

Retailers for Defense



SEPT. 15-20 NATIONAL RETAIL DEMONSTRATION

One of the important points in the nation-wide "Retailers for Defense" effort this week is the sale of National Defense Stamps in all stores. Merchants of this community are cooperating in this with no profit for themselves. All citizens should be grateful for the part our retail merchants are taking in helping to make possible and protect our American way of life. The stores of America are service organizations which exist to supply their communities with the things needed to make life possible and enjoyable. They are the purchasing agents for the public. Theirs is the responsibility for making easily available the most desirable of all types of merchandise at costs adaptable to all incomes.

Community Card Party Starts at 8:15 Tonite In Torrance Auditorium

Promptly at 8:15 o'clock tonight when the community-wide card party to raise funds for equipping one room in the new addition to Torrance Memorial hospital gets under way at the Torrance Civic Auditorium — a valuable door prize will be awarded. From then on, the party will continue through distribution of other special awards and the serving of refreshments to all present.

All residents of this community are cordially invited to attend the card party, which is sponsored by the Community Service committee of the Torrance Rotary club with Fay Parks as general chairman. Admission is 35 cents per person.

In addition to the major award valued at \$5, to be given by President B. C. Buxton as the door prize at 8:15 o'clock the prizes to be presented various winners tonight will all be merchandise gifts of real value, according to Sam Levy, who is in charge of this phase of the party. He announced today that the following have donated either cash or gifts for the affair: Harry Abramson, Dr. John Beeman, Dr. R. A. Bingham, Max Felker, Harvel Guttenfelder, Dr. W. J. Harrison, Charles Jones, J. G. Koch, Hillman Lee, Louis Lepp, Robert T. McCallum, Sherwood McIntyre, John Melville, Fay Parks, George Peckham, William Wylam and, of course, the prize chairman himself, Sam Levy.

Parks is also head of the arrangements for the Torrance Flower, Art and Hobby show, which will be a free event in the Torrance Auditorium afternoons and evenings, Sept. 25, 26 and 27. Headquarters, where entry blanks and full information concerning the exhibits may be obtained, are at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce building. There is no entry fee and all residents of this community who raise flowers, do any kind of art work or pursue any hobby are cordially invited to display their best products.

MERCHANTS MEETING

Plans for the annual dinner-meeting of the Torrance Retail Merchants Association will be made by President Robert McCallum, his executive board and representative business men at a luncheon session to be held tomorrow at 1 o'clock at Christy's cafe.



The Price of Liberty

will be paid with Defense Savings Stamps. Lend — not give — your savings for Defense. Buy Defense Savings Stamps today at local stores!

Red Cross Aides to Plan Roll Call Here Sept. 29

D. F. Dunster, director of Roll Call, for the Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter, will be principal speaker at a special meeting of the Torrance Branch, Monday, Sept. 29, at an important luncheon to be held at Christy's cafe, it was announced today by Mrs. R. R. Smith, local chairman. The meeting has been called as a preliminary step in organizing a Roll Call committee for Torrance.

"This year's Roll Call will be one of the most important ever undertaken by the local branch," Mrs. Smith said. "With definite responsibility placed on the Red Cross as a liaison connection between the boys in service and their families, the work of our branch has more than doubled and the responsibilities have shown a similar increase.

"This is an added load placed upon our diligent volunteer workers, caring for the wants of those in this community who have sons or other relatives in the service. It is just one of the many responsibilities that we are now facing along with our obligations to the community in Civilian Defense plans, disaster relief and other activities. Because of these increased duties and responsibilities, it is important that all members possible should attend the forthcoming Roll Call meeting."

Mrs. Smith pointed out that the Roll Call had been set for March, but further intimated that we might be called upon to formulate a fund-raising campaign at any time, especially should the United States become involved in a "shooting war," or should it become necessary to raise funds to carry on the increased work in connection with the present national emergency.

Shidler Hands Local Case to Juvenile Court

Instead of presiding at a jury trial over the case of Harvey Westfall, young employee of Sam Levy's Department store charged with violation of an asserted ambiguous city ordinance and infraction of the state motor vehicle code, City Judge John Shidler preferred this week to transfer the case to the Los Angeles county Juvenile authorities.

Westfall is 17 and Shidler evidently believed the case should be heard by the Juvenile court. Levy appeared before the local Judge Sept. 6 on behalf of his young employee and was unsuccessful in obtaining a dismissal of the ordinance-violation charge although Police Chief John Stroth endorsed dropping the case.

The ordinance in question is subject to city council revision because its terms are believed too general to permit strict enforcement. It pertains to the loading or unloading of any vehicle of any goods or wares of any size or character by any person or firm except in the alleys. Local business men assert the all-embracing terms of the measure make even ordinary shoppers criminals. Westfall is accused of loading a stove from in front of Levy's store into a truck backed into the curb. He is also charged with violation of the vehicle code because he drove out from the curb on the wrong side of the street.

Horse Awaits Owner At South Bay Pound

Have you lost a horse? The South Bay Humane Society, Inc., at 20362 Earl st., in Redondo Beach has a bay gelding which was found wandering on 220th st., and had evidently, judging from the condition of its feet come a long way. The animal is described by Mrs. Bernice Davison, poundmaster, as having a black mane and tail, white star on the forehead, a slight Roman nose and between two and three years old.

Although it was taken to the pound early this month, it will not be sold until Oct. 10 when a public auction will be held if the owner does not appear before then to claim it. Mrs. Davison says the pound will hold the animal for 30 days, longer than the county allows, because the Society does not wish to destroy such a good horse.

JOINS MARINES



GEORGE WALLS

One of the Herald's most popular carriers, a boy who made a great many friends here with his unfailing courtesy and ready smile, is now undergoing training as a Marine Corps recruit at the San Diego base. He is George Walls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Walls of 1727 Martina ave.

He enlisted Sept. 9. A postcard to his father the following day reported he had been up since 5 a. m., receiving "shots" getting his hair clipped, receiving his uniform and equipment and is looking forward to his training as a "boot" in the Corps.

George was president of the Junior high school class in 1940 and he had two more years to go in high school. After he left The Herald's employ, he worked in local theatres. Aggressive without being a "show-off," George won the friendship of a boy who knew him as a student, hard-worker and his acquaintances are expecting him to become a worthy recruit to the Corps which has such a distinguished history of service to the nation.

112 Families at Harbor Hills

There are 112 families now occupying homes in the \$1,200,000 Harbor Hills housing project above Lomita at Palos Verdes dr., and Western ave., according to Manager Arthur Long this week. He said there are about 250 children up to the age of 18 at the 306-unit project, a number which he predicts will rise to 625 when all of the units are occupied.

Harbor Hills' manager announced he will press a request that the Western ave. and Palos Verdes dr., north, be made a four-way boulevard stop. Western ave. only now has stop signs at the intersection.

Long said thus far he had been unable to interest the county in posting of signs on Palos Verdes dr., which bisects the project. He pointed out that an elderly couple last year was killed in a crash at the intersection and expressed fears for children at the project.

Flower, Art and Hobby Show in Torrance Auditorium Opens 3-Day Run Next Thursday

8 Classes of Exhibits Wanted for Display Sponsored by Rotary

Details of the various classes of exhibits for the Torrance Flower, Art and Hobby Show to be held at the Torrance Civic Auditorium next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25, 26 and 27, under direction of the Torrance Rotary club's Community Service committee, were revealed today by General Chairman Fay Parks.

This event, which succeeds the Torrance Factory Frolic, which was abandoned this year for lack of sponsors and funds, will be free to all — spectators and exhibitors alike. Those planning to display products of their handiwork and garden are assured that every effort will be made to assure attractive placement and a night watchman will be on duty in the building every night.

In addition to the exhibits there will be "Hobbies-in-Action" with local men and women demonstrating how various things

Armed, Masked Bandit Invades Pharmacy as Five Patrons Watch

While five patrons watched under the impression the robbery was a hoax, an armed bandit forced George Probert, owner of the Torrance Pharmacy at 1411 Marcelina ave., to hand over approximately \$36 out of a cash register and then eluded a pursuing policeman in a commandeered car in a wild chase up Western ave., Monday night at 8:45 o'clock.

After emptying the contents of the cash register behind the soda fountain into the hands of the robber, Probert was ordered to open the register in the center of the store. As he came from behind the fountain, Probert dove out a curtained door-way and ran out the rear entrance of the pharmacy to obtain help. The bandit, who was standing near the front door at the time with an automatic in his hand, ran after the owner and the spectators fled out the main door.

Ervin Flother, 1450 West 223rd st., one of the witnesses to the robbery, ran to the front of the Union cafe on Sartori st., where Officer Fred Spehger was waiting his beat and notified him of the holdup. Spehger dashed for the pharmacy drawing his gun but the bandit had fled out the rear entrance.

Uses Curtain for Cover
The holdup, described as a young white man of rather stout build, wearing blue jeans, blue shirt, a large grey hat and a bandana around his face, entered a wine colored convertible coupe, parked in the alley at the rear of the pharmacy and drove toward the P. E. station.

Spehger and Flother in the latter's car started in pursuit but the bandit's machine could not be overhauled in the race up Western ave. Other officers, after the police station was notified of the robbery by Attorney Otto Willett, who was one of the witnesses and who phoned from the Beacon Drug store, more than a block from the scene, were added to the chase. The sheriff's office was called and broadcast a warning but the bandit has not been apprehended.

Probert said the man was either wearing some kind of powder or face lotion under his bandana's mask as traces of it showed near his eyes and ears. The man said "this is a holdup" as he entered the pharmacy. Because his gun was concealed and because of his mask, Probert and his patrons thought it was a joke but the man ran back to the curtained doorway near the soda fountain, pulled the curtain about him and stuck out his automatic with orders to Probert to empty the register.

After handing the man the bills in the cash drawer, Probert told him he could leave through the rear entrance but the bandit ordered his victim to "hand over all the silver, too." He then walked toward the front of the store as Willett, who lives at 2208 Torrance blvd., and John M. Hooper, 1222 Acacia st., joined Flother and Mrs. Berry at the counter. Mrs. Fannie King was standing at the right of the store.

Probert extracted the silver (Continued on Page 5-A)

Want Drainage Action
Another matter on which Harbor City wants action is the drainage problem on Frampton. The fact that many improvements promised Harbor City were figured on WPA labor should not mean the failure of the city authorities to carry out (Continued on Page 5-A)

announced the following classifications for displays:

Highlights of Torrance Show

Entries for Torrance Flower, Art and Hobby Show will be received at Civic Auditorium Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 23 and 24, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Flower arrangements and cut flowers may be brought there Thursday morning, Sept. 25, between 9 and 12 o'clock noon.

Judging will be Thursday morning, Sept. 25, for all entries except flowers which will be inspected Thursday afternoon. Show open—free admittance to all—from 2 to 10 p. m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25, 26 and 27. Exhibitors may call for their displays Sunday, Sept. 28, between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

are made every afternoon and evening. The show will open next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and will close each night at 10 o'clock. Members of the Torrance Art-Craft club will assist as hostesses.

There will be entertainment furnished by the high school music department all three nights. The Madrigal Singers, under direction of Mrs. Marjorie Eischen Cooke, will appear and there will be instrumental numbers by Torrance students.

Entrees Due Sept. 28: 34
Seven classes of exhibits and a special division devoted to children's displays will be on view. Awards of merit will be made following judging of the entries next Thursday. Exhibits will be checked in by Mrs. Cora Bohrer of the Torrance Recreation department at the Auditorium next Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 23 and 24, from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m.

Cut flowers and flower arrangements may be brought there Thursday morning, Sept. 25, between 9 and 12 o'clock noon.

Chairman Parks, aided by Miss Ada Chase, Mrs. Bohrer, William Wylam and others, have

PERRY PRINCIPAL



J. R. LAMONT

Heading the faculty of Perry school in North Torrance is J. R. Lamont, who taught the past two years at Ventura and previously was in Imperial Valley. He is a graduate of U.S.C., who received his master's degree in education last spring. Lamont is married and is living in Redondo Beach. Keenly interested in the Boy Scout movement, he was in charge of a district in the east and conducted a number of long Scouting trips—he hopes to organize a troop in North Torrance as soon as he gets his school year well under way.

Crossing Guard Controversy is Still Unsettled

Because the school crossing guard problem is still just that for Los Angeles county and cities, three of such crossings in Torrance are still unprotected, Police Chief John Stroth reported today. The city has employed four women at the rate of \$2 per day to direct traffic for school children but the officials are waiting to see how the controversy between the cities, county and state is settled, before taking action on the remaining crossings here.

At a general meeting Tuesday in Los Angeles, attended by county and city officials and representative citizens from the 45 cities in the county, no solution was found to the question: who will pay the school crossing guards? The county council ruled that cities and the State Highway Patrol must take care of the intersections.

This session was adjourned on Monday morning. County supervisors maintained they could offer no funds and the state has withdrawn its aid.

Guards Carry 'Stop' Signs
The unprotected crossings here are Fortola and Torrance blvd., Carson Post and Coles, and 1824 and Hawthorne, which is half in county and half in Torrance territory. The county had a guard there last year.

Crossing guards who have (Continued on Page 5-A)

Kail, Powell Take Positions On City Council

A report of the city council session held Sept. 11 will be found on Page 5-A.

Writing "finis" to a hectic chapter in Torrance municipal history, Mayor Tom McGuire, Councilmen James Hitchcock and Vern Babcock canvassed the results of the Sept. 10 special election, counted 16 absentee votes and seated Kenneth H. Kail and George V. Powell, the latter for the third time, at a special meeting Tuesday night.

A smaller crowd of spectators than usual was on hand to applaud Kail and Powell as they took their seats on the council bench. Both responded to McGuire's invitation to speak but their remarks were brief. Powell was the first to be sworn in by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett after the three-man council had canvassed the vote and absentee ballots.

When someone in the audience asked "how about a speech," Powell commented: "We might have an opinion from the city attorney," referring to Attorney McCall's various rulings during the course of the recall campaign which saw Powell and John V. Murray ousted July 29.

Kail Asks Cooperation
"I didn't come prepared," Powell began. "I don't think a speech is necessary. You people here all know me—some like me and some don't—but you'll find George Powell the same as before."

Kail, the youngest man ever to be elected a councilman, will serve out Murray's unexpired term, or until April 1942. He said "I'll try to do my duties as councilman and I will appreciate your cooperation."

Ten of the 16 absentee votes went to Powell and Murray with the other six going to Kail and James A. Evans. The official results of the Sept. 10 election were announced as follows:

For the short term ending in April, 1942: Kail 1,145; Murray 1,037. For the long term ending in April 1944: Powell 1,072; Evans 967; Bert L. Allen 151.

The council will hold a regular meeting Tuesday night, Sept. 23. COUNCIL COMMITTEES ARE REVISED

Councilman Vern Babcock was transferred from chairman of the city council's Ordinance committee to head the Recreation committee formerly chairmaned by John V. Murray. Councilman-elect Kenneth H. Kail has taken over the direction of the Ordinance committee. These were the only changes announced by Mayor Tom McGuire following the seating of Kail Tuesday night.

The new committee arrangement follows: Finance — McGuire, chairman; Babcock and James Hitchcock, Recreation — Babcock, chairman, George V. Powell and Kail, Ordinance — Kail, chairman; Babcock and Powell, Police and Fire — Powell, chairman; Hitchcock and McGuire, Streets, Sewers and Parks — Hitchcock, chairman; Kail and McGuire.

Cavalry Guard Meet is Friday

Wanta become a cavalryman and gallop with a sabre in the air?

Then you should attend the organizational meeting of the California State Guard's Third regiment at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock. At that time plans will be made for enlistment of all who own horses here or who would like to join a cavalry outfit to be known as Company H with headquarters in Torrance. All men between 18 and 60 are cordially invited to attend and hear full details of the State Guard plan for this area.

Lieut. Harold Stark and other Reserve officers of cavalry units connected with Ft. Bliss will be present to speak on the formation of the Torrance cavalry company. Sid Wood of Lomita is serving as enlistment officer for the Torrance mounted outfit and he may be reached evenings at Lomita 860 for more information.

S. A. L. BOARD MEET
A meeting of the executive board of the Fourth Area, Sons of the American Legion, will be held at the Legion clubhouse here Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21, starting at 1 o'clock.