will be raised at the local Columbia plant and badges given to all employees.

100% WAR CHEST
Goodwill Industries of Southern California is one of the agencies served by the Los Angeles War Chest. However, employees of this organization are always eager to have their part in the War Chest drive, and this year they have again contributed 100% the one day's pay which has been suggested by the Chest.

V.F.W. Effort To Conduct Poker Is Hit

Veterans of Foreign Wars Country Club, sponsored by V.F.W. Post No. 3251 for the purpose of raising funds for returned veterans' service, met a floundering block at the hands of the City Council Monday night.

Acting on the opinion of City Attorney J. E. McCall that a referendum petition hearing 479 signatures of qualified voters asking reconsideration of Ordinance 360 or submission of the ordinance to the voters, that the petition does not meet the legal requirements of the State of California and is, therefore, invalid, the council declined any action on the ordinance or petitions.

The ordinance, which bars playing of draw poker in Torrance for fee, went into effect recently.

McCall told the council in a lengthy written opinion that the petitioners had not complied with the provisions of the election code of California and that no action was necessary on the filing.

James Judge, commander of the V.F.W. post, pressed the council for further action, but it was declined. He declared that it was the intention of the V.F.W. to continue operations of its club and that the whole council, individually and collectively, will be held responsible. Judge was told by Councilman C. M. Gilbert that any further action was up to the police department.

Judge insisted that he wanted to know if the council was ignoring the 470 qualified signatures on the petition. Mayor W. H. Tolson replied that the city attorney had declared the petition illegal and Judge said "I just wanted to get it on record."

The V.F.W. country club members, represented by a number of well known Los Angeles law firms, including Entenza & Cramer and Morris Lavie, expert in criminal law, held a conference with Chief of Police John Stroth and their action in the future was dependent upon the advice of the attorneys after reading McCall's opinion, Judge said.

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Formation of 'Torrance Schools For Torrance Children' Move Begins

Aroused by conditions in Torrance schools as operated by the Los Angeles City School Districts, and protesting the payment of two dollars for each one dollar spent on the local schools, representatives of Torrance civic organizations are being called by local parents to a meeting to be held on Nov. 21 in the City Hall to discuss the formation of a group to advance the interests of Torrance schools, if necessary to the point that they will be withdrawn from the Los Angeles system and be operated independently by a Torrance Board of Education.

Addressing a letter to the organizations are three mothers of local school children, each with definite objectives in mind. They are Mrs. H. E. Carr, Mrs. A. G. Bartlett and Mrs. A. F. Palmer.

Mrs. Carr previously had suggested that parents organize for the benefit of "Torrance schools for Torrance children," declaring the present Parent Teacher associations are influenced by the Los Angeles city schools. Her suggestion and appeal has won widespread support to the point where heads of organizations



ONE OF THEM WILL WIN . . . While betting odds vary and polls give President Roosevelt an edge over his opponent, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the people will have their day on Tuesday and the only thing that we can be sure of is that one of them will win. Above are shown the President in a campaign portrait and Governor Dewey in the midst of an

Tolson, Lewis Will Attend Airline Hearing

Efforts to have Zamperini Airport, Torrance, Army flight strip on Pacific Coast highway, designated as a postwar civilian feeder airline airmail and passenger pickup point will be pressed before the Civil Aeronautics Authority in hearings in San Francisco by Mayor W. H. Tolson and Executive Secretary Harry B. Lewis, of Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Tolson's presence at the hearing was authorized by the City Council Monday night, and the Chamber is sending Lewis to the affair.

Lewis has prepared a brief for Torrance in support of Southwest Airways' petition to the CAA for the right to operate an airmail and passenger pickup service between Torrance and its main Los Angeles terminal.

While the hearings will last for several weeks, James Ray, vice president of Southwest Airways, will notify the Torrance men when their brief will be heard, and they will make the trip north for that part of the hearing only. The CAA opened sessions there yesterday.

Movement has been under way for months to secure a civilian port for Torrance after the close of the war the flight strip which has operated as a sub-base for March Field. Likewise, the movement to have it officially named Zamperini Airport, Torrance, has gained headway to the point where it is commonly being so designated locally in honor of Lt. Louis Zamperini, well known Torrance athlete who carried the city's name throughout the world on his contests. Lt. Zamperini has been missing in action for more than a year and has been officially declared dead by the War Department.

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themselves asked her to call the meeting.

Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Palmer likewise have figured prominently in the discussion.

The open letter to the organizations follows:

Open Letter to Every Organized Group in Torrance:

As a group that is organized and operating for the Christian betterment of the community in which you live, your attention is called to the controversy in Torrance concerning who should control our schools. Should a big city, Los Angeles, run a little city, Torrance, or should Torrance assume the responsibility of its own schools? From a standpoint of taxes there is only one answer: Torrance has always paid a lion's share of the school taxes in the Los Angeles city school system, but has not received a reasonable percentage in return for its own improvements.

For years there has been talk in homes and on street corners about the schools of Torrance. But now we propose to bring the talk into the open, to form a new or

FIFTY-FIVE HUNDRED TORRANCE VOTERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WHICH WILL BE HELD TUESDAY

Goblins Come And Go; Quiet Hallowe'en

The goblins came and the goblins went. They left a few broken windows, some upset school guard shelters, a bench here and a fence gate there. And the rain didn't seem to bother them.

Chief of Police John Stroth had his men on the alert and quite busy. There were no arrests for mischief, however. It was a quiet Hallowe'en.

County School Head Will Aid J. C. Program

Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools, will do anything in his power to cooperate with the efforts of representatives of the communities west of the Los Angeles city shoeing strip in obtaining a junior college, he told a group who conferred with him at length in his offices yesterday.

He even mentioned the possibility that Alondra park can be obtained for the college.

Headed by Oscar Willett, chairman of the junior college steering committee appointed several months ago, the delegation was told by Dr. Trillingham that he would prepare legal advice with the assistance of the county counsel on the means by which Torrance, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes, Inglewood, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Gardena and other communities can band together independent of the Los Angeles board to form a junior college district and establish an institution of higher learning to serve those cities and other communities within the area involved.

He suggested that a survey be prepared by experts of the situation, including: Population trends, desires of the communities; assessed valuation; location of proposed junior college; transportation facilities; educational needs and contemplated housing. The survey will be prepared at once, he was assured by Willett, Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and James Lynch, president among those attending the meeting.

Others present included Mrs. E. C. Rechlin of Palos Verdes Estates and Rolling Hills, and representatives of Redondo Beach, El Segundo and other communities, as well as officials from the county superintendent's office and the county counsel's office.

WILLIAM BLAIR, a lieutenant, A.A.P., and his wife, Ruth, arrived last week from Hobbs Field for a furlough at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Barnard. The Blairs left this week for his new base at Yuma, Ariz. Mr. and Mrs. Dan W. Barnard and family of Ventura also visited with the Blairs here.



address on the issues of the day. In addition to the selection of a president, there are many other important offices to fill and propositions to be decided on the ballot. "Vote as you please, but vote" is the best advice to be given. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling places and other election data are to be found elsewhere in this edition.

Presidential election day, next Tuesday.
Torrance voters to the number of 5,514 will have the privilege of voting for their choice for president, United States senator, representatives and other national and state officers, as well as on the various propositions, on Nov. 7.

The unofficial total of registration was given this week by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who will direct the conduct of the election in 17 Torrance precincts, 12 Lomita precincts, two Palos Verdes precincts, and the one Victor precinct.

The total for April, 1942, election was 4,659 registered voters. On next Tuesday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., the polling places listed below will be open in this area, and all public offices, banks, etc., will be closed. No liquor will be sold until after 7 p.m.

The offices and candidates to be voted upon are:

PRESIDENTIAL
Presidential electors for Democratic party, pledged to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, for president, and Harry S. Truman, for vice president.

Presidential electors for Republican party, pledged to Thomas E. Dewey, for president, and John W. Bricker, for vice president.

Presidential electors for Prohibition party, pledged to Claude A. Watson, for president, and Andrew Johnson, for vice president.

United States Senator, Sheridan Downey, Democratic; Frederick F. Houser, Republican.

Representative in Congress, Cecil R. King, both parties.

Member of the Assembly, Vincent Thomas, Democratic, and Clifton A. Hix, Republican.

B. Rey Schauer, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; Minor Moore, Presiding Justice, District Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Two; Walter Desmond, Presiding Justice, District Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three, the question of their retention or rejection.

Judge of the Superior Court office No. 17, Stanley Mosk and LeRoy Dawson, one to be elected.

PROPOSITIONS
Proposition No. 1, The Veterans Bond Act of 1943.

Proposition No. 2, Taxation, Veterans Exemption.

Proposition No. 3, Compensation, Constitutional Officers.

Proposition No. 4, Taxation Exemption of Religious, Hospital and Charitable Organizations.

Proposition No. 5, Public Officers and Employees, Reinstatement after Military Service.

Proposition No. 6, Legislative Sessions, Budgets.

Proposition No. 7, Expenses of Members.

Proposition No. 8, Validating Tax Deeds.

Proposition No. 9, Funds for Elementary Schools.

Proposition No. 10, Compensation of Officers.

Proposition No. 11, Retirement Payments.

Proposition No. 12, Right of Employment.

Proposed County Charter amendment No. 1, fixing salaries of members of the Board of Supervisors at \$7,500 in event of adoption of State Proposition No. 10.

Proposed County Charter amendment No. 2, fixing powers of county purchasing agent.

Proposed County Charter

PETTY POLITICS HIT AND PUBLIC HEARING DEMANDED AS \$20,000 BID FOR BUSES

Pleas to "get the petty politics out of the bus department," "let the public have all the facts," "sell the bus lines for the community's good" and "keep the lines for the people" greeted the offer of Charles F. Koors, former transportation engineer for the city, to buy the lines for \$20,000 Monday night.

Lt. Zamperini Purple Heart Award Revealed

Lieut. Louis S. Zamperini, Torrance athlete whose running gained international fame, including a place on the 1936 American Olympic team, has been posthumously awarded the Order of the Purple Heart in addition to his other medals.

The medal, forwarded to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Zamperini, 2028 Gramercy ave., was received yesterday.

Missing on a South Pacific flight since May 27, 1943, and a year later officially declared dead, Lieut. Zamperini was renowned from coast to coast as a distance runner and the idol of American youth.

While hopes for his return still are held, based upon short-wave broadcasts from the Pacific theatre, the community is giving him all honor in keeping with the War Department's award of the Purple Heart, the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters.

Lieut. Zamperini held all distance records at Torrance High school, the state mile record and the world's interscholastic mile record of 4:21.2. While attending university, he broke all time distance records and in his sophomore year established the National Collegiate mile record of 4:08.3 which still stands. Lieut. Zamperini's best time for the mile run is 4:07.6. As one of the youngest members of the 1936 American Olympic team, Lieut. Zamperini was the first American to finish in the 5,000 meter race at the Olympic games in Berlin.

While running at Torrance High school, and in making his Olympic team bid, he superlatively wore a black silk suit set off with a large white banner of "Torrance" across the chest. This banner literally put "Torrance" on the "map."

Born in Olean, N.Y., in 1917, he had resided in Torrance since 1920. A graduate of Torrance grade and high schools, he attended University of Southern California from 1937 to 1940.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in February, 1941, and was called to active duty in March, 1941. He was commissioned second lieutenant, master bombardier, and held qualifications in addition as a bombight maintenance man, crew chief, aerial engineer and expert gunner with the pistol, rifle, and .50 calibre machine gun. He was sent to the South Pacific in October, 1942, and was promoted to first lieutenant in April, 1943. He was reported missing a month later.

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Housing service is one of the important functions of the USO, Mrs. R. R. Smith of the committee pointed out, and all Torrance residents who have quarters for service men or the wives and children of service men, are being asked to cooperate by making the available facilities known to the USO committee.

Plans Shaping For Big Navy Plant Here

Final plans for the construction and operation in Torrance of the 91-acre U. S. Navy redistribution and salvage center have been drawn and now await only official okay in Washington, which is expected within the next few weeks.

The Navy has acquired the acreage from the Santa Fe holding interests in the area north of Sepulveda, east of Crenshaw blvd., south of International Derick and Equipment Co.'s Torrance plant.

Salvaging, repairing, housing and redistribution of naval equipment from battle fronts throughout the world will be handled in the giant warehouses to be constructed here, Torrance officials have been informed.

The program includes both war and postwar plans, it was said.

HOTEL FIRE
Fire started by small boys beneath the hotel building at 1211 El Prado was quickly extinguished by Torrance firemen late Tuesday afternoon. Damage was slight.

As a result of the reaction of the audience, the whole proposition is to have a full public airing before any action is taken by the City Council, it was promised by Mayor W. H. Tolson and Councilman G. V. Powell, who admitted he would favor the sale at the right price.

The council, due to the absence from the meeting of Councilman N. H. Ciolek, decided to call in Koors and the city auditors for a conference on Monday at 2 p.m.

Pressed by James Lynch, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, for a public hearing on the matter, the council promised that the whole proceedings would be made public before any offer to buy is accepted or rejected.

Lynch's comment and request touched off a period of public debate in the meeting in which the bus department and its management were condemned and commended.

Offered \$14,000
Koors previously had offered \$14,000 for the lines, which consist of six buses and a 16-round-trip schedule to Los Angeles, with local service and trips to Waltham and Lomita. He said that newly discovered assets prompted him to increase his offer.

He said that the ceiling price (Continued on Page 3-A)

Torrance U.S.O. Club Will Not Be Closed

Torrance USO club is not closing.

This definite statement of the Torrance general committee of the United Service Organizations was backed at a meeting on Thursday by R. H. Gosson, West Coast special representative whose territory includes Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland areas, who attended the session of the group.

The club is completely financed until Jan. 1, it was pointed out by C. Z. Ward, chairman, and Representative Gosson, and any rumors that the USO club being maintained at the Women's Club is going to close should be stopped.

A Christmas party for wives and children of service men in the area served by Torrance USO is being planned, and junior hostesses who have given so generously of their time will be awarded their pins at that time.

Senior hostesses, while they will be required to buy their pins, will also be awarded the emblems of service. The requirement is 100 hours of service by senior hostesses and 50 hours by junior hostesses. A plea to the City Council to buy the pins was denied recently.

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Red Cross Blood Bank

As you read the casualty lists, stop and think! Could you have helped keep one of the names off the list? You might have if you had become a Blood Donor!

Help keep the next list down! Call American Red Cross Blood Donor Service, Auditorium, Torrance 1324.

Keep your appointments: the fighting men keep theirs! Last year the Red Cross collected 5,632,351 pints of blood. That's a lot—but the Army and Navy say it's the war's greatest life-saver. And despite European victories, they will have to increase that figure by 5,000,000 in 1944.

That means the nation's quota is 106,000 pints a week. So remember, your biggest home-front job is "Give Blood to Save a Life."

NEXT BLOOD BANK TORRANCE
Nov. 10 (Friday), 8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.