

WAR RELIEF FUND DOUBLES HERE DURING PAST WEEK

Local contributions to the Red Cross War Relief Fund during the past week more than doubled the amount donated here during the first two weeks of the drive. The total now stands at \$445.50 and there is every indication that next week, under the impetus of a city-wide canvass by business, industrial and professional leaders, the amount will advance close to the \$1,000 mark.

A meeting of the general committee in charge of the Torrance campaign, headed by L. J. Gilmeister and consisting of Mrs. Flora Wright, local Red Cross chairman; Sam Levy, Earl Conner and J. Post, will be held in the next few days to draft final plans for the major drive. Meanwhile, a large "thermometer" standing 10 feet high and four feet wide is being constructed for erection in the triangular park at the intersection of Sartori, Marcelina and Cabrillo avenues. This will record the progress of the War Relief Fund campaign in units of \$100—for each "century" raised here the "thermometer" reading will be upped a notch until the "mercury" shoots up to \$4,000, this city's quota.

The local committee expressed regret that the contributions of local school children, collected during the past few days, were sent directly to Los Angeles to be absorbed by the total in that city. The local youngsters' donations will thus not be credited to Torrance's quota.

Contributions are being accepted at both local banks and at the Chamber of Commerce where proper receipts are being given. Although the American Red Cross has made no provision for recognizing donors by issuing badges or window stickers, the Torrance committee may work out some plan whereby donors may be distinguished by a label button or sticker.

Residents are urged to help the county-wide old paper drive, being conducted locally by George W. Robinson and F. O. Bacon, by bringing the tied-up papers to the vacant lot opposite the Civic Auditorium June 28, 29 and 30. Those unable to bring their bundles may phone 872 and Robinson will arrange to pick them up.

Red Cross Fund Now Up to \$445

Previously acknowledged, \$205.50	
Sherwood McIntyre	2.00
J. Tidland	1.00
First Christian Church	12.00
B. C. Buxton	10.00
Cornet's 5-10-15c Store	3.00
Baker Smith	5.00
J. J. Newberry Store	5.00
Howard Locke	5.00
D. Brian Jones	5.00
Bank of America	
Employees	10.00
Lewell Lowe	1.00
Mrs. Gene A. Dahn	5.00
High School P.T.A.	17.70
Emma Evans	1.00
Mrs. Ernest A. Lock	1.00
Mrs. Cora Schwartz	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilkes	1.00
Harriet Leach	1.00
Esther Maxwell	5.00
Lute Fraser	1.00
W. R. Peer	2.00
Howard and Edna Harris	2.00
H. W. Field	2.50
C. E. Conner	10.00
J. E. Hitchcock	5.00
Josephine Johnson	1.00
Johanna Sands	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. P. Isenstein	2.00
J. E. McCall	25.00
A. Friend	2.00
Bessie V. Myers	10.00
R. J. Deininger	5.00
F. C. Sharps	1.00
American Legion Post, No. 170	25.00
American Legion Auxiliary	5.00
Out Rate Drug	5.00
Helene's Cafe	1.00
Rot Tan Cafe	3.00
Tom Waters	5.00
El Prado Furniture	10.00
A. Friend	1.00
J. Welser	1.00
J. Lepkin	1.00
Children's Shop	1.00
Alexander's Radio Shop	1.00
Rink's Barber Shop	1.00
La Mode Furniture	5.00
Mrs. Clara B. Tyson	10.00
TOTAL	\$445.50

AMPLE WATER

A snow survey made by hydraulic engineers of the state department of public works indicates that California's water supply for the summer months will be ample.

Harbor Chambers Probing Slough Drainage Project

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce this week is launching an extensive investigation into reported county plans to build a 17½-foot earth dam near South Main street, where that highway approaches Nigger Slough or Laguna Dominguez, as it is now called. The same investigation will probe dumping of waste into the slough from industrial plants, particularly oil refineries in the area, according to President L. J. Gilmeister.

The Harbor District group, made up of close to 60 chambers of commerce from South Los Angeles county, ordered the investigation at its meeting held at Dominguez. The Harbor District group has been fighting for drainage of the Nigger Slough area and its restoration to the status of residential and industrial development in the vicinity. A large area in the property of Keystone has been removed from residential construction by the county planners.

Endorse National Defense
A new attack on the drainage problem may be made by the Harbor group thru the military necessity for keeping such highways to the harbor open as South Avalon, South Main street and others now flooded in time of high water by the expansion of Nigger Slough.

A resolution was passed endorsing the Federal government's plans for national defense and the Dies committee for its work in exposing "fifth column" activity. The group refused to endorse the amendment which would have forced any use of United States forces outside the United States.

Smith Retained As C. C. Head

R. R. Smith was unanimously re-elected president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at a meeting of directors Monday afternoon. Smith was reluctant to accept the position, but was urged to continue as the chamber's chief executive so that he could complete the board program outlined at the beginning of last year.

Other officers re-elected included: T. A. Mitchell, first vice-president; Dean L. Sears, second vice-president; Sherwood McIntyre, treasurer, and L. J. Gilmeister, secretary.

Last year Smith initiated the plan of broadening the activities of the chamber by including many members, who were not directors, to serve on various committees. Chamber directors acted as chairmen of these committees. After considering the problems allotted to them, the committees reported their recommendations to the Chamber directorate for action. In a further effort to bring the community and the chamber into closer relationship and thus create a better understanding, President Smith held a series of evening meetings with the entire chamber membership for the discussion of civic matters.

Directors Monday spent considerable time going over the budget for next year. Following discussion the matter was referred to the budget committee for further study. Members of this committee include President Smith, Henry Lintott and Dean L. Sears. Upon reaching an agreement on the budget, this committee was authorized to recommend it to the city council.

MARCH OF RIMES

—GYPS— By H. F. NOAKE

Fortune tellers all exist on what is called, a sucker list, folks who squander hard earned cash just to hear a lot of trash. Tea leaves, cards, and crystal ball together with abundant gall, are used to help them prophesy what's going to happen by and by. Many fakers claim to see what lies ahead through palmistry; no matter which of them you choose you'll get some most amazing news; don't take that trip, the plane will crash; you'll soon inherit loads of cash; your house is sure going up in smoke and grandma's heading for a stroke. A lot of hooey, we'll admit yet scads of people fall for it; at least a way to have some fun and be held up without a gun.

Women of Moose Parade Tomorrow Night Begins at 7

All arrangements for the Torrance "Americanism parade" tomorrow night sponsored by the Torrance Women of the Moose with the cooperation of nearly every patriotic and service organization in the city were completed late today by the committee in charge of the demonstration.

The parade will precede installation of officers of the Women of the Moose, to which the public is cordially invited at the Moose hall.

Councilman Vern Babcock has been named parade marshal and will assemble the procession in front of the American Legion hall on Carson street at 7 o'clock. Babcock will be assisted by W. A. Barnett, representing the Moose lodge, and Kenny Beight, representing Lodge 1414, S. W. O. C.

Units in the parade, according to present plans, will be led by a police escort and a car containing Torrance city officials. The remaining line-up of the parade will include the San Pedro lodge's mounted moose, cars with Women of the Moose and Mrs. Martha Cooper, chapter mother, and Mr. and Mrs. James J. Hoyle, Moosechawamus; Sons of Legion Squadron No. 46, drum and bugle corps from Culver City and the girls' drill team from the Junior Auxiliary No. 50 of Chevnon Hills.

Two Bands in Parade
Sons of Legion, Torrance Squadron; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Torrance Municipal band, Women of the Moose representing chapters in Torrance, San Pedro, Huntington Park, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Whittier and the Royal Order of Moose; Veterans' Service League band of Santa Monica, Torrance American Legion Post and Auxiliary, Beverly Hills post will give a short talk and then the installation ceremonies will be held. Mrs. Bessie Lovitt, vice-president of the Moosechawamus Association, will speak and the program will be concluded with a public dance to music by Tom Ulrich's orchestra.

Officers to be installed by the Women of the Moose are: Mrs. Katherine Gossiaux, graduate regent; Mrs. Auguste Barnett, senior regent; Mrs. Vertie Grimm, junior regent; Mrs. Pauline Barnett, chapter; Mrs. Bertha Stevenson, recorder; Mrs. Anna Carlson, treasurer; Mrs. Louise Walker, guide; Mrs. Zoe Detmers, assistant guide; Mrs. Martha Cooper, sentinel; Mrs. Adeline Smith, organist; and Marie Benson, musician.

GRADUATION EVENTS START FOR 68 TORRANCE SENIORS

With 68 members of the Class of Summer 1940 scheduled to receive diplomas at the Torrance high school assembly hall on the night of June 27, the second of the series of pre-graduation affairs will be held Sunday evening when the traditional Baccalaureate service is presented at 7:30 o'clock. Member-

ships of the Torrance Ministerial Association are cooperating in this service, which will be open to the public in the high school assembly hall.

The first graduation event on the term-end calendar was the Senior Tea, held this afternoon in the assembly hall, for all graduates and their mothers. Other items on the pre-commencement schedule are:

Alumni Homecoming all day tomorrow (Friday) with a baby shower in the afternoon. Commercial club tea tomorrow afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock in the assembly hall.

Junior high school commencement, Wednesday, June 26, at 2 o'clock in the assembly hall.

Senior breakfast, Thursday, June 27, at 8 o'clock in the school cafeteria.

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Report cards issued Thursday afternoon, June 27, and Friday morning, June 28. School will be dismissed at 12:30 o'clock, June 28, to resume Sept. 16 for the 1940-41 term.

The Baccalaureate service Sunday evening will open with a prelude by Mrs. Edna Babcock, pianist, at 7:30 o'clock. Following the class procession in caps and gowns, the opening hymn, "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us," will be sung by the audience. Rev. C. M. Northrup will give the invocation.

Community Card Party Tonight to Aid Red Cross

More than 400 are expected to attend the Community Card Party Red Cross Benefit to be held this evening at Civic Auditorium. One hundred tables of contract and auction bridge, pinocle, 500, Bunco and Chinese checkers will be in play. A great variety of prizes, donated by merchants and "professional men, will be awarded high score holders.

The first prize drawing will be promptly at 8:15 o'clock.

Sponsors for this affair are St. Cecilia's Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal church; Episcopal Women's Auxiliary; Catholic Ladies' Legion Auxiliary; Torrance Women's Club; High School, Elementary and Fern Avenue P.T.A. groups; Women of the Moose; and The Spinners.

Job's Daughters will sell candy and donate proceeds to Red Cross fund. Committees are as follows:

Mrs. Robt. S. Sleeth, general chairman, is being assisted by Mesdames L. H. Deininger and John E. Miller, Mrs. H. J. Bishop, prizes; Mrs. D. A. Murphy, decorations; Mrs. Jack Snow, ticket checking; Thomas R. Marshall, Mrs. Dean L. Sears and Mrs. N. H. Cucci, advisory.

The hostess group will include Mesdames J. O. Dalton, O. J. Batsch, H. Robinson, Julia McManus, E. A. Miles, M. J. Edwards, J. J. Millard, H. R. Lee, Auguste Barnett, Miss Helele Smith and Mrs. H. Guttenfelder representing their respective organizations.

Legion to Join Parade Friday

Plans were made at the dinner-meeting of the Torrance American Legion post Tuesday night for participation of the unit and the Torrance Sons of Legion in the "Americanism parade" to be held by the local Women of the Moose here tonight. All Legionnaires and Sons were requested to meet at the clubhouse, where the parade will assemble, at 6 p. m.

The next business meeting of the post will be held Tuesday July 2, when election of new officers will be the chief item of business. Nominees for commander are Walter Rowland, Jim Wilkes, Tom Babbitt, George Thompson and Edwin Bird, while Larry Larava and Charles Dunham have been named to compete for the vice-commander post.

In addition to the election, the Legion post will discuss organization of a "Home Defense Unit" among the membership.

The Sons of Legion will hold a swim party at Redondo Beach Monday night, it was announced.

Harbor Defense Survey Ordered

At the request of leading citizens who demand that Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor defenses be improved, as a part of the great national defense program now being started by the Federal government, Supervisor Oscar Hauge of the Fourth District today urged a coastal defense survey.

"All of our citizens are unanimous in demanding increased coastal defense," Supervisor Hauge said, "and no one can deny that our harbor is vulnerable. I am convinced that we must act quickly in assuring our many industries and citizens every protection to which they are entitled."

Instructions to give federal authorities every assistance in making a survey of needed coastal defenses in Los Angeles county were given to Col. Wayne Allen, chief officer for the board, at this week's meeting.

"The Los Angeles-Long Beach harbor, so vital to the protection of Southern California's great industries, is particularly vulnerable to enemy attack," Supervisor Oscar Hauge said. "Since Allen is commander of the 160th Infantry of the National Guard, Hauge said he thought it desirable to learn immediately how the county can help."

PRELIMINARY U. S. CENSUS TOTAL HERE REPORTED 9,793

The population of the city of Torrance is 9,793 according to preliminary figures announced today by Cornelius Kelley, supervisor of the 1940 Decennial Federal Census for this district.

In releasing the population total, Kelley stated that while the figure was to be regarded as "preliminary and subject to adjustment later," he believed the final and complete report "would not show very many more people in the city of Torrance."

The 1940 census figure is 2,322 more than that announced by the Federal Census Bureau for this city in 1930. The official total 10 years ago was 7,271. This means a gain in population here of 34.6 per cent during the past decade.

Enumerators End Work
The 1920 population estimate —No Federal census figure was announced for Torrance that year—was 1,000, while the first attempt to count residents in the city, made in 1915, resulted in an estimate of 350.

The preliminary population count embraces all of Torrance's corporate territory, including Waverly, North Torrance and Hollywood Riviera. Enumerators kept their figures strictly within the boundary lines of the city, the census official stated.

Supervisor Kelley told the Herald that he was satisfied with the eight enumerators and squad leaders who worked in this city during the past several months "did a good job and listed practically every man, woman and child in your community."

He said no figures were available as yet for Lomita and that no separate population count was expected of Harbor City, that community being included in the Los Angeles city total.

Break-Down Later
In announcing the 1929 population count, Kelley stated that he would have a break-down later on that figure for the number of men and women and possibly the race totals for the city.

Publication of the preliminary census is expected to set a number of wagers made here following announcement by Grover Inskip, president of the Western Directory Company, on Jan. 18 that his population survey of the city for the 1940 Torrance city directory showed a total of 8,658 men, women and children here.

At that time, Inskip declared that he did not believe the Federal census would show a larger total population.

"Guessimate Is Wrong"
The Torrance city directory this year includes the names of persons residing in East Torrance, or all the territory adjoining the city between Western and Vermont avenues. The population figure for this area, long regarded as a trading contributory to Torrance, is 1,402.

A "guesstimate" of the census here by C. E. Hughes, division manager, and C. C. Bartlett, manager of the Redondo Beach district of the Southern California Edison Company, placed the city's population at "about 11,000," they revealed last week. The power company officials based their guess on the number of residential meters (2,698) in service here at the present time and using a population factor of 4.3 per meter.

Mrs. Don Miller and son Ralph visited last week at the home of Mrs. May Conner at Bakersfield.

A SOUND MONEY-MAKER!

The advertiser on the classified page, whose ad is partially reproduced here, believes he is offering one of the best buys he has ever presented to the public. Being a conservative manager of a very conservative company, this expression warrants the most careful investigation of this property. Turn now to classification.

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Officials Inspect Pueblo But Assert Condemnation Impossible Under Law

After inspecting a number of houses inside and out in the Pueblo Tuesday afternoon, a group of state, county and city officials came to these three conclusions:

- (1) That the Mexican settlement shows evidence of having undergone a recent clean-up and some improvement;
- (2) That there is nothing which can be done under existing laws to condemn the houses which are self-evident sub-standard housings; and
- (3) That the owner or owners of the Pueblo should not be given any more permits to erect similar buildings in the district.

Officials in the inspecting party included Max E. Miller, assistant state fire marshal; H. M. Stansbury, who is in charge of area inspection for the County Health Department; R. T. Graham, sanitary inspector for the County Health Department; Fire Chief J. E. McMaster; City Engineer Leonard Young and City Electrical Inspector O. R. Butterfield.

They were escorted by Rev. Ben Lingenfelter, who has worked for several years to obtain better housing conditions for local Mexican families.

The party was welcomed into all the houses the members wanted to see by the Mexican inhabitants gave the officials data on the amount of rent they paid and the condition of the property.

Early in the tour, the officials noted that the wiring—both outside and inside—was very poor and may constitute a serious fire hazard. Few of the houses visited had communal toilet facilities. However, the officials agreed that the Pueblo houses had plenty of ventilation—some of them perhaps had too much in the way of broken window panes and open knot-holes in the walls.

The County Health Department inspectors pointed out that inasmuch as the Pueblo buildings were erected prior to 1923, the state housing regulations do not apply to them as the state law is not retroactive and was adopted in that year. Miller, the assistant fire marshal, appeared to be interested in the wiring of the homes and in the

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