

ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVANCE PROGRAM, PARADE PLANNED

November 11 Event To Be Community-Wide; Details of Morning's Program Are Released By Committee

The 18th anniversary of the Armistice will be observed here Wednesday, November 11, with the most extensive parade and program ever held in this city to commemorate the cessation of World War hostilities.

Plans for the observance, which will start at 9 o'clock and conclude exactly at 11 o'clock, were outlined by a committee of citizens this week who are acting under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. Efforts are being made to contact every organization, veteran, auxiliary, civic, service and school so that the entire city is represented in the patriotic demonstration.

Composed of four sections, a parade will be held from the American Legion clubhouse on Carson street to the High school field, where it will proceed past the bleachers and assemble in the middle of the football playing field for the program. All residents of Torrance and vicinity are invited to the field where the parade will pass in review and the brief Armistice program given.

Urge All to Participate

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Ince, founder and superintendent of the Torrance Military Academy, has been named grand marshal of the parade. Colonel N. F. Jamieson will be chief of staff and G. L. Morris is adjutant of the parade.

"We are trying to reach every organization so that the parade and program will represent the entire community and in case some veterans or auxiliary members are not notified in regular order, we would like to express through the Herald our cordial invitation to all to join us in this observance," Morris said yesterday.

Harry H. Dolley has been named as chairman of a committee to ask all merchants and retailers to close during the Armistice observance. Other committee chairmen to perfect various angles of the all-community event are: Carl Hyde, public address system at the High school field; William Gascoigne, speakers' platform; Earl Conner, transportation; DeKalb Spurlin, decorations.

Program Is Announced

In case of inclement weather, the program will be given in the High school auditorium, it is announced. All schools will be closed for the day.

A meeting of all committee members is scheduled for tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock at Earl's Cafe when the complete plans will be gone over so that the entire memorial observance will be known to all and to eliminate any conflicts.

The program at the High school will start with a dress parade and formations by the Torrance Military Academy cadets. The American Legion Drum and Bugle corps will give a concert and then the

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Local Oil Field Due For Boom; Well Coming In

Deep Well To Be Brought In Next Week; Oil Shortage Favors Development

All indications point to another oil boom in the Torrance-Lomita field which is due to break within two weeks when the Higgins Brothers plan to bring in their Hamlin Lease No. 1 well on Acacia street near Pennsylvania. The hole has been cemented off at 3730 feet and the Higgins Brothers are expected to start drilling through tomorrow or Saturday.

Barring the possibility of water trouble, the well should be on production within 10 days, thus producing the deeper stratum in the field. Then, it is expected the boom will begin, as refiners in the Los Angeles basin are already short of crude and are paying from 45 cents to 55 cents a barrel bonus. Production in the Los Angeles basin has fallen off over 40,000 barrels a day and many of the smaller refineries which depend upon independent producers for their oil are unable to secure crude.

Another factor which favors the development of the Torrance-Lomita field is that production will be less costly at the 4700 to 4800 foot level than it is at the deeper wells in the Signal Hill and Santa Fe Springs areas. The fact, coupled with an admitted shortage of crude, should mean that many oil workers now out of employment will be back on the job this fall and winter, and local property owners will be receiving long-awaited royalties.

NEW CENSUS DATA SHOWS DETAILS OF CITY COMPOSITION

There were 364 residents of Torrance, 10 years of age and older, who were unable to read or write at the time of the Federal Census of 1930, a bulletin, released this week by the U. S. Department of Commerce states. This bulletin describes the composition and characteristics of the population of California.

With a population of 5,742 persons 10 years of age and older, this reveals that 6.3 per cent were illiterate. Torrance had a total population of 7,271 in April, 1930, when the census was recorded.

What? More Married Men?

Three other cities of Torrance's same classification, (approximately 2,500 to 10,000) had the same illiterate percentage. They were Azusa, Colton and Hayward. There were but 10 communities of this group which had a better score. Santa Clara, home of Santa Clara University, had the most "cross-markers" in its population (10 years and older) of 5.35, there being 502 people in that classification.

Township Figures Reported

Lomita township, which includes Torrance, Lomita and part of the Palos Verdes Estates, has a population of 13,292, which is divided as follows:

Sex:	
Male	7,131
Female	6,071
Color:	
White	10,332
Negro	5
Native white	9,468
Native parentage	7,298
Foreign or mixed parentage	2,170
Foreign-born white	1,364

The township is reported to have 63 rural farm population of 764. The territory was unable to classify 8,255 of the residents exactly as to their various ages and for that reason that number are listed in the bulletin as being "21 and over" (including unknown ages). Other known age groups of Lomita township are given as follows:

Under five years	1,248
Five to 14 years	2,591
15 to 24 years	1,944
25 to 34 years	2,283
35 to 44 years	2,246
45 to 64 years	2,391
65 and over	500

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Strange as it may seem, there are more married men in this city than there are married women. The bulletin states that 1,380 of the eligible marital classification ("males 15 years old and older") which totals 2,555 are married; while there are 2,170 married females, 15 years old and older, out of the 2,312 women.

Male Citizens Outnumber Women

Torrance has no negro residents, according to the Census Bureau, but the city has 674 inhabitants who are foreign-born although of the white race. Other races are represented here by 1,553 persons. These other races may include Mexican, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Hindu, Korean, Hawaiian, Malay, Samoan, Siamese and Maori. It is believed, although not so officially stated in the population bulletin, that most of the city's non-white foreign born residents are limited to Mexican and Japanese, with probably a few Chinese.

There are more men here who are eligible citizens than there are women—1,860 males to 1,642 females. These numbers are composed of: Males, native, 1,648; naturalized, 212. Females, 1,653. There is a total of 2,553 men 21 years old and older in Torrance, 345 of them being foreign-born whites. "Females 21 years old and older" total 2,023, of which 242 are foreign-born whites.

Age Classification Given

A complete summary of the population for Torrance follows:

Total population	7,271
Male	3,332
Female	3,939
Native white	5,044
Native parentage	3,932
Foreign or mixed parentage	1,112

Detailed classification for the various ages of the city's inhabitants are given in the bulletin.

Retailers Asked To Attend Meet Next Wed. Night

Local Committee Sponsors Talk By Independent Assoc. Leader

A meeting of all retail independent-merchants and business men of Torrance and Lomita will be called for the purpose of hearing the plan and objectives of the Associated Independent Merchants of California as explained by Morgan Keaton, president. This meeting will be held next Wednesday evening, November 4, at 8 o'clock at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

"This organization aims to 'preserve the independence of American business, and the economic and social structure upon which our nation was established,' and the local and Lomita committee members sponsoring Keaton's appearance here, believe he has an important message for all retailers.

The committee includes Harry H. Dolley, C. A. Paxman, Baker Smith, E. H. Huddleston, Al Harder and D. Hoffman.

The Lomita representatives on this committee are Sam Goldstein, Druggist, and Hugo Schmidt, market.

RELIEF SOCIETY CAMPAIGN IS TWO-THIRDS COMPLETED

Chairman J. W. Post Urges All Workers To Carry On; Citizens Asked To Help Fill \$3,000 Fund This Week

Campaign's goal	\$3,000
Approximate contributions to date	2,000
Balance that MUST be raised	\$1,000

That's the story of the drive "for at least \$3,000" which will permit the Torrance Relief Society to feed and clothe many hard-up Torrance and Shoestring strip families. The figures were given the Herald today by J. W. Post, chairman of the citizens' committee to raise the fund.

"We cannot let down now that we have reached two-thirds of our quota," Post said. "We must raise that remaining \$1,000 if we want to prevent hunger from stalking our streets this winter. I urge every citizen who has not contributed, and who is in a position to give something, to please contribute before five his or her quota." Post said. "We must raise that remaining \$1,000 if we want to prevent hunger from stalking our streets this winter. I urge every citizen who has not contributed, and who is in a position to give something, to please contribute before five his or her quota." Post said. "We must raise that remaining \$1,000 if we want to prevent hunger from stalking our streets this winter. I urge every citizen who has not contributed, and who is in a position to give something, to please contribute before five his or her quota." Post said.

That \$2,000 that is already received was accumulated by citizens working for the Relief Society, American Legion members, and women of the Legion Auxiliary by canvassing both the residential and business districts. It was made up of contributions ranging from 17 cents to \$100. "An elderly woman contacted by a Legion canvasser last week gave the 17 cents," said J. H. Scott, chairman of the Legion's committee to help raise the fund. "She didn't have much of this world's goods but she gave her mite—and money donations because her aid represented her fine, helpful spirit."

Another woman interviewed this week, actually apologized because she could not give any money—but she offered to give the Society two dozen eggs. That contribution also takes its place with the money donations because her aid represented her fine, helpful spirit.

Divided Family's Rabbits

"We also visited a family in our drive that told us they could not give any money as their means were too limited—but they offered us one of their two rabbits," Scott said. Another family gave a pair of rabbits and numerous pieces of clothing from the wardrobe of someone where used, but whole clothing was offered the Society. The Legion and Auxiliary raised \$370 of their voluntarily-fixed quota of \$500. Plans are partly formulated for an all-city benefit vauvauville show to be staged by the Legion at the High school auditorium to raise the balance in foodstuffs and clothing. The food and wearing apparel will be divided so that Lomita's unfortunate of the Society.

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December 1 Is Date To Apply For Car Plates

Motor car owners of California were asked today by Russell Bevans, registrar of the Department of Motor Vehicles, to wait until December 1 before mailing applications for 1932 license plates. Several hundred applications have already been received at this early hour, Bevans said although it is unlikely that any plates will be mailed out until after Christmas.

Such applicants not only cause extra work in the renewal offices but are also deprived of their certificates of registration for several weeks inasmuch as the certificates are mailed in when the application is filed. Bevans explained it was the plan of the department to receive applications by mail on and after December 1 and to open the counters for delivery to the public on December 15.

The manufacturer is now engaged in making the 1932 plates and is delivering them as rapidly as possible. The fee will be the same as this year. In addition to the information required in former years, the applicant must give the serial number of his car and number of cylinders.

"Trouble" Has His Dog-Day

Canine Golfer Wins Prize At Big L. A. Show

"Trouble" had his dog-day last Saturday.

Bevans won the prize at the big Los Angeles pet dog show as the "funniest-costumed boys' dog" from a large group of contestants. "Trouble," a large German shepherd-St. Bernard, was exhibited by his proud master, Bill Murray, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Murray, 1324 Anacia avenue.

Bill Murray had attired "Trouble" in a complete golf outfit—linen knickers, suspenders, brilliant sweater, golf cap and even a bag of clubs. Incidentally, "Trouble" does not live up to his name as he is the pet of the entire neighborhood and bears a fine reputation as a good canine citizen.

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Local Employer Guilty In Labor Case This Week

Edwin P. Arthur, Torrance, was found guilty in Judge Dennis' court Wednesday morning of violation of the state labor law, and by agreement of Leo Vander Lans, representing the state labor commission, and consent of defendant, sentence was deferred to December 28, at 10 a. m.

Arthur was arrested Tuesday upon complaint of James Connors, union leader, and pleaded not guilty. The case was the outcome of an attempt to re-establish the Torrance Flat Glass works which had been taken by the state for taxes. Arthur, with B. Hart, recently started cleaning up the plant and employed men at the rate of \$4 per day, would be paid. Connors claimed he had worked 54 days, had received no cash, but had had a board bill at the National Hotel, Torrance, for \$73 paid. A further bill of \$80 had not been paid. Arthur had given Connors a note from the Torrance Flat Glass company but the landlady at the hotel refused the note as security.

Witnesses for Arthur, including B. Hart, his associate in the enterprise, testified that there had been an agreement that wages should be paid. Arthur stated that he had expected outside capital to assist in re-establishing the plant but their plans hadn't materialized. He pleaded that in these times employers and employees needed to cooperate, that he was trying to build up an industry. Labor Commissioner Vander Lans explained the state law, that wages must be paid promptly and in cash unless there were a signed contract to the contrary, that some of the witnesses had stated that they had received part cash, and that a notice appeared at the plant stating Thursday as pay day.

Before Arthur appears for sentence December 28, Judge Dennis stated he would find out what agreement the landlady had with Arthur in regard to Connors' board. Vander Lans stated that it was not the policy of the labor commission to work a hardship on any industry but that labor must not be exploited.

Postoffice To Hold Location On Marcelina

Two-Year Lease, However, Can Be Broken On Short Notice

The Torrance postoffice will not be moved from its present location on Marcelina avenue. Postmaster Alfred Gourdier announced this week that the Postoffice Department has authorized him to sign a lease for two more years at the Marcelina address.

Gourdier said that the interior of the building will be repainted during the next few weeks. Efforts had been made to get the Postoffice Department to acquire a larger office here as the stamp, package and mail business was crowding the limited quarters.

Although the lease calls for a two-year period, the government can break the contract on short notice. It is believed that Torrance will get a new postoffice building before the expiration of that time.

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Japanese Mother Burned In Saving Child From Fire

Sukie Anraku had just turned from working over her gasoline stove in the kitchen of her and Hajimi Tokata's ramshackle house on the road to the Graham Bros. gravel pit off Wilmington-Redondo boulevard this forenoon when she saw a "loud boom" or fire in the street.

The hut was almost instantly ablaze but Sukie grabbed her 2-month-old baby, faced the blaze and ran from the house. She was severely burned about the face but the infant was unharmed.

The house was to total loss and only a few trunks, household equipment were saved. Local firemen were unable to save the hut but concentrated their efforts to prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings.

Water Suit Verdict Takes More Time

City Attorney Don Findley learned Tuesday that the Superior Court, reviewing the briefs submitted in the suit brought to test the validity of the \$100,000 water bond issue would take about two weeks to go over the case instead of the seven-day period which he had reported.

Consequently, no decision on the water case is expected by the city's attorney and special counsel until late next week. The case was filed by briefs and not by oral arguments. The city had submitted a demurrer to the claims and allegations brought by a stockholder in the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company.

Lomita Gas Station Is Held-Up Today By Two Armed Men

Two armed men robbed Buck Young of between \$175 and \$200 about 1:25 p. m. today at Young's service station, corner of Arizona and Narbonne, in Lomita. Young admitted he was badly frightened by the hold-up men and consequently could only give Constable Taber the meagerest description of them. The bandits took every thing Young had in his cash register but the pennies, Taber said.

Best Hallowe'en "Trick" Is Told

"The best Hallowe'en 'trick' that could be played by Torrance boys and girls this week-end would be to creep into the yard of a family and pound the front door good and loud and then leave a big basket of food and hide. That would be the right kind of Hallowe'en spirit this year."

So declared Chief of Police G. M. Calder today. "Modern youth is learning that the better fun comes not from desecrating but from good turns. I hope all our boys and girls refrain from abusing property the night of spooks," he continued.

Those who want to observe Hallowe'en in the old-fashioned way are reminded that all police officers will be on duty that night and any who annoy residents will be given a trip to the police station.

CITY CUTS LIGHT BILL TO CREATE UNEMPLOYED FUND

By a plan of cutting down the city's street lighting bill, a full day's work can be given 82 men every month in Torrance. Consent has been obtained from the Southern California Edison company to permit the city keeping all the lights on the "after midnight" minimum from the time the illumination is turned on in the evening until early daylight hours.

City Engineer Leonard estimates that by eliminating about 300 lights, sufficient money would be saved to enable the city to furnish 84 days of work to the unemployed each month.

On Midnight Circuit

One globe would burn on each corner and one in the middle of each block throughout the city during the night. Because the street lights are on two circuits, one consuming a large amount of electricity because of the great number of globes being illuminated up to midnight and the other being the after-midnight circuit when the total illumination is reduced to one globe on each corner and one in the middle of every block. The city has been endeavoring to find some way to create an unemployment fund and this, together with the wood sales receipts, is believed the solution to the problem.

Wood Sales Help

Street Superintendent William Gascoigne said yesterday that the city is now selling about \$150 worth of wood a week. All of this money goes into a fund to employ more men or give the men now working more time. Gascoigne has been hiring about 10 men a day, five days a week, who are given in the aggregate, four days work a month at \$4 per day.

"This income, though small, enables those who are very hard up to pay their gas, light and water bills. They are drawing food and clothing from the county or Torrance Relief Society. We also have another inducement for the unemployed of the community. If a man who needs work goes out and sells two cords of city wood at \$8 per cord, he gets two days work from that sale—so he really profits 100 per cent by his sale."

No Competition

An entire carload of wood was sold to the Pacific Electric last week. This totaled 10 cords. There are between 20 and 40 cords ready for sale at the present time. As street superintendant said, there are no wood dealers in Torrance, the city does not compete with any business in its wood sales. Most of the sales are made to dealers in Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Redondo and Long Beach.

"We have found that several local people who have been aroused to the seriousness of our unemployment situation have purchased a cord or so of wood when they had no use for it and turned it right back to the city for sale in order to give more men work," Gascoigne reported.