

WHERE DOES TORRANCE STAND?

Torrance has an enviable record in the Family of Cities of Los Angeles County.

She is fourth in size, in area, only Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Long Beach exceeding in square miles within their boundaries.

She is the 10th richest in assessed valuation.

"The Planned City" she is well known for her tax structure, favorable to expansion which in a few years to come will find her "bursting her boundaries," large as they are. She has everything on her side.

Yet, we stand in the third week of the Victory Chest campaign at the bottom of the list, with less than 10 percent of our \$41,000 quota raised.

We are asked to give this sum to handle certain charities and services within our community, taking advantage of the vast organization of the Los Angeles Area Victory Chest which is able to serve our needs here at a small fraction of the cost we would be required to pay should we attempt to underwrite them alone.

"Torrance did not come through." Is that going to be written into the record? "They did not get out and work!" Shall that be said of the people of this community who have exceeded all expectations in past War Chest, Red Cross, March-of-Dimes and War Bond Drives?

On a dollar-and-cents basis, Torrance will pay twice the amount being raised here for similar services, if the community does not take advantage of the Area Victory Chest drive now. The cost will be paid in taxes or in individual organization fund drives.

It is well for Torrance to shake off the apathy; to get in and dig and put this campaign over. Instead of being at the bottom of the list, she should be at the top.

Where are the workers?

Where is the spirit?

Did you give?

TORRANCE VICTORY LOAN DRIVE UNDERTAKEN; CITY TO RAISE QUOTA OF \$676,000

Torrance, like every city, town and hamlet in the United States and her territories, launched its Victory Loan drive Monday.

Many Torrance workers were among the six million volunteer workers, who through their leaders, promised a smashing climax of the end of the war and predicted an over-subscription of the quota needed for disabled veteran rehabilitation, retraining of others, hospitalization, and other costs attending the peace.

The national quota is smaller than in the Mighty Seventh War Loan, which was \$14,000,000,000. The overall sum asked by the Treasury for the vital peace-time program is \$11,000,000,000, while the quota for this area, the Torrance War Finance Committee has announced through its chairman, Hillman R. Lee, is \$676,000.

Individuals throughout the Nation are asked to subscribe \$4,000,000,000, \$2,000,000,000 being in the Series E ten-year maturity bond quota. Chairman Lee said, the local individual quota is \$376,000.

Locally the War Finance Committee has organized along the same lines as in past loan drives. Chairman Lee said that he is in accord with Secretary of the Treasury Fred M. Vinson, who said "enormous obligations incurred in the achievement of victory, including those for material and munitions already delivered and used, will drain the Treasury balance quickly and additional funds will be needed early in December."

The goal, Chairman Lee said, as well as the securities to be offered during the Victory Loan "were determined by the Treasury after discussions with various groups, including Chairman of State War Finance Committees, officials of the Federal Reserve System, members of the American Bankers Association and others."

Secretary Vinson said that "the aftermath of war carries a grave responsibility that must be met." He said "a substantial army and navy must be maintained until order is restored throughout the world. The cost of contract, settlements, bringing our forces home, their mustering-out pay, hospitalization, care and rehabilitation, will be great and will require large sums for which we must plan now."

Use of Lumina Trailers By Veterans Asked

Commander C. Earl Conner of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Commander James Brodie of American Legion, James G. Caldwell, Veterans Service Center director, Blaine Walker, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce met with the members of the Public Housing Authority which inspected the Lumina Trailer Camp, 20210 S. Western ave. Monday and found a number of the trailers that are in serviceable condition.

It has been requested that as many as possible be assigned to be used by the veterans or their families until such time as the acute housing shortage can be eliminated.

It has been requested also that other trailers in this location be put into serviceable condition for use by veterans and their families. The Public Housing Authority is working with the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center in working out this housing problem.

Bus Sale Suit Is Submitted After Hearing

The question of whether or not the Torrance Municipal bus lines were sold to Charles F. Koors legally was submitted to Superior Judge Wilson in Department No. 34, Los Angeles, on Monday.

Hearings were conducted on the order to show cause why the city should not proceed in accordance with Act 5203 in selling the lines. The order was obtained on the amended petition for a writ of mandamus filed by W. J. B. Hughes, a local taxpayer.

City Attorney John E. McCall appeared on the city's behalf, arguing that the City Council proceeded according to law in selling the lines.

No indication was given as to when the judge would rule on the case, possibly within a few days and possibly later, it was said.

Hughes filed an original petition for writ of mandamus, but it was thrown out of court when the demurrer of the city was sustained.

The hearing Monday had been delayed for several weeks due to the illness of McCall.

Koors has deposited \$65,000 and funds to cover inventory of stock, tools and supplies. He is former transportation engineer for the city.

Hearing On Airports November 20

Hearing to discuss the Los Angeles County master plan for 62 major airports was scheduled today by county supervisors for Nov. 20 at 10 a. m. in the Hall of Records.

Action was taken by the board after it was learned that opposition had been expressed against the location of air fields proposed by the County Regional Planning Commission.

Torrance airport, constructed by the War department at 101 highway and Hawthorne blvd., as a sub-base for March field, Riverside, is listed on the plan as one of the seven secondary airports of the country. There are only four major airports in the county or a total of 11 major and secondary ports. There are an additional dozen or so "air-parks," the designation given to undeveloped flying fields.

It was the county's intention to plan for the 62 major ports, but locations of some have been opposed thereby causing the revision of the master plan.

Torrance airport is one of the most favored in the county, and its future is assured, although no steps have been taken to determine future operation, whether it will be by the municipality, government or private ownership.

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LABOR MAKES A PLEDGE . . . Representing the first monthly payment on pledges made to the Victory Chest by more than 1,000 employees, a check for \$800 was handed over to George L. Johnson, Torrance Victory Chest campaign chairman, from workers at Columbia Steel. Shown here (left) is Alex McLannett of Gardena, president of United Steel Workers of America, Local 1414, C.I.O., who presents check to Chairman Johnson while O. A. Kresse, general superintendent of the plant (center) looks on. Ninety percent of plant and office employees at Columbia have signed up for regular monthly deductions for the Victory Chest. These deductions will be equivalent to a day's pay per worker. McLannett points out that Columbia workers are strongly behind the Victory Chest campaign.

MORE THAN 300 CITIZENS ENGAGE IN HISTORY-MAKING COMMUNITY DINNER MEETING

The "Torrance Plans Ahead" meeting held Thursday evening, Oct. 25 at the Civic Auditorium, will be recorded in history as being among the most successful meetings ever held in this city.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce sponsors selected speakers from many organizations and professions, the applause of the 300 guests indicating that they had selected them well.

Recreation Body To Meet November 13

Members of the City Recreation Commission will meet in the City Hall on Nov. 13 at 3:30 p. m. to discuss the proposed new recreation ordinance for the City of Torrance.

It is expected that the recommendations of the commission will be handed to the council at the regular meeting that night for consideration.

The ordinance is modeled after one of the California Youth Authority, and it will provide for reorganization of the present commission. It will provide more widespread benefits for the community; both adults and children, according to George P. Thatcher, who is a member of the commission.

Thomas J. Adams, president of the Rotary Club, reported the club's program for a swimming pool and a summer camp that was being urged by the Rotary membership.

Edwin Brown, first vice president elect of the Kiwanis Club, told of a boys' hand project being planned by his organization.

Major Floyd (Pat) Boyle and his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Boyle, represented the Veterans of Foreign Wars and auxiliary and reported their memorial building as a primary objective.

Carl Steele spoke in the absence of Alex McLannett, president of the United Steel Workers Local Union 1414, C.I.O., revealing labor's plans to build a labor temple within the city.

Harry B. Lewis, president of the Lions Club of Torrance, listed the many projects his club is sponsoring and its full cooperation with the chamber's constructive plans ahead.

James Brodie, commander of the American Legion, and Mrs. Emma Evans of its auxiliary, told of the plan to finance the construction of a Legion Clubhouse.

Mrs. Julia McManus, corresponding secretary, National Business and Professional Women of Torrance, told of the organization's growth in Torrance since 1930 and of the gains made since that time.

Mrs. Lola Hoover, branch chairman of the American Red Cross, spoke briefly of the tremendous aid the Red Cross had given since its inception.

Kenneth Beight, president of the Los Angeles Industrial Council, C.I.O., listed labor's fine record in Torrance, and gave his wholehearted approval of the four (Continued on Page 4-A)

Operating Budget For Torrance Area Veterans' Service Center Approved

An operating budget of \$6,780 has been approved for the Torrance Veterans Service Center, by a joint VSC-War Chest committee, this new unit being one of five affiliates added this month to the downtown Veterans Service Center. The center has been established at 2300 West Carson st. with James G. Caldwell in charge.

As a member city of the Los Angeles Area Victory Chest, Torrance receives funds from the Chest with which to operate.

The Veterans Center is only one of the many benefits given to Torrance citizens for participation in the Area campaign and one of the incentives toward accomplishing the \$41,000 quota which the local campaign committee has accepted this year.

Under leadership of George L. Johnson, the committee has raised \$3623.30 or about 9 percent of the quota.

This report was among those given out yesterday when the Area Chest held the final progress report luncheon at the Biltmore Bowl with hundreds of campaigners present. It was announced at this time, by Preston Hotchkiss, general campaign chairman, that the overall total to date is \$5,200,000.00 or 62 percent of the \$8,402,373 goal.

Speakers were Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, Luzuriaga, native of Manila who spent three years in a prison camp after the Philippines fell and Paul Warren, returned Navy veteran, now a student at Los Angeles City College. Mrs. Luzuriaga spoke on conditions in the Philippines at the present time and Warren spoke on the work of veterans service centers.

Both Ryan Dargett, president of the Torrance Kiwanis club, and Harry B. Lewis of the Lions club, have been rallying their members to attend the meeting, and it is expected from 125 to 150 Torrance business and professional men will hear the talk.

Others are welcome, Jackson said, but reservations must be made in advance.

Hayes has a personal message for the Torrance audience — a message from the American Commission for Living War Memorials and, with his wealth of human interest and humorous stories provided by his long years of radio broadcasting, he is fully capable of getting his message across, Jackson said.

The American Commission for Living War Memorials which Hayes represents as regional advisor in four Western states, is a non-profit organization, working in cooperation with the National Committee on Physical Fitness of the Federal Security Commission, and has been approved by the American Legion and other veterans' organizations.

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NEW ATTEMPT TO SETTLE RETAIL CLERK'S DISPUTE FAILS; STORES STAY CLOSED

Hopes of Torrance shoppers that the J. C. Penney, J. J. Newberry and Sontag Drug stores would open today, or later this week, were dashed last night when a meeting between representatives of the chain stores of the harbor district and representatives of the Retail Clerks Union, No. 905, A. F. of L., ended in failure to agree on terms of a contract.

Irvin Stallmaster, representing the chain stores involved in the dispute with the retail clerks, last night informed the Torrance Herald that "we are carrying on our conversations, but there is no change in the attitude of the union."

The union is insisting, he said, that the chain stores sign the same contract as was signed by the smaller independent merchants. Stallmaster maintains that conditions are so diversified that the same contract cannot be applicable in the two cases.

There may be another meeting in a day or two, he said. "We are at least talking of the problem and exploring the situation."

Haskell Tidwell, business agent for the union, could not be reached last night for a statement.

Meanwhile, Hillman R. Lee, manager of J. C. Penney Co., who was making preparations this morning to reopen his store, which has been closed for several weeks, announced he had been forced by lack of agreement to abandon these plans.

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