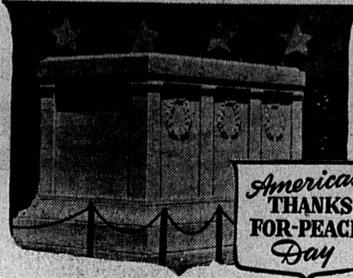


ARMISTICE DAY



THIS IS THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

In a tomb at Arlington Cemetery sleeps a boy in uniform. Nobody knows who he is. He was just a boy and he was killed doing what he was told.

That's part of the futility of war. Men fight because they are told to; they die because they fight. Let's not make the same mistakes again. Let's not delude ourselves through a lot of high-sounding words, into thinking that we can accomplish anything but misery by making War.

Let us preserve and be thankful for Peace!

Buglers to Sound "Taps" as City Observes Armistice Day

With nearly all business at a standstill, Torrance will observe next Monday, Armistice Day, as a full holiday.

All stores and shops, except restaurants, service stations and drug stores, will remain closed, the owners offering complete cooperation with the Torrance American Legion Post's effort to make the day one of real tribute to those who "went West" as result of this nation's participation in World War I.

A corps of buglers, under command of Robert Lewellen, will be spotted through the business district to sound "Taps" promptly at 11 o'clock. The Legion requests all residents to observe 30 seconds of silence at that hour—the time when peace returned to a world 22 years ago only to take flight again in 1939.

Commander Edwin A. Bird of the local Post invites Torrance folk to make Nov. 11 a day of "thoughtful patriotism—not the flag-waving type for that is worthless when it comes to real effort to better our America."

Roll Call Starts Next Monday

RED CROSS AT SCENE OF 102 DISASTERS DURING PAST YEAR

Tornadoes, floods, fires and other major catastrophes during the past year took the American Red Cross to the scene of 102 disasters throughout the United States where more than 100,000 persons were given shelter, food, medical attention and rehabilitation assistance, Robert J. Deining, chairman of the Torrance Red Cross membership campaign said today.

"The speed and efficiency with which the Red Cross was able to answer the call for disaster relief assistance last year emphasizes why strong membership support at Roll Call time is essential," he said. "Next Monday, Nov. 11, the Red Cross will embark on its annual drive for membership. The opportunity is extended to every person in Torrance to support the disaster relief work and other services of the Red Cross."

The past 12 months, Deining said, represented a typical year of disaster fighting for the Red Cross. Red Cross operations in this field were carried on in all but 14 states where trained workers of the national staff coordinated their efforts with chapter volunteers to bring tangible aid to the disaster stricken. "Although types of disasters varied considerably, relief needs were the same in most cases,"

Episcopal Men to Hear Defense Address

William Burk, director of research for the Los Angeles County Coordinating Council, will address members and guests of the Episcopal Men's club next Tuesday night, Nov. 12, at a dinner-meeting in the parish hall on Engracia avenue. The dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock, according to President Hugh Sherkey who will preside. Burk's talk will be on "National Defense Program and the Local Community."

TRUCK DAMAGED

A tank truck whose cab caught fire was slightly damaged Monday morning at Sepulveda and Cedar street. Some oil or gasoline spilled on a hot exhaust pipe is believed to have caused the blaze, according to Fire Chief J. E. McMaster.

MARCH OF RIMES

GOING UP? By H. F. NOAKE

It's a mighty tough climb up the ladder to fame, notoriously slippery and steep, and the best undertaken a rung at a time, for few make the grade in one leap—most likely you'll find, as you slowly ascend, the ladder will wobble and sway; your courage may weaken and many's the time you'll want to call it a day. There'll be hurdles a plenty obstructing your path, not the least is this one, be sure, that skeptical person, who tried it and failed, suggesting an easy detour—but tighten your belt and bend to the climb; let nothing persuade you to stop; just remember the prizes the world has to give always go to the men at the top. At last, when you've reached the glorious heights, and tasted the fruits there in store; you'll wake up to find that staying on top, necessitates climbing some more.

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Local Voters Pace National Trend

Legion Decides to Back Semi-Pro Tourney Here

The 1941 California State Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament will be sponsored by the Torrance American Legion Post instead of the Chamber of Commerce which underwrote the past two contests here.

This was decided by the post's membership Tuesday night after investigation of all phases of the tournament project by Commander Edwin Bird and his executive staff. Dale Riley, city recreation director, who holds the franchise as state semi-pro commissioner, will be in full charge of the fifth annual tournament, third to be held at the Torrance city park diamond.

Bird said that Riley plans to leave next week on a combined business and pleasure trip to northern California where he will endeavor to promote several district tournaments whose winners will be invited to compete in the state meet here next July. Before he goes, Riley will confer with a committee to be appointed by Bird to handle the Legion's interests in the sports events.

State-Wide Attraction
"I believe that the Legion with the help of the posts throughout California can make the State Semi-Pro Tournament a state-wide attraction and bring a number of outstanding teams to Torrance to compete with the best of our Southland semi-pro clubs," Bird said.

The Torrance tourney will be under the supervision of the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress. The 1939 meet was won by the Shell Refinery club of Wilmington which placed among the first 10 teams of the nation in the national tourney at Wichita, Kansas.

Last year's California champions, the Bank of America club, was unable to make the trip to the national event and Lockheed Aircraft represented California in Wichita. The aircraft were eliminated after losing two games.

Aged, Blind and Needy Grants Up in California

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—September payments to needy old folk, blind persons and children from federal, state and county funds increased 25.3 percent over the same month of 1939, the department of social welfare reported today to Gov. Culbert Olson.

Disbursements totaled \$6,724,104, an increase of \$1,358,259. The federal government bore the brunt of the increase, contributing \$3,176,396, or 46 percent more than for September last year.

For Los Angeles county, 59,799 aged persons received aid totaling \$2,256,919, an average of \$37.74 per person; 13,507 needy blind, \$266,334, an average of \$19.72, and 3,487 needy children, \$167,897, an average of \$48.15.

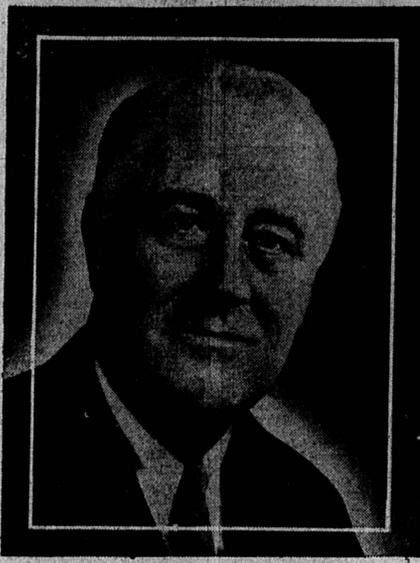
California aged and blind, the figures revealed, received more aid than those of any other states in the nation, although California ranked below four states in helping needy children. Average payments of \$37.93 went to 145,183 old folks, \$48.05 to 7,248 blind and \$45.82 average per family went to 15,588 families having 37,836 children. Although total disbursements to families was lower than in some states, the average per family was topped only by Massachusetts which paid \$57.55.

No. 1 Draftee Is Compton Student Working at Columbia

O. D. Tucker of 18241 South Figueroa street, a Columbia Steel worker, holds Selective Service No. 158, the first one drawn in the national lottery Oct. 29. He is registered at draft board 256.

Tucker is 22 years old, a student at Compton Junior College who works the 4 p. m. to midnight shift at the local plant.

Safe on Third!



PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT having captured 40 of the 48 states and being assured of 472 of the nation's 531 electoral votes, broke another historic precedent Tuesday in winning a third term. Final returns of the largest popular vote in U. S. history were being compiled today. The Chief Executive received more than 25,160,000 while Wendell Willkie, Republican standard-bearer, is approaching 21,000,000—the largest number of votes ever given a defeated candidate.

Collision Fatal to Clifford King; Brother and Three Others Badly Injured; Truck Driver Being Held

A terrific collision with a milk truck early Tuesday morning a few miles west of Westminster claimed the life of Clifford Edward King, 30-year-old son of Mrs. Fanny C. King, and critically injured his brother, Tom King, 25, and James Beltie, 35, all of Torrance. Clifford King was almost instantly killed while his brother and Beltie were removed to Santa Ana Valley hospital in Santa Ana.

The collision occurred on Bolsa Chica road and 17th street. Mr. King's body was taken to a Garden Grove mortuary where a coroner's inquest was held.

Tom King, Beltie and A. Z. Zorn, who recently came to Torrance from Pampa, Texas, and was riding with the other local men, are reported suffering from skull fractures and other injuries. The driver of the milk truck who is charged with negligent homicide, is confined in the prison ward of Orange County hospital. He is said to be in a serious condition.

Funeral is Saturday
The collision occurred on Bolsa Chica avenue and 17th street, west of Santa Ana. The milk truck driver, John Rose Maciel of Bellflower, is said to have failed to observe a boulevard stop.

Funeral service for Clifford King will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at Stone and Myers' chapel. Former Boy Scouts members of old Troop No. 3 will serve as pallbearers for their comrade, Clifford is survived by his parents, Mrs. Fanny C. King of 1535 Marcella avenue and John E. King who resides in Compton; his brother, Tom; a sister, Mrs. Dolores Schumaker of Long Beach, and his grandmother, Mrs. Anna C. Olson of Los Angeles. He was born in Eau Claire, Wis., and came to Torrance with the family 20 years ago. He was a graduate of Torrance high school and a former member of the galvanizing department at Columbia Steel.

Tom King is believed to have been driving the car. The local men were enroute to Santa Ana.

This morning the following report on the condition of the surviving accident victims was given The Herald by the hospital in Santa Ana: Tom W. King's condition is fair; he may have internal injuries in addition to a skull fracture. James H. Beltie has a broken nose, jaw and left knee cap in addition to a skull fracture; his condition is only fair. A. Z. Zorn, also suffering from a basal skull fracture, is improving altho yesterday his condition was grave.

Harbor Chambers To Hear Allen, County Manager

County Manager Wayne Allen will bring the "Business Administrator's Viewpoint on County Problems" to Harbor District Chambers of Commerce members and guests at their meeting next Thursday night, Nov. 14, in Gardena, according to President L. J. Gilmeister of Torrance.

Other speakers and entertainment features are being arranged by the president and Secretary Loren Howe of Hawthorne.

County aid in obtaining right-of-way for extension of Western avenue from Torrance to the harbor will be sought by the group, according to a motion adopted by the chambers' executive board at a meeting in the home of Ray Baldwin, Long Beach.

Road Improvements
Supervisor Oscar Hauge, in a letter, reported that construction of the road is under way from 104th street in Los Angeles to Imperial highway, and that the county road department is drafting plans for its improvement south to El Segundo boulevard, with construction on this link to start in four months.

Preparations to obtain right-of-way from 261st street to Roosevelt highway in Harbor City also are being completed, it was announced.

The board referred to its resolutions committee a proposal that the chambers go on record asking the government to establish in Los Angeles county a west coast naval academy.

Mild Hallowe'en Keeps Property Damage Down

A number of factors made Hallowe'en of 1940 the best in the history of the city, according to city officials, recreation leaders, business men and residents. There was far less property damage done last Thursday night than any previous "spook night" and the youngsters, judging from the throngs at the city park, Walteria recreation center and Civic Auditorium had a grand time.

The following letter from Police Chief John Stroh expresses the way local authorities received this mild Hallowe'en:

"I wish to express my gratitude to the Torrance school people, the city administration and particularly the Recreation department, the merchants and to all who cooperated in making the past Hallowe'en the safest and sanest one in the history of Torrance."

Entertain 850 Kids
"It is pleasing to report that because of this cooperation local property owners suffered less damage this year than on any Hallowe'en in our history. May this become a tradition in Torrance," Stroh concluded.

More than 850 youngsters participated in the Hallowe'en festivities arranged by Dale Riley and his city recreation workers. The youngest ones gathered at the city park for games and refreshments and older boys and girls held high revels at the Walteria Recreation Center and in the Civic Auditorium. A gala dance, with plenty of noise-makers, finished off the evening.

Only a few boys "got out of hand" and these were promptly rounded up by police officers, the entire department being on duty that night. They were kept confined at the police station although not one could boast later that "I was locked up in jail." A gang of boys which tore down several fences was identified and the following day they were interviewed by police officers at the high school.

Less Window-soaping
The boys agreed to repair the damage and this was done in every instance but one. In that case, the property owner refused to allow the boys to renovate his fence, demanded that they be sent to jail. No formal charges were preferred however.

Window-soaping was confined (Continued on Page 7-A)

Democrat Candidates Pile Up Leads; Record Set in Ballots Cast

Torrance and Lomita voters jammed the polls Tuesday in the greatest election turn out in the history of the two communities to follow the state and nation's trend in supporting President Franklin D. Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term. A total of 4,137 voters in Torrance out of 5,363 registered or 77 percent voted as follows:

Complete Local Returns for All Offices

Complete but unofficial returns from Tuesday's election in Torrance and Lomita as compiled by this newspaper are as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT

	Torrance	Lomita
Roosevelt	2,882	1,983
Willkie	1,419	811
Thomas (S)	15	31
Babson (P)	14	11
Browder (C)	28	5

FOR U. S. SENATE

Johnson (R)	2,833	1,851
Whitney (C)	177	107
Dyster (P)	619	419

FOR CONGRESSMAN

Geyer (D)	2,493	1,644
Hix (R)	1,332	865
Converse (Pr.)	102	119
Gray (C)	23	12

FOR ASSEMBLYMAN

Thomas (D)	2,373	1,776
Smith (R)	1,243	682
Polk (C)	66	68

FOR DIST. ATTORNEY

Dockweiler	2,656	1,851
Fitts	1,443	888

FOR SUPERVISOR

Hauge	2,178	1,328
Fletcher	1,309	989

JUDICIAL

Torrance Returns		Yes	No
For Chief Justice			
Gibson	1,654	915	
Carter	1,617	870	
Traynor	1,539	898	
Moore	1,665	783	
McComb	1,631	908	

Lomita Returns

For Chief Justice	Yes	No
Gibson	1,120	619
Carter	1,071	598
Traynor	1,033	614
Moore	1,132	524
McComb	1,025	558

Camera Club to See Canadian Movies Next Wednesday Night

All amateur camera fans, those operating both still and movie cameras, are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of the Torrance Camera Club, Wednesday night, Nov. 13, starting at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce building.

George Morgan will screen an hour's showing of some unusual movies taken in Canada and there will be a round-table discussion of camera and darkroom techniques. "Cap" Moses, president and secretary of the club, says that every lens-clicker in the city is welcome at the club's gatherings.

Charity Chest Fund Here Reaches \$1,156

Contributions to date to the Torrance Community Service Association's Charity Chest fund total \$1,156, according to Postmaster Earl Conner who is chairman of the donation campaign. The goal is \$2,200 and Conner asks all who have not contributed to the 100 percent Torrance welfare and relief fund to do so next week. Donations are being accepted at both local banks, Chamber of Commerce and by Postmaster Conner.

Ex-Grid Great to Talk to Rotarians Tonight

Ernie Smith, former All-American from U.S.C., will speak at the Torrance Rotary club tonight on "Flying Football." Smith, who knows football as a player—amateur and pro—a spectator and a broadcaster, is expected to give the service group an interesting talk. Dr. William J. Harrison will be program chairman.

ROOSEVELT 2,882

WILLKIE 1,419

But Lomita had an even better turnout: A total of 2,883 voters out of 3,504 registered or better than 82 percent went to the polls to tally these complete but unofficial returns:

ROOSEVELT 1,983

WILLKIE 811

The record-amazing number of voters who participated in the election kept precinct workers on the job counting votes until the early morning hours Wednesday. Torrance and Lomita electors contributed in sending Congressman Lee Geyer, Democrat of Gardena, back to Washington for another term, the complete but unofficial results of this race being:

IN TORRANCE

Geyer (D) 2,493

Hix (R) 1,332

IN LOMITA

Geyer (D) 1,644

Hix (R) 865

Both communities supported John F. Dockweiler over the incumbent District Attorney Buron Fitts. The result of this contest in Torrance was:

DOCKWEILER 2,656

FITTS 1,443

And in Lomita:

DOCKWEILER 1,858

FITTS 831

Supervisor Oscar Hauge, who received exceptional support in the two communities at the primary, won additional votes Tuesday to easily outrun his opponent Carl Fletcher. Torrance voters gave Hauge 2,178; Fletcher 1,309, while the count in Lomita was: Hauge 1,328 and Fletcher 989.

Flurry Over Locked Door

Vincent Thomas, who won his Assembly race in the 83rd District, had fine support in this area, and Senator Hiram Johnson received the same emphatic vote as he did throughout the state.

The great march to the polls in Torrance and Lomita surpassed all previous elections. No disturbances were reported at any precinct and only one argument was carried from a voting place to the Torrance city hall where deputy registrars were on duty to receive the returns.

This occurred early in the evening when two Democratic campaign workers reported they found a Torrance polling place locked while the vote count was in progress. However, the locking was found due to a misunderstanding on the part of the owner of the home where the polling place was located.

A complete but unofficial tabulation of the results for the more important offices reported by precinct for Torrance and Lomita will be found elsewhere in this edition.

All-night Count

The first precinct in the Torrance-Lomita area to report with a complete and final count was No. 9 in Torrance, located at 2013 Arlington. The tally of the 268 votes cast there was finished at 11:45 p.m. The last precinct to report was No. 1 in North Torrance, located at 18127 Prairie avenue. There the election board labored until 6:30 a.m., Wednesday to complete the count of 249 ballots.

Precinct No. 6 in Torrance, located at 1027 Amapola avenue, had the largest number of voters—350—while the polling place in the Walteria school, No. 12, had the fewest—208.

In Lomita the largest number of voters cast ballots at No. 7, 26111 Oak street, where 323 signed the register. The Lomita precinct with the fewest voters was No. 2, 2548 West 246th Place. A total of 261 made their decisions there.

P. V. Stands By G. O. P.

A survey of the precinct totals shows that Democratic candidates from Senator Hiram Johnson (who won that party's nomination and progressive in the Republican and Progressive in the

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