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—also—

"MY PAL WOLF"

Max Calvert Elected President of New Junior Chamber of Commerce

Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce was formed by 22 young leaders of the community between the ages of 21 and 35.



H. MAX CALVERT
Leads Junior Chamber

years at a meeting last Friday night under the auspices of the Senior Chamber of Commerce of Torrance.

H. Max Calvert, resident manager for the accounting firm of Grubb and Tweedy, and vice president of National Airports, Inc., was elected president; George Uhar of National Supply Co., vice president; and Bernard Lee, owner of Bernard's Family Shoe Store was elected secretary-treasurer. Besides the officers, the following members were accepted, all pending the granting of the customary charter required, which has been applied for by the group: Councilman C. Merton Gilbert, Torrance City Council.

Bob Strath, co-partner of Ideal Ranch Market and Carsonmart; Harold Hof, assistant manager, J. C. Penney Co., Inc.; George Uhar, National Supply Co.

Lieut. Louis Zamperini, U. S. Air Corps, honorary member. Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, honorary and associate member.

Approximately fifty additional young men in the Torrance general area have indicated their willingness to join this group, and the next meeting will be subject to the call of the president, announcements of which will be made in this newspaper in the near future.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is a civic organization for young men of the ages outlined. It augments the work of the senior Chamber of Commerce and does not interfere or conflict with the work, policies and principles of the senior body. It supplements the activities and dovetails with the programs and projects of the senior body.

Speaking of the reasons the senior Chamber of Commerce decided to sponsor the junior group, Reed H. Parkin, president of Torrance Chamber of Commerce and secretary treasurer of Doak Aircraft Co., said: "The young men owe a debt of gratitude to the city which provides them a home and the privileges of citizenship. Through the Junior Chamber of Commerce, young men are given opportunity to do their part in civic service pleasantly and profitably, and at the same time make a definite contribution to the war effort and the post-war era. Young men have a personal gain as well in civic service, even beyond the knowledge of duty well done. The greater part of a young man's life is ahead of him. Anything that he does now to train himself and develop his abilities assures him direct returns in the years to come."

"Building for the future of his community is certain to pay dividends to a young man in later life. Every young man has a 'stake' in his community. Whatever he may do to improve his city is an assurance that the eventual return on his investment will be greater. Your new organization will assist all of you in planning the post-war world."

Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the group on their courage in forming the new organization in the face of many hardships to be encountered, such as reduced membership through action of Selective Service.

"Despite these obstacles, you young men can perform a signal service to your community, your state and your nation," he said. "We cannot over-emphasize the civic services available to you young men, first, because Junior Chambers of Commerce throughout the United States have done and will continue to do notable and outstanding community building work, and secondly, because every young man has a natural desire to do his part in making his city a better place."

Membership is open to all young men in this age group, living in Torrance and the Torrance trade area, including, Lomita, Gardena, Waltham, Hollywood, Riviera, Rolling Hills, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Harbor City, and the Los Angeles strip.



LOCAL MAN IN LUZON INVASION . . . Sgt. Eugene Beckman (extreme right) of 24301 Lomita drive, Lomita, is shown comparing notes with a fellow soldier, Staff Sgt. Gerald Califano (left) of San Pedro and two Coast Guardsmen who helped put them ashore for the battle which followed. The Guardsmen are C. R. Gordon, seaman first class (center left), and Nello Morano, seaman second class, of Los Angeles (center right). Sgt. Beckman was a sergeant in Co. H of the California State Guard, known as Torrance and Lomita's own, commanded by Capt. R. L. Lewellen, prior to entering the service. He has participated in the invasions of the Marshalls, Guam, Peleliu and Leyte prior to the Luzon invasion.

County Bonded Debt Payment Is in Sight

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby announces all Los Angeles county bonded indebtedness will be paid by Feb. 1, 1949, with \$300,000 in bonds for building the Hall of Justice retiring on July 1, 1947 and \$750,000 for the County Farm and General Hospital paying off on the same date. The macadam road bond issue, originally \$3,500,000 on Feb. 1, 1909, will be paid in full Feb. 1, 1949.

Supervisor Darby adds the Los Angeles county voters should then "favor a bond issue for a new courthouse or other buildings, subject to whatever aid would be forthcoming from other sources."

in which to live, work and raise his family. Membership in the Junior Chamber of Commerce is the most logical and least expensive civic service opportunity available to a young man, and offers direct and tangible personal returns. From every possible standpoint, your organization meets the young man's need."

All young men between the ages of 19 and 36 are being urged to make early application for membership. Applications should be addressed to: H. Max Calvert, president, Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce, 1119 Sartori ave., Torrance.

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Young Church Group to Open Canteen Soon

The Young Churchmen's League of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, will inaugurate its Torrance Youth Canteen on or about Feb. 13, according to announcement of Doris Church, president. The young group decided at its meeting on Feb. 4 that the canteen should be started without delay.

Miss Church, discussing the plans for the canteen, said: "Cities much smaller than Torrance are enjoying these facilities and they are being operated very successfully, resulting in keeping many young people off the streets and furnishing them with wholesome recreation and amusement. We can be proud of the fact that our group is taking the lead in this worthy project. It will take a lot of hard work and planning, and we will need the support of our adults and leaders in the community."

Ted Mier, the new Y. M. C. A. secretary for Torrance will meet with the group during church breakfast next Sunday, and will be able to give some good advice and guidance in this connection, Miss Church said.

A prize of ten dollars will be awarded to the girl or boy furnishing the best name for the new canteen. Judges will be: Frank Church, Harry Lewis, and Mayor William H. Tolson.

President Church has appointed the following to serve on the decoration and entertainment

Communicants' Service, Breakfast Set for Juniors

The monthly service of Holy Communion for the confirmed members of St. Andrew's church school, will be held at 8 a.m., this coming Sunday, Feb. 11. The service will be followed by breakfast, which this Sunday will be planned by Nancy Whyte and Rose Marie Rossi.

Church Group To Attend L.A. Convention

Members of the Young Churchmen's League of St. Andrew's Episcopal church will attend the Los Angeles convention of the House of Young Churchmen on Saturday, Feb. 17, it has been announced.

This is the convention of the House of Young Churchmen for the Diocese of Los Angeles. Delegates are Nancy Whyte, Charles Ringle, Jack Turner, Edith McDermid and Doris Church. Many others of the local group will attend, and details will be discussed at the church breakfast Sunday.

A buffet luncheon will be served to all members of St. Andrew's and their friends, beginning at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 18. All members interested in Youth Movement are especially invited to attend. A film from Cathedral Productions will be shown.

committee: Fred Carstens, Jack Turner, Charles Ringle, Nancy Whyte, Bengta Nelson and Mary Olive Jones.

United States Steel Would Buy Two Government Owned Western Mills

United States Steel Corporation has advised the U. S. government that it is interested in discussing a possible basis of purchase or lease of the government-owned steel plant at Geneva, Utah, for post-war operation, William A. Ross, president of Columbia Steel Co., United States Steel's Pacific coast subsidiary, announced Tuesday. Ross' statement follows:

Recent discussion in the press about the possibilities for the post-war production of steel west of the Rocky mountains may have led some exponents of the further industrial development of the far west to jump to the conclusion that United States Steel Corporation and its Pacific coast subsidiary, Columbia Steel Co., have little interest in the future of the new government-owned steel plant at Geneva, Utah.

Any such impression is quite contrary to the truth. This plant in Utah was designed and built for the government by Columbia Steel Co., acting on behalf of United States Steel Corporation, and is now being operated for account of the government by another subsidiary of United States Steel, such construction project being a war project undertaken by the Steel Corporation without any fee or profit.

United States Steel Corporation is also an exponent for the continued industrial development

of the far west. It recognized the importance of Pacific coast steel markets and their potentialities, when it acquired Columbia Steel Co., in 1930. This company then had and now continues to maintain a fully integrated steel operation west of the Rockies, with coal and iron mines and a blast furnace and by-product coke ovens in Utah, and steel producing and finishing facilities near San Francisco and Los Angeles. During the past few years, Columbia's steel finishing facilities in California have been substantially extended and modernized by the expenditure of large sums of money.

Columbia Steel Co. has plans for further enlargements and modernization of its facilities to keep pace with the industrial growth and development of the Pacific coast area. Undoubtedly the acquisition of the government's steel mill at Geneva upon some mutually satisfactory basis and the installation of any required additional finishing facilities could be made to fit in with this post-war program, without causing the abandonment or curtailment of Columbia's existing modern facilities in California.

In a recent letter to the chairman of Defense Plant Corporation, the government agency owning the Geneva steel mill, Benjamin F. Fairless, president of United States Steel Corporation, stated in part:

"We also wish to take this opportunity to advise you that at such time as either or both of the plants at Fontana and Geneva are no longer needed for present or future war efforts and disposal of the facilities to private interests is under consideration, we would be interested in discussing with your representatives a possible basis of purchase or lease of all or a part of such facilities for operation as part of the Columbia Steel Co."

"In the event we were able to arrive at a mutually satisfactory arrangement for either the purchase or lease of all or part of such facilities, we would expect to undertake to operate them at as high a rate of capacity as would be warranted by the market for their products in the territory naturally served by their facilities."

Referring to the effect of such an acquisition upon the overall steel-making capacity of United States Steel Corporation, some of which is now less efficient than the new plant at Geneva, Fairless stated:

"We anticipate that such acquisition of these facilities would be accompanied by reductions or displacements in existing capacity so that our basic steel-making capacity would not be increased in the post-war period."

In view of the recognition both by United States Steel Corporation and Columbia Steel Co., of the importance of west coast markets for steel and these companies' desire for further industrial development in the Far West, there should be no misunderstanding about their interested attitude toward taking the necessary steps at the proper time to meet the post-war steel needs of these markets.

Winter Class At Big Bear For Outing

By BERNICE CLINE
(W's Class Reporter)

The Torrance high school graduating class of Winter, 1945, spent their last time together, before going on each one's way, at Big Bear recently with chaperones, Mrs. Cecil Smith and Mrs. Tom Watson, class mothers.

The three day fun-fest, Jan. 26 to 28 was spent in snowball fights, hikes, skiing, and the most amusing time was spent by all on the toboggan slide.

Those class members, alumni of Torrance high now, who attended the week-end winter sports were: Gus Bray, Roland Carlson, Rodney Clarke, Bernice Cline, Bill George, Lloyd Fossum, Phyllis Hargett, Irene Fossum, Paul Hoke, Sam Intermill, Don Johnson, Shirley Lee, Ralph Peterson, Doris Robinson, Ed Robst, Dorothy Sandstrom, Bert Smith, Jackie Ulbright, and Lamar Watson.

Those of the graduating class who were unable to go to Big Bear were Marvin Kent who entered Navy "Boot Camp" last Saturday and Romaine Miller and Ethelyn Rusk who went to San Francisco.

Payne Furnace Now Part of Dresser Group

Stockholders of Payne Furnace & Supply Co., of Beverly Hills, approved at a special meeting Wednesday night the transfer of the assets and business of the company to Dresser Industries, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, for 22,077 total shares of Dresser stock. Dresser directors had previously agreed to this transaction on Dec. 8.

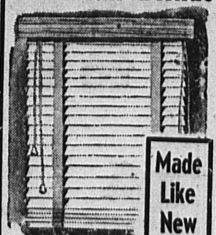
Payne Furnace & Supply Co., makes steel furnaces and floor furnaces.

Another California company, Kobe, Inc., of Huntington Park, manufacturers of hydraulic oil-well pumping systems, became a member of the Dresser group today (Feb. 1) by action taken by the stockholders Tuesday.

Day & Night Mfg. Co., of Monrovia, a third company, is also in the process of acquisition by Dresser and is expected to become a member of the Dresser group by April 2.

Other Dresser companies in California are Pacific Pumps, Inc., of Huntington Park and International Derrick & Equipment Co., of Torrance.

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