

TORRANCE BAPTISTS BUY HUGE TOTAL IN WAR BONDS AS 6TH DRIVE CONTINUES

Probably holding more War Bonds than any other organization of its type in Torrance, First Baptist church trustees voted last week to buy an additional \$9,000 in War Bonds, making their total purchases \$44,000.

The congregation, led by the Rev. C. M. Northrup, plans to build a new church edifice on their corner lot adjoining the present church at Martina ave. and Carson ave. after the war, and the War Bond purchases represent savings to that end.

Torrance still has \$108,864 to go to reach its goal of \$840,000 in the Sixth War Loan drive, Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the drive, said yesterday.

The total of bonds purchased in this drive reached \$731,136, and Lee appealed for generous subscriptions this week to put the drive well over the top before Christmas.

Several cities already are over the top, he said, and Torrance wants to be among the first to reach its goal.

Local Rotarians and Kiwanians bought \$11,000 worth of bonds at a joint meeting last Thursday, at which the Air Force picture, "Combat America," made by Major Clark Gable, was shown.

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Glee Club In Presentation of Minstrel Show

By BOB GARNER

The Torrance high school Boys' Glee club presented a minstrel show Dec. 7, with many good songs and singers. There were also a lot of laughs, especially when the "Rah-Rah Boys" made their hit. They were as follows: Bill Goard, Gerald Jackson, Nick Naack, Bill Johnson; Scissors, Bill Bynum; Mike Egghead, Bob Garner; Rastus Paddlefoot, Bill Dietlin; Rufus Mugwumps, Dallas Martin. The balladists were Uncle Tom Benbow and Old Black Gerald Godard.

There was a great deal of originality shown in this minstrel show and students of both Junior and Senior high schools enjoyed the performance.

Long Range City Tree Program

Recommendations for a general street tree program in Torrance were presented to the City Planning Commission on Monday night by Fred Blake, superintendent of city parks, and the program is under consideration.

Replacement of some older and misfit types of trees was recommended.

Superintendent Blake pointed out that the pepper trees in the three-foot parkings in the manufacturing and retail store districts are damaging curbs and sidewalks and generally are too large a tree for such small areas. These must be removed eventually, he said, because of the damage to curbs and sidewalks, because some are dead or deformed, and because of the construction of new buildings.

He said that the pepper trees in the three-foot parkings in the residential districts are to be removed systematically over a period of time and replaced by trees planted in the set-back, two feet from the property line.

Eucalyptus trees in residential districts are to be replaced by more suitable trees, he recommended.

Missing trees along residential streets are to be replaced by a like kind, and all trees of unlike character will be removed and replaced.

The general policy will be that of saving a tree by pruning and spraying, and if this cannot be done, to remove the tree and replace it with one of kind in that area. He suggested on the replacing program to remove trees gradually, considering uniformity.

Carob trees, eight to ten feet tall, would replace the pepper trees in some residential areas, with camphor trees in others.

Japanese maple trees would replace some of the eucalyptus trees, and white birch others. Young pines and deodars from the city nursery stock would be used to replace missing trees of that type, and eucalyptus trees interfering with the growth of all young trees would be removed.

Magnolia would also be used to replace some eucalyptus.

The program would be spread over a period of years, Blake said.

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Born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week were children of the following local persons:

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stowe, 911-C Portola ave., a girl, Dec. 11 at 8:55 a.m.
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