



V.F.W. CANDIDATE... First Lieut. Elizabeth J. Hagarty, A.S.N., chief of the nursing staff at Torrance L.A.P.E. hospital, is pictured above presenting a membership application to Clara Conner, V.F.W. Auxiliary president. Lieut. Hagarty first became interested in V.F.W. activities when she received a recent gift of four dozen baby shirts, for use in the obstetrical ward, presented by Mrs. Conner in behalf of her organization.

TORRANCE RED CROSS FUND DRIVE OPENS; COMMITTEES SEEKING TO RAISE \$32,500

Seeking to raise \$32,500 for relief of world-wide suffering, Torrance branch campaign committee of the American Red Cross will undertake its drive today. Chairman Harry B. Lewis, heading the campaign, and his various teams will be in the field to round out the drive in the shortest order. In an opening campaign statement, Chairman Lewis said:

"Every person in America is being given an opportunity to help another. The 1945 American Red Cross War Fund campaign must raise \$200,000,000 to extend and maintain the world-wide services of this mighty organization. Torrance's share is a small part of this amount.

"The Red Cross is no thing apart—it is you and I and everyone in America today. Its very existence depends upon the voluntary contributions of American citizens. Therefore, it is the responsibility of every member of the family to participate in this great drive. When a Red Cross volunteer rings your doorbell, remember she comes as your representative in the American Red Cross. Through her you, and each member of your family will have the opportunity of giving service to your boy in uniform or your neighbor in need.

"That the Red Cross program is vital to our best interests cannot be questioned. Our men in service have been aided by the Red Cross on every front. When they are confronted with loneliness and anxiety, they are met by the smiles, the coffee and doughnuts, the recreation clubs and rest centers of the Red Cross. When they are forced down in the jungles of Burma, Red Cross mercy kits are parachuted to them. When a soldier worries about his family, Red Cross Home Service becomes the medium of communication. When he is wounded, Red Cross plasma saves his life and Red Cross hospital workers help in his rehabilitation. The great work of the 35 services of the American Red Cross is unending.

"Each of us has an obligation to help our servicemen and their families, now and after the war. One of the best ways we can fulfill our responsibility is through full participation by every member of our family in the 1945 Red Cross War Fund drive.

"Give Now—Give More!"

Russian General Killed Was Local Woman's Cousin

War on the European eastern front, where Soviet Russia is overrunning Nazi German armies, struck close to one Torrance home in the death of Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakovsky, Russia's youngest general and the man who was first to invade German soil.

General Cherniakovsky was a cousin of Mrs. Morris G. Koch, wife of one of the owners of Star Furniture Co. here. The famed general died on Sunday, Feb. 18, of wounds suffered on the battlefield of East Prussia, Moscow announced.

The brilliant 37-year-old tank commander of the Third White Russian Army was the conqueror of Minsk, Wilno, Kaunas and most of East Prussia. A broadcast from Moscow said he would be given a hero's funeral at Wilno.

The general was a student and protégé of the late Gen. Nikolai Vatutin. He was born in the Ukraine, son of a railway worker.

Ration Board Again in Call For Workers

Frank W. Daniels and his local War Price and Ration Board are in trouble again. They need help. Daniels, chief clerk at the board, said that one of his volunteer workers had to quit because her husband was transferred to Northern California, and that this has thrown gasoline book issuance into another tailspin. The woman and her husband both worked daily at the board, and their work equalled that of some half dozen part-time helpers.

So, it's the same old story—for speed in issuance of rations, get in and pitch. Volunteer help is the only answer, says Chief Clerk Daniels.

Details of Navy Plant Are Given

Further details of the big U. S. Navy Material Redistribution Center to be constructed on 91 acres of land East of Crenshaw blvd., and south of Jefferson st., bounded by the Santa Fe railway tracks on the east, were contained in a letter from Congressman Cecil R. King to Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the Torrance Herald.

According to Congressman King, the initial development will include:

Four storehouses, 202 feet by 602 feet, or approximately 128,800 square feet each including platform and canopies.

Administration building and cafeteria, 8,000 square feet.

Two garage buildings, total 8,900 square feet.

Gate houses, sanitary sewers and water lines; electrical work, including yard lighting.

Open storage, 61,100 square yards or 549,000 square feet.

Parking areas and paving, storm drains and grading.

Railroad trestle with numerous spurs into the storage areas and alongside the warehouses.

The total amount for the initial development is \$2,625,000, already approved by the Secretary of the Navy with subsequent development which may double the amount, it was said.

Blood Bank Gets Biggest Registration

Four hundred and fifty-four registrations were received at the Torrance branch Blood Bank last Friday, the largest number in the history of the local unit, according to reports.

Of the total there were 367 donors of one pint each, and a total of 87 rejections.

Mrs. Maude Kresse, expressing for her committee the appreciation of the public response to the Blood Bank appeal, declared that 18 persons became members of the Torrance Blood Bank "Gallon Club."

They are Harry Winslow, Raymond Valot, Cassius Artz, Jr., Estelne Tuttle, Edward Rhone, Anna Sandstrom, C. W. Olson, Lester Baker, Frank Owens, Lester Artz, Estel Sandstrom, E. B. Kelsey, Margaret Guttenfelder, Maxine Revelle, Edith M. Hunter, C. W. Bartholomew, Beulah Masterson and James Lynch.

Loans or grants are made when allotments are delayed. Cases with special needs may be referred to the proper private or public agency.

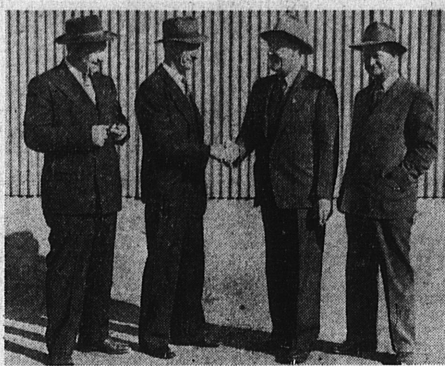
"Information regarding arrivals of babies, pension claims are facilitated and expedited by aiding men in the preparation of papers and filing of claims. Field directors serve as trouble shooters in camps at home and overseas. They serve as a link with home, rendering personal help and supervising special overseas supplies. The chores are too numerous to recount. Our job is to pay the bill.

"Six dollars is a small sum to guarantee all Red Cross services throughout the world for one second. Six dollars could save six lives."

Woman Held for Stealing of Torrance Child

Mrs. Lucy Perez, 36, of 404 Joy st., Corona, was arraigned in Gardena justice court before Judge Frank Carrell, Tuesday, and ordered to appear at a preliminary hearing March 6, to face charges of child-stealing.

According to deputy sheriffs, Mrs. Perez admitted keeping Manuel Montoya, 10 months old son of Mrs. Peggy Montoya, 20233 203rd st., Torrance, but claimed she merely kept the child until his mother paid her some money for his care.



STEELWORKERS AID MARCH OF DIMES... Alex McLannett, chairman of the Steelworkers local No. 1414, C.I.O., "March of Dimes" at Columbia Steel, center left, is receiving congratulations of H. P. Dotson, Columbia's acting general superintendent, after he handed a check for \$462.75, representing the steelworkers' contributions to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to Postmaster C. Earl Conner, right above. Shown at the left of McLannett, who is a millwright, is Carl Steele, secretary of Local 1414. (Torrance Herald photo.)

March of Dimes Drive Here Equals Previous Totals for Five Years

Mile Run in N.Y. Is Named in Honor Of Lt. Zamperini

The famous I. C. 4-A. mile run has been named for a famous Torrance miller, and hereafter will be known as the "Louis Zamperini Invitational Mile." His record 4:43 for this event set June 18, 1938, still stands.

The race will be run on Saturday in New York, and will feature the best millers in the United States and foreign countries who can get to America.

Lt. Zamperini, who made fame for Torrance through-out the world a few weeks ago was reported to be a Japanese prisoner of war, after having been declared missing in action and dead over a period of more than a year.

Torrance May Use Pits for Refuse Dumps

Torrance will investigate abandoned gravel pits in the Watteria area, especially on the Western ranch, as possible sites for dumping of nonobjectionable materials such as solid concrete blocks, it was decided by the City Council Tuesday night.

While a protest against possible use by Los Angeles of one of the pits for a rubbish dump, where material would be burned, was read to the Torrance council, no action was taken on this matter.

Councilman J. E. Hitchcock said the Weston interests have declared they have not been approached on the question of the rubbish dump by Los Angeles, but suggested possible use of one of the pits for the dumping of material which would not create smoke or odors such as those objected to in a letter from Lute Fraser, of Lomita.

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Purchasing Case Again Delayed in Superior Court

Hearing in Superior Court to determine the legal right of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett to hold also the \$50 a month job as purchasing agent of the city has been postponed to a date "to and including March 10," according to attorneys.

At the request of attorneys for the defendants case was put over from Feb. 28 to the later date. The suit seeks to determine whether an elective official, such as a city clerk, may also hold an appointive position.

Two Local Men Are on Casualty Lists of Service

Two local men were listed this week as wounded in action. The added names are: Pvt. Jim Yniguez, son of Juana Yniguez, of Torrance, and Pfc. Delbert R. Roberson, son of Otis R. Roberson, formerly of 25344 Pennsylvania ave., Lomita, now presumed to be somewhere in Torrance.

Expansion of Torrance Memorial Hospital to 103 Bed Capacity Being Asked Under Lanham Act

New Bus Service Delayed Due to Gardena Request

Municipal bus lines did not initiate their new service on Western Avenue, 190th Street, Crenshaw Blvd. and Arlington Avenue today as scheduled.

Manager C. Z. Ward of the bus department said that as Gardena plans to operate lines into Torrance on Western Avenue, they asked for delay of the scheduled changes in operation.

Ward said that the delay will be temporary, awaiting only Gardena's intentions in the matter.

Expansion of Torrance Memorial Hospital from its present rated capacity of 40 beds to 103 beds, as well as enlargement of the nursery from 16 bassinets to 28 bassinets will be undertaken as soon as federal aid from Lanham Act funds are available. This decision recently voted at a meeting of the hospital board of directors was announced today by Grover C. Whyte, vice-president of the hospital association and chairman of the building committee.

Mildred Sherker Reported Safe In Philippines

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Pannier, 1819 Arlington ave., have received from the war department information that indicates the rescue by our forces of their daughter, Mrs. Mildred Sherker. Her physical condition is good, it is said. She was interned at San Tomas, P. I. "You may send free through American Prisoner of War Information Bureau, this office, one only 25-word message," the Provost Marshal-General said.

Mrs. Sherker, a graduate of Torrance high school with the class of 1928, was trained as a nurse at Seaside Hospital, Long Beach, and in October, 1938, left for Manila, where she married Jack H. Sherker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sherker, of Beaumont.

With her brother, Robert, and others, Sherker engaged in gold mining in various sections of the Philippines. Later, the Sherkers formed their own mining company and their first shipment of gold had been sent to this country just prior to the outbreak of the war. According to present information their machinery and equipment had been confiscated by the Japanese and shipped to Japan.

When Manila was declared an open city, the Sherker brothers, believing their wives and Robert's small son, David, would be safe, enlisted with General MacArthur's forces. Because of their knowledge of terrain, native customs and the language, each was given the rank of lieutenant. Mrs. Mildred Sherker, her sister-in-law, Margaret, and young David later became Japanese internees.

Occasionally, some ray of hope would come to the Pannier family through Red Cross workers, returning from Manila—always that their daughter, "Mickey" as she was affectionately known, was cheerful and working toward keeping up the morale of all around her.

Mildred's nursing training came to a halt during the past three years. In a report from M. E. Vittal, from Washington, D.C., he told of having worked for 18 months with Mrs. Sherker, before his repatriation in Dec. 1943, when he returned here aboard the S. S. Gripsholm. He states: "She is of the greatest assistance in hospital work and was later transferred as nursing superintendent to Hospital de San Jose, an outside institution on an island on the Pasig River, where she has been caring for elderly patients."

Margaret, it appears, has been engaged in library work and has been allowed to have her son with her. There has been no official word of them.

VANDALS
C. E. Compton, Torrance, reported that someone cut all the wires on his car Tuesday night while the car was parked by the Grand theatre.

DR. LORD RETURNS
Dr. Marie M. Lord, chiropractor, has returned today to resume her practice at her offices, 1523 Sartori ave., following a month's illness at her home.

Cliffon Riviera Is New Name for Big Subdivision

Torrance's residential section bordering on the Pacific Ocean is no longer to be known as "Hollywood Riviera," W. Vaughn Scott, representing the Huntington Land Co., owners of the tract, told the City Council Tuesday night.

He said the name is now "Cliffon Riviera," and that it will be so advertised in the future.

He made the announcement in appealing to the council to accept the gift of some nine acres of land at Cliffon Riviera for "park purposes," designating it as a "Boy Scout Camp." Scott said his company would not give the land, worth \$20,000, for "public use" as that term would defeat the purpose of the grant.

The council accepted by resolution the corporation grant deed to the land, and some \$1300 in back taxes against it will be cancelled.

Previously reported were collections to the total of \$2,348, and the following additional sums have been credited to the Torrance total:

United Steel Workers, Local 1414, C.I.O., Columbia Steel, \$462.75; Navy Mothers, divided between Torrance and Lomita, \$20; Joshua-Hendy Iron Workers' office personnel, \$20.00; Torrance theatres and miscellaneous, \$500.00.

Postmaster C. Earl Conner, at whose request Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, took over the chairmanship this year for the March of Dimes in Torrance, was in high praise of the record made.

"The fact that we collected as much in one year as we previously took in in five years is a high tribute to the people of Torrance and to the committee," Postmaster Conner said.

"The county committee assigned a quota of \$1,500 for Torrance," the postmaster continued, "and Chairman Lewis and the local committee voluntarily increased it to \$2,500. Torrance then came across with additional increases of \$859.75, making the total \$3,359.75. This manifest the keen and sympathetic interest of our people for worthy charities, and is a tribute to the fine work of the committee."

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Building plans, now nearing completion by A. R. Walker, architect, include the following improvements:

Construction of a new maternity wing north of the present structure, which will make possible the isolation of obstetrical cases. This wing will include: 17 beds for mothers in wards of two, three, and four beds each; a large nursery with 28 bassinets and enclosed visitors' viewing corridor; two 2-bed labor rooms; two delivery rooms; infants' isolation ward; doctor's examination room, formula room, as well as adequate utility rooms and toilet facilities.

Expansion of the recently constructed south wing, both in front and to the rear to provide additional two, three and four bed wards, toilets, utility rooms, lockers, and nurses' stations.

Remodeling of the present first floor surgical wing to provide an additional major surgery room, an X-ray reading room, enlargement of doctors' scrub-up room and addition of doctors' consultation room, lockers, and toilet facilities.

Removal of nursery to new maternity wing, and converting present nursery quarters into five-bed industrial ward.

All existing rooms of two or more beds will be provided with cinder rods and curtains to provide greater privacy when desired.

Remodeling of kitchen, laundry, employees' dining room, storage rooms and other facilities will be expanded to serve the increased bed capacity of the hospital. A doctors' staff assembly room will also be provided in the partial basement area under the new maternity wing. Enlarged office space has also been planned.

When the need for additional hospital facilities became acute nearly a year ago, an effort was made to secure federal aid through Lanham Act funds. An application embodying most of the improvements listed above but restricting the expansion of the south wing to make a total capacity of 73 beds was filed with Federal Works Administration on June 27, 1944. The expansion outlined in this application called for an expenditure of \$110,229, of which \$82,301 was requested through federal grant, and \$27,928 to be provided by a loan upon the hospital property.

This application was strongly endorsed by executives of all leading industrial plants in the Torrance area, labor leaders, civic organizations and others who recognized the urgent need for more hospital space. However, the application was disapproved on August 8, 1944.

The application was urged by U. S. Senator Sheridan Downey, and hospital executives. It was pointed out to F. W. A. officials that the shortage of beds at the Torrance hospital resulted in refusing admission to more than 2,000 patients during the past year, and that the limited bed space permitted admittance of only emergency surgical and maternity cases. Even these had to be removed within a few days after surgery or delivery to make way for others. In spite of these efforts, the request for federal aid was again denied on September 11, 1944.

Error In Study
It was learned, unofficially, that while the F. W. A. looked with favor on the expansion of the Torrance hospital, it was governed in its action on hospital improvements by the recommendations of the U. S. Public Health Service, and the latter government agency contended that adequate hospital facilities had been provided Los Angeles county. When a study of the data upon which the U. S. Public Health Service had made its adverse recommendations was found to be in error, an exhaustive research of the entire hospital shortage throughout Los Angeles county was undertaken by the United Hospital Fund in behalf of a number of

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