

60 Residents Will Donate Blood Friday To Army and Navy

The first complete shipment of 60 pints of human blood from any one city in Southern California will be donated tomorrow by 60 Torrance residents at the Los Angeles headquarters of the American Red Cross Blood Donor Service. This contribution will be made in response to the Army and Navy's call for 200,000 units of plasma (dried blood) to save lives endangered by traumatic shock.

Arrangements for the Torrance residents' participation in Blood Donor Service were made early this week by Mrs. R. R. Smith, local Red Cross branch chairman, and Judge John Shidler. The latter, with Police Chief John Stroth and Michael Strasser of the Herald, visited the Blood Donor center on Western ave., late last week to see the facilities and learn the method of handling the donations.

While the list of volunteers for tomorrow complete, it is hoped to bring the Los Angeles noble unit here for a city-wide procurement of blood in the near future. At that time 120 persons will be sought to donate their blood for processing into plasma. All donors will have their blood typed and the local volunteers have agreed to allow the Torrance Memorial hospital access to this information for use in regular transfusions in the future.

Easy as a Hair-cut
When the donors arrive at the Los Angeles center tomorrow morning, they will be received by Mrs. Smith and other Red Cross workers and their names and identifying data entered on record cards. Donors will then have their temperature and pulse taken, their hemoglobin and blood pressure recorded and are interviewed briefly by the doctor in charge. The actual bleeding only takes about 20 minutes and has been described as "easy as having a haircut or a hair-do."

Afterwards, the donors will be given some light refreshment and within a half-hour after their arrival are on their way home. The bottle of blood given by each donor is placed in a refrigerator and once a day all bottles are transferred to portable refrigerators and expressed to Berkeley where a processing laboratory separates the plasma from the red and white cells of the blood and the plasma is reduced to a cream-colored powder. This is sealed in glass containers and remains unchanged for years. It dissolves quickly in sterile water and is then ready to be given as a transfusion. A supply of plasma is kept in reserve by the Army and Navy, where it can be called upon by the Red Cross in case of civilian disasters that might cause severe injuries to many people.

The schedule as worked out by Judge Shidler, who is "blood donor's pilgrimages" to the Los Angeles blood bank, follows with a complete list of the local donors who will leave in police cars from the police station at the following times:

List of Donors
8:40 a. m. — Joe Chief John Stroth, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Long, Alex. Thompson, Mrs. Agnes
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More Major Buildings Go Under Repair

Reconstruction of eight major buildings, damaged by the Nov. 14 earthquake, was started this week following issuance of construction permits from the city engineer's office. Included was the Torrance Masonic lodge building at 12123 Sartori ave., which was badly damaged by the tremor and which will be rebuilt and strengthened at a cost of \$11,000. Other permits were granted this week to:

Mrs. Flora McDonald Wright, reconstruction of damage to store building at 1221-1223 Carver st. \$4,000; J. C. Smith, reconstruction of damage to the store building at 1273 Sartori ave. \$3,500; Charles Murray, reconstruction of damage to the former Erwin Hotel at 1210 El Prado, \$5,000; Sam Levy, reconstruction of damage at 1528 Cravens ave. \$950.

Paul, reconstruction of damage to store and apartment building at 1610 Cabrillo ave. \$1,000. Herbert J. Adler, reconstruction of damage to Wilcox Chevrolet Sales and Service building at 1800 Cabrillo ave. \$3,800; Jack Long, frame garage and laundry building at 1222 Date ave. \$1,000; G. Medina, addition of a service porch to house at 805 Madrid ave. \$350; John F. Dalton, reconstruction of chimney at 1815 Andree ave. \$115; and Walteria Full Gospel church, moved-in frame building for church purposes at 24423 Hawthorne blvd. \$1,000.

One Killed and Seven Hurt in Hiway Crashes

One person suffered injuries which later proved fatal and six others were hurt in two motor crashes on Pacific Coast (101) highway in Torrance Sunday evening and Monday morning, according to police reports. W. L. Williamson, 47, of Santa Monica, died last night at a Los Angeles hospital as a result of injuries sustained at 2 a. m. Monday morning when four others were hurt on the highway west of Via Del Parque. His death was the first traffic fatality of 1942 here.

According to reports on file at the police station, Mrs. Nina Williamson, 39, Santa Monica, was west bound without lights. Duane Adamson, 23, Pasadena, was going east and he said he did not see the Williamson car until it was about 100 feet away.

The young Pasadena told investigating officers he turned to the left to avoid the collision and at the same time the Williamson car swerved to smash into a front end collision. In addition to Mrs. Williamson, her husband who died last night and Duane Adamson, those injured in the crash were Harvey Adamson, 20, and Ruth Logan, 20, both of Pasadena. All were taken to Torrance Memorial hospital for treatment and later sent home or to other hospitals.

The first collision sent Mrs. Stella Goodrich, 65, of Los Angeles to Torrance Memorial hospital with minor injuries. She was riding with her husband, G. P. Goodrich, who was driving east on the highway. He struck a truck, operated by Itaro Kato of Lomita, who was going west and making a left-hand turn onto Newton ave.

New First Aid Classes Start Here Monday

Two weeks ago The Herald published a complete summary of all Red Cross First Aid classes operating here. Since then there have been several changes and Casper Clemmer, first aid chairman, has compiled the following list of classes scheduled to begin Monday, Feb. 2:

(1) Advanced First Aid, for those who have completed the standard work, Monday and Thursday afternoons, 1 to 4 p. m. in the city hall council room; Mrs. Elsa Stone, instructor.
(2) Advanced First Aid: Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 10 p. m. in the city hall council room; Mrs. Stone instructor.
(3) Advanced First Aid: Thursday, 7 to 10 p. m. in the council rooms, starting Feb. 5; Frederick B. Potts, instructor.
(4) Standard First Aid: now in progress Thursday afternoons, 3 to 4 p. m. in the Civic Auditorium; Potts, instructor.
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Gave Life at Pearl Harbor



JOHN JUNIOR FESS, Fireman First Class, U.S.N. ... a former Boy Scout, his "bit" was a supreme one

"After exhaustive search it has been found impossible to locate your son John Junior Fess, Fireman First Class, U. S. Navy, and he has therefore been officially declared to have lost his-life in the service of his country as of Dec. 7, 1941. The Department expresses to you its sincerest sympathy. (Signed) Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of Bureau of Navigation, U.S.N."

This telegram, sent from Washington, D. C., at 10:35 p. m. last Friday (Jan. 23) and received by Mr. and Mrs. John Fess of 1729 Arlington ave., the following day took their young-est son out of the list of the missing following the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and placed him among the ranks of the nation's honored dead of World War II. Thus John Junior Fess, native-born son of Torrance, became the first resident of this community to make the supreme sacrifice.

When he was reported among the missing Jan. 9 at Pearl Harbor, his parents remained steadfast in their hope that they would have better news soon. Even today his mother, Mrs. Persia K. Fess, nourishes a tremulous spark of hope that her boy will come thru. But no further word has been received since last Saturday.

John Junior Fess was 21 years old last September 14. He was born in Torrance, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Fess who came to this community about 25 years ago. He attended Torrance Elementary and Torrance high school where he graduated with 32 others in the Winter class of 1938. He was a Boy Scout and was the first and only official mascot of the Torrance fire department which his father served for many years.

Aliens Register Next Week

All German, Italian and Japanese non-citizens residing in California and seven other western states, are required to file applications for certificates of identification between Feb. 2 and Feb. 7.

The new order issued by the Department of Justice, following President Franklin D. Roosevelt's proclamation, calls for all Japanese, German and Italian non-citizens to apply for identification certificates during the specified dates at any postoffice. It is pointed out that this order requires registrations to be made promptly and that when certificates are obtained, they must be available for identification at any time.

More Books Wanted for Soldiers, Sailors

More books for the nation's armed forces are wanted for the Victory Book Campaign in which the Torrance public library is cooperating. Several hundred volumes have been donated to date by local residents but Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian, states that more technical books are wanted. Fiction is welcome, particularly adventure, aviation stories, historical novels, mystery, sports and western yarns, but books dealing with all vocations and studies are also in demand. Those unable to bring their donations to the library should call Mrs. Jamieson at her home, 95-W, and she will call for them.

Jap Evacuation Favored by County Board

Removal of all Japanese aliens from truck gardening and similar work around defense plants and vital defense areas to inland points where there could be no possibility of them interfering with national defense is favored by the Los Angeles county supervisors.

The board acted after hearing from Wayne Allen, their chief officer, declaring that "in event of an invasion of California by forces of Japan, the civil population of California would be unable to cope with the large Japanese population which would constitute a potentially dangerous fifth column enemy."

There are 36,868 Japanese residents in Los Angeles county, of which 13,391 are aliens, Allen told the supervisors. (Torrance has the 10th largest Japanese population in the entire United States with 1,189 of whom 781 are U. S. born and citizens and 408 are aliens.)

Cite Religious Beliefs
"About 50 per cent of all Japanese residents of Los Angeles county retain their native Buddhist and Shinto religions," it was stated in a resolution adopted by the supervisors. "The Shinto religion is that of the Emperor of Japan and its precepts include the worship of ancestors and the belief that soldiers who die for their native country of Japan become spirits to be worshipped."

Copies of the resolution were sent Wednesday to President Roosevelt, Senators Hiram Johnson and Sheridan Downey, the eight Los Angeles county congressmen and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Federal support for those Japanese who have become dependent upon public support because of conditions arising out of the war also was urged by (Continued on Page 7-A)

Civil Defense Control Board Holds Practice

Using actual locations for signs of bomb damage and destruction, the Torrance Civil Defense Control Board held its first practice session last night at the Control Center located in the Municipal Water building on El Prado. Police Chief John Stroth, defense director, conducted the rehearsal to acquaint the volunteer telephone operators and members of the Control Board with their duties.

Another practice session is planned and later all Air Raid Wardens who are now in training will be asked to join a demonstration that will be a "dress rehearsal" for any emergency which may face the city. Those sitting at the Control Board were: Bud Youngken, Air Raid Warden; Tom Perkin, Auxiliary Police; Chief J. E. McMaster and Roy Winters, Auxiliary Firemen; Carl Benner and Leonard Babcock, Medical Services; Glenn Jain and Ralph Perkins, Public Works, and Mrs. R. R. Smith and William H. Stanger, Public Utilities.

Bus Deficit Driving City Finances 'Into Red,' Council Told

The Torrance Municipal bus system is very much "in the red"—the net loss for the past eight months amounting to \$5,960.90 or an average loss of \$745.11 per month. These figures do not include depreciation, which if included would bring the loss close to \$1,000 per month.

Sons of Legion Will Collect Waste Paper

Determined to do "their bit" in the nation's defense program, members of the Torrance squadron, Sons of the American Legion, this week completed arrangements to serve as collectors of waste paper in this city. Their efforts should be appreciated by many residents who have been saving waste paper ever since the need was announced that it was a local organization.

The Sons have agreed all proceeds from the sale in this fashion: 50 per cent to go for the purchase of defense bonds, 25 per cent to the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross and the remaining 25 per cent to the Torrance American Legion Post building fund for reconstruction of the Carson st. clubhouse.

Permission was given by the City Council Tuesday night to the Sons to use the portion of El Prado, Park fronting on Cravens ave. at El Prado, for a "receiving depot" where waste-paper may be brought by local residents who desire to cooperate in the drive, which will start next Thursday, Feb. 5.

Cities Sued for \$17,380 Result of Bus Collision

Damages totaling \$17,380 are sought from the cities of Torrance and Santa Monica in a civil action filed in Los Angeles county superior court this week by Mable Senyohl, 2419 Vineyard st. Los Angeles, who was injured.

The suit is the result of a collision between a Torrance-operated municipal bus, according to the complaint, at 190th street and Vermont avenue last October 2. The city councils of each city have denied the woman's claim for damages. According to the complaint the bus belonged to the cities of Torrance and Santa Monica and was being operated by the Torrance Municipal Bus line.

The plaintiff was a passenger with Jean Ray when their car collided with the bus operated by Alvin K. Hill, who is included as a defendant.

BUY RAID HORNS
Appropriation of \$16,000 for the purchase of 20 air raid warning horns for installation in unincorporated area of Los Angeles county was authorized this week by the board of supervisors.

This information was given the city council Tuesday night in a report on municipal bus finances by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett. He said he had furnished this data to Attorney C. T. Rippey this week at the latter's request. Rippey has been engaged in an investigation of municipal finances recently. It is reported that his studies are to include a number of municipal departments.

The council received Bartlett's report with no comment and no questions were addressed the clerk about it.

Bartlett said his estimates were based on "actual figures" taken from the budget report of the city of Torrance for the period July 1, 1941, to Nov. 30, 1941, and from the budget report of the Municipal Bus Line for the period from May 5, 1941, (when the city started operating its own buses) to Dec. 31, 1941.

Other Expenses Normal
"This report is presented for the record and for your study and consideration," Bartlett told the council.

"For the five-month period mentioned above for the city of Torrance, the budget record shows that an expenditure of the total estimated revenue of \$136,980 was made, normal expense for five months being \$136,980, exclusive of the advance made to the bus lines of \$26,010.52, indicating that the city of Torrance expenditures, aside from the bus line, are normal," the clerk informed the council.

The estimated operating expense of the Municipal Bus Lines for fiscal year 1941-42 was given as \$31,216.86, while the estimated revenue for the same 12-month period was reported as \$22,176.

Bartlett's estimated expense for the city government accounts plus the bus line was given as \$314,460. Thus, City Clerk Bartlett arrived at the figure of \$32,794.32 as the deficit for fiscal year 1941-42 to which he added \$4,500 for "depreciation on buses for an approximate total deficit of \$37,294."

This represents an expenditure of \$37,294.32 above the estimated revenue. "According to state law we are not allowed to spend any amount in excess of the estimated revenue in any one fiscal year. It appears that we cannot continue to operate at such a great loss."

"In the interest of rubber conservation and to cooperate with government officials in endeavoring to keep the highways clear of as much traffic as possible to accommodate army and military transportation and to drastically curtail expenses of the bus lines, it has been suggested that one bus only be operated to connect with the Figueroa st. bus line at Manchester ave., and one bus to be used as an alternate. It was further suggested that the remaining four buses be offered for sale to the U. S. government for use in the defense program."

Fare is itemized
Bartlett's report listed the re-
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Red Cross Fund Passes \$2,500

With the contributions from Columbia Steel and National Supply employees yet to be reported, donations to the American Red Cross War Emergency fund have totaled more than \$2,500 to date, according to Jack Hallanger, general chairman of the Torrance drive. He expressed confidence that the total when those two major sources of contributions are reported, will run close to \$4,000. Meanwhile, the campaign is continuing and subscriptions may be left at the Red Cross Production headquarters in the Steel Workers hall across from the central fire station on Cravens ave.

48 Will Graduate Sunday Afternoon at T. H. S.

Vesper Ceremony Planned

Combining baccalaureate and commencement, the 48 members of the Winter Class of 1942 will be honored at the high school assembly hall next Sunday afternoon, Feb. 1, at 4 o'clock. Opening the unified program—first of its kind to be held in this city—the student choir will sing Bach's "Oh Morning Star" and then the graduates will march in procession to De Koven's "Recessional" played by the school orchestra and sung by the choir with Betty May Weaver, Adeline Livermore, Doris Martin and George Piper as soloists.

The invocation will be pronounced by Rev. Harry Branton, Rev. C. M. Northrup will deliver the class motto in correlative Scripture and the graduates and orchestra will sing "America." Presentation of the academic majors will be by Douglas Crawford while other



Principal Thomas H. Elson stands with the members of the graduating class shown above. Bottom row, left to right: Elson, Geneva Parr, John Hudson, Evelyn Thompson, Kirkland, Ernest Batic, Dorothy Snow, Tsutomu Shiotau, Helen Miletich, president of the class; Joseph McIntier, Lillian Bespe, Charles Proxten, Helen Craig, Harry Hillier and Emilio Orsawa.

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Second row, l. to r.: Alta White, Adeline Livermore, Roy Dphrick, Pauline Delsigne, Douglas Crawford, Rhea Mae Haefell, Richard Leech, Joan Haeckell, William Parson, Doris

Martin, Conrad Christiansen, Jane Benstead, Christopher Hager, Dona Lee Kean and Hazel Burchett.

Top row, l. to r.: Geraldine Anderson, Betty May Weaver, Ruby Mullin, Richard Paxman, Alene Lamb, Jonell Hale, Beverly Whitney, Beryl Cole, Doris Eckersley, Charlene Floyd and Lucille Anthony.

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