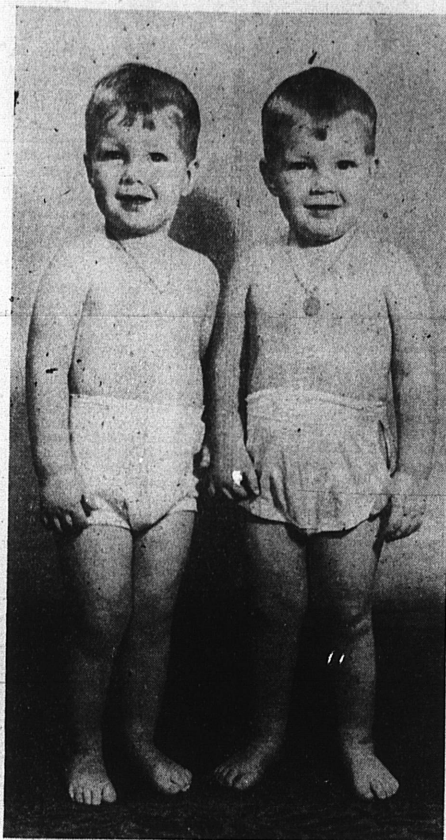


Happy New Year!



HAPPY NEW YEAR . . . We of the Torrance Herald staff cannot think of any finer way to bid farewell to 1944 and greet the New Year than by presenting these 99 percent perfect twins, the 30-month-old sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert J. Derouin of 1625 Beech ave., who won a health contest conducted by the Los Angeles Evening Herald and Express in which about 10,000 children participated. The boys are Michael Ray, and Patrick Roy.

TORRANCE OVER TOP IN SIXTH WAR LOAN DRIVE; H. R. LEE THANKS WORKERS

Torrance is well over the top in its \$840,000 Sixth War Loan drive, due to the last minute efforts of the many individual salespeople, including the clerks of local stores, the banks, the postoffice and other agencies. The final figures for the Sixth War Loan drive are not available, due to the maze of accounting incident to the Christmas

rush, Chairman Hillman Lee, heading the Six War Loan Drive committee, declared but it is definitely established that the drive went well over the top.

Many bonds were given as Christmas gifts at the last minute as shoppers found gifts hard to find.

"Retail sales people, who made up the third army, have done an outstanding job in selling bonds," Lee declared. "All who have sold \$300 and more will receive citations for the splendid part they played in putting over this sixth war loan drive in Torrance. We hope to have all these citations ready by the second week in January.

"Industry has done its part in seeing that we reached our quota. Southern California Gas Co. purchased \$4,000, Shell Oil Co. \$100,000, Southern California Edison Co. \$50,000, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., \$1,000, Southern Pacific Co., \$10,100, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, \$50,000, Dow Chemical Co., \$10,000, National Supply Co., \$75,000, and Los Angeles

Engineers' Pay Raises Held Up By City Council

Patrolman C. B. Watts got a raise to \$210 a month, having completed his probationary period, as a result of action of the City Council Tuesday night.

The increases of five engineers of the fire department were held up at least temporarily at the request of Councilman G. V. Powell, however, pending a conference with Fire Chief J. E. McMaster. They are Engineers Moffett, to be raised from \$210 to \$225; Lapp, \$195 to \$225; Fess \$210 to \$225; Clemmer, \$210 to \$225 and Held, \$175 to \$190. The raises were recommended in line of the policy of the city in equalizing pay of workers in the police and fire departments.

1944 Big Year For Torrance, Survey Shows

The year 1944 was one of the most successful years in the history of Torrance's retail district, according to Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the Retail Merchants' division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

"It has been the good fortune of the merchants of this community to serve the people with a wider selection of merchandise than ever before," Lee said. "However many staples have been very scarce and the first quarter of 1945 brings forth less in the way of bedding and other lines of textiles. The increased merchandise and greater variety of items has demonstrated to the people that Torrance is a logical shopping center, capable of meeting other markets of larger nearby cities.

"Merchants were very well pleased with the abundance of extra help during the holiday rush. Much relief came from the high school students who were glad to give their services during the heavy business rush.

"Torrance merchants have plans for 1945 that will make Torrance a greater central shopping center for Torrance and surrounding communities.

"They are planning monthly events that will bring to the community values and will enable shoppers to secure the same values here as in larger shopping centers. Each merchant is pledging that he and his associates are going to give the best of service during the coming year.

"Each merchant welcomes the public to his place of business to find the wide selection of merchandise that can be found here at home."

City Asked to Take Option on Four Lots

The City Council is being asked to take an option on four lots in the Pueblo district of Torrance, on 203rd st., for recreational purposes, it was announced Tuesday night.

The council already has taken option on two lots, to be used in developing a program for the children of the Mexican area, but it has been decided that the area will be too small to care for the situation.

Torrance Area Community Council is handling the program for development of the Pueblo, to bring about better conditions there as well as develop better relationships between the people of the district and the rest of Torrance.

Assisting are various member agencies including the Catholic Welfare Bureau and Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

New City Garage Building Sought For Equipment

Because the city bus department is growing and crowding the city garage, Torrance City Council Tuesday night was asked to build a new building large enough to handle all the mechanical equipment.

The council decided to hold until the heads of departments involved could meet and agree on use and size of the new structure.

The council Tuesday night decided to buy a meter for the model race track of the Western States Model Race Car association.

Allowance of \$90 was made for a 10-ton floor jack. Appropriation of \$950 for asphalt plant mix for 218th st., between Arlington avenue and Cabrillo ave., also was made.

Sewers for All Subdivisions

Los Angeles county supervisors have ordered a study made of the wisdom of requiring all subdividers to install sewers in future subdivisions.

The matter will be investigated by the County Engineer and the County Regional Planning Commission and a recommendation made to the Board of Supervisors for further action.

GEORGE W. BRADEN WILL MAKE RECREATION SURVEY FOR CITY OF TORRANCE

Maj. George W. Braden, nationally known playground and recreation authority, will make a survey of the recreational needs of the City of Torrance, it was decided by the City Council Tuesday night. An allowance of \$200 was made for the survey, which will bring about a series of recommendations for a program to give the children of Torrance full benefit of the funds set up for recreation in Torrance, it was said.

Major Braden is western representative of the National Recreation Association serving cities in the 11 western states.

Some of the topics which he will take into consideration in the survey, Major Braden told the Torrance Herald, are:

1. The importance of public recreation service in the post-war period.
2. General factors regarding public recreation, including fundamentals in community recreation; why a year-round recreation system; standards, playgrounds, playfields, recreation buildings, indoor recreation facilities, standards for neighborhood recreation areas and facilities.
3. Specific recommendations for postwar developments of recreation areas, including rehabilitation and extension of existing school areas, new school areas needed; rehabilitation and extension of existing municipal areas and structures; new municipal areas, facilities, and structures.
4. Possible methods of finance.
5. Administrative setup for city of Torrance recreation.

The major has suggested to Mayor W. H. Tolson that he call a meeting of civic leaders for Wednesday or Thursday of next week at the city hall to discuss the survey.

LESS BUSINESS, HIGHER PRICES, MORE RATIONING SEEN BY BABSON IN 1945

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Look for these developments: Farmers' cash income will approximate that of 1944, which was \$30 billions. Both bituminous and anthracite mining will run 5% below a year ago. Petroleum output will be upped 5%. Iron and steel will decline 10%. A similar drop is in prospect for chemical manufacturers. Lumber output will increase 5%. The paper and shoe industries will run along on the same levels as during 1944. Industrial employment will be 7% less and factory pay rolls will decline 10%. Greatest single expansion will come in the construction and building group, which will show an increase of 25% from the low levels of 1944's first six months. Look for a sharp drop in retail trade, especially in luxury items. Electric power output will be reduced 5% as war contracts are cut back. For basically the same reason railroad freight ton mileage will fall 15%.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1945 BY ROGER W. BABSON

General Business

1. A year ago the United States Babsonchart index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 148.6; today it registers 138, justifying my forecast of a year ago. The Canadian Babsonchart Index of the Physical Volume of Business registered 206.9 a year ago; today it registered 197. 1945 will show a reduction of more than 10% both in United States and Canadian business. Furthermore, most of the following comments apply to both countries.

2. War production is already being cut back and this reduction will rapidly continue through 1945. Even those railroads and industries which expect to benefit from a long war with Japan will be disappointed.

3. The re-conversion of industry from war to peace business will increase during every month of 1945. Furthermore, time required for re-conversion will not be as great as most people believe.

4. Inventories quoted at their price values, rather than volume values, will continue, as a whole, during 1945 about as during 1944. Raw material piles will be larger, but manufactured goods will be smaller.

5. Population increases in the United States during 1945 will be about 700,000, but the birth of new babies will fall off somewhat.

6. Rationing will continue through the most of 1945. During the early part of the year, I expect to see further restrictions, especially in connection with meats, canned goods, etc.

7. The retail prices of most necessities and some luxuries will be higher during 1945 than at present. The prices of some of the luxuries, such as furs, have already collapsed.

8. Steel prices of goods needed for peacetime manufacture should be a little higher, but

prices of the heavy war goods will decline. This applies also to the heavy chemicals.

9. The wholesale prices of raw materials in general may decline during 1945, but most consumer goods will hold firm or sell at higher prices. For both gasoline and bituminous coal, there may be price concessions.

10. The great question mark of 1945 will be how, to whom and at what price the government will dispose of its billions of dollars, worth of unneeded supplies.

Farm Outlook

11. The weather will be the greatest factor in farm production and prices during 1945. The weather has been exceptionally good on the whole for the past few years; but sooner or later we will have a severe drought or an early freeze.

12. Pending a weather upset, more bushels of corn and wheat and more bales of cotton will be raised in 1945 than ever before in our history. Although some prices may slide off, the total farm income for the first half of 1945 should hold up.

13. There should be a 15% decline in hog slaughter and a 5% increase in cattle slaughter.

14. Dairy products will continue to increase both in volume and in price. I am forecasting at least a 3% rise in volume.

15. Farmers will start in 1945 to work again for legislation on their party program, due to fear of a collapse in all farm prices after the war.

Taxes

16. Taxes will not be increased during 1945 and some will be reduced. In fact, some nuisance taxes will be eliminated altogether.

17. The federal debt will continue to increase during 1945.

18. Whatever is done about taxes, the cost of living will continue to rise during 1945.

19. Providing jobs for returning soldiers will be the big political football of 1945. I am not now prepared to forecast what will happen in this connection.

20. Through a coalition of Republicans and Conservative Democrats, we should have a "do nothing" Congress during 1945.

Retail Sales

21. The volume retail sales will (Continued on Page 3-B)

Angle Parking On Torrance Blvd. Rule of City

Torrance blvd., when it is completed, will be marked for angle parking in the business district, according to the recommendations of Chief of Police John Stroh adopted by the City Council on Tuesday night.

There will be 50 to 60 degree parking on the north side of the boulevard from Sartori ave., to Cota ave., and the same degree parking on the south side from Portola ave., to Cravens st.

The area will be posted and marked, and the balance of the boulevard will be restricted to parallel parking.

Tremendous Gain In P.O. Business Here

Torrance postoffice enjoyed an increase in business of almost 40 per cent during the month of December, according to the figures of Postmaster Earl Conner, released yesterday. Total cancellations of the office for the period of Dec. 1 to 26 were 349,336, the postmaster declared, as compared with 208,709 for the entire month of December, 1943.

In figures, the annual total of postal receipts, gross, for 1944 was \$122,618.97, compared with \$92,859.63 for the year 1943, gross, the postmaster said. The quarter ending in December showed a total of \$38,918.70 in receipts as compared with \$30,249.50 for the quarter of last year.

Torrance postoffice was overtaxed during the Christmas rush, but it did not fail to make scheduled deliveries, it was pointed out.

Business men of the community were high in their tribute to the postmaster and his tribute workers for the way in which they handled the great mass of holiday mail.

One business man pointed out that within two hours after he mailed notices of the arrival of certain merchandise, the parties involved were in his office with the cards to claim their merchandise.

Holiday extra help was employed and worked long hours in the Christmas rush, but the mail went out on time, it was pointed out.

233 Waleria Residents Want Quandt Survey

Two hundred and thirty-three residents of Waleria want a municipal water company organized to serve that district, according to petitions filed Tuesday night with the City Council by A. B. Stagner, president, Waleria Community Service Council.

The petitions ask that the property and lines of the Quandt Pumping Co., be surveyed and appraised, and that this be followed by action to provide municipal ownership of the system for Waleria.

The matter was held in abeyance by the council, due to the many legal aspects of the situation, including the matter of financing.

It was pointed out that it is impossible for the present municipal water district to "buy" the Quandt system, under present ordinances and statutes.

Men In Service Protected In New City Policy

There will be no civil service appointments made by the City of Torrance Civil Service Commission as long as there is a Torrance man in the armed forces who can qualify for the job which might be open, according to a statement of policy adopted by the City Council on Tuesday night.

How it will be determined whether or not there are qualified men available in the armed forces was not stated, but it is the purpose of the policy to protect the men serving their country by holding jobs with the city until they can properly qualify.

If it is determined that there are no Torrance men in the armed forces available for a job, an examination will be given, but only temporary appointments will be made otherwise, it was said.

Christensen Is Promoted To Corporal

Pfc. Conrad V. Christensen of Torrance, Calif., was recently promoted to the rank of corporal. Cpl. Christensen is an interviewer at the Personnel Affairs Office with the ATC Ferrying Division four-engine training school at Homestead, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Christensen, 1520 Marcella ave., Torrance, Calif.

TORRANCE SCHOOL FIGHT IS NOT TIED UP WITH CITY CHARTER MOVEMENT

The "Torrance Schools for Torrance Children" campaign, now well on the way to definite action, is a move only to bring about the withdrawal of Torrance schools from the Los Angeles city school system, and in no way is connected with a movement to adopt a charter for the city Torrance.

Torrance Stores Will Observe Holiday Weekend

All Torrance retail stores, including food markets, will close this Saturday, Dec. 30, at 6 p.m. for the New Year Day holiday, and will remain closed until Tuesday morning. Action to this end was taken by the retail merchants at a meeting yesterday.

It was emphasized that the early Saturday closing will apply ONLY to this week-end. Torrance stores will resume their regular Saturday evening hours next week.

Attitude on Japs Return Here Given

The official attitude of the City of Torrance toward the return of Japanese to this district is the attitude of the California State War Council toward the whole problem, according to Chief of Police John Stroh. While the City Council and the chief of police are studying possible means of enforcing the law in event of trouble, the policy is set forth by the war council and the state advisory committee on law enforcement and it follows:

"We consider it our sworn duty as law enforcement officers to fully cooperate with the army authorities in dealing with the return of the Japanese residents of this state. All persons, regardless of race, are entitled to the full protection of the law. The army has carefully investigated each person who is to be permitted to return and will not allow those who are potentially dangerous to return.

"There should be no difficulty involved in this transition unless incidents are provoked by intemperate words and thoughtlessness.

"During this period of adjustment the reputation of each of our California communities will be at stake. We have faith in the good judgment of the people of California. We confidently expect all citizens to join with us in furthering full respect of the individual rights involved.

"We recognize that any mistreatment of Japanese within our state will not improve the conditions which must be faced by our American boys now in Japanese prison camps.

"It is our belief that cheerful co-operation with the army program will be in furtherance of our war effort and in keeping with our war purposes and our duty as American citizens."

Army Officer Injured In Freak Accident

Lt. Robert W. Evett, Ford Ord, is in the Torrance Army hospital suffering with injuries received in a "freak accident" in which his car hurled the 25-foot Santa Fe right-of-way at 190th st., and Hawthorne blvd., landing on top of an old trestle.

The accident occurred Tuesday morning, as Lieut. Evett, traveling on Dominguez st., failed to notice a curve in the roadway in the fog, according to police reports, and "jumped" the tracks.

Chief of Police John Stroh said that it is apparent from the damage to the car that it turned end-over-end as it went over the high right-of-way of the Santa Fe.

Lieut. Evett was unconscious when a passing motorist saw the lights of the car burning atop the old abandoned trestle.

STAKE GAINS

Although there are now 13.8 per cent fewer cars in the nation than at the time of Pearl Harbor, statistics show that California is one of four states with more motor vehicles in operation than in 1941. All others, except Arkansas, Oklahoma and Utah, show decreases in registrations.

This statement was made this week by Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of the Torrance Parents' Association, to refute rumors that the school fight was a "front" for interests which have sought to have a charter written for Torrance, to create a fifth-class city.

"We are a front for no one but our own children," Mrs. Carr declared. "We have taken on this campaign and we expect to keep up the fight until we can give our children and Torrance the best schools in California. This means withdrawal from Los Angeles city schools, as it is the only means by which our motive can be accomplished. Further, it is the only way we in Torrance can control the money which we provide for our schools. If there are charter interests at work, they are not a part of this organization."

Rumors Rapped

"How these rumors got started, and how anyone can oppose this movement for our children, except for purely selfish or political reasons, we cannot see," Mrs. Carr said. "We know that we have political and selfish opposition, and we expect it will take a hard fight to beat down this opposition, but surely any open minded person can see that we of this community can do far more for our children if we can sit right here with a local board, spending Torrance's school money in Torrance for Torrance children's benefit, than we can being a small part of the big Los Angeles system, with no voice whatever in running our schools nor in spending our own money; with inadequate facilities and buildings and inadequate courses of study."

"The 'Torrance Schools for Torrance Children' campaign is reaching the legal stage, Mrs. Carr pointed out, and announcement of the procedure to be adopted in bringing to a head the campaign to pull out of Los Angeles city school system will be made in a few days.

"\$120,000 Paid
Torrance has paid more than \$120,000 to Los Angeles city, over and above what it has cost to operate the Torrance schools, and this year the amount paid Los Angeles will equal a sum of about \$2 for every \$1 spent here, it was pointed out.

"Torrance, for 20 years, has sought to pull out of the Los Angeles city school district," Mrs. Carr declared.

"We cannot expect anything for our children until we take matters into our own hands, run our own schools, with a Torrance board of education and the best superintendent of schools which we can find."

Torrance Parents' Association will meet again on Jan. 16 in the City Hall, at which time the final plans for the campaign will be mapped.

The legal committee is at work on the steps to be taken and the procedure to be followed, according to Mrs. Carr.

Trucks are Kept Off Waleria Area Street

Edsel Newton, of 24417 Neece ave., Waleria, has won his point in seeking to have trucks kept off the residential street on which his home is located, Chief of Police John Stroh told the City Council Tuesday night.

Newton complained of the trucks ruining the streets in a letter recently.

Chief Stroh said that he had received the promise that no trucks will use the street, and asked the City Council to buy "No Heavy Trucking" signs to properly post the street. They will cost \$2.90 each, and six are needed.

Also needed, Stroh said, are boulevard stop signs for Torrance blvd., no "U" turn signs for the same thoroughfare.

CUB PACK 228 MEETS
Cub Pack 228-C will meet Friday, Dec. 29, at 7:00 p. m., at Torrance Methodist church.