

S. S. Cape Mendocino hits water at Long Beach in Southern California's first launching in recent years of an ocean-going cargo vessel. Built for U. S. Maritime Commission, she's 417 feet long, displaces 12,900 tons and can haul 8000-ton cargo.

Democracy in Action TORRANCE "TOOLS UP" TO MEET SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Democracy in action might well describe the mobilization meeting held Monday night under the sponsorship of the Torrance Coordinating Council. A representative group of Torrance organization heads discussed various problems, which are destined to arise as a result of the national emergency, and planned practical methods for meeting those problems.

The general feeling was that patriotism should be put to work vitalizing democracy that it may be perpetuated. The plan evolved makes Torrance perhaps the first community in the land to face its coming social problems in a practical manner.

Five committees were set up and a special subject assigned to each: Spiritual and Moral Values, Vocational Training, Housing, Integration of New Residents and Leisure Time Needs. Each committee will select its officers and then proceed to make exhaustive studies of the particular problem under consideration, submitting recommendations to the group as a whole and then gearing community assets into the program adopted to meet the need. The general group made up of the five committees will make up the Community Defense Committee.

Police Saved From Officiating at Birth of Mexican Baby
There is not a single midwife among Torrance police officers but for a few minutes late last Saturday night those at the police station thought that one or more would be qualified for that profession before the night was much older. Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Gonzales of Spencer street appeared to ask transportation to the Los Angeles General Hospital. Mrs. Gonzales was "expecting" and her anticipation gave her every evidence that it wouldn't be very long until there would be another member in the family. Police officers rushed her to Torrance Memorial hospital for examination to see if she could stand the trip to Los Angeles. A few minutes later they received a report: Mrs. Gonzales had given birth to a son.

No Notice of Fees On Motor Vehicles Will Be Sent Out

Automobile owners seeking 1942 license plates will not be notified this year by postcard of the amount due in vehicle license and registration fees as in previous years.

The total amount due is indicated on the lower left hand side of the 1940 registration card. It will be necessary only for the motorist to submit this card with the amount of the fee when application is filed.

The renewal session will begin Jan. 2 and end Feb. 4. Plates may be obtained at the branch office of the Department in Torrance at 1324 El Prado. The amount of the total fee due in 1942 will be indicated on the registration card the motorist receives for 1941.

New Building This Week Totals \$5,600

Building permits issued here this week totaled \$5,600 when two construction jobs were started. F. M. Krikow of 1742 Marinal avenue is building a five-room frame stucco residence and two-car garage at 2203 Carson street for \$3,800 and George H. Gibson of San Pedro is erecting a two-car garage with a four-room apartment above at 2524 Torrance boulevard for \$1,700.

RACKETS STOLEN
Principal Thomas Elson reported to local police Tuesday that nine tennis rackets were missing from the school gymnasium. He said he believed they had been taken within the last 30 days.

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National Supply Enlarging Office and Welding Unit

Erection of a large addition to the National Supply Company office building on Border avenue and complete modernization of the present office structure was begun this week.

The new section will be a two-story structure, adjoining the present office building on the north. Cost of the new addition and modernization of the present office building will be approximately \$50,000, company officials state. Contract was awarded R. E. Payne, who built the Star Furniture and J. C. Penney Company stores on Sartori avenue.

When completed, the Torrance offices of the National Supply will provide sufficient room for the consolidation of the Los Angeles offices here, a move which company officials state will increase efficiency of operations.

Extensive enlargements of the National Supply welding department is also under way by company employees, and other alterations are being pushed in order to facilitate production of national defense orders. The company recently was awarded orders well in excess of \$1,000,000 for manufacturing aircraft units.

It is also reported that other Torrance manufacturing plants have received orders for manufacturing gun parts, and as soon as preliminary test products are approved production will be rushed on a 24-hour basis.

Harbor C. C.'s Want Western Extended to Sea

Determination of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce to push the project to have Western avenue extended from Anaheim street to Torrance boulevard is of keen local importance to local residents and motorists. Torrance and Los Angeles will have to get certain rights of way before this project can be put into execution.

Another plan for immediate opening of Carson street to provide an east-west street to the new Douglas Aircraft plant is of interest here as no doubt some of the workers in the gigantic plant will live in this area. At the meeting held the past week the matter of drainage of the Dominguez district was discussed. As local motorists well know the Nigger Slough sector often overflows during heavy rains and floods adjacent highways. It will be months before anything definite is done on a proposed county freeway, it was learned, at the recent meeting of the Harbor Chambers. More will be learned at the December 12 meeting at Hotel Hilton, Long Beach.

S. P. Wins All Football Titles

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
San Pedro	3	0	1	77	13
Gardena	2	0	2	31	19
Torrance	1	2	1	13	87
Banning	1	3	0	19	81
Narbonne	1	3	0	25	63

In defeating Torrance 20 to 0 Wednesday at Navy Field, San Pedro's valiant griders became the first Pirate eleven in 19 years to capture an undisputed Marine League championship. The victory over the invading Tartars also gave the port city school three football titles this year.

Gardena defeated Banning 14 to 6 on the latter's field to take second place in the league and qualify, with San Pedro, for the P.T.A. benefit grid carnival to be played Nov. 29 in the L. A. Coliseum. San Pedro scored on Torrance in the second, third and fourth quarters. The Tartars threatened in the third quarter, with Parton and Woods making 33 yards on two runs and Golden cutting loose with some passes. A fumble halted that drive on the Pirate 20-yard stripe.

There are 508 Community Chest organizations in the United States.

New Douglas 'Blackout' Aircraft Plant Begun With Ceremonies Today

Official importance is being given to the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Douglas Aircraft factory in North Long Beach this afternoon. Members of the county board of supervisors are joining with army, state, Long Beach and company officials at the event.

Plans for the first unit were expected to be filed with the county building bureau before the end of the week. Decision to make the \$11,000,000 factory a "blackout" plant were said to have delayed the company's original plans, although architects have held informal conferences with county building engineers to discuss requirements of the uniform building code for maximum safety.

Governor Culbert Olson is heading the list of state dignitaries at the ceremonies. Foundation work for some of the units is said to have been started, and will be in readiness, to receive the steel framework of the buildings within 10 days.

Invisible at Night
The factory is of considerable importance because it is scheduled to employ 20,000 or more workmen, and means a tremendous addition to the county's payroll in industry.

In addition to being completely invisible at night, either on the ground or from the air, all structures of the Long Beach unit will be fully air-conditioned, artificially lighted, carry duplicated utility services and storage underground, and have provisions below ground level for bombproof shelters for all personnel. President Donald W. Douglas said.

Additional safety for plant and employees in event of air attack will be provided by decentralization of the larger units and housing them in 11 separate buildings.

BIGGEST CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH IN HISTORY FORECAST

Anticipating the biggest Christmas rush of mail in the history of the Torrance postoffice, Postmaster Earl Conner today began his annual plea to local residents: Shop early and mail early so your friends will not be disappointed by the late arrival of gifts after Christmas Day.

Altho foreign mail service is subject to war conditions, there is a part of the globe that is free from delays caused by hostilities and this is particularly close to many Torrance residents. That area is tiny Midway Island in the Pacific where a score or more Torrance residents are helping build a Navy base.

All Christmas mail to men on Midway should be dispatched immediately to insure arrival by the Yuletide, Postmaster Conner cautioned. Because there is no regular boat service to Midway, all letters must go by Clipper plane at the rate of 30 cents per half-ounce. They should be addressed: c/o Navy Construction Camp, Midway Island, North Pacific Ocean.

By parcel post to this address: c/o Contractors, Pacific Naval Air Base, P. O. Box 2459, Honolulu, T. H. The rate is 15 cents for the first pound and 11 cents for each additional pound, plus the usual insurance charges. Packages addressed to Midway men are received in Honolulu and forwarded by the first Navy boat to the air base.

"I urge everyone to mail their properly packed and wrapped gifts," the postmaster said. "We will do our part by delivering all mail received the same day it arrives. Valuable parcels should be insured—the cost is reasonable."

"Christmas greeting cards may be sent for one and one-half cents providing there is no other message than the usual Yuletide wishes on them. But it should be remembered that this low rate does not include such usual mailing services as forwarding and return to sender."

Postmaster Conner states he has already arranged for extra personnel to handle the Christmas rush here.

Only One Month Left for Aliens to Register

Alien registration will end Dec. 26 and all non-citizens who have not yet registered are warned that severe penalties will follow failure to comply with this Federal law. All aliens, 14 years of age and older, must register in person and be fingerprinted. Alien children, under 14, must be registered by their parents or guardians.

The local registration office is located in the Postoffice basement, and beginning Tuesday, Nov. 26, its hours will be: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 5 p. m., Saturdays from 9 to 12 o'clock noon. Postmaster Earl Conner says anyone who cannot register during those hours may make an appointment at the postoffice for a special time.

A total of 570 aliens have registered here to date, Postmaster Conner said today. He estimates 150 will have to appear in order to make the local registration complete. There is no charge of any kind connected with alien registration.

Avoid Yuletide Rush
The Department of Justice warns aliens to beware of racketeers. The Post Office Department and Department of Justice will willingly assist the alien in every possible way.

Postmaster Conner suggests that those aliens who have not yet registered do so as soon as possible and avoid the Christmas rush at the post offices.

All aliens are also warned that, having registered, they are required to report any change in their permanent residence address within five days to the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice in Washington. Forms for this purpose are obtainable at all post offices.

No alien need be unprepared for the questions he will be asked. Sample registration forms which show him exactly what information he will need at registration are available in all post-offices.

New Red Cross First Aid Class Being Formed

A new class in First Aid, which will meet at the courtroom in the Torrance city hall every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 9:30, is now being organized under the sponsorship of the Torrance Adult Evening School. This is a standard Red Cross course, which, when satisfactorily completed, will entitle the student to receive a certificate in First Aid, it has been announced by Principal C. E. Baldwin of the Torrance Adult Evening School. Shop men, policemen, firemen, employees in city street departments, W. P. A. foremen, and any other men and women interested in obtaining this valuable instruction, which is free of charge, are invited to attend the classes.

Kresse Succeeds Lintott as Chief of Steel Plant

Columbia Steel Company, announced appointment of H. T. Lintott as manager of Industrial Relations Wednesday. Lintott will succeed E. M. Stephens, who since 1939, has been on temporary assignment as manager of Industrial Relations, Columbia Steel Company, from United States Steel Corporation of Delaware.

Pittsburgh. The appointment will be effective Dec. 1, according to W. A. Ross, president.

Lintott, who until his present appointment, served as general superintendent of Columbia's Torrance plant, will be transferred to the company's general office in San Francisco. He will be succeeded by Otto A. Kresse as general superintendent of the Torrance plant. Kresse was formerly assistant general superintendent.

Besides serving as general superintendent, Lintott has been active in civic affairs of Torrance. He is a native of Visalia and attended the University of Nevada. In 1923 he joined Columbia Steel company as chief electrician of the Torrance plant.

In 1929 he was advanced to assistant general superintendent and in 1939 was appointed general superintendent, which position he has held until his present appointment.

Kresse, who has been named to succeed Lintott as chief of the Torrance plant, began his career in 1903 as an open hearth helper in the Dutchess Steel Company of Milwaukee. He joined Columbia Steel in 1910 as an open hearth melter foreman.

In 1923 he became open hearth superintendent of Columbia's Pittsburg, California, plant and in 1928 was transferred to the company's Torrance plant. He was advanced to assistant general superintendent of the plant in 1939.

Boys' Club Topic for First Town Hall Assembly

With Judge Robert Lessing appearing as leading spokesman for the project, the proposed Torrance Boys' Club will be given a thorough explanation Tuesday night, Dec. 3, at 9 o'clock in the Torrance Civic Auditorium when the first of a series of Town Hall meetings will be held under the auspices of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Junior Chamber and Coordinating Council. All residents are urged to attend.

Altho the Boys' Club project is first on the program, interested residents who want to air their opinions on other civic matters will be given an opportunity to state their case during a general discussion period which will follow Judge Lessing's talk.

Lessing will illustrate his points with a series of charts. He has been chosen to direct the Town Hall meeting series' first session because of his keen interest in the Boys' Club proposal and his knowledge of local youth conditions — a knowledge gained from exhaustive personal interviews and surveys.

Subsequent Town Hall meetings will be devoted to other civic subjects, such as the progress being made toward improvement of Cabrillo avenue, Torrance boulevard, development of the proposed city park in the Vista Highlands district, street improvements and so on.

POOE OBSERVANCE
"No Accident Week" in Los Angeles missed being that by 21 deaths. The Los Angeles county traffic fatality total so far this year is 855.

A large group of local residents gathered at the city hall this morning to witness the first of a series of send-offs of conscripts. The next will be held sometime in January. Torrance city officials assisted the Selective Service boards in giving the four young men a farewell that was notable for its sincerity and good-will.

The quartet displayed little embarrassment at being the central figures on such a public occasion but indicated they were eager and anxious to be off for their year's service for Uncle Sam.

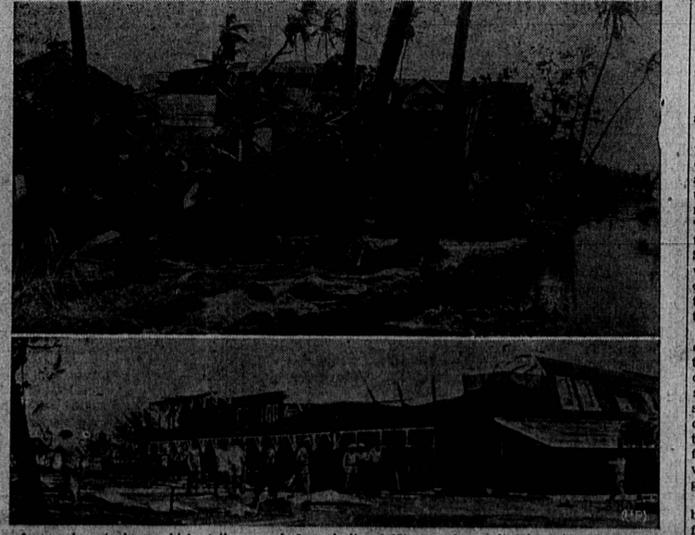


OTTO A. KRESSE
... his career one of progress



HENRY T. LINTOTT
... going to San Francisco

This Is What a 150-M.P.H. Typhoon Did at Guam



A seven-hour typhoon, which at times reached a velocity of 150 m. p. h. resulted in serious damage to American Island of Guam; a U. S. defense outpost in Pacific, as these pictures show, although miraculously no lives were lost. Top photo taken at Agaña, lower view shows damage to Marine Barracks at Agaña. Pan American Airways base also severely damaged. Naval governor called American Red Cross for \$25,000 to rehabilitate civilian population of 12,000 Chamorros.

MARCH OF RIMES

PUNY ED By H. F. NOAKE
At school, they called him Puny Ed, a most uncomplimentary name, because his frame was small and strength he lacked, which kept him out of games the others played. Most of the time he stayed in-doors, and studied books, and dreamed of days, when he might be of service to humanity. A great physician he'd become, and put to shame the boys who said, that he was weak, and called him Puny Ed. He fell in love, as school boys do, with Molly Brywn, who, sad to say, also made fun of his small frame, and promptly turned him down. For she preferred the cave man type, the kind who gives a girl a thrill, by taking her out nights to Tony's Grill. Ten years elapsed, and then the day arrived of which he'd dreamed, for he'd become a noted surgeon; whose name at last, was getting world acclaim. His specialty was treating those whose sight, had given way to night. And not a few had him to bless, for through his skill came light, and happiness. The war took Ed to France, and late one night a German shell raised hell, as it went off and wrecked a first aid tent. Then came a call for help and quickly, he responded. While searching through a mass of human forms, he found a nurse; her sightless eyes just staring at the skies. Then Ed took hold her hand, and held it tight, and prayed to God to give her light as he knelt down, to kiss the lips of Molly Brown.

