

HOUSING PROGRAM FOR CITY IS LAUNCHED IN CAMPAIGN OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The board of directors of Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday agreed to meet the pressing problems of postwar employment, housing, public transportation and highways by the adoption of a two-folded program with housing the immediate objective.

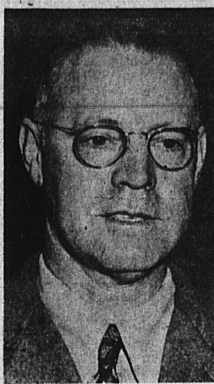
Reed Parkin, president, pointed out that any effort on the part of the chamber must be supplemented with the fullest support of the local government, industries, retail merchants, and citizens and this support is earnestly solicited.

The housing problem of Torrance is the most pressing and surveys will be made immediately in order that desirable areas can be thrown open for home building and builders familiar with large production operation will be encouraged to take advantage of this community need.

Parkin remarked that in spite of the present shortages of building materials, that some Southern California communities seem to be doing quite well in getting homes built. He said it was his intention to open up similar activity in Torrance. Authorities on building activities are reporting that there is a great likelihood that government building material needs will be on the decline shortly thus no time should be wasted in programming locally.

Hillman Lee was named treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce and appointed chairman of the Retail Merchants committee and through his committee members, anticipates some real help in the chamber program. Bob Plomert Jr., took the post as chairman of the membership committee and assured Parkin that his program would attract a substantial increase in the membership.

Parkin was named national counselor to the United States Chamber of Commerce, a post formerly held by Chapman Wentworth, general manager of Long-



NAMED DIRECTOR... Charles V. Jones, co-partner with A. H. Silligo in Torrance Hardware Co. and Torrance Lumber Co., has been named to the directorate of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, President Reed H. Parkin has announced. Long active in community and civic affairs, Jones was tendered the position by the board on Monday. Philip Van Dyke, until recently secretary of Longren Aircraft Co., recently resigned as treasurer and director of the chamber. He is now associated with a Longren subsidiary in Vernon.

ren Aircraft Company, now serving in the U. S. Navy.

CIVIL SERVICE BOARD, IN SUPPORT OF CUCCI, SUSPENDS H. C. CALLIHAN, BUS DRIVER

Reverberations resulting from the loss of control by Councilman H. C. Cuccini over the Municipal Bus Lines were felt this week when H. C. Callihan, original Torrance Bus Lines driver, was suspended by the Civil Service Board. He started working for the City of Torrance, July 1, 1941.

Cucci last week has attempted to "fire" Callihan, a friend and partner of Bus Manager C. Z. Ward in the promotion of the annual Torrance Rodeo.

When Callihan refused to quit and demanded a statement of charges, Cucci preferred charges with the Civil Service board which resulted in his suspension.

Three members of the Civil Service board, Howard T. Raymond, A. L. Elder and Thomas T. Babbitt, spoke vigorously against the sale of the bus lines to Charles F. Koors at the meeting of July 24. There are only five members on the board, the others being B. D. Bunje and V. E. Benstead, a newly appointed member.

Cucci had demanded the discharge of Ward at the council meeting of July 24 but it was rejected by the same vote by which the lines were ordered sold, Mayor W. H. Tolson, Councilman J. E. Hitchcock and Councilman C. M. Gilbert supporting Ward and okaying the sale of the bus lines.

Callihan, long a personal friend of Ward, had not figured in the controversy prior to the time when Cucci, after his defeat of July 24, attempted to fire the bus driver.

Asked for a statement of charges, W. E. Bradford, secretary of the Civil Service Commission, told a representative of the Torrance Herald that he would rather not release them. Further asked what the charges consist of, Bradford said they involved accusations of "insubordination."

Bradford declared that Callihan was not involved in the "spotter" investigation of bus drivers ordered by Cucci for which the city paid \$172.60 for "services" April 28 and 29 and May 5 and 6, of this year, and \$106.40 for 17 of this year, and January 15, 17 and 18, 1945. The money was paid to Joseph Shaffer on bills sent directly to Cucci, but records of the investigation were not to be found in the City Hall.

Police were notified that Callihan might attempt to take his regular bus out of the city bus department garage, after being "fired" and that if he did so, he was to be asked to remove himself. Refusing, the police blotter shows, Callihan was to be brought to the city hall and charged with "D.P." police language for disturbing the peace.

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"Peeping Tom" Complaints Reach Police

Complaints of "Peeping Toms" reached the Torrance Police Department from two homes during the past week, records indicate.

The first call was from 2453 Torrance blvd. and the other from 816 Beech st.

Torrance officers on the look-out for possible suspects have apprehended several persons, they were released after investigation.

Pvt. Sallee, Jap Prisoner-Of-War, Dead

Pvt. Vern R. Sallee Jr., U. S. Army, reported prisoner of war captured by Japanese, June 2, 1943, is now reported by the Army as being dead. Private Sallee is the son of Mrs. Mabel Preble, 1706 265th st.

Mrs. Preble, who, friends report as being grief stricken, is now in her home state of Kansas with relatives. Mrs. Preble is expected to return here August 10.

Felony Charge Against Roque Is Reduced

On the motion of Harry Hale, deputy district attorney, assault with a deadly weapon charges brought against Isadore C. Roque, of the Pueblo, as a result of a knife attack upon Jesus Hernandez were reduced to battery in City Court, Friday, and Roque was given a 30-day suspended jail sentence.

The attack took place on Saturday, July 21, it was alleged, and both Hernandez and Roque were lodged in the prison ward of the county hospital for several days. Roque had resented Hernandez' interference with his request that Mrs. Roque, Hernandez' sister, prepare food for the entertainment of friends of Roque, the records show. Hernandez declared that he did not want to prosecute.

City Leaders Will Meet On Home Program

In the first step to secure adequate housing for Torrance workers, a meeting between city and Chamber of Commerce officials and a prominent building firm which has constructed some 3000 homes in Los Angeles County in the past few years will be held tomorrow noon in Compton.

To attend the meeting are Mayor W. H. Tolson, Reed H. Parkin, president, and Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and Grover C. Whyte, publisher, Torrance Herald and a chamber director.

"While we are asking that the identity of this contractor be withheld for the moment, we believe that this man can give us some of the answers to our home building problems," Walker said in announcing the meeting. "He can get the lumber, and if we can interest him in the needs of the Torrance area, we will have some real home development here."

Torrance Cafes Get Sanitation Okay From CHD

Sanitation orchids go to many of the cafes and restaurants in Torrance area, according to Doyle V. Davison, Los Angeles County health department inspector for the community, following a review of laboratory tests made recently.

Periodic rim swabs of glasses and cups are made in all eating places by sanitary inspectors in order to determine if utensils are properly sterilized by the dish washers. Methods of washing dishes, temperature of water, soap used, and sterilizing agent are checked at the same time the samples are obtained.

State and county health ordinances require that there be not more than a bacteria count of 100 per utensil examined and many of the local food emporiums have an average of only a five to ten count, reports show. "In cases where the management does not cooperate, both the health department and military authorities issue an ultimatum to 'clean up or close up,'" Davison said, "but these laboratory tests prove that standard sanitary conditions in Torrance can be maintained."

New Complaint On Garbage in El Prado Alley

Business interests on El Prado ave. in the 1200 block have made new complaints to the County Health department regarding the unsanitary condition in the alley between the Rol Tan and El Prado apartment houses.

James Evans, proprietor of Evans Gift Shop, recently renewed his complaint to the County Health department, asking that action be taken to cure the situation.

Now other business interests have joined him, and immediate action to clean up the alley and end the fly and garbage menace has been demanded.

FROM FRESNO
Mrs. Margot Grow, accompanied by her daughter Sandra and her nephew, Dicky Scott, have arrived from Fresno for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Buxton of El Prado.

"Seeing Eye" Dog Tag Day In City August 10, 11

Friday and Saturday, August 10 and 11 have been set as the dates for the annual Torrance "Tag Day" when tags will be sold to assist with the purchase of "Seeing Eye" dogs for use of the blind and handicapped.

1322 Sartori ave., will be headquarters for Mrs. Elsie Smith, district chairman, and her workers who ask the cooperation of everyone in this worthy cause.

Mrs. Smith states that nine dogs are now available for those eligible. She may be reached at Torrance 1169-J for further information. There is no charge nor obligation in the placement of the highly trained animals, she states.

DOAK EMPLOYEES RECEIVE ARMY-NAVY 'E' AWARD IN CEREMONY HERE YESTERDAY

Marking time for only a scant half hour between the day and night shifts, employees of the Doak Aircraft Company, Inc., gathered at the plant in Torrance yesterday afternoon to receive the Army-Navy "E" Award for excellence in war production, then returned to work, continuing the march to victory on the double.

In a parking area cleared for the occasion and decorated in red, white and blue, the Doak workers, their families and friends heard Col. Stephen R. Barker, as a representative of the Under Secretary of War and the Under Secretary of the Navy, acknowledge officially the appreciation of the armed services for the Doak company's outstanding performance in producing war equipment. Colonel Barker is the Army Air Forces plant representative at the Douglas Aircraft Company, Santa Monica.

After a color guard of Doak employed ex-servicemen had raised the "E" flag, Edmond R. Doak, president, accepted the honor for the company. Then Rear Admiral E. M. Pace Jr., bureau of aeronautics general representative, Western district, made the token presentation of "E" lapel pins to be worn by employees.

Receiving the token pins in the name of their fellow-workers were Duane W. Horning and Anna O. Blanchard, selected for their outstanding attendance records during the past three years.

Horning, a shaper operator, has missed only one day, due to illness, in that period. Admiral Pace noted that Horning has a son who served three years with the armed forces, partly in Germany.

The admiral pointed out that Mrs. Blanchard has five children. One son is reported missing in action over Holland; another, formerly employed at Doak, is a seaman, 1/c, in the Pacific. Two young daughters are at home, and Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard and a third son all time employees by the Doak Aircraft Company.

Despite the loss of one son and concern over another, Mrs. Blanchard never has missed a day from her job.

"This type of courage," said Admiral Pace, "is a reason why the United States of America will never be subdued by a foreign power."

In presenting the "E" award, Colonel Barker commended the Doak Aircraft Company for conserving critical materials "by highly intelligent material control methods and smart manufacturing techniques."

"For instance," he continued, "on one contract alone, you returned to the Douglas Aircraft Company almost 40,000 pounds of badly needed aluminum sheet representing 32 per cent of the

aluminum furnished by Douglas to complete the order.

"Your record in meeting delivery schedules has been outstanding; many times you have been ahead of schedule, enabling the creation of a reserve bank of finished assemblies.

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"We have another flag in our shop that has 264 stars representing our people who are in the armed forces. Three of these are gold stars. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to the families of these—our fellow workers."

Master of ceremonies for the colorful ceremony was Captain Robert A. Richardson, public relations officer.

Conner, in commending the employees, stated: "The practical method being employed by the various factories in the Torrance area is admirable. The proposed Veterans Memorial Building will service all veterans. The 'round-the-clock' service will be furnished to veterans and their families and dependents. What better plan could be evolved than this usable and useful center, where the requirements and desires of all veterans will be cheerfully catered to and efficiently rendered. We are all grateful to our valiant fighting men and women, and almost equally grateful to the good people of Torrance for making these complete services available through the courageous and far-sighted planning and action. These groups are doing for the community as a whole what we would ultimately be obliged to do in one way or another as individuals and individual organizations. The very least we can expect is the proportionate financial contribution."

COMMENDS WORKERS...
Edmond R. Doak, president, Doak Aircraft Co., who yesterday commended employees of the firm for their devotion to duty which resulted in the award of the coveted Army-Navy "E" to the plant in ceremonies yesterday.

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COMMERCIAL DIVISION OVER TOP AS VETERANS BUILDING CAMPAIGN ENTERS NEW PHASE

Commander C. Earl Conner, Torrance Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, reports that the memorial building fund-raising campaign in the commercial division is going over the top, with the anticipated subscriptions from the professions yet to be received.

The V.F.W., is the sponsoring organization appointed to spearhead the program, stated Conner, and all veterans, irrespective of organization affiliation, center activities. No charge of any kind will be made for the services rendered the veterans and the men and women remaining in the armed forces after the war.

Conner stated: "The enthusiasm with which the general plan and program has been greeted by the Torrance merchants beggars description.

"I have been actively engaged in fund-raising campaigns for very worthy projects and causes in the Torrance area for the past 22 years and I have never witnessed such all-out cooperation as has been experienced in this timely venture.

"The industrialists contacted thus far have indicated genuine interest and an anxiety to do more than their share. One plant operator remarked, 'There are a number of obvious reasons why we should offer complete cooperative support to this particular program. First and foremost, we are desirous of extending a hand of welcome to the returning heroes for a good job well done. Second, we must manifest a truly sympathetic understanding of their problems. With the limited experience we have had to date we feel we

Many Torrance Stores Closed In Strike Act

Most of the larger retail stores of Torrance have been closed for the past two days by a dispute between the employees as represented by the San Pedro Business Men's Association and the employees, represented by Haskell Tidwell of the Retail Clerks' International Protective Association, No. 905. Also closed were stores in San Pedro and Wilmington.

Affected in Torrance are Sam Levy Department Store, National Home Appliance Co., The Gay Shop, Torrance Men's Shop, Jane Grey Sport Shop, Ed Schwartz, Torrance Hardware, Charltons, J. J. Newberry Co., J. C. Penney Co., and Tiny Tyke and Teen Age Shop.

The stores closed Tuesday and yesterday in a situation which developed from a deadlock in negotiations over wage increases and other contract provisions.

Food, liquor, shoe and drug stores were not affected.

The strike of the clerks at J. C. Penney Co. and Hill's Style Shop in San Pedro resulted in closing of the stores of the other.

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Track-Laying, Paving At Navy Plant Rushed

Laying of trackage to serve the various warehouses and storage areas of the vast Naval Air Station at Naval Air Station, Torrance, is being rushed. The young flier was attached to an Army Air base at Coffeyville, Kans., having been appointed a flight officer in November 1944, after 17 months of intensive training. I. Washer is proprietor of The Gay Shop in Torrance, and his son visited here in December.

Young Washer, who excelled in physical efficiency in his early training, is survived by his parents and a brother, Donald Washer. Also surviving is an uncle, David Olan of Los Angeles.

The family was notified by the War Department of the young flier's death on Sunday. The body was shipped to Gorman's Mortuary, in Los Angeles, and a military funeral will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow in Hollywood Cemetery chapel, 6000 Santa Monica blvd., Chaplain S. H. Markowitz will officiate.

Saddened by the news of the death of young Washer, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce directors Monday adopted a resolution of condolence, Washer being a member of the directorate.

The Torrance Post, No. 3251, Veterans of Foreign Wars, took similar action at its meeting Monday night. The chamber adjourned with its action.

12 Veterans Join VFW; Mayor in Class Obligated

Commander C. Earl Conner, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, officiated at the installation of 12 "recruits," at the regular meeting of the post last Monday night.

Obligated were the following: Mayor William H. Tolson, Harry B. Lewis, William Husbands, Robert Douglas, Roy Sullivan, Leonard Douglas, Bill Smith, Joe Anderson, Wilson H. Woodburn, Vernon Coll, Bill McCaffee, and Charles Whittington. In addition to these, six other applications were approved.

Commander Conner states that members are coming into the organization at the rate of two a day, and he anticipates that the strength of the post and auxiliary will top 1500 before the close of his year in office.

These will include veterans of all wars. There will be many new groups affiliating with the V.F.W., including W.A.C.S., WAVES, Army Nurses, and the formation of a junior organization is already being considered, to admit children of veterans.

Blood Donors Needed For Visit Of Bank Friday

Tomorrow, Friday, August 10, is Blood Bank Day for Torrance. The hours are from 1 p.m. to 5 o'clock. Mrs. O. A. Kresse, Blood Bank chairman for Torrance branch, American Red Cross, urges that those registered keep their appointments and that others call immediately at Torrance 1524 for appointment to give blood.

"Untold thousands of our boys are giving their life's blood, painfully and under terrible conditions, surely we can do our small part in helping them in these, the most crucial days of the conflict," so stated Mrs. Kresse in making her plea for this week's quota.

CITIZENS FORMING PRECINCT ORGANIZATIONS TO CIRCULATE 5TH CLASS CITY PETITIONS

Approximately 75 citizens of Torrance volunteered Tuesday night to circulate petitions calling for an election to form a Fifth Class City in Torrance thus enabling the people of Torrance to form their own separate school district.

In a mass meeting in the City Hall, called by the Torrance Parents Association, the group decided on its course of action and precinct organizations are being formed.

Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman of TPA, said that each precinct will have a captain and several workers so that a complete cross-section of the city is obtained on the petitions.

Approximately 800 names will be needed to call the election, but the association will seek to get a majority of the electorate on the petitions thus assuring success of the long campaign to pull Torrance schools out of Los Angeles city school system and save for Torrance children the hundreds of thousands of dollars being taken from Torrance and used in other parts of the giant Los Angeles system.

"We will find out just how the people stand before we present this issue to the City Council to call the election," Mrs. Carr said. The council must call the election within two weeks after the petitions are presented.

Control Explained

Under provisions of the law, the council has absolutely no control over the schools under the Fifth Class City setup, and the first act of the people of Torrance will be to elect their own Board of Education to operate the schools.

Considerable discussion on the condition of the schools was heard Tuesday night.

It was pointed out that while Los Angeles is taking approximately \$810,000 out of Torrance this year, it will spend only about \$360,000 in operation of the schools.

"We have absolutely no control over our own money the way the schools are now operated," Mrs. Carr said.

No Representation
"We of Torrance cannot even run for the office of Board of Education of Los Angeles, because we do not live in Los Angeles."

"This is taxation without representation at its worst and our own children are the ones who are suffering."

"The only way we can have a voice in the school affairs is by voting for someone selected by Los Angeles and living in Los Angeles, or by attending Los Angeles Board of Education meetings held 16 miles away, and controlled by the vast political machine of Los Angeles."

"What chance have we to have even decent schools and courses of study under the present setup?" Mrs. Carr asked.

"If we had our own Torrance Board of Education we could have daily contact with the men and women who operate our schools, we could let them know our desires, and they would listen and operate the schools in (Continued on Page 4)

Torrance War Chest Leaders to Attend Parley

Representing Torrance at the luncheon of War Chest campaign committees of the Los Angeles Area War Chest on Tuesday, August 14 at 12:15 in the Biltmore Hotel, will be George L. Johnson, his vice chairman and colonels. The Lomita-Harbor City area will be represented by J. P. Hammetman, chairman, and his top aides. The meeting has been called to acquaint campaigners with each other and to discuss mutually helpful campaign ideas.

Present will be Preston Hodels, chairman of the Los Angeles Area War Chest campaign committee, Richard McCune, general chairman of associated towns and cities; Douglas Mitchell, chairman of Area C which includes Torrance and other area chairmen.

Guest speaker will be Roy Coleman Bennett, managing editor of the Manila Bulletin at the time of the invasion of the Philippines by the Japanese. He was held prisoner at Fort Santiago for three years until recently released.

This meeting replaces one previously announced for August 7.

LEGION AUXILIARY PLANS MEETING
American Legion Auxiliary of Post No. 170 will meet at 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, August 14 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Guild Hall. Mrs. Emma Evans, president, will serve as hostess for the evening.

Temporary Bungalow at High School

The first money that Los Angeles city schools have spent in Torrance on improvement to the antiquated schools since the school building at the high school was rebuilt more than a year ago is now being spent.

A two room, temporary type, bungalow is to be constructed at the high school. Bids are being called, and will be opened on Aug. 16.

A three-room nursery school building is being completed on the Torrance elementary school grounds. It also is of temporary type.

The pavilion at the high school is being surfaced, and the gymnasium which boys and girls must share is being painted and the floor resurfaced.

Ask the Professor
(By H. F. Noake)

Dear Professor: I simply can't seem to make good coffee. Do you know the secret?
Answer: You have to know how to use the old bean.