

### WHAT I LIKE ABOUT TORRANCE:

Every community, city, county or state in the United States of America has instilled in its residents a certain pride, born of tradition or memories.

It is difficult to get a native of Pennsylvania or Kansas to admit that California is a "swell state" — but the native of the other state is in California, and chances are 9/10 to 1 that he will stay here for the rest of his natural life.

It is equally hard to get a "New Yorker" to say "Los Angeles is a swell city." Yet, Los Angeles is growing at a more rapid rate than is New York.

But, the fact is that there are few cities in the United States which can lay claim to the benefits which Torrance possesses, and the Press set out the other day to determine why folks move to Torrance.

Here are some of the reasons why folks like Torrance, as given to our roving reporter:

1. Families like Torrance because of the new homes being built here in a district likely to remain "new" for decades to come.
2. Workers, men and women alike, prefer Torrance because it has a perpetual payroll in industrial, professional and commercial fields which makes it an ideal place to live and work.
3. Another reason folks like Torrance is because of its fair climate, also credited to the fact that the area is cooled by the fresh, ocean winds.
4. Another group of workers likes Torrance because it is adjacent to the "big cities" such as Los Angeles and Long Beach, and transportation by both automobile and bus is convenient.
5. Many families prefer Torrance because of the "small town" atmosphere in the midst of this greatest metropolitan area of the west.
6. Torrance is popular because of its fine and progressive shopping district, where merchants are vying with Los Angeles and other areas for business on the promise—"You CAN find it in Torrance," at just as low a price as elsewhere.
7. The schools of Torrance have earned a place in the hearts of all parents who have had experience in other systems, and they are getting better—and they are new—new in administration and new in facilities.
8. Churches of Torrance have won the respect of new residents, because of their spirit of brotherly love and neighborly atmosphere.
9. Folks like Torrance because of its fine protective system provided by police, fire, and other municipal departments, not to mention the wonderful recreation program which is designed to give everyone some part in healthful, out-of-doors activities.
10. We of the Press realize that there now are three residents of Torrance to one resident in 1940, and we realize that the community is growing. We are growing with Torrance, both in size and activity. We know that the BIGNESS of Torrance is governed by the BIGNESS of the men who direct the community. We elect to be placed among the progressive elements of our city.

### Lions Club Chairmen Appointed

With an active calendar of activities scheduled for the Lions Club, committee chairman for the coming year as announced by Paul Diamond, president, were released this week by William "Bill" Zappas, publicity chairman.

The newly appointed chairmen are as follows: administrative; Capt. J. R. Winters, attendance and make-up; Al Isen, constitution and by-laws; Al Ewalt, convention; R. R. Smith, finance; R. Peterson, Lions information; Al Isen, membership; Frank "Stan" Selover, program; William "Bill" Zappas, publicity; W. E. Hickcox, social and entertainment; Warren Hamilton, ways and means; Albert Posner, welfare council; J. R. Winters, education advisory committee; Frank S. Selover, bulletin editor; activities; Frank Carpenter, boys and girls work; Abe Robinson, citizenship and patriotism; Adolph E. McTee, civic improvement and betterment; A. G. Schilling, student speaker and scholarship; Don C. Moshos, health and welfare; J. R. Winters, safety; Warren Hamilton, sight conservation and blind; Jack Abramson, sick; Louis Arbetter, United Nations; Walter Schaefer, greeter and inter-service club council; Pete Radtsch, bowling; Herbert J. Cohn, song leader; and Rev. U. S. Schauer, sky pilot.

### STORK NEWS

#### AT TORRANCE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Egerer of 1656 West 204th street, Torrance, a daughter, Deborah Frances, June 21. Egerer is an employee of the Ducommun Metal and Supply company of Los Angeles and Mrs. Egerer was Eleanor M. Seiberlich before her marriage. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Seiberlich and Mrs. Alma Egerer.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Jensen of 1637 West 203rd street, a daughter, Kathleen Louise, June 19th. The father is an employee of the American Rock-wool Corporation as a research analyst. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William J. Daniels, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Jensen.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ackerman of 3236 West 17th street, Torrance, a daughter, Katherine Diane, June 17th. Ackerman is an employee of the Columbia Steel Corporation in Torrance. The mother was Lucille Forseth before her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman have another daughter, Cheryl, age 4, and a son, Jack, age 3. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Martin Forseth and Mrs. M. C. Thayer.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Loudermilk of 21930 South Western avenue, Torrance, a daughter, Glenda Sue, June 19th. The father is an employee of the American Rock Wool corporation. The mother was Barbara Wylie before her marriage. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Denburgh and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bodiford.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Holstrom of 24630 Eshelman avenue, Lomita, a daughter, Diane, June 19th. The father is an employee of the Shell Chemical Corporation and the mother was Melcena West before her marriage. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Milton West and Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Holstrom.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tuttle of 646 1/2 Sartori avenue, Torrance, a son, Marshall Kenneth, June 19th. The father is the pastor of the North Torrance Community church and the mother will be remembered as Rose Marie Pickett and a former employee of the Torrance National bank. Rev. and Mrs. Tuttle have one other child, Margaret, age 2. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Claud Pickett and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Tuttle.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ozzie Huggins of Torrance, a son, James Ozzie, June 24th. The father is an employee of the N. A. A. as a welder and the mother was Mary Rawls before her marriage. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Huggins and W. J. Rawls.

Born to Dr. Robert C. and Helen Louise Jackson, of 1517 West 216th street, Torrance, a son, Jeffery Jerome, June 22nd. Dr. Jackson just recently received his Doctor's Degree in Dentistry from UCLA. He was also an Air Force sergeant during the Second World War. The mother will be remembered as Helen Louise Thatcher. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thatcher of Pioneertown, California, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lemons of Vinito, Oklahoma.

### Portuguese Bend Club Presents Fireworks Show

PORTUGUESE BEND — The rockets red glare will again light up the Palos Verdes Peninsula coastline this year as the Portuguese Bend Club presents its annual fireworks show the evening of July Fourth.

The display, a traditional event open to the public, is the biggest pyrotechnic event put on in the southwestern section of Los Angeles County annually. Presented primarily for residents of the coastal area from Manhattan Beach to Long Beach, it draws up to 50,000 persons who view the display from the hills above Portuguese Bend.

In order to effect a more spectacular show and so it will be visible to more spectators, the display this year will be fired from the end of Portuguese Point with skyrockets, aerial torpedoes and other high-flying pyrotechnics being fired over the waters of Portuguese Bend. Both aerial and ground displays will be featured.

The first display, a large set piece welcoming spectators to the Palos Verdes Peninsula, will be set off at dusk, around 8:30 P.M., Harry Taylor, Portuguese Bend Club manager, announced. The rapid-fire show will last approximately half an hour. It will be visible from hundreds of vantage points from sea level to the 480-foot crest of the Palos Verdes Hills.

Because the annual event attracts such large crowds, sheriff's Deputies recommend early arrival in the Portuguese Bend area to avoid traffic congestion and so cars can be parked and viewing locations selected before dark. The main highways leading to the spectator area are Palos Verdes Drive east and Palos Verdes Drive South. The fireworks display will climax the Portuguese Bend Club's day-long Independence Day celebration. It will be preceded by a paddle tennis tournament, starting July 1, an Hawaiian luau on the evening of July 3rd. Fourth of July activities for Club members will include a fishing derby, sailboat races, swimming meet, Independence Day buffet and an exhibition of fancy and comedy diving. Grand finale of the day will be the fireworks show.

### Early Deadline For July 5th Press Edition

So that all Torrance Press employees may join in the commemoration of Independence Day, July 4, deadline for all advertising and news material for the usual Thursday, July 5th edition of the paper has been set for Tuesday noon, July 3rd.

Regular deadline for the Thursday editions of the paper is 5 p.m. Tuesday. Publishers William R. Zappas and Mrs. R. A. Owens wish to announce that the office of the Torrance Press, 1628 Gramecy avenue, will be closed all day Wednesday, July 4th.

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### Deadline for Free Swim Program Sign-ups July 10

Parents are urged to register their children immediately in order to take advantage of the free swim program offered by the Torrance Recreation Department this summer, at Alondra park.

Due to a very large response, the Recreation Department must know as soon as possible how many participants to accommodate for on the opening day, July 10.

Furnished by the Torrance Kiwanis Club, buses will leave each Tuesday and Thursday from the initial day until August 16 from Torrance playgrounds for the Alondra pool, where instruction will be given under careful supervision. The approximate bus schedule is as follows:

Park	Depart	Return
Torrance Park (Melvin)	10:00 am	2:30 pm
Walteria Park (Turner)	10:30 am	2:50 pm
Seaside (Herbst)	11:15 am	3:40 pm
Hollywood (Riviera)	11:35 am	4:00 pm
Fern Ave. Ball Park (Oursler)	12:10 pm	5:15 pm
203rd and Crenshaw	12:30 pm	5:00 pm
McMaster Park	12:30 pm	4:50 pm

### Local Net Aces Must Sign by Sat. For Tennis Tourney

Saturday is the last day local net aces may sign up for the qualifying tournament at Torrance High School for local entries to the National Junior Tennis Championships to be staged in Arcadia early in August. Any local boy or girl sixteen years of age or under is eligible to participate.

Qualifiers will be provided with free housing, local transportation to the tennis courts, entertainment, and a barbecue at the Arcadia tourney by that city's Kiwanis Club.

### Torrance's 578th in Japan Tackles New Job

HACHINOHE, JAPAN — Torrance's Own Company A, 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, this week tackled a new job but it's just more of the same thing they'd had near Sendai... repairing poorly built roads and bridges to stand up under GI traffic.

The company recently arrived at this northernmost outpost of the main Japanese island of Honshu and are billeted at Camp Haugen with other elements of Southern California's 40th Infantry Division.

"We've already sized up a few roads and bridges and work is getting underway," said Sgt. Lero Schwenk, 2511 1/2 Narbonne Ave., Lomita. "These roads make one of our Lomita bridge trails look like Wilshire Boulevard. There's no surface, just mud."

"And with all the canals and other streams, there are enough bridges to keep us busy for quite awhile," added Cpl. John Schulz, 2012 Andree Ave., Torrance.

The company had heretofore trained in the Sendai area, with headquarters at Camp Matsu-shima. On-the-job training... actual field work on repairing roads and bridges... is being done concurrently with a formal training program.

"Our main purpose is to help the infantry," First Sgt. Al Gellhar, 930 1/2 Enterprise Ave., Inglewood, put it succinctly. "And we're ready to tackle any job that comes up."

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### Pie Eating Contest At McMaster Park

McMaster Park will stage a pie eating contest for all North Torrance children tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

According to Ed Meghreblian, park director, bicycle races, sack races, a hike decoration contest, and other activities will round out the program. Free Koolade will be served.

Captain Merle R. Gilb as company commander of the former Torrance National Guard unit is First Lt. John A. Eek, 5054 Pettit Ave., Encino, Calif. Eek served more than two years in the Pacific area during World War II with the Corps of Engineers, one year in the Aleutians and the second year in the South Pacific and Philippines.

He was a representative of a Los Angeles insurance company before his induction last fall. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1948.

Captain Gilb has been given another assignment with the battalion, working on a special project.

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