

## Hospital Cases

The following patients, among others, were admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital the past week:

Mrs. Mary Cotner, 1542 W. 213th st.

David Curl, 24442 Ward st.

Mrs. Ida Graham, 1436 W. 220th st.

Mrs. Ruth Gansereit, 1315 W. 225th st.

The art which is grand and yet simple is that which presupposes the greatest elevation both in artist and in public.

—Amiel

## Building Permits

The following building permits were issued this week in the City of Torrance, according to building department records:

Morton & Kolbush, 3200 El Dorado st., steel oil derrick, \$5,000.

George Tomajic, 4129 Pacific Coast Highway, poultry house, \$200.

H. R. Douglas, 2252 Carson st., work shop, \$180.

A. W. Hookway, 1328 Greenwood ave., 4 room frame residence, \$4,000.

Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

## Local B-29 Pilot Drops Food And Supplies To War Prisoners

In a recent letter written from Saipan, 1st Lt. Kenneth B. Fess, B-29 pilot of the Army Air Force, revealed many interesting missions to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess, 1729 Arlington ave.

He wrote of his last two missions flown and described them as "Mercy" missions to Americans held in Prisoner of War camps inside Japan. Prior to these missions, Lt. Fess described his last bombing raid over Osaka and on the return trip hearing the news over his radio of the Japanese Emperor accepting American peace terms.

"This made the crew and me feel very badly about the job just done and we did not celebrate that night because of it," his letter stated. But on the brighter side and due to the missions that followed, the lieutenant was quite proud and happy to be associated with the dropping of supplies to the prisoners held in Japan.

"We flew for 26 hours on our trip to Hakodate, loaded with food and supplies for these men," he wrote, "and I wish you could have seen them when we finally arrived there. It was very heart warming to all of us."

Another mission was to Osaka and there Lt. Fess wrote of how difficult the P. W. camp was to find due to its B-29 destruction. A few factories were left standing and in the midst of these we found the prison camp. Men were standing on roof tops dancing and waving their hands. I had hoped that this would be the camp where the Nips were holding Zamperini, so I wrote him a note and put it in one of the bundles.

The lieutenant wrote that after dropping their supplies among the joyous throng that he buzzed them a couple of times because, "I was so happy with the feeling of being a part of all this thrilling joy that

they were experiencing. I saw a Chinese and an American flag flying from a roof top during our first buzz over the camp. Also saw the men scrambling for the bundles we had dropped, which of course contained food, clothing and other articles needed so badly for those poor guys. Even scattered groups of Japs were trying to get at the bundles."

On returning to his base, Lt. Fess reported flying over Tokyo and seeing American ships in the harbor preparing to land troops. He closed his letter with: "These Mercy trips to war camps, have done more to make me feel good than all the 25 missions flown over Japan put together."

The lieutenant's wife, Mrs. Marcia Fess, and their three-year-old daughter are now with her parents, General and Mrs. J. F. Dyer in Palos Verdes, awaiting his return.

## Torrance Works Of National Supply Struck

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between the union and the company and the Smith-Connelly Act which establishes the procedure to initiate a strike legally.

"All office employees, all plant protection personnel and all supervisors in the plant are requested to maintain their regular working schedules. The situation created by this strike makes it necessary to shut down all production operations until further notice."

Meanwhile, many other Torrance oil workers were in picket lines as Union Oil Company's big Wilmington refinery was struck for approximately the same reasons.

Shell Oil Company's two big refineries, at Dominguez and Watson, also were declared to be on the verge of being struck. The national picture was unchanged last night, except for additional walkouts and little progress reported in settlement of the strife.

All California oil workers problems were being handled out of the Bakersfield office of the Oil Workers union, while the actual local membership is under the jurisdiction of local 128, Long Beach.

The eastern unions of The National Supply Co. are not affected by the walkout.

A Torrance Herald representative was admitted to a meeting held by the employees of National Supply, members of union 128, Oil Workers International, last evening by a majority vote of those present. This representative was unable to get an official statement from any of the Union heads for publication.

## STORKatorials

The "stork" visited the following parents, among others, this week at the Torrance Memorial hospital:

Mr. and Mrs. William Cook, 1615 Carson st., girl, Sept. 30, 10:18 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Winford J. Daily, 1555 W. 214th st., boy, Sept. 30, 8:32 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Gutierrez, 224 Arlington ave., girl, Sept. 30, 8:45 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. McDermott, 802 Sartori ave., girl, Oct. 1, 11:42 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne J. Vernon, 1430 W. 221st st., boy, Oct. 2, 9:17 a.m.

## Zamperini In San Francisco; Due Home Soon

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hands of close friends of the family, city and veteran officials. The affair will be held in El Prado park within 48 hours after Captain Zamperini's return, it was said, and will be followed by a Victory Dance in the Civic auditorium.

The various Purple Heart heroes and other returned veterans will be guests of the community on that date, and if it is held before the next edition of the Torrance Herald, every effort will be taken to notify the community of the "Welcome Home and Victory Party."

The Bible is the only source of all Christian truth—the only rule for the Christian life—the only book that unfolds to us the realities of eternity.

—Sir Matthew Hale

To recreate cheerfulness, hope in God, or change the object of attention to one more elevated and worthy of thought.

—C. Simmons

## Cpl. Newton Arrives From Jap Prison

Cpl. Robert A. Newton, USMC, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newton, of 20714 Torrance blvd., arrived here Saturday following almost four years internment in a Japanese prison camp.

Aboard a C-54 Naval Transport plane he arrived at Guam and following a brief physical check-up he continued his trip on a clipper plane arriving at Oakland via Honolulu.

On a 90-day furlough he has reported to Long Beach Naval Hospital for dental and other care.

Taken prisoner at Guam in December, 1941, when his ship was en route from a China voyage, the young Marine was the first of the American prisoners taken. Through first hand information received from recently liberated prisoners in nearby cities, his parents learned that Zentsuji Camp on the Island of Shikoko, where he has been interned, enjoyed the reputation of being the best of all Japanese prison centers. They had received five written messages from their son during the past four years and listened to a broadcast in which he participated.

## OBITUARY

## GEORGE WASHINGTON PUTNAM

George Washington Putnam, 62, died Saturday in a Loma Linda sanitarium. A San Pedro resident for 40 years, he moved to Fontana four years ago. He was born in Junction City, Kansas.

While living in San Pedro, Mr. Putnam was a member of the Eagles, Red Men and I. O. O. F. He leaves the widow, Augusta, Fontana; son, George, machinist-operator employed by the Torrance Herald; and grandson, George Jr., Hermosa Beach.

The Rev. Fred H. Ross, First Methodist church pastor, officiated at funeral services at 2 p. m. yesterday at the H. R. Halverson Chapel, San Pedro. Burial was in Roosevelt Memorial Park.

## J. E. WEST

J. E. West, of Monrovia and formerly of this city, passed away last Thursday evening at Monrovia following a heart attack. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at St. Luke's Episcopal church, Monrovia and interment was at Live Oak Cemetery, Monrovia. He will be remembered as one of the proprietors of the Duplex Water Percolator Company, which organized here in 1925. Upon leaving Torrance he became interested in the Limes Hotel, Monrovia, where he had made his home for the past several years.

## WILLARD R. GARLAND

Willard Raymond Garland, Sr., born May 21, 1903, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, died Sept. 30, 1945, at a local hospital. He is survived by his widow, Ruth Victoria Garland, 1308 Crenshaw blvd., three sons, Jack Garland, Willard, Jr., and Clarence Garland, the latter two on furlough here from the Army; two daughters; Mrs. Eleanor Skidmore and Miss Grace Garland. Rev. F. D. Meehling will conduct the funeral services in Stone & Myers Chapel Thursday, Oct. 4, at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Pacific Crest in Redondo Beach.

## Local Scouts To Receive Awards At Court of Honor

The Harbor District Boy Scout Court of Honor will be held at the Gardena high school Oct. 5, it was announced yesterday by W. C. Silence, Harbor District A.D.C. of the Boy Scouts. The Gardena Scouts have prepared a very interesting program for this event, he said, and urges all scouts to attend. Parents and friends of these scouts are also invited.

Boy Scout Troop meetings were given by Silence, and he requested members to comply or else their names will be dropped from the troop. Troop 216, Torrance high school, Thursday, 7:15 p.m. Troop 217, Thurs., Christian Church Hall, 7:15 p.m. Troop 219, Thurs., Torrance high school, 7:15 p.m. Troop 228, Monday, Methodist Church Hall, 7:15 p.m. Troop 241, Thurs., St. Andrew's Church Hall, 7:15 p.m.

This, above all,—To thine own self be true And thou must follow as the night the day Thou canst not then be false to any man.

—Shakespeare

The beautiful is the most useful in art; but the sublime is the most helpful to morals, for it elevates the mind.

—Joubert

## Peacetime Life Of Synthetic Rubber Industry Here Believed Assured

## Raymond Darby Now Torrance Property Owner

Meet Raymond V. Darby, Torrance taxpayer!

After representing the county at a hearing of the City Planning Commission Tuesday night during which he obtained the approval of the planners to the county's master shoreline development program as it applies to Torrance, Supervisor Darby announced he was present in a new role—that of a Torrance taxpayer—seeking information as to subdivision regulations of the city.

Supervisor Darby announced he had purchased 40 acres of land at Prairie ave. and Redondo Beach blvd., Torrance, and was undecided whether to subdivide there or farm the land.

He asked what requirements Torrance has for subdivisions, and was told by City Engineer G. M. Jain that at present there are none, but an ordinance is in preparation to require curbs, gutters and walks, and providing city assistance with streets.

## Lomita Liquor Store Robbed By Two Gunmen

Entering Levine's Liquor Store 20 minutes prior to closing time, two gunmen menaced the operator, Sam Levine, 2022 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, and made off with \$100 in cash, plus two quarts of liquor, Tuesday night, police reports reveal.

Levine stated to the press, that the two men were dressed in khaki and both used guns in the robbery. "One of them held a gun over the counter while the other walked around in back of the counter and stuck his gun to my side," he said. "He helped himself to the contents of the cash register, then withdrew two quarts of liquor from the shelf."

Levine told how the pair ordered him outside and of their instructions to him, "Stand by the door until we are out of sight," whereupon they fled down the street and entered a car parked nearby.

## Walter Maddock Due Home From Jap Internment

Liberated from a war prison in Northern Japan Cpl. Walter Maddock, infantry, will arrive in the United States between Oct. 10 and 15. This information was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Maddock, of 1229 W. 221st st., and was contained in a letter written aboard the Hospital ship USS Rescue.

Under treatment for burns suffered when his prison was shelled and bombed by U. S. Navy last Aug. 9, he states that he is making a satisfactory recovery and assures them that no traces of scars will remain.

In the four years of his internment his parents received one letter, two postcards and heard several broadcasts in which he participated.

## Local Woman Loses Father And Mother

Double tragedy struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reno Langstaff, of 1414 Cravens ave., recently. Mrs. Langstaff, called to the east by news of the critical illness of her father, Ludwig Cerney, of Gregory, South

The \$70,000,000 synthetic rubber industry in Torrance has better than a 50-50 chance to continue as a peacetime enterprise in the opinion of L. K. Lockridge, plant manager of the Goodyear Rubber Reserve Corporation at Torrance.

"Price will determine the future of the synthetic rubber industry," said Lockridge, who pointed out that its production cost had declined steadily from 50 cents a pound in 1942 to a current price of 18½ cents a pound, as compared to an estimated cost of from 10 to 15 cents a pound for crude rubber when available. Synthetic rubber production in the United States, the speaker said, jumped from 50,000 tons in 1942 to 880,000 tons in the past year.

Synthetic rubber compares most favorably with crude rubber when made into automobile tires, except under unusually hard usage. He added that as a rule crude rubber was more satisfactory for heavy truck duty. However, he anticipated a combination of synthetic and crude rubber in the manufacture of tires which in his opinion would provide superior qualities.

"The local rubber synthetic industry is strategically located," Lockridge said, "for peacetime competition. It is close to the natural resources and is in the center of an intensive automobile tire market, thereby eliminating heavy transportation costs."

## McLean Forfeits Bail On Simple Assault Charge

Douglas McLean, who was tossed into a willow grove when he made advances toward 16-year-old, 148 pound Margaret Tarico, forfeited \$2500 bail Wednesday, Sept. 26 when he failed to appear in court for probation, sentence and hearing on an assault charge.

Attorney Gladys Towles Root, representing the 29-year-old boot and saddle maker, could give no reason for his failure to appear, but told Superior Judge Clement D. Nye it was probably just a misunderstanding.

Last June 24, Miss Tarico of 2379 West 239th st., accepted a ride home from a party on McLean's motorcycle. When he stopped near a willow grove near south Vermont ave., she said, she repulsed his advances with her own version of jujitsu. The act was repeated at the preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Frank Carrell of Gardena.

McLean, 20832 Margaret st., Torrance, had pleaded guilty to simple assault.

## Lomita Squadron To Have Meeting Of All Members

With the opening of flight activities and required inventory of facilities, Lomita Squadron 1, Civil Air Patrol, is calling a meeting of all members for Sunday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m. It is imperative that all personnel attend and bring Civil Air Patrol equipment and training manuals.

W. O. Carmen Anastasia, acting commander of Lomita Squadron 1, requests that all members unable to attend the Sunday meeting be present Wednesday evening, October 10, at 8:00 p. m., according to Lt. Roberta J. Fohl, CAP Intelligence Officer.

Dakota, Mrs. Langstaff arrived to find her father had passed away. Following the funeral and upon her arrival at Albuquerque en route home she received a telegram advising her of the death of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Langstaff have been residents for the past two years and are well known here as proprietors of Torrance Flower Shop, 1328 Sartori ave.

## Removal Of Alley Setback Is Requested

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and Fire Departments, but make a patrol of the alleys almost a necessity.

The value of the property in the business districts has more than doubled during the last 12 months. The setback requirements are taking away valuable floor space from the owners, who are handicapped by this ordinance.

Any objection to the relinquishment of this requirement by the Fire Department could be met by the routing of traffic in one direction on airways in the business district, with the additional provision that no parking restrictions would apply in these alleys, except for loading and unloading. We feel that the unsightly and unsanitary condition of the alleys could be greatly improved by the adoption of this proposal.

We therefore, request that your honorable body recommend that the ordinance which requires the 10 foot setback for buildings adjacent to alleys in the business district, be repealed. We feel this situation now is impeding the progress of our community and must be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,  
TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By:  
Chas. V. Jones, Chairman  
Community Planning Committee

## North Torrance Residents Meet In Water Parley

Torrance city officials met last night with representatives in North Torrance to discuss proposals for the formation of a water district here.

Members of the water engineering firm of Taylor & Taylor also met with the North Torrance residents, in Perry school. The residents some time ago sought a survey of the area that they might be guided in seeking the solution to their many problems of supply and distribution of water, and the results of the survey were to have been fully discussed last night. The Taylor recommendations were filed with the City Council several weeks ago.

Meanwhile, petitions are ready for circulation in the area of Southwest Torrance, including Welteria, where residents are said to be overwhelmingly in favor of a municipal water district.

The whole area west of Crenshaw blvd. and south of Sepulveda blvd., with the exception of Hollywood Riviera, is said to be included in the proposed district.

Weston Ranch interests are much in favor of the district, it is said, and Ellinwood ranch acreage is included although they do not favor the district. It is expected that present sources of water will be used in the district for the present, but that Metropolitan Water District lines will be tapped for emergency use.

The Weston ranch has a big well, flowing approximately 1,100 gallons a minute, which would be available to the city upon formation of the district, it was said. Several other fine wells are available, including those of the Quantad Pumping Co.

Hollywood Riviera interests recently said that they want to be provided with better water than now available, but from an engineering point of view it is said that they cannot be included in the proposed Welteria or Southwest Torrance system.

The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of the Spirit of God.

—Pascal

It is of less importance that we receive from mankind justice, than that we deserve it.

—Mary Baker Eddy

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