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NEW \$5,000,000 CONTRACT IS AWARDED DOAK AIRCRAFT BY NAVY BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS

Orders for nearly \$5,000,000 worth of fuselage sections and control surfaces for Navy fighting airplanes have just been awarded today jointly by Edmond R. Doak, president, and the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics. The contract was awarded by the Ryan Aeronautical Co., Inc., San Diego, where the planes already in production and are expected to play an important part in the months ahead in the Navy's stepped-up air war against Japan.

In a message to Doak workers, the Navy's Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, Rear Admiral DeWitt C. Ramsey said: "To accelerate the momentum of our Pacific offensive and push the attack forward into the heart of Japan's stolen empire, faster and improved fighter planes are required. The fuselage sections and control surfaces you have scheduled for Ryan Aeronautical at San Diego, Calif., are an important part of a Navy fighter that will help do this job. You men and women of Doak Aircraft can take pride in knowing that your work is vital to the production of this weapon of war. Upon your performance depends the speed with which this plane can be turned out and rushed to the fleet. The Navy is counting on you."

Reading the admiral's words to employees over the factory's public address system, Doak stated that many additional workers will be needed to speed the new job. He asked for aid in securing the increased personnel and said that people without factory experience will be trained and paid while learning in the company's school.

Plant facilities will be expended at the Doak Aircraft Co., where parts are fabricated and assembled for other fighting planes such as the new A-26 Douglas Invader.



NEW CONTRACT . . . Edmond R. Doak, president of Doak Aircraft Co., Inc., whose company has a new \$5,000,000 contract for manufacturing of fuselage sections and control surfaces for Navy fighting airplanes. Formerly vice-president of the Douglas Aircraft Company and manager of the El Segundo division, Doak formed his own company four years ago, constructing the first all-Douglas plywood experimental training airplane. He also supplied the management for the Kroehler-Doak Division of the Kroehler Manufacturing Company, building plywood training plane parts.

Record Donation Of Blood Plasma At Local Bank

Torrance is a "big city" as compared to other communities in this part of Los Angeles county in the amount of blood which is donated at each visit locally of the mobile Red Cross blood bank.

This claim was made last Friday as 408 pints of blood were accepted from 448 persons who responded to the call for plasma.

The record visit kept Red Cross associates busy during the afternoon during which 10 persons were added to the Gallon Club list of donors.

High praise was given to Torrance branch of the American Red Cross for its work in getting blood donors, but the local members said that it is just going to spur the effort more, in the face of the need for plasma on the battle fronts of the world.

Here are the new Gallon Club members:

Ruth Clarke, 2075 Torrance blvd.
Diede Hurst, 1445 W. 22nd st.
Kathryn Bough, 1987 Carson st.
Angel Arce, 802 1/2 N. Elena, Redondo Beach.
Roy Hickerson, 11431 So. Budlong, Los Angeles.
Frank Mann, Dow Chemical.
Don Blackman, 1426 W. 215th st.
Oscar Anderson, 111 So. Prospect ave., Redondo Beach.
Charles King, 1535 W. 215th st.
Boyd Field, 1306 1/2 Amapolia ave.

Torrance Oil Field Expands

Three new wells being drilled will expand the Torrance oilfield, the most prominent one probably being the one being put down by Sierra Oil Co., in the northwest section of Torrance at 20350 Hawthorne blvd. This well as of Tuesday was beyond the 500 foot level, having been spudded in Sunday, and a depth of 3700 feet is contemplated.

Miller & Miller are operators of the others which are being drilled at 3741 Torrance blvd., and 3675 Spencer st.

HAVE DINNERS GUESTS
Gen. Jesse Dyer, M.S.M.C. (retired), and Mrs. Dyer entertained Sunday evening at dinner for Mr. and Mrs. R. Moffit of Lomita and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fess. Amateur motion pictures were the evening diversion.

Pearl Harbor Day War Bond Drive Set for Torrance

Torrance is observing the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day with increased tempo in the war plants and increased bond buying for the Sixth War Loan, according to Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Sixth War Loan drive in Torrance.

Residents of Torrance will do their own fighting on the home front, he said, shelling the enemy by providing the funds to buy the shells through the purchase of the Series E war bonds. Posters were being distributed yesterday throughout the city calling attention to the "Pearl Harbor Day" bond drive, and it is expected in sales of the day.

Torrance has subscribed almost one-half of its \$840,000 Sixth War Loan drive quota, according to Chairman Lee, the total up to the close of business yesterday being \$422,093.

It is expected that the drive might even go "over the top" during the coming week, spurred by the memories of the sneak Jap attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Greatest mass sale of War Bonds in any one day since the United States was forced into the present world conflict is planned by the Southern California War Finance Committee for Dec. 7, 1941.

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Meier, New 'Y' Secretary Is In Torrance

Theodore Meier, new secretary of Torrance Y. M. C. A., has arrived in Torrance and has set up his office in the Torrance Service Center at Cravens and Post ave.

Meier has been in conference with local community service leaders, including Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Torrance Community Council and will undertake a program to build Torrance youth to Young Men's Christian Association standards, with various organizations participating.

There will be no charge for the Y. M. C. A. leader's service, the entire cost being met out of the budget of the War Chest of the Los Angeles area, of which Torrance is a member. Schools and public buildings and church edifices will serve for meeting places of the various "Y" groups.

At a later date, when a "Y" building can be provided, a membership drive may be staged, it was said.

Former members of the "Y" elsewhere are being asked to contact the new director, and an official welcome is being planned for Meier.

Meier, since 1941 has been associate executive secretary of the Cleveland Northeast branch Y. M. C. A.

Meier, who represented Toledo (Continued on Page 5)

Five Men Fined Total of \$625 on '502' Charges

Five men accused of driving automobiles while under the influence of intoxicating liquors felt the weight of decisions of City Judge Otto B. Willett during the past week. Fines totaled \$625.

Dewey Fix was fined \$200 on the charge Saturday following his plea of guilty. He has had a previous conviction on the charge.

H. E. McNab, appearing Saturday, was fined \$200, with \$100 suspended, following his plea of guilty to a similar charge.

Dick Giles, of Lomita, was fined \$150 on driving while drunk and hit and run charges. He was further ordered to have two automobiles damaged prior to his arrest repaired. He was in court on Monday.

Irvin Golnick paid \$100 for driving while intoxicated Monday, and Fred Knapp, held on a similar charge, was given a court trial at his plea of not guilty, and upon being found guilty by Judge Willett, he was fined \$75.

WILLETT, M'CALL TO AID LEGAL WORK ON TORRANCE SCHOOL WITHDRAWAL FIGHT

City Judge Otto B. Willett and City Attorney J. E. McCall both have volunteered their services to the legal committee of the Torrance Parents' Association to assist in working out legal phases of the withdrawal of Torrance from the Los Angeles City School district. Their work will include advice on methods of procedure, circulation of petitions, possible legislative action, and a study of the withdrawal of other districts from Los Angeles city district in the past.

Beverly Hills is most satisfied with its program since withdrawal from Los Angeles city system, Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of the Torrance Parents' Association said, and the method which was used in that community is being given close study by members of the ways and means and research committee.

"We are finding out that Torrance has been most unfortunate in not withdrawing from Los Angeles schools years ago," Mrs. Carr said. "When we see what other districts have for their children in the way of educational privileges, it is most disheartening to come back to Torrance and its skimpy schools."

Huntington Beach, with an assessed valuation of only one fifth more than Torrance, is operating on a combined half of the assessed rate of \$12,388 per \$100 assessed valuation and is maintaining, among other things:

A home-making department. In addition to the sewing room is a cooking department. Each two girls have a separate sink with hot and cold running water, and a late model four-burner gas range. A special feature of the home-making department is a model six-room bungalow, completely furnished. Six girls and the instructor live in the bungalow for one week each term. During this time, they manage a household, keep a budget, buy and cook.

Complete Shops
Complete shops for industrial training. The Huntington Beach high school, with an average daily attendance of only 702, maintains a machine shop with 12 lathes and other equipment such as shapers, etc. An automotive shop contains 48 motors in individual cabinets. The motor roll out on tracks. Each motor has accompanying set of tools, and the motor and tools are under lock—the individual responsibility of the student during his term in auto shop. A welding shop is completely and efficient.

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Lt. J. R. Herlett Is Missing on German Front

First Lt. James R. Herlett, 23, son of Mrs. Grace Smith, 2436 Cabrillo ave., is missing in action in Germany. A popular Torrance boy, Torrance high school student body president at one time, he worked for the Bank of America and the Torrance Herald. What he has to say about the valor and hard life of an infantry soldier is printed in an adjoining article.

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Big Moose Christmas Party Already Assured Success as Drive Starts

According to commitments from certain of the Torrance industries, commercial houses and citizens, the Christmas party and entertainment for all children of Torrance and the children of service men and women of the trade area—including Waltham, Hollywood Riviera, Gardena, Lomita, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates, Harbor City and the Los Angeles Strip—is an assured success already, with almost three weeks to go.

The Torrance Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose No. 785, under whose sponsorship this party and entertainment is being held, has completed the initial arrangements for the candy, oranges and nuts, in addition to gifts of the lodge has been payable to the Moose Children's Christmas Fund, and the subscription blank appearing at the bottom of this column may be used for submitting donations.

The following contributions have been received prior to canvassing. Donations may be made either through the Torrance Chamber of Commerce or to the Torrance Lodge No. 785, Loyal Order of Moose, 1951 Carson st. Checks should be made payable to the Moose Children's Christmas Fund, and the subscription blank appearing at the bottom of this column may be used for submitting donations.

Donations Received

City of Torrance	\$1,000.00
Loyal Order of Moose	600.00
Moose Club	16.30
James Barker	50.00
William Kempen	5.00
Earl Laws	3.00
Total	\$1,774.30

In addition to the Christmas party and entertainment, the lo-

MOOSE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND
Please find attached hereto, donation in the sum of \$_____, to help defray the expense of the Christmas Party and Entertainment, and special gift to the Torrance Military Hospital.

Signature.....

Post Office and Stores to Keep Late Hours

Torrance postoffice will remain open until 6 p.m. each Saturday from now until Christmas, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner. The Saturdays are Dec. 9, 16 and 23.

The office will handle every type of mail, including parcel post.

Early mailing of all parcels is urged by the postmaster. Torrance stores will remain open evenings until 8 o'clock all next week, and the following week will remain open each evening until 8:30 o'clock.

BOYS BEATEN IN SCHOOL FIGHT HERE

Anti-Torrance friction between San Pedro and Torrance high school students was evidenced early Saturday morning when a group of boys from the harbor high school, some identified as football players, invaded Torrance.

One Torrance youth was badly beaten up when a gang of half a dozen or more attacked him after he had come to the defense of another Torrance boy who had been pulled from his automobile by the San Pedro youths.

Police did not get the names of the boys involved, but said they are easily recognized. They broke up the affair which was staged in front of the Civic Auditorium where a dance had just concluded.

The boy who was pulled from his car was sitting in front of the auditorium with a girl, whom he was escorting home, when the San Pedro youths came up and asked where he was from. When he replied "Torrance," they opened the car door and proceeded to beat him. The boy who came to his aid broke up the fight, however, it was said by witnesses.

The schools' last summer claimed to have worked out a "sportsmanlike" plan to end such school gang fights, but the continuance of the warfare indicates it has been abandoned or is not being enforced, it was pointed out. There has been a school gang fight almost every week in some locality of the Marine League.

Planting of P. E. Right-of-Way Is Undertaken

Beautification of the north entrance to the city of Torrance is progressing, and this week the city crews of Park Superintendant Fred Blake undertook the planting of the city property along the Pacific Electric right-of-way on Torrance blvd.

The new park at Torrance blvd. and Western ave. is being prepared for planting of grass, and city crews are at work repairing the culvert under the boulevard.

At the direction of Chief of Police John Stroth, the sidewalk along the west side of Western ave. has been marked off for pedestrians, and signs will be posted to warn automobiles of the pedestrian path. Likewise, the public will be required to walk on the pathway and use crosswalks which have been painted, it was said.

Torrance Rain On December 2 Was .09 of Inch

Rainfall Dec. 2 in Torrance totaled .09 of an inch and pushed the total for the season, starting July 1, 1944, to 4.61 inches, as compared with 1.01 inches for the similar period last year.

The annual total, from Jan. 1 to date, is 14.96 against 15.51 inches for this date last year, according to figures kept by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, who maintains the official rain gauge in this city.

FURLOUGH SCHEDULED

Sgt. Milburn R. Harrington, whose wife resides in Lomita, is scheduled to come home on leave from the Central Pacific theatre of operations where he has served 59 months as a medical corpsman, according to information from the Army. The rotation plan for sending men home is now in operation and advance information on furloughs is being given out by the Army.

HARBOR CITY NOW SERVED BY TORRANCE MUNICIPAL BUS LINES; NEW SCHEDULE

Effective Sunday morning, Harbor City and Harbor Hills will be served by Torrance Municipal bus lines, placing the two communities in direct contact with Torrance and Lomita business districts, and likewise giving them direct public transportation to Los Angeles. With the arrival of the second of six new Crown coaches, 45-passenger modern buses being custom-built for the City of Torrance, the bus department is instituting a change of schedule which will provide for the following service:

F. W. Daniels to Return to Local Ration Board Post

Frank W. Daniels, who resigned his position as chief clerk of the War Price and Ration Board, will return to his post.

Board at Torrance Oct. 20, will return immediately to his former post, it was decided yesterday following a conference with members of the Torrance Retail Merchants Association, and Mayor William H. Tolson.

Los Angeles officials of the O.P.A. had appealed to Daniels to resume direction of the local price and ration office following the resignation ten days ago of his successor, Lloyd R. Green. Daniel agreed to return providing an additional full-time clerk was employed to assist in relieving the overload work. When it was learned that there were no O.P.A. funds available to employ an additional clerk, a tentative agreement was made at yesterday's conference by which the City of Torrance will pay one-half the salary of the new clerk, the balance to be raised by contributions of Torrance industrial plants and merchants.

The merchants voted to assume responsibility for raising half the salary fund for the clerk, and Mayor Tolson advised that he had consulted with other members of the city council and the city attorney, and felt that the City would authorize payment of the balance of the fund.

As the local ration board serves territory outside the city limits of Torrance, Mayor Tolson said he had been advised that the city could pay for only its share of the work to be performed by the clerk.

Daniels has purchased a home in Torrance, and resides here.

Melba Snyder Struck by Car, Killed at Beach

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Stone & Myers chapel for Miss Melba Blanche Snyder, 27, employee of National Supply Co., who resided with her mother, Mrs. Ida Snyder, 2117 Cabrillo ave., Torrance.

Miss Snyder was killed when struck by an automobile while preparing to cross a street in Huntington Beach on Nov. 27 at 12:30 a.m. An inquest into the death was held Monday in Huntington Beach, and the Orange county coroner's jury found that the driver of the car was not to blame for the accident.

The body lay unclaimed in Huntington Beach mortuary for several days while Mrs. Snyder and members of the family frantically sought to learn the reason for her failure to return home from her visit there. Efforts of Huntington Beach police to identify her failed, until the family identified the body.

Born in Warren, Ohio, Miss Snyder was the sister of Albert H. Snyder, of Compton, and James A. Snyder, QM 2/c, U.S.N., now serving on the U.S.S. Golden City in the South Pacific.

Interment was at Inglewood cemetery.

Rev. C. M. Northrup, of First Baptist church, officiated at the services, and many friends and relatives attended to pay final respects.

Eighteen round trips daily between Torrance and the Tenth and Hill st., Torrance terminal in Los Angeles, starting at 5:00 a.m. daily except Sunday, when it starts at 5:55 a.m., and ending with the final trip to Los Angeles leaving Torrance at 12 midnight. The last bus out of Los Angeles will leave Tenth and Hill at 12:55 a.m., daily. This Los Angeles bus also will serve the local Carson ave., Greenwood ave., Torrance blvd., loop.

Twenty round trips from Torrance to 101 Highway and Narbonne ave., Lomita, starting daily at 5:05 a.m., except Sunday when it starts at 6:05 a.m., and ending at 1:55 a.m.

Ten round trips from Torrance to 203rd st. and Western ave., from 6 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. daily.

Seven round trips from Torrance to Waltham, the first leaving Torrance at 7:15 a.m., and the last at 11:15 p.m. The first trip out of Waltham will leave at 7:25 a.m., and the last at 11:35 p.m.

Ten round trips from Torrance to Harbor City via Harbor Hills, the first leaving Torrance at 5:05 a.m., daily except Sunday when it leaves at 6:05 a.m., and the last leaving Torrance at 8:50 p.m.

The first service out of Harbor City to Torrance will be daily at 5:30 a.m., except Sunday when it leaves at 6:30 a.m., and the last at 9:15 p.m.

Also included in the new service is the run through Gardena by way of Vermont, Gardena blvd., (165th st.) and Figueroa st., serving Torrance residents wanting to go to Gardena and Gardena residents wanting transportation to Torrance. Later, Ward said, Gardena city buses may run down Western ave., to Torrance, giving the two communities additional service.

The new bus service, according to C. Z. Ward, manager, will be improved as it proves itself to be a needed community service. It will be extended, if the necessity is shown.

Served by the new routing of the buses will be Waltham students at Narbonne high school who have been forced to "thumb" their way to school along the busy highway.

The only change in fares is an extra five cents from Lomita blvd. south.

It was said that the improvement of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines schedule eventually will include service from Torrance to Long Beach, San Pedro and Wilmington, and to Redondo Beach, if traffic demands that service.

The complete new route and schedule effective Sunday, is published elsewhere in this edition.

Services are Conducted for Allen H. Paull

Christian Science services for Allen H. Paull, pioneer automobile dealer of the South Bay area who died Sunday in a Glendale sanitarium, were conducted yesterday at 11 a.m. in Stone & Myers chapel. Mrs. Mabel Steinbier read the services. Private cremation followed.

Mr. Paull, who resided for years at 1515 Marcellina ave., was 65 years of age, born in Woodfield, Ohio. He had been ill for two months.

He was the oldest automobile dealer in the South Bay area, and had the original Dodge agency for Southern Los Angeles counties in Redondo Beach, Redondo Beach, later selling them to his employees. They include Walter C. Lynch, Redondo Beach, and Fred Kerr, Gardena. He operated the Plymouth-DeSoto agency in Torrance.

His wife, Lydia Paull, died some years ago. Prior to her death, they lived in the old Huntington home in Redondo Beach. No relatives have been located and an old friend of the family, Mrs. Fred Patton, of Redondo Beach, has been handling affairs involving Mr. Paull's death. A niece, Mrs. Marion Dyer, is said to reside in Washington, D. C., and it is reported that there is a nephew, but his name is not known here, it was said.

Youthful Pair Held to Answer To High Court

Charged with three counts of burglary and one of grand theft, Jack Robert Rhodes, 24, discharged soldier, and Robert Beheny, 23, both of Reading, Pa., were held to answer to Superior Court by City Judge Otto B. Willett here Monday. They were taken to the county jail in default of \$10,000 bail each.

In a nationwide trail starting in Tennessee where they are alleged to have stolen an automobile, the two men assertedly gathered 15 pieces of firearms, more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition, radios, tires, jewelry and a score of other items, much of which was recovered with their arrest last Tuesday.

The grand theft charge pertains to the alleged theft of a car in Redondo Beach. The pair face charges in Tennessee and federal counts of carrying concealed weapons.

32 Names Now On Torrance Gold Star Roll

Torrance's Gold Star roll has grown to 32, with the recent announcement of the death in action of three more men.

The latest to be added to the list are Rueben E. Merkel, AAM, U. S. N., and Thomas Dilkes.

The death of Lt. Vladimir J. Obidine was announced several weeks ago locally, but official War department disclosure was not made until last week. Lt. Obidine, husband of Joan Ramskill Obidine, of Torrance, was killed while entering Paris in a staff car, in the early days of the battle for Paris.

Fire Destroys Interior of Car In Garage

Fire apparently originating from a lighted cigarette damaged the interior of the automobile of Homer Davis, stored in a private garage at 1225 Fern ave., Sunday morning, according to Fire Chief J. E. McMaster.

The smoldering flames and smoke badly damaged the seat cushions and glass, and it had been slowly burning all night, the chief said.