



Silver Jubilee Will be Honored By MARCH OF DIMES Drive

There's one "dotted line" which every resident of this community will want to sign and be glad to pay from 10 cents up for the privilege of thus inscribing his or her name. By so inscribing one or more of the scores of "Salutation Sheets" now in circulation here, the signer sends his personal greetings and congratulations to America's indomitable leader, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt...

Defense Council Partly Formed; No Control Yet

As result of a conference Tuesday afternoon between the city council and Police Chief John Stroh, a step was made toward setting up a Civilian Defense Council in this community but essential leadership to coordinate all volunteer activities still remains incomplete. Meanwhile, regular study classes for air raid wardens, auxiliary police, auxiliary firemen, first aid and other civilian services are continuing with additional volunteers being reported for nearly every unit.

Clocks to Move Ahead on Feb. 9

President Roosevelt signed legislation Tuesday that will place the entire nation on daylight saving time, effective at 2 a. m. Monday Feb. 9. The statute, which placed clocks one hour ahead, will continue in effect for the duration of the war and for not more than six months thereafter. It can be nullified in the meantime by Congress, however.

Guard-Sniping Reports Develop No Clues Here

Periodic reports of shooting at guards stationed at the General Petroleum refinery here, climaxed by statements of a guard that early Monday and Tuesday morning the asserted snipers used silencers on their weapons, have somewhat nettled the Torrance police department. "Immediately on receipt of those reports we've had squad cars at the refinery—dispatched by radio—and officers have tramped all over the area without finding one confirming clue," Police Chief John Stroh said Tuesday. "One of the guards claimed a bullet from a sniper went thru his hat. We inspected that headpiece and it is evident that the hole—if it was made by a bullet—came from a rifle aimed upward from almost directly under the man's feet."

Time Getting Short on Auto Plates, Stamps

He who hesitates — is penalized! That's one way of warning tardy motorists that they must have their 1942 state automobile license strips by Feb. 4 or pay a forfeit. Penalty consists of double the registration and a 50 per cent increase in vehicle license fee. Auto plates may be obtained at the Torrance branch office of the Motor Vehicle department, 1816 Border ave., from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. weekdays and from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. Saturdays.

New First Aid Class Opens at City Hall

Fred O. Folts is organizing a standard first aid course for beginners this afternoon at the council chambers in the city hall. The course is open to everyone and will be held from 1 to 4 p. m. every Thursday at that location.

Modernization Of Hospital Is Complete

Completion of this week of modernization work at Torrance Memorial hospital was announced today by Grover C. Whyte, vice-president of the local institution, who has been in charge of the operations. This makes available 15 additional beds in rooms which have been vacant recently because of re-modeling activities. All rooms in that portion of the hospital, adjoining the recently constructed new west wing, have been re-decorated in light ivory. Toilets, lavatories and closets were also installed adjoining all rooms in the re-modeled section. New asphaltic tile floors were also laid in these rooms. An attractive children's room, decorated and furnished by Dr. Clifford Easley without cost to the hospital, is also provided. A room in the new wing was furnished by the Torrance Rotary Club and the Torrance City Employees Association also made a substantial donation toward furnishing a room. A number of industrial firms, as well as individuals have indicated their intention of making donations toward the cost of furnishings.

48 to Graduate At Afternoon Rites at H. S.

For the first time in many years, an afternoon commencement will honor the Winter Class of 1942 at Torrance high school on Sunday, Feb. 2, at 4 p. m. And for the first time in the history of the school the graduation will be combined with the Baccalaureate service when Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, will be the principal speaker.

Bomb Fighting Demonstration Here Sunday

Want to see what an incendiary bomb looks like? And learn how to put one out? Then plan to attend the public demonstration of incendiary bomb fighting arranged by Police Chief John Stroh as director of Torrance Civilian Defense next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the high school football field.

More Wardens Urgently Needed

"We still have a serious deficiency in Air Raid Warden personnel here," Chief Warden Jack Hallanger said this week at the city hall. "We urgently need 40 and 50 showing up for the instruction being given twice weekly, Wednesday and Friday nights at 7:30 o'clock in the Civic Auditorium."

Plane Crash Victim Formerly of Torrance

Old-time Torrance residents reading reports of the tragic airliner crash last Friday that claimed the lives of Capt. Leonard, screen star, and 21 other passengers, recalled that Otto Winkler, M. G. M. press-agent who was among the victims, was a former local resident. Winkler lived with his family on Andree ave. and went to school here.

Who's Holding the Sugar Bag?

Local housewives who may have become concerned over their inability to purchase sugar in larger quantities than two pounds at stores here should read the following illuminating article by Josephine Ripley in The Christian Science Monitor. Sugar, sugar, who's got the sugar? Thousands of pounds have gone into hiding. Thousands of stores from Maine to California have been cleaned out of their normal supply. Who has got the sugar? The refiners, the housewives, the industrial users. Everyone but the grocer, apparently. This is how it happened: The scene is any American home in any American suburb. The time is early in the morning. The month is December. Mrs. Jones is getting breakfast. "Wonder if I shouldn't lay in a supply of sugar," says Mrs. Jones more to herself than to her husband, as she slides the bacon and eggs in front of the newspaper which is in front of Mr. Jones. "You remember what a time we had getting sugar in the last war, dear, and how high it was?" Mr. J. reaches out around the paper and stirs his morning beverage. "Hm-m?" he murmurs politely. "Oh, yes, yes, of course sugar. By all means, darling. Hope the British can hold Singapore. Bad chaps, those Japanese." No more has the door closed upon Mr. J.'s departing coat-tails than Mrs. J. goes to the telephone. "Think I'll order 20 pounds this time instead of 10," she says to herself as she dials the grocer. One of Thousands Mrs. Jones was one of thousands on that bright December morning. Then after the attack on Pearl Harbor all the Mrs. Joneses wagged their heads. They had been right! There was going to be a sugar shortage. Again they rushed to the telephone. Instead of 20 pounds this time, it was 30. Better be safe, they argued. Then came the Government order of Dec. 13. It limited dealers to the amount of sugar they had purchased in the corresponding month in 1941. It was designed to prevent any unwarranted run on sugar. But housewives were evidently convinced that it was a danger signal. They began running from store to store, and in no time at all there was a shortage—in the stores. That was how it started in the home. This is the grocer's story: He says he noticed the increased popularity of sugar on the order slip early in December. But he wasn't concerned. He had plenty of sugar on his shelves. Even after Pearl Harbor and its stimulus to the sugar run, he wasn't worried. "We still thought we had a sufficient supply," as one grocer put it. "We knew we'd be able to stock up again the first of January with just as much sugar as we had had in January in 1941."

Enemy Aliens Must Register At Postoffice

All alien Japanese, German and Italian nationals residing in this community are required to register at the postoffice between Feb. 2 and 7, inclusive, according to new regulations issued under authority of the Presidential proclamation of Jan. 14. This registration applies to all enemy aliens 14 years of age or over who have not yet taken the oath of allegiance before a Federal judge, the final step in acquiring American citizenship.

Mayor Bans Burning of Waste Paper

Mayor Tom McGuire, in an order posted Monday on the city hall bulletin board, prohibited the "burning or destruction" of waste paper. "Department of Commerce figures show that about three-fourths of the paper produced in the U. S. each year is burned," the mayor's announcement reads. "We must stop the burning of old newspapers, corrugated boxes, magazines and waste-basket paper so that a lack of paperboard containers for munitions will not become a defense bottleneck."

Tire Board Okays Two Applications

Chairman Wallace H. Gilbert of the Torrance Tire Rationing board announced yesterday that two applications for tires and tubes have been approved to date. The city of Torrance requested for two tires and one tube for police patrol cars and E. J. Scott's application for two tires and two tubes for his electrical maintenance truck were okayed by the local board.

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Quake-Repair Jobs This Week Total \$11,600

More reconstruction of Nov. 14 earthquake-damaged structures in Torrance started this week with the granting of six building permits, totaling \$11,600 for this type of work. In addition, \$2,000 more in building permits for other construction work were issued from the city engineer's office. The permits were granted: B. Levine for reconstruction of damage to store building at 1907-99-11-15 Carson st., \$1,800; Mrs. Mosier reconstruction of store building at 1316-24 Storti ave., \$2,500; J. C. Smith demolishing the rear of the Western Auto Supply Company store building at 1273 Sartori ave., \$300; Dr. C. W. Wade reconstruction of stores and office building at 1331-43 El Prado, \$3,000. Mrs. Sophia Krick repair damage to garage at 2033 Torrance blvd., \$1,000; Albert Iren reconstruction of stores and apartment building at 1601 Cabrillo ave., \$3,000; Norman Tyler six-room frame moved-in house at 22401 Ocean st., \$2,500, and Art Gorseman alterations on milk house at 3400 Huntington st., \$400.