

## ON 14-DAYS LEAVE

Glenn Maupin, attached to an air-borne infantry unit, and recently stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., has been enjoying a 14-days furlough with family members and friends here.

An all day picnic at Bixby Park, Long Beach, has been announced for the natives of Wichita and Topeka, Kansas. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 18.

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Pfc. W. H. Martin  
Due Home With  
Famed Group

After long service in Italy with the 15th Air Force, Pfc. William H. Martin, 2431 Gramercy ave., Torrance, will soon return to the United States with the veteran 456th Bomber Group according to a recent announcement by Brig. Gen. James A. Molison, commanding general of the 15th Air Force.

Pfc. Martin will report to the reception station at Ft. MacArthur, for processing after which he will be given a furlough before reassignment.

Since going overseas, he has been assigned to the 456th Bombardment Group, commanded by Col. Thomas W. Sted of Etoah, Tenn., a B-24 Liberator bomber group which has participated in numerous bombings of German-held targets throughout southern Europe and the Balkans.

The veteran unit is being returned to the states for a period of training and receipt of new equipment before jumping into the battle against Japan. The training and additional equipment has been made necessary because of the changed tactical situations which ground and air men of the group will experience in the Pacific theatre.

The group has flown 238 combat missions since entering the Mediterranean theatre of operations.

The group has been authorized six battle participation stars, and was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation.

The group completed operations in the MTO with a perfect (100 per cent within 1000 feet) bombing assault on Tarvisio Motor Transport Depot in northern Italy.

## ARRIVES FROM E.T.O.

Lawrence M. Peronto, a private first class, attached to the Fifth Infantry, arrived Thursday from Germany following more than 18 months service in the E.T.O. He had been in the Army for two and a half years, according to his mother, Mrs. Francis Peronto of 2227 Arlington ave.

## AT BELLFLOWER

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ambach were Sunday guests at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jones of Bellflower.

REFERENDUM PETITION TO  
OPPOSE BUS SALE PROPOSED  
BY RESIDENT OF TORRANCE

Notice of intention to circulate a referendum petition and protest of voters against the adoption of the resolution by the City Council accepting the offer of Charles F. Koors to buy the Torrance Bus Lines for \$65,000 is being published by W. J. B. Hughes, 1318 Madrid ave.

The action is the result of considerable discussion regarding the sale of the bus lines, now in escrow pending final determination of value of miscellaneous tools and stock and granting of a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the State Railroad Commission.

The Torrance Municipal Ownership League was organized to oppose the sale, and it was thought that a restraining action might be brought in Superior Court to stop the sale.

However, filing of the notice of intention by Hughes apparently reflects the program which the group is taking to preserve the ownership by the City of Torrance of the bus lines.

The City Council voted 3 to 2 to sell the lines a few weeks ago on the grounds that successful operation of the lines by the city is impossible in view of the friction and unrest existing in the bus department, in view of the failure to establish satisfactory service throughout the city, and due to the serious financial loss to the taxpayers contemplated under municipal ownership.

In his public notice, Hughes said:

"The proposed contract for the sale of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines appears to be designed to benefit a certain individual or group who wish to acquire the bus lines at a time when, by reason of the expenditure by the City of Torrance of over \$75,000.00, out of the general funds of the City of Torrance, and the purchase and operation of new buses, the line has become a well paying transportation system and is now serving the needs of the residents of Torrance."

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"There has been no logical reason advanced for selling the bus lines at this time. The City Accountant's figures show that for several months past the City has been deriving an income of several thousand dollars per month from the operation of said transportation system. On such basis alone, the value of the lines should be correctly appraised according to present day standards, and if the lines are to be sold at all and taken out of the hands of the citizenry, a price of at least three times the present proffered price should be asked. There have been no other bids, no efforts to contact possible buyers have been made, and it seems to observers that this proposition was rushed through the Council on July 24th, 1945, by a 3 to 2 vote, without any opportunity for public discussion or the exercise of considered judgment. The voters of Torrance should exercise their right of ballot to preserve their municipal property and to retain for the city the transportation service that they have acquired with so much difficulty and arduous effort."

At the meeting where the sale of the bus lines was approved by the City Council, it was pointed out that the profit of the lines was based upon fictitious depreciation figures, and that actually the Torrance busses were operating at a loss which would reflect heavily upon the taxpayers in the years to come. Koors, reported to be associated with Southern Cities Transit Lines, promised that, if the California Railroad Commission

grants him a certificate of public convenience and necessity, he will increase the service to provide transportation to all areas of Torrance in addition to the various surrounding cities, including Redondo Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro, Compton, Long Beach and various parts of Los Angeles.

Hughes was asked by the Torrance Herald for a statement of his intention or that of the Torrance Municipal Ownership League, regarding the future program to be pursued, and he declared that his committee, while thanking the Torrance Herald for its offer to print any statement, had declined to make one at this time.

Boy Scouts of  
District to  
Go to Camp

Boy Scouts of the Harbor and Centinela Valley districts will participate in a two weeks encampment at Camp Vaughn Scott, in the Clifton Riviera section of Torrance, during the last two weeks of August, according to Morris Bewley, Scout executive.

The camp, recently dedicated by Scott to the City of Torrance for development for Boy Scout out-of-doors activities in the Harbor and Centinela districts, will be improved with funds being raised in a campaign now being conducted by the Boy Scouts.

Bewley said that the quota of \$5000 is expected to be raised within the next few days with the receipt of contributions expected to reach the headquarters' office in addition to amounts already subscribed. The encampment at Camp Vaughn Scott is for boys unable to attend the more distant encampments, Bewley said.

School Issue  
Discussed At  
Lions Meeting

Mrs. Evelyn Carr, chairman, Torrance Parents Association, explained the need for independent schools for Torrance to the Lions Club at its meeting Tuesday noon in the Civic Auditorium.

Mrs. Carr declared that the money now being taken by Los Angeles from Torrance and spent in other parts of Los Angeles would be sufficient to provide the schools and classrooms so desperately needed by Torrance. Under independent operation of the schools, by a Torrance Board of Education elected by the people, Torrance would have the finest schools of the state, in stead of one of the poorest and most neglected systems, she declared.

Miss Nell Ainsworth, local vocalist, accompanied by Miss Kathleen Ainsworth, pianist, rendered several numbers.

Presiding over the meeting was President H. B. Lewis, and guests included Grover C. Whyte, publisher, Torrance Herald; Blaine Walker, executive secretary, Torrance Chamber of Commerce; T. J. Boulter and G. R. Boulter, Postmaster C. Earl Conner, Lieut. William Baugh and Kenneth Ruffell.

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ENJOYS FURLOUGH... Pvt. William P. Davis, USMC, enjoyed a recent visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis, of 3906 Emerald st. Stationed at Camp Pendleton, he has completed boot training and is now taking secondary training. He was graduated from Torrance high school with the class of summer 1945.

Local Softball  
Teams Engage  
In League Ball

Bob Foster's Torrance Eagles soft ball team, traveled to Hawthorne, August 2, to be beaten by the Hell Cats by a score of 8 to 2. It was noted that the Hell Cats, although undeniably a strong team, were of an older age group than the Torrance Eagles, "Red" Moon, Torrance recreation supervisor in charge of the local teams, said.

On August 3, Jimmy Spratt picked The Cats on The Wolves at Walteria. Result: 19 to 14 favoring The Wolves. This was a hard fought game despite the high scoring.

Duane Foster's Torrance Stars traveled to Banning Park on the same date to take another high score beating from the Banning Hawks. Score, 21 to 14. Return games will be held in the near future featuring the above teams.

Mrs. Shidler  
New Tire Clerk  
At Ration Board

Mrs. Mina Shidler, widow of the late Dr. George Shidler, has recently become an employee of the Torrance War Price and Rationing Board, according to Mrs. Ruth Woodcock, senior clerk.

Mrs. Shidler, who has four sons in the armed forces, is employed as tire clerk.

WRESTLING  
Sat., Aug. 11—8:45 P.M.  
REDONDO BEACH

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