

KEEL FOR 'S.S. TORRANCE HILLS' LAID AT SAUSALITO

On the spot where another great tanker had been launched only a few hours earlier, keel for the high-speed tanker SS Torrance Hills was laid at the shipyard of Marlinship Corporation, Sausalito, Calif., at 6 p. m. on Thursday, Feb. 8.

Named for the oilfield located in the city of Torrance the ship immediately began to take shape as specially trained ship assembly began their 24-hour work.

This ship is part of a fleet of 41 permanent type tankers which are being named for important petroleum areas of California. The SS Torrance Hills will be powered by a modern 8,250 horsepower turbo-electric motor, capable of speeding huge quantities of gasoline to any war front. It is also designed for use in the postwar period.

Each ship of the "Hills" class is over 523 feet long, of 16,500 deadweight tons. Present schedules call for launching of the Torrance Hills late in March.

The gasoline delivered to our fighting fronts by a tanker of this type would send 1,000 four-engine bombers on six round-trip missions to Berlin from British bases, according to company statisticians.

This is the first time that a ship has been named for this petroleum field, it is believed.

The name for each ship of the "Hills" class is formed by taking the key word for an important oilfield, such as "Torrance" and adding to it the class designation "Hills."

Marlinship Corporation is operator of a mile-long shipyard, employing 13,000 men and women, located on the shores of San Francisco bay at the north end of the Golden Gate bridge. The \$17,000,000 shipyard is owned by the United States Maritime Commission, for whom the ships are built.

Gardena May Join Service Center Here

A cordial invitation to Gardena to affiliate with the Torrance Service Center was voted by the Torrance Area Welfare Council at the regular meeting Thursday evening. If the invitation is accepted Gardena will appoint five representatives to the Torrance group, and will receive health and welfare services from the agencies located here. It was reported that affiliation with Torrance was the wish of Gardena citizens who have been active in War Chest plans.

Progress of the Pueblo recreation hall was reported by Father Wood, who said that ground was broken last week. It was announced by Hillman R. Lee that the Rotary Club will actively sponsor a campaign for funds in which all community organizations will be asked to participate.

Lomita representatives outlined the steps taken there to publicize the services of the Torrance Service Center. A speaking campaign has been carried on successfully by Mrs. Linden Johnson, Mrs. Edna Smith, and Dr. Etta Woods.

A letter from the Family Welfare association advisory committee, signed by Mrs. Helen Miller, asked for the appointment of a committee to study the problems of transients in this area. It was agreed that such a committee should be selected by the chairman. If the committee finds that there are welfare needs not being met by the present agency services, some other War Chest agencies dealing specifically with transient problems, may be called into this area.

Torrance citizens present at the meeting were: Hillman R. Lee, chairman, Rev. Paul Wheeler and Mrs. Wheeler, Wm. H. Tolson, Mrs. W. E. Bowen, Harry B. Lewis, Mrs. Margaret Voorhees, Mrs. R. R. Smith.

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The North Star state reunion will be held all day Saturday, Feb. 17, in Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles.

Schools and Colleges Aid Red Cross

Public, private and parochial schools and colleges in the city and county are forming a campaign division of their own this year for the Red Cross Fund drive and will operate independently of the geographic divisions or the public employee division of which they were formerly a part, David T. Babcock, general chairman of the \$5,300,000 drive in the Los Angeles Chapter area revealed today.

Vincent P. Maher, Chapter treasurer and former deputy superintendent of the city schools, has accepted the chairmanship of the new schools division, which has set its campaign sights on a minimum goal of \$175,000—or 29,197 seconds of the operational time of Red Cross services throughout the world. In estimating this quota, Maher says, the anticipated contributions of the students were taken into consideration, as well as the pledges of faculty and other staff members.

Campaign plans divide the new division into the following five groups, Maher announces: City schools, county schools, private schools, parochial schools and colleges, and private and public colleges. Each school is setting up its own campaign committee of students, faculty and maintenance personnel.

Heading the city schools division will be Dr. Raymond Pollock, assistant superintendent of schools in charge of service. Assisting him will be Ralph Winchester. Leader of the county schools division will be Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent, with the assistance of Lloyd Webster. Solicitation in the Catholic schools and colleges will be under the leadership of Rev. Patrick J. Dignan, superintendent of parochial schools. Campaign chairmanship of the private schools divisions and the colleges is yet to be announced.

Junior Red Cross members are planning to take an active part in the forthcoming Red Cross Fund drive, both in the schools division campaign and in the distribution of display material. The membership has assumed the responsibility, according to Dwight Twist, director, of placing window posters and counter cards in the business districts adjacent to their high schools. Some 50 schools throughout the Los Angeles Chapter area are in charge of the placement of over 30,000 pieces publicizing the global services of the Red Cross, which cost \$6 per second.

Torrance Army Hospital Visited By L.A. Artists

Soldier patients in the Torrance Army hospital had an artistic treat Saturday when some of America's best known and most talented artists, including the noted cartoonist and painter Jimmy Swinnerton, spent the day making sketches of the men. The group, whose visit was arranged by Mrs. Earl N. Wilson of 115 North Hamilton drive, Beverly Hills, included artists from Los Angeles newspapers, Walt Disney Studio and 20th Century-Fox, in addition to several free lance artists. The sketches were executed in water color, charcoal, pencil and pastel.

They included Gene Canoy and Ray Shuman; from Walt Disney, Hubert Ryan; from 20th Century-Fox, Irvin Block, Jack Rabin and Miss Barbara Webster; and free lance commercial artists Mrs. Margaret Joyner, Miss Nordica Dorsey, Cecil West and George Booth.

Servicemen's stationery? Cal Torrance 444 or 443.



ENJOYS LEAVE . . . Robert Tolson, lieutenant (jg), Naval Aviation, is enjoying a brief leave here with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. H. Tolson, before he leaves for San Diego to await orders. Recently stationed at Corpus Christi, where he has been training with a fighter plane unit, he celebrated his 24th birthday Feb. 12 and his third year in Naval service. He had been an instructor at Corpus Christi for the past 30 months and holds an award for having completed 1,500 hours as an instructor without accident or incident.

Kiwanis Club Tells Program For Year 1945

Basing its community service program for the coming year on 10 far-reaching objectives, the Kiwanis Club of Torrance announced today that "Win the War—Build for Peace" would be its administrative theme for 1945.

Ryan Daggett, president, of the Torrance club, said that Kiwanis International's more than 139,000 members in some 2,250 communities throughout the United States and Canada had pledged time and effort to the fulfillment of the objectives which were adopted at a recent wartime meeting of the service organization in Chicago. They follow:

1. Hasten total victory—accelerate club war services.
2. Exert our influence to establish and maintain world peace.
3. Enlist every Kiwanian in a club or community project for service to returning veterans.
4. Cooperate in community post-war employment programs.
5. Promote understanding and cooperation among social and economic groups as essential to national unity.
6. Intensify Kiwanis youth services—build future citizens.
7. Fulfill citizenship obligations lest we forfeit self-government.
8. Further the friendship between Canada and the United States as a world example for international good will.
9. Work to preserve freedom of opportunity for all.
10. Stress spiritual values as vital to human progress and make it a part of the district program for 1945.

Kiwanis International's 1945 administrative theme and objectives, devoted for the most part to problems of the war and post-war periods, have been the subjects of widespread comment and commendation by leaders in all walks of life, Daggett said.

Four Thousand Expected to Take War Course

More than 4,000 persons are expected to enroll in classes for specialized training in fields essential to war production at the University of Southern California this week and next, with the beginning of the new 15-week term.

The tuition-free evening courses in more than 150 subjects, directed by the S. C. War Training Office, include fields of aeronautical, petroleum, chemical, mechanical and electrical engineering for both men and women. Elementary and advanced classes also feature mathematics, drawing and a series of courses on industrial and personnel management.

Supplementary gasoline applications are issued to students by the War Training Office. A new simplified system permits enrollment at the first class meeting instead of requiring applications beforehand.

Details of class subjects are given in the new bulletin issued by the S. C. War Training Office which may be reached at Richmond 4111 or PRospect 9877 after 5:30 p. m.

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