

Two Issues Next Week

Following its usual custom, both The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News will publish two issues Thanksgiving week.

The first issue will be distributed at 6 a. m., next Tuesday morning, Nov. 19, and the second issue will be delivered at 1 p. m. Friday, Nov. 22.

As Thanksgiving is the food festival of the year, food markets will offer outstanding values in everything needed for the Thanksgiving dinner. These offerings will be carried in the Tuesday morning edition, giving ample time for prudent housewives to make their purchases before Thanksgiving.

Interesting suggestions and menus to help you plan your Thanksgiving dinner will be carried in the Tuesday morning issue.

EXPERT APPRAISER WILL SPOT-CHECK VALUATIONS BEFORE GENERAL SURVEY

Valuations on 10 different classes of property in each of the five supervisorial districts are to be spot-checked by an expert independent appraiser, at the direction of the board of supervisors, under a contract scheduled to be signed this week.

The supervisors have voted to spend \$20,000 on this spot-check before deciding whether they believe the valuations on all 1,300,000 parcels of property in the county should be re-checked. It is planned to check 20,000 parcels, at a cost of \$1 a parcel.

The 10 classes of property to be checked, and the percentage of each kind out of the 20,000 parcels, was agreed upon as follows: Citrus 5 per cent, oil 5 per cent, dairy and truck farms 5 per cent, single-family dwellings 20 per cent, small multiple apartments 10 per cent, large apartments 10 per cent.

Quinn Asked for List
Suburban and community business property 10 per cent; downtown business 15 per cent; light industrial 10 per cent and heavy industrial 10 per cent. The residential and suburban business property is to be evenly divided among the five supervisorial districts, according to the contract which the county counsel was preparing this week.

Decision was expected to be made this week by the supervisors as to who would get the \$20,000 contract. The expert will be required to employ his own staff of experienced appraisers from the list of approved men on file in the county counsel's office.

County Assessor John R. Quinn also was asked by a 8-to-2 vote to submit a list of all property valued at \$25,000 and over, showing reductions made for the 1940 assessment roll. Supervisors William A. Smith, Gordon, McDonough and John Anson Ford voted to request this list.

Public Invited to Scan Plans for Big Project

Detailed plans for the improvement of Torrance boulevard from the P. E. station to Elm avenue, a WPA project estimated to cost \$81,392.20 of which the city would have to pay \$20,346.05 from its share of the quarter-cent state gasoline tax fund, are now being completed in the city engineer's office.

Mayor Tom McGuire, during Tuesday night's city council session, invited all interested residents to inspect the plans there. The city has already appropriated its share of the cost and the WPA has tentatively agreed to sponsor the improvement, the WPA share of the cost being \$61,046.15.

The project, largest to be undertaken here since construction of the Civic Center buildings in 1935, will include grading, paving, resurfacing, construction of curbs and gutters, landscaping of the boulevard's "islands" and erection of modern traffic signs.

MARCH OF RIMES

GRAND OPERA — By H. F. NOAKE

'Do hurry John, or we'll be late, the opera starts at half past eight, for once, I hope, you'll get us in to hear the first of Lohengrin.' But John was getting nowhere fast, and trouble dogged him to the last. First, to head the list of shocks, he found himself fresh out of soap. The collar button rolled away thus causing him some more delay, and just to add to his distress his other pants were out of press. And shirts, not one was fit to wear except a noisy, plaid affair; a hurried shave, which left his face a mass of gashes, every place. John knew that he'd be tempting fate by showing up; a half hour late, so he shoved off to face the fray in just the clothes he'd worn all day. At last they reached the Opera House on time, which greatly pleased his spouse; out came the tickets, in they went to see the season's main event. The ticket taker shook his head and turning to the missus, said, "The time and place, you got all right, but Lohengrin was here, — last night."

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Truck Driver Held for Fatal Crash Nov. 5

Negligent homicide charges were filed late last week against John Rose Maciel, 25, of Bellflower, driver of a milk truck which was involved in a traffic crash which took the life of Clifford Edward King of Torrance and injured his brother, Tom, and two others critically.

California Highway Patrol officers reported that Maciel's truck assertedly missed a boulevard stop at Bolsa Chica avenue and 17th street west of Santa Ana Nov. 5 and crashed into a car driven by Tom King, 25, of Torrance.

Clifford King, 30-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. King, was killed instantly; Tom was badly hurt as was James Henry Bellie, 35, of Torrance, and H. Z. Zorn, 47, of Pampa, Texas. Although they are still reported gravely injured, the three survivors of the collision are believed out of danger at the Santa Ana Valley hospital.

Maciel is in the Orange County hospital. He suffered cuts, bruises and an injured shoulder. Scores of friends attended the funeral services for Clifford King at Stone and Myers' chapel Saturday morning.

Buglers Salute War Dead Here Armistice Day

While buglers, stationed at principal intersections in downtown Torrance, sounded "Taps" at 11 o'clock as the sole local observance of Armistice Day Monday, business here was at almost complete standstill. All firms, except restaurants, service stations and drug stores, were closed as were all professional, utility and municipal offices.

Many residents witnessed Armistice Day parades in Los Angeles and Wilmington. In the Los Angeles procession, Robert Levelien of Torrance was a division marshal in charge of the Sons of Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary units.

Roll Call for Red Cross Is Now Under Way

A corps of approximately 20 workers began taking memberships in the American Red Cross at the start of the annual Roll Call Monday. The Torrance drive is for 1,000 memberships, according to Robert Dehnlinger, who is general chairman of the local campaign. The Roll Call will continue through Nov. 28.

Among the first to renew their memberships in the Red Cross here were the following: J. O. Boyd, C. L. Perry, G. D. Mosher, L. E. Maddux, Mark McVaine, H. C. Oxner, E. W. Montague, A. D. Hannah, A. M. Collins, R. W. Moore, C. A. Brown, H. W. Field, J. W. Tidland, Mrs. Hazel McVaine, H. R. Garton, S. E. Smith, J. W. Mese, G. D. Rumbold, R. L. Haskins and M. B. Lane.

Japanese Woman Takes Own Life in Torrance; Leaves Five Children

Torrance police listed as a suicide the death last Friday of Mrs. Toshi Yasuiro, 55, of 2330 Sepulveda avenue.

The widow, T. Yasuiro, and his son Jimmy, 18, last Friday night found the body, a butcher knife driven through the throat, in a grain shed at the rear of the house.

Neighbors told investigating officers the woman had been dependent over family finances.

In addition to her husband and son, Mrs. Yasuiro was survived by four other children. Yasuiro is employed as a gardener in Gardena. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Gardena Buddhist temple, Stone and Myers directing.

Three Accident Victims Improve

Continued improvement in the condition of Tom King and James Bellie of Torrance and A. Z. Zorn of Pampa, Texas, who were seriously injured Nov. 5 near Santa Ana in which Clifford E. King was killed, was noted this week at Santa Ana Valley Hospital.

Also they are believed on the road to recovery, none of them are allowed visitors other than members of their immediate families, hospital attendants told The Herald this morning. X-ray pictures failed to show that King suffered any internal injuries.

King and Zorn suffered fractures while Bellie, in addition to a similar injury, has a broken nose, jaw and left knee cap.

State President Due at Junior C. C. Affair

Principal speaker at the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce's "Charter Night" dinner-dance in the Civic Auditorium Saturday night, Nov. 16, at 7:30 o'clock, will be Ed Combalade, state president of the organization, according to President Elder of the local group.

The party will celebrate the Junior Chamber's affiliation with the state and national organizations. As this city's newest civic organization, the group is pursuing a nine-point program aimed at promoting interest in aviation, youth welfare, city beautification, fine arts, government, public health, traffic safety and sports.

The speaking portion of the program will be held to a minimum, those in charge promise. In addition to the state president, honored guests will be Henry Frost, Glendale national director, and William McFadden, Redondo Beach, vice-president of the Eighth district. Gerald Quarrie's 12-piece orchestra will supply the music for the dance to follow the dinner-program.

With 55 members, the Junior Chamber now is pressing a vocational training program which envisions installation of more shop equipment at Torrance high school.

Request Police Guard for Local License Office

A request for police protection for the temporary office to be established at 1324 El Prado by the California Department of Motor Vehicles, for distribution of 1940 automobile license plates, transmitted to the city council Tuesday night by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was referred to the Police department for recommendation. The Chamber pointed out that a police officer was on duty at the license bureau here for the past three seasons.

First Uniformed Band at T.H.S.



ADD COLOR TO GAMES. The first uniformed band in the history of Torrance high school made its debut at the Torrance-Gardena game last Friday. Wearing crimson and silver capes and crimson overseas caps, the 31 members played and marched under direction of Louis J. Sauter, faculty instructor, and Jimmy Deems, drum major. The capes and caps were made by mothers of the students affiliated with the High School P.T.A., after the Coordinating Council had contributed \$70 for the purchase of material.

Students who appeared in the band last Friday were: Daisy Blackburn, Harold Bowman, Gus Bray, Margaret Burrows, Bill Cates, Rose Marie Disario, Joe Escobar, Howard Foster, Keith Gogard, Irene Hippick, Philip Lisman, Keith Nash, Paul Sierston, Ralph Prime, Ed Smith, Wendel Swardtger, Bill Torrence, Homer Bullard, Billy Bynum, Bill Collins, Ed Dietlin, Lloyd Fossum, Richard Honrath, Gerald Jackson, Tom McWald, Jean Yoder, Ed Rowell, Roy Wright and Wayland Harrison.

—Torrance Herald Photo

County Airport Plan Hearing Scheduled LOCAL AREA HAS STAKE IN CO. PLAN

Lomita, Torrance, Harbor City and other nearby communities have a vital interest in the county-wide airport plan inasmuch as development of a new airport in the Lomita-Walteria area was recommended last February. The site then proposed for a \$510,830 airfield is along the north side of Highway 101, extending as far north as Lomita boulevard, west to Hawthorne avenue with a jog inland to Madison street at 238th street and extending as far east as the oil storage tanks.

At the time the recommendation was approved by the county board of supervisors the report of the master plan for Los Angeles county airports stated:

"When Los Angeles Municipal airport becomes a transport terminal almost all of the private and student flying activities will have to be moved. At least one fairly large airport, to accommodate these flyers, should be provided in the Redondo Beach-Torrance-Manhattan Beach district. "A site in Lomita, within 10 or 15 minutes drive from all of the communities is proposed."

Every community in the county is expected to be represented at the public hearing on the proposed master plan of airports for Los Angeles county, to be held Jan. 14, 1941, before the board of supervisors.

Some objections, most of them minor, are expected, and the foremost " sore spot" is believed to be the Alhambra airport adjacent to the new Mark Kepple high school plant.

Recommended locations for airports, and for expansions of existing fields, are both inside and outside cities. Some of the fields are "paper" fields only, but expected to spring into being some day.

Since the report was printed several months ago, the Long Beach Municipal port has been expanded with acquisition of additional land, and is expected to be a Class IV airport when the present WPA project is completed.

Establishment of additional airplane factories at other points in the county might result in immediate development of other flying fields, but aviation leaders believe that the new Douglas factory in North Long Beach and expansion of existing plants will be sufficient to supply the needs of the nations of this hemisphere for defense purposes.

Carnegie Hall in New York is celebrating its 15th anniversary this season.

Astronomers Making Own Telescopes

Daily routine of work is not preventing three Torrance men and one Lomitan from lifting their heads to scan the heavens in quest of stars, comets and other astral bodies.

The quartet of amateur astronomers is making six-inch telescopes and one, William Colburn of Torrance, is even planning a 16-inch reflector.

Monday Colburn, Albert Fish and Rev. Frank Porter, all of Torrance, and Ralph Johnson of Lomita drove to Escondido where they visited Arthur Mellish, noted expert maker of telescopes, and obtained much valuable information from him.

On their way back to this district, they stopped at Palomar Mountain to inspect the site of the huge 200-inch telescope which will be installed next year by California Institute of Technology.

The four local men have finished grinding their six-inch lenses and have now begun the arduous job of polishing them. Johnson has a 10-inch reflector which he made himself.

Aid Humane Cause

The distress of millions of civilians in European war zones is being alleviated by the Red Cross societies of the world. Our own American Red Cross has made 10,000,000 surgical dressings and 1,000,000 articles of clothing for war sufferers. Join today and support this humane cause.

Normandie Tax Meeting Tuesday Vital to Owners

A final meeting of Normandie Avenue property owners affected by Mattoon Act encumbrances will be held Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, at 7:30 o'clock in the Levy Hall, 1828 Cravens avenue, across from the Torrance fire station.

It is urgent that all involved owners attend this important meeting so they may receive instructions regarding clearing of the tax status of their particular properties. Many of the property owners in this district will have a small refund coming to them for that portion of the Normandie Avenue assessment which was included in the second half of the 1939-40 taxes.

Those property owners who paid their last year's taxes in full are entitled to a refund. A representative of the Torrance National Bank will be at the meeting and will distribute these refund checks to those present.

Re-assessment Recorded
Proceedings began two years ago to rid the Normandie Avenue district of the obnoxious Mattoon type of assessments. These efforts have been successful, according to Mrs. Ada Green, chairman of the committee of property owners which has been working on the matter.

On Nov. 6 the County Surveyor's office recorded the re-assessment of the district, which was the official act which retired the Mattoon type bonds. It is now possible for owners of the 1967 parcels of land involved to obtain clear titles to their property. This was impossible prior to the recording, Mrs. Green states.

"Now that the situation has been clarified, considerable building activity is indicated in the district, which comprises 1,400 acres bordering Normandie Avenue," Mrs. Green said. "This area has been almost completely inactive for eight years due to the stifling effect of blanket assessments."

Legion to Honor Business Men at Dinner on Nov. 19

As a token of appreciation of local business men's closing on Armistice Day, the Torrance American Legion post will tender them a dinner-program next Tuesday night, Nov. 19.

In addition to the business-men-guests, others to be honored by the post at the gathering will be all members who have paid their 1941 dues and the Torrance representatives to the California Boys' State convocation last summer in Sacramento, Don Hitchcock and Clifford Totten.

Following the dinner, a number of uncensored sound films of the present war in Europe will be screened, according to Commander Edwin Bird.

LOCAL DRAFT BOARD FIRST WITH QUOTA

Los Angeles newspapers erroneously to the contrary, Venice draft board No. 249 was NOT the first to fill its quota for the initial conscription call-out. That honor should go to the local draft board No. 280, serving Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, El Nido, Walteria, Palos Verdes and portions of Redondo Beach and Gardena.

And the first volunteer of four credited to the local board should also be honored as the first in the county to become the Southland's No. 1 prospective trainee. He is Alan Ara Arlin, 22-year-old carpenter, who lives at 14800 South Western avenue, Gardena.

Selective Service Board No. 280 had its quota of four Class I-A men physically examined and ready to receive orders to report to the induction station

DRAFTING USE INK ONLY

Men registered for Selective Service should use ink—not pencil in filling out the draft questionnaires. The local draft board said today that a number of replies have had to be re-stated because pencil was used instead of the required ink.

at 406 So. Main, L. A., last Thursday afternoon, whereas Los Angeles newspapers reported the Venice board completed its quota Saturday.

Net Quota is 131

The other three young men rated by the Torrance-Lomita board as in Class I-A—fit for immediate duty—are Robert Edward Dittmer, 23, a carpenter who resides with No. 1 Draft board; Damon Oscar Shields, 24, unemployed, of 819 Avenue C, Redondo Beach, and Fred Janzen, Jr., 22-year-old service station salesman of 17232 Dutton avenue, Gardena.

The gross quota for the local board is 372 men for Army training. Credit is given this district for 241 enlistments, leaving a net quota of 131 to be drafted before July 1, 1941.

The first four men to be accredited by the board volunteered for one year's Army training, according to Carl Steele, chairman of the Selective Service unit which has O. C. Field and A. E. Cameron, both of Palos Verdes, as members.

Get Orders Monday
Together with 485 other young men who will make up Los Angeles county's quota, Board No. 280's volunteers will report to headquarters at 1337 El Prado next Friday morning, Nov. 22, at 9 a. m., to receive their orders.

They will be provided with transportation to assure their arrival at the induction center at noon that same day.

After passing a second physical examination the volunteers will take an oath as privates in the United States Army, following which they will be transported to an Army reception center, probably Fort MacArthur. There they will be assigned to various training units, to be followed by additional volunteers and draftees as accommodations are available.

May Arrange Ceremony
Chairman Steele today appealed to patriotic organizations, business firms and citizens to join Selective Service officials in planning some kind of ceremony to honor the first trainees to report from this area. He (Continued on Page 4A)

Cabrillo Condemnation Suit Preliminaries Almost Completed

City Attorney John E. McCall informed the city council and a sizable audience Tuesday night that, after chasing from California to New England, service has been effected on nearly all parties concerned with the city's condemnation suit to recover full title to the Cabrillo right-of-way strip which the P. E. will sell for \$8,055.

"All services should be made and stipulations or answers to the city's claims received by Nov. 20," he said. "Then we can take our case to court for a judgment."

Mathematics of Draft Explained

At first sight, it looks as if only the mathematically strong could understand the draft's complications. For information to readers of this newspaper, the following explanation is reprinted from the current issue of TIME magazine:

"After the drawing (Oct. 29) each registrant had two numbers (which he was allotted after he registered on Oct. 16). Serial numbers allotted up to Lottery Day ran from 1 through 7,657 (only one man in each local draft district had the same serial number). These were the numbers which were in the blue capsules for the drawing in Washington. The order in which they were drawn became the serial-number holders' national draft order number (i.e., holders of serial 188 had Order No. 1).

The order numbers thus became more important to the 17,000,000 registrants than their serial numbers. But the fact that a registrant had a low order number by no means insured him an early call to the Army; neither did a high order number necessarily guarantee that his holders would not be called soon. Many factors (age, dependent status, occupation, health, etc.) determined each registrant's chances. Most vital factor (and least clear to registrants last week) was the composite make-up of the registered group in each local draft district. For example:

months is Class I-A (single, physically fit, not at work in "necessary" industries). The board may have to send out several sets of questionnaires to get enough Class I-A registrants for its quotas. In a factory area, for instance, many holders of low order numbers on the national list may be classified in "necessary" occupations and thus deferred.

Result: In such an area a registrant with an order number above 1,000 may find himself called ahead of his neighbor, with No. 20. Last week registrants could not know what their chances of being called actually were until their local lists were set up, the first batches of questionnaires had been answered.

In the patriotic hurry-burry of draft registration and drawings, many a draftee still had a lot to learn about what had happened to him. Something that had happened to all the 17,000,000 whether or not they were marked for armed service, was new in U. S. life; continuous, detailed responsibility to local draft boards. The members of these boards in fact become among the most potent of U. S. citizens.

Must Inform Board
Registrants must henceforth notify their local boards of any important change in their ways of living; a new job, discharge from an old job, a new baby, marriage, divorce, the death of a dependent, a change of address, even a prolonged visit to another locality. A registrant who wants to leave the U. S. must get his local board's permission beforehand. Reason: Such changes would probably affect a registrant's liability or availability for service. Penalty for willful failure to "tell your local draft board" is the same as for any other violation of the Selective Training and Service Act: Imprisonment up to five years, fines up to \$10,000, or both. In practice, reprimands will serve for first minor infractions (unless boardmen and courts are unco-operative).

The oft-repeated phrase "21 to 35" had led many a registrant to believe that he would be beyond his local board's supervision, as well as out of the draft, as he passed 36. The fact: All men who were between 21 and 35 on Registration Day, and not otherwise exempt, will be legally liable to call until September 1945. This rule holds true even if a man turned 36 on Oct. 17. Practically, of course, as registrants near 40, their chances of being wanted for the Army will steadily lessen. But youngsters who turn 21 between now and 1945 will be subject to registration and drafting (when the President chooses to proclaim subsequent Registration Days for them).