

Charity Chest Needs Over \$500 to Reach Minimum of \$2,000

More than \$500 short of the minimum goal set to adequately fulfill the Torrance Charity Chest's time-honored slogan "Torrance Cares for Its Own Without One Cent Overhead Expense," the Torrance Community Service Association today appealed for immediate contributions.

Here are the facts:
Total amount contributed to date, \$1,428.75.
Minimum amount to cover budgeted appropriations, \$2,000.
Cost of administration, not one penny!

Cooperation of all business, professional and industrial men—as well as other residents of the community—is vital to assure continuance of the Charity Chest plan here, according to Earl Conner, treasurer of the association.

The election of O. A. Kresse, general superintendent of the Columbia Steel plant, to serve the unexpired term of Henry Lintott, was announced this week by Vice-President Wallace Post, who is now heading the group that has served Torrance for nearly 20 years. Other officers are L. J. Gilmeister, secretary, and R. R. Smith, Sherwood McIntyre, William H. Tolson and Sam Levy, directors.

In addition to providing up to \$200 a month—the average contribution is approximately \$150 a month—to the Torrance Relief Society for the aid of indigent local families, the Chest also assists with funds for the

continuance of the WPA Sewing Project, Salvation Army, Mothers' Educational Center and supplies Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets which help needy folk enjoy the traditional feasts of the year.

Then there are always emergencies which have been met promptly by the Torrance Relief Society, a tireless group of local women headed by Mrs. Janet Woodington, thru the cooperation of the Community Service Association. However, unless the remainder of the minimum quota is raised within a very short time, the entire budget may have to be revamped and reduced—at a cost to some who look to the Charity Chest for urgent relief.

"This is everybody's burden," Treasurer Conner pointed out. "Our local industries have been generous contributors in the main. But John Q. Citizen has somehow neglected to lend his weight—and his donation no matter how small or large—to the job of 'taking care of our own.' I feel that many residents would contribute if they knew the circumstances and any of us in the association will be glad to receive donations and answer questions as to the progress of our campaign."

Contributions are being accepted at Torrance National Bank, the Chamber of Commerce or by Postmaster Conner and receipts are given for each donation.

Warrant Interrupts Army Training After Enlistment

An Army career didn't last very long for Manuel Alvarez, 29, of the Pueblo, who boarded a special P. E. bus as a volunteer with 21 other young men here on Jan. 20 to begin his training under Uncle Sam. Four days later he had been relieved of his uniform and Army equipment at Fort MacArthur and turned over to Police Chief John Stroh.

Alvarez, who has figured in a number of police investigations in the past here, was arrested by Stroh on a warrant charging him with theft and a misdemeanor. His trial has been set for Feb. 7 and he is now in "stoves" and at liberty on \$150 bail.

According to Stroh, Alvarez is accused of theft of a friend's paycheck on Dec. 20. The friend attempted to cash his check at a Pueblo store but the storekeeper was unable to accommodate him. Later when he looked for the check it was missing from his wallet.

License Plate Deadline Only Few Days Away

The department of Motor Vehicles warned motor vehicle owners today that penalties will apply on all unpaid license and registration fees after Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Persons who fall to apply for 1941 license plates until midnight of that date will be required to pay a double registration fee and a penalty equal to 50 per cent of the motor vehicle license fee.

Director James M. Carter stated there is no possibility whatever that any extension past the deadline will be granted.

Lines are beginning to form daily at the Torrance branch of the Department, located at 1324 El Prado, located next to the Safeway parking lot. Registration clerks there anticipate a hectic last minute rush as hundreds of motorists in this vicinity are known to be driving still with 1940 license plates.

The Torrance office will be open all day Saturday from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., according to Manager Leonard Tristram. Nearly 10,000 sets of plates

have been issued there since it opened Jan. 2.

To obtain 1941 license plates the applicant is merely required to present his 1940 registration card properly signed and the amount of his fee in cash, postal or bank money order, bank draft or certified check.

For those who find it inconvenient to make a trip to a branch office for plates it is possible to get them by mailing the registration card and fee to Sacramento. If this method is employed, currency should not be sent.

Carter admonished motorists to act at once and avoid penalties.

No Allotment for Next Draft Call Yet

No word has been received as yet by Selective Service Board No. 280 as to the number of draftees to be certified from this area for the third draft call-out, scheduled for Feb. 17. It is reported that some 6,000 Southern young men between 21 and 36 are to be summoned on that date for Army training.

MARCH OF RIMES

HORSE AND BUGGY DAYS — By H. F. NOAKE

Speaking of those good old days, which, now and then, we hear folks praise, the record very frankly tells they rated just about two bells. In '83 from Maine to Mo., you couldn't find one radio; who'd care to live in times like that and never hear a fiddle chat? No motor cars in those old days; they toured around in one horse shays; imagine driving, weeks on end and never run across a friend. In those days, all the food they got was cooked by ma, in pan and pot; it's hard to see how folks could plan a meal, with nothing from a can. Folks who grumble and complain and wish old times were back again, would be the last to trade, today, their auto, for a one horse shay.

NOAKE

1941's Winter Class of 33 Graduates at H.S. Tonite



Torrance Herald Photo

Six Injured In Head-On Crash at City Limits

Six persons were injured, several seriously, in a head-on collision early Sunday night on Torrance boulevard just outside the city limits in county territory east of Susana avenue.

Two of the injured were from Redondo Beach, Marie Pearce and Leola Gale. Injuries were mainly bruises, lacerations and possible fractures, Miss Pearce is related to Al Pearce of radio fame.

Others in the line of injured were Robert Sikes, 19, of 1417 Cota street, who was released after treatment at Torrance Memorial hospital for lacerations over the left eye and on his left ear, and William James Schuchman, 24, of 1534 Marcella avenue. He is still confined at the hospital with a compound fracture of the right leg, lacerations about the forehead and a possible skull fracture.

Redondo police officers investigated the crash and called for ambulances to transport the injured to the hospital and doctors' offices. Later sheriff's deputies took over the investigation as the mishap occurred in county territory. Cause of the accident could not at first be determined as the machines hit head-on with a terrific crash and both were badly smashed. Investigators said it was a miracle that none were killed, the smash-up being heard several blocks away.

All the occupants of the two cars were young people, several being about 19 to 21 years of age and the oldest under 30 years. The machines were operated by Schuchman and John T. Wolfe, 30, Inglewood, sheriff's deputies reported.

City Prepared for Emergency

Just how the Torrance city administration would differ under provisions of a resolution adopted by the council Tuesday night in event of any emergency or disaster was not made entirely clear. But anyway the municipal board is now ready to continue city functions come any untoward occurrence.

The resolution "established plans for the administration of city government in time of emergency." It was not read in its five-page entirety but Councilman Vern Babcock, its sponsor, briefed the contents as follows:

The measure "sets up a board to be in charge of organization in case of emergency or major disaster; it locates office facilities for trucks and ambulances; provides for water supplies and transport and has been adopted by all South Bay cities.

How Legion Will Serve
"This is a resolution that complies with the set-up for emergencies all over the state," Babcock said. The resolution was adopted without discussion. Later Commander Edwin Bird of (Continued on Page 3-A)

ENDING HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS . . . Here are 29 members of the Torrance high school Winter Class of 1941 which will graduate tonight, their principal, Thomas H. Elson, and two room teachers. First row, left to right: Betty Griffith, Howard Bender, Barbara Neff, Ormsby Miller, Carolyn Wilkes, Raymond Leake, Hazel King, Don Hitchcock, Ephraim and retiring student body president; Pauline Newell, Charles Steadman, president of the class; Gladys Nakaoka, Howard Foster, Jenoyne Barkidull, Clyde Anderson, Helen Greiner, Manabu Okada, Mrs. Virginia Jones,

Namesake of Famed Pitcher Sent to Jail

A famed name appeared on police records this week but the bearer of it was no relation to the great baseball pitcher who gave it world prominence.

He was Christie Mathewson, whose 27-year-old namesake, a resident of Long Beach, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail for drunk driving early Monday morning on Western avenue near East Road.

Plans Given S.F. for Madrid Work

Major improvements and clean-up of Madrid avenue from Torrance boulevard to Carson street, long an eye-sore to its residents, is being planned by the city engineering department with a good chance that the Santa Fe Railroad will consent to sharing the cost, it was revealed at city council meeting Tuesday night.

The city was asked by Santa Fe officials several weeks ago to submit a plan for the improvement and this was drafted by the city engineering department. Yesterday afternoon the council and City Planning Commission reviewed the details and instructed Glenn Jain, acting city engineer, to send them, to the Santa Fe for approval.

Principal betterment of the street now bisected by a wide, unsightly gash of the Santa Fe's right-of-way is the widening of the two 21-foot streets on either side to 28 feet. The Santa Fe will be asked for a seven and one-half foot easement either side of its right-of-way to permit this improvement. Curb and gutters would be installed and pedestrian steps to cross the tracks at El Dorado street built. The engineer's plans also contemplate some realignment of Madrid immediately north of Torrance boulevard.

Engineer Jain has suggested that the city could help along the much-needed improvements by offering to resurface the streets, remove the fences bordering the right-of-way, do the excavating work and possibly share in the cost of constructing curbs and gutters.

WANTS BUSES CLEANED

Interior of the Asbury buses leased by the city and their windows are none too clean, Councilman George V. Bawell told the city council Tuesday night. He asked that the leasing firm be notified to clean them up.

PUBLIC HEARING

At the next meeting of the city council, Feb. 11, a public hearing will be held on the request of the Southern California Gas Company for a new franchise.

Commencement Has Four-Part Program

Led by their officers, the 33 members of the Winter Class of 1941 will march in procession down the main aisle of the high school assembly hall tonight in caps and gowns to begin their commencement program promptly at 8 o'clock. They will participate in a program divided into four parts, with student musicians,

addresses and speeches starting in the term-end ceremony. Following: Bach's love, "O Morning Star," the graduates will march to the stage to the DeKoven "Recessional" and then begin the first part — "The Upward Look" — of their final appearance as a group.

Rev. Thomas R. Marshall's invocation will precede the singing of Mallotte's reverent "Lord's Prayer" by the Senior choir. Then follows "The Inward Look" when tributes to Principal Thomas H. Elson by Ormsby Miller, to Miss Elizabeth Parks, vice-principal, by Agnes Sopchinsky and "Our Parents" by Shirley Guttenfelder will be delivered.

PHOTOS AVAILABLE AT HERALD OFFICE

Photos of the graduating class and also of the continuing of 22 men who left here Jan. 29 for Army training may be obtained at The Herald office for 50 cents each plus sales tax. All pictures are 8 by 10 inches in size.

Donald Hitchcock, class Ephraim and former student body president, will speak on "Our Student Government," Richard Miller is to discuss "Our Good Neighbor Policy" and the accomplishments of the Winter Class are to be detailed by Anne McAnally, "Academics," Carolyn Wilkes, "Commercial," Howard Bender, "Vocational" and Betty Mallin, "Home Economics."

Reception after Program
"The Onward Look" of the graduation theme will be revealed with the singing of "America," "Finlandia" and "American Hymn" by the Senior quartet composed of Raymond Leake, Howard Foster, Helen Greiner and Jenoyne Barkidull. A responsive reading is to be led by Hazel King and Joan Ramsdill.

"The Outward Look" portion of the commencement will consist of the presentation of the class by President Charles Steadman, singing of the Alma Mater hymn by the graduates and choir, presentation of diplomas by Principal Elson and Miss Parks with O. B. Huber and Vern Lovelady as announcers.

Following the class recessional a half-hour reception will be held by graduates and their parents in the foyer of the assembly hall.

Honor Awards Told

The following honors are announced on the commencement (Continued on Page 3-A)

classroom teacher, and Principal Elson.

Rear row, left to right: Leonard Austin, classroom teacher; Shirley Guttenfelder, Beatrice Ernst, Vern Lovelady, Joan Ramsdill, Richard Miller, Betty Mallin, Fred Lincoln, Agnes Sopchinsky, Charles Marek, Margaret Anne McAnally, John Batovsky, Ileen Johnson and Tomiko Kamei.

Graduates not in the photo are: Robert Benegar, Charles Grubb, Oliver B. Huber and Takayeko Uneda.

New Classes at Adult School Start on Feb. 3

Next Monday night, Feb. 3, at Torrance high school the new spring schedule of instruction for adults begins. Three new classes start—a class in Everyday English, Spoken and Written; a class in the discussion of Current Topics and International Relations and a class under National Defense, Machine Shop Related Technical Instruction, Mathematics, Blueprint Reading, etc. The school is open Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 o'clock. Most classes run from 7 to 9 p. m. All instruction is free.

The following is a complete schedule of the courses other than those noted above: Art, Leather, Copper, Aluminum, and Oil; Comptometer Machine Operation, Typing, shorthand; Dressmaking and Millinery; Voice and Chorus Singing Wednesday only; Flower Arrangement Monday only; and Women's Physical Education, group games and exercises.

These courses are sponsored by the Los Angeles City Board of Education. There is no charge for tuition. Enrollments start Monday night.

Draft Questionnaires Deferment Pleas Must Be Returned in 5 Days

Men registered under the Selective Service Act must return their questionnaires within five days after receiving them, Carl E. Marsteller, clerk for Selective Service Board No. 280, pointed out today. He said a number of men had been lax in returning the blanks.

At the same time the questionnaires are returned, any request for deferment in classification must accompany the blanks and all dependents under 18 years of age must be listed. The entire form and request must be made out in ink, Marsteller declared.

GETS PAY BOOST

Engineer Neal Whitney of the Fire department received his automatic pay increase from \$135 to \$145 per month, retroactive to Jan. 1, from the city council Tuesday night.

Income Tax Aides at Chamber on Feb. 27 and 28

Want assistance in the preparation of your Income Tax return?

A deputy from the office of the state Franchise Tax Commissioner will be at the Chamber of Commerce, Feb. 27 and 28. He will be glad to lend his aid to those who are in difficulty with their reports. The deputy will be at the chamber on those days from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

L. J. Gilmeister, secretary, announces that a deputy from the Federal Internal Revenue office will also be at the Chamber on those days and hours.

City Asks Bids On Two Buses

At their next regular meeting, Feb. 11, members of the city council will open bids for the purchase of two new buses of 25 to 27-passenger capacity and of transit type. City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was authorized to call for such bids Tuesday night on motion by Councilman Vern Babcock.

No announcement or comment was made concerning any change in routing or schedule. However, the motion presaged entry of the city into the bus business. At the present time Torrance is leasing buses and services of the Asbury Transit Line to furnish transportation from WALTERIA, Lomita and Torrance to Los Angeles.

The council also heard a communication Tuesday night from Mrs. Mary Whiting to the effect that she desired "some redress" for asserted ill-health, produced from "incomplete combustion" on a city-leased bus while riding on Jan. 31. She claimed she was taken from the bus to an emergency hospital and later to the General hospital and suffered from "sickness, upset heart and partial paralysis." Her complaint was referred to the city attorney for investigation.

Council Expected to Purchase Two Lots On El Prado Near Hall

There was every indication at city council meeting Tuesday night that the municipal board will exercise its 30-day option and purchase two lots immediately adjoining the city hall on El Prado for \$1,800. Mayor Tom McGuire said he considered the deal offered by Remco Real Estate Management Company a "good buy." He pointed out that the property offers the only area on which either the city hall or police department could expand.

May Seek New Deal From P.E. On Rail Removal

If Redondo Beach can escape any cost whatever for removal of P. E. tracks, poles and trolley wires—how about Torrance which will be charged \$2,250 for that work whenever the condemnation suit to recover the Cabrillo avenue P. E. right-of-way is settled?

That's what Councilman James Hitchcock wanted to know at council meeting Tuesday night. He read a report published in the South Bay Daily Breeze of last Saturday that arrangements were completed by Redondo's city attorney and the P. E. for the free job.

Torrance officials agreed last June to pay the P. E. \$8,656 for property rights to the center strip along Cabrillo avenue plus \$2,250 more for removal of all track, wires and equipment from the right-of-way. The railway company will get all of this equipment except one-half of the crosses which will be given to the city.

Trial Set for March 5
In Redondo Beach the rails, poles and trolley wires will be removed and the pavement restored to its "original condition" by a private contractor "all without one dollar cost to the taxpayers," according to the newspaper article.

"I think it would be well for our city attorney to consult with Redondo's attorney and the P. E. to find out if we can get the same deal," Councilman Hitchcock said. He pointed out that the reason why Redondo is benefiting from removal of the P. E. equipment and restoration of pavement is that the private contractor offered to do the work without charge because "steel rails are sky-high right now because of the war."

City Attorney John McCall was authorized to investigate and attempt to get a lower price from the P. E. for removal of its equipment here. It is reported that arrangements similar to the "cost-free" deal accomplished in Redondo are being worked out in Hermosa and Manhattan Beach. McCall notified the council that the condemnation trial for the Cabrillo avenue right-of-way purchase has been set for March 5 and all interested parties have been notified. It is understood that the P. E. will not contest the suit which is necessary to satisfy bondholders.

Plan Widening of Intersection at Arlington, Sepulveda

The city engineering department is now working on plans to widen the curve intersection of Arlington avenue and Sepulveda boulevard. Councilman James Hitchcock revealed at the municipal board session Tuesday night. Widening of the intersection will permit traffic to make almost a "straight shoot" without being forced into the minor "bottleneck" now existing at that crossing.