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'Love Insurance' Pays Dividend

"Love Insurance," which safeguards against soldiers at Camp Callan losing their hometown girls, paid off a surprising dividend in the case of Corporal Wallace Butcher. After losing his sweetheart, Butcher was astonished to find his insurance "benefit" was a date with pretty Janet Blair, Columbia film actress.

2,400 Register for Selective Service

Exceeding by more than one-third the anticipated number of registrants between 20 and 44 years of age, Selective Service Board No. 280 reported today that 2,400 men were registered in Torrance, Lomita, Gardena, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes Estates, El Nido and portions of Harbor City, Moneta and Redondo Beach last weekend. Most of those who signed up during the three-day registration period reported last Saturday, approximately 1,500 appearing on that day at the 10 registration centers.

No count was made by communities in the area but officials of the board estimate about 700 registered in Torrance, 550 in Gardena, 500 in Lomita and the remainder from other parts of the district.

Local Selective Service officials do not expect to draft men from the latest registration for at least 60 days, it was learned this morning. While the number of 1-A men is about exhausted at Board No. 280, the recent reduced physical qualifications are expected to add a considerable number to the 1-A class when those who have been deferred for minor physical defects are re-examined and re-classified.

March 9 has been set for the local drawing of serial numbers from the third registration group and the national lottery will be after that date. Then questionnaires must be sent out and returned, hearings held and classifications made of men in the 20 to 44 age bracket.

Working four-hour shifts, 162 volunteer registrars conducted the sign-up locally without a single registrant being required to stand in line, according to Clerk Carl Marsteller of Board No. 280. He reported that the registration centers were running out of cards last Saturday but a hurry call for more supplies replenished the stock early Sunday morning.

Marsteller and J. W. Loughridge of Walteria, member of the local board, were among those registered. Another was a man 64 years old who insisted on signing up. Volunteer registrars failed to convince him he was not in the age bracket so they registered him—and later disposed of the blank.

NAVY GUEST

Sam Samuelson, who recently joined the U. S. Navy, was a weekend guest at McKinley Inn.

Fiery Beacon Attracts Army Attention Here

Flames soared 60 feet into the air, sending up billows of dense smoke three times that height late Monday afternoon as some oil sludge caught fire at the city dump off Plaza del Amo near Border ave. The blaze attracted considerable attention—especially that of an Army officer, who made pointed inquiries of Fire Chief J. E. McMaster at the scene.

Chief McMaster reported that the fire was caused by oil from the sludge dumped at the site by oil companies seeping to the city yard where trash was being burned. He said he had warned other city officials several times in the past that the practice of allowing sludge dumping on the property was dangerous.

"The Army officer at the scene indicated that such a blaze would make an excellent beacon or signal and the information he obtained may be the basis of a complaint to the city council and a warning against permitting such hazards to continue," McMaster said.

"In connection with that blaze, I would like to repeat the regulations regarding the burning of trash by local residents. Such burning must not be done after sundown anywhere in the city," the fire chief concluded.

FRENCHMAN SPEAKER

M. Henri Diamant Berger, motion picture producer and radio commentator, will discuss "The Free French Today" at the dinner-meeting of the Torrance Rotary Club tonight. He has been active in the DeGaullist movement, is a veteran of the French army during World War I and won the Croix de Guerre.

Columbia Credit Union Declares Annual Dividend

Stanley Lewand was elected president of the Columbia Employees Credit Union at the recent annual meeting of the organization, which now has 665 members and paid them the regular annual six per cent dividend. The Credit Union, which began business in January, 1937, has returned this dividend to members every year.

Last year more than $53,000 was loaned out, making the total loans in the past five years approximately $175,000. Current assets amount to $38,436, it was reported. Other officers of the Credit Union are Richard Detrick, vice-president; Neil McConlogue, treasurer, and Stewart Holland, secretary.

Members of the board of directors are: President Lewand, Detrick, McConlogue, James Hansen, George Schmid, Claud Mackey, William A. Peterson, Duncan McNicoll, William H. Sykes and Edwin S. Morang. Members of the Supervisory committee are Paul H. Jones, R. F. Benton and Henry McCulloch. Members of the Credit committee are Claude Mackey, James Hansen and William A. Peterson.

Red Cross Drive Nets $6,195 In Torrance

Total contributions of $6,195.67 to the American Red Cross war emergency campaign by local industries, organizations, workers and residents was reported yesterday by Mrs. Cleora Stanger, secretary of the local branch. The subscription was the largest sum ever raised here for any cause.

Industrial and workers' contributions amounting to $4,636 were donated. Postmaster Earl Conner was chairman of the industrial canvass, assisted by Wallace Post and Sam Levy. The complete subscription list follows:

Grand Theatre	$20.00
Pacific Smelting Co.	26.00
Columbia Steel Employees	939.00
Columbia Steel Company	750.00
D. & M. Machine Works	15.00
Nat'l Supply Co.	1,000.00
Nat'l Supply Employees	1,083.10
Superior Oil Co.	400.00
Rubbercraft Corp.	63.45
Rubbercraft Employees	63.45
Ideco Co.	25.00
Ideco Employees	22.50
Mayfair Creamery Employees	22.00
Torrance Laundry Employees	25.00
P. E. Employees	25.75
C. C. M. O. Employees	45.00
Axelson Employees	15.00
Bank of America Employees	63.75
Torrance Herald Employees	13.00
Pac. Perforating Co. and Employees	19.00
Precinct collections	1,266.03
Miscellaneous donations	268.64
Eastern Star lodge	15.00
Columbia Acacia Club	10.00
TOTAL	$6,195.67

Dicalite Employe Injured at Plant

While working in the quarry at the Dicalite plant in the Palos Verdes hills below Walteria this morning, Gumesindo H. Tirre, 47, of Manhattan Beach, was struck on the shoulder by a large piece of crude material, resulting in a broken shoulder bone. Tirre was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital for X-rays and treatment after he had been given first aid at the plant change room.

Dicalite's vice-president, A. L. Gossman, denied reports that the accident was due to a landslide or cave-in at the plant. He said Tirre walked out of the quarry after being injured and underwent hospitalization merely as a customary precautionary measure.

IN BAY CITY

Donald Ellwood is visiting at San Francisco this week. He will leave next Friday with a group of selectees.

NEW RESIDENTS

Among new residents are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ward and children, formerly of Long Beach, who have purchased a new home on Gramercy ave.

Victim of Sneak Attack

PRIVATE RAYMOND PENNINGTON, U.S.M.C.
. . . Japs added his name to nation's roll of honor

". . . It is with regret that I have to inform you that Private Raymond Pennington was killed in action on Dec. 7, 1941, while in the performance of his duty. Details regarding the death of Private Pennington have been furnished to his father, C.R.M. Harry S. Pennington, U.S.N.R., Receiving Station, San Diego, Calif. Sincerely yours, COL. S. C. CUMMING, U.S. Marine Corps."

This excerpt from a letter received by Mrs. Charles D. Wise of 1610 West 215th st., Torrance, reported the death of the second Torrance boy in action (John Junior Fess, U. S. N., was the first) and the third Torrance casualty to date. Private Royce Tidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Tidwell of 1600 216th st., was killed in an auto accident at Ft. Knox, Ky., Aug. 24, 1941.

Marine Pennington was a constant companion of Mrs. Wise's brother, Private Richard E. Reed, who was not injured although he, too, was at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Jap sneak attack. Both Marines arrived in Hawaii only a few days before that disaster, having left San Diego Nov. 30, 1941. They enlisted early in October and had just six weeks' training before being sent to Pearl Harbor.

Before he joined the Marines, Pennington was employed at the Torrance Laundry and Art Sullivan's Shell service station on Carson st. His mother died when he was only two years old and he was given a mother's care by Mrs. Charles C. Sullivan of 1903 Arlington ave. He was 17 years old and had attended Torrance high school.

MEMORIAL RITES AT LONG BEACH FEB. 22

Impressive memorial services at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 22, will commemorate Pearl Harbor and honor all America's Second World War dead. Jeanette MacDonald of the screen will sing and Gov. Culbert Olson is to give the main address. In reverent tribute to all who have died in the country's armed services since the national emergency began, a wreath will be placed at the base of a large cross at the front of the auditorium.

Members of the families of the men whose memory the service honors will be special guests. These relatives may obtain reserved seat tickets by telephoning the mayor's office, Long Beach 690-41. Besides screen star Jeanette MacDonald's rendition of "Ave Maria," music will include selections by Robert Mitchell's Hollywood Boys' Choir and the Long Beach Municipal Band. Clergy of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths will bring brief messages.

Torrance Matron Experiences Jap Shell Fire in Pago Pago, Samoa

One Torrance mother knows what it's like to duck enemy shells.

She is Mrs. Blanche Barnard, wife of Dan Barnard, Jr., who returned home with her nine-year-old daughter, Betty Lee, this week from Pago Pago, American Samoa. That South Sea island port, which is about the size of Torrance, was shelled by Jap war vessels Jan. 11.

"We were in our house when the shells began coming over from the enemy warships which were out of sight over the horizon," Mrs. Barnard said. "One shell destroyed a Jap store only 200 feet from where we were. My husband was a fire warden and he had plenty to do altho there were only three persons wounded. The shelling lasted about 25 minutes but it seemed hours."

Mrs. Barnard and her daughter left here April 2, 1941, to join her husband who is working on a Naval construction project in Samoa. She was ordered to evacuate — with all other American women and children on Jan. 23. It took 10 days to make the westward voyage but only nine days for the return trip to the mainland as the convoy with which Mrs. Barnard and Betty Lee sailed did not stop in Hawaii but came directly home.

Barnard remained in Samoa to complete his work. Mrs. Barnard and daughter are staying with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Barnard, Sr., at 2553 Sonoma ave.

PANAMA'S EXPORTS

Over 90 percent of Panama's exports are to the United States.

Council "Socks" Big Rent Bill on Stanger

The mountain came to Mohamed Tuesday afternoon and promptly had its crown knocked off . . . or in other words, a Good Samaritan offered his services and was immediately blackjacked.

Those two "impossibles" describe what happened to Water Superintendent William H. Stanger when he, as a tenant of a city building, asked the city council to charge him rent and the municipal board "socked it to him."

"Okay, Bill—you asked for it!" the council collectively indicated when the board approved Councilman James Hitchcock's motion that the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1 be charged $150 per month rental for use of the former Chamber of Commerce building on El Prado. Arrears from Nov. 16, 1941, are to be billed to the water district.

Stanger appealed to the council to charge his department rent—"and also for janitor service"—stating that "it is only fair that we pay rent for use of the Chamber of Commerce building since we took it over following the Nov. 14 earthquake." The council magnimously waived a charge for janitor service.

Perhaps the fact that the council had voted a few minutes previously to return $57,572.94 to the municipal water district which had been borrowed for the municipal general fund several months ago had something to do with the high rent charged Stanger's department.

Two Aluminum Units of Four Here Go North

The aluminum sheet mill originally planned by the Defense Plant Corporation to be built adjoining other aluminum plants now under construction at Torrance will be erected at Spokane, Wash. Likewise, the forge plant, another of the group of four aluminum units scheduled to be erected on the 253-acre site at Western and 190th street, will be located elsewhere, it was learned from authentic sources.

This decision is in keeping with the recently announced policy of the War Production Board which bars any further construction of defense plants on the Pacific Coast because of their vulnerability to enemy attack.

The decision by Washington authorities to transfer the sheet mill and forge plant will not affect the completion of the $18,000,000 aluminum reduction plant now being rushed to completion. Nor is it expected to alter the announced plans for erection of a $7,000,000 extrusion plant on the Torrance site, it was learned.

Labor Groups Unite to Speed Defense Housing

Summoned to the conference by Kenneth C. Beight of Torrance, state chairman of the C. I. O. Housing Committee, union representatives of some 65,000 Southern California war workers affiliated with both the C. I. O. and A. F. of L., met with architects, government officials and Governor Olson last Sunday to map a concerted move to obtain more defense housing in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

The session, held in the assembly hall of the State bldg. in Los Angeles, was attended by 136 delegates from A. F. of L. unions, 96 C. I. O. men and more than 200 others. Chairman Beight called attention to the urgent need for housing for present and potential war workers and the union representatives reported their needs to the government men present. As result of the meeting, more housing projects are certain to be rushed from architects' tables and put under construction and defense workers will be given greater cooperation in securing individual homes of their own.

Included among the workers' representatives present were those from steel plants, shipyards, auto factories, oil plants, rubber factories and women's auxiliaries of union groups.

Unite Local Unions

Beight, who is financial secretary of S. W. O. C. lodge No. 1414 and has lived in Torrance for the past 14 years, is also a vice-president of the State C.I.O. Council. Acting in that capacity he has initiated a Labor Coordinating Committee composed of the local C. I. O. groups in Torrance. The committee will serve as a means for better cooperation among the workers' organizations and to act on any state or national problems which may come to its attention.

E. Burnside, president of the National Supply C. I. O. local, was named acting chairman after Beight had opened the session. Alvin K. Hill, member of the State, County and Municipal Employees Union, is vice-chairman and Claude Haskin, member of the Columbia Steel S. W. O. C. No. 1414, is recording secretary. Phil Connolly, president of the State C. I. O. Council and secretary of the Los Angeles Industrial Union Council, addressed the meeting here.

Sons of Legion Caucus at Glendale Feb. 22

Approximately 15 members of the Torrance squadron, Sons of the American Legion, will attend the Fourth Area mid-year caucus to be held Sunday, Feb. 22, at the Glendale Moose hall. Robert L. Lewellen, Sr., of this city is area captain. The sessions will begin at 9:30 and continue until 5 p. m. Luncheon will be served at the meeting place.

All facilities of the Glendale Moose lodge headquarters, including a swimming pool, have been offered the Sons for their meeting. One of the speakers to address the Sons will be Alden Waite, editor of the Glendale News-Press, who will discuss "News Coverage of the Day."

Food Instructor

MRS. JESSIE EWING

A 10 or 12-week course in Home Nutrition and Canteen work will start March 3 at the Torrance Civic Auditorium with Mrs. Jessie Ewing, noted home economist, as instructor, Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman of the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross, announced today. The sessions, which will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. every Tuesday are free to all women of this community.

"This course will be most interesting," Mrs. Smith promised. "Mrs. Ewing is no stranger to this community, having been instructor at several of The Torrance Herald and Lomita News cooking schools. We know many women will gain a great deal from attendance at the sessions which are being sponsored by the American Red Cross."

CITY CURTAILS BUS SERVICE

Three round trips to Los Angeles have been eliminated from the Torrance Municipal Bus schedule, it was announced today by C. Z. Ward, manager. Northbound buses leaving Los Angeles at 10:40 a. m., 12:50 p. m., 3:20 p. m. and 12:15 a. m. have also been taken off the schedule.

The bus which formerly left Torrance for Los Angeles at 12:30 p. m. has been changed to 1 p. m., Ward stated. No changes were made in the holiday and Sunday schedule. The revised schedule is printed in an advertisement on another page of this issue.

Approximately $800 per month will be saved in wages, gasoline and upkeep, Ward said, which will go a long way toward reducing the present operating loss of the municipal bus system. As soon as increased traffic warrants additional trips will be added, the bus manager stated.

New Manager at Employment Office

Edwin Pubols has succeeded Edwin Bird as manager of the Torrance office of the California State Department of Employment as the latter was transferred late last week to manage the San Pedro office. Bird will continue to reside in Torrance.

The new manager has been with the department for five years, spending last summer in Washington, D. C., with the Social Security Board. He is a native of Oregon who attended the University of Oregon and Oregon State College. He was married last August and is now looking for a residence in Torrance.

City Election Race Warms Up for April

At the last Torrance municipal election recall campaign five candidates who had filed their nomination petitions were thrown off the ballot by order of the State Supreme Court because they filed their papers too late.

But it won't happen again, apparently. Judging from the early activity of aspirants to political office at the approaching municipal election April 14, the papers will be filed in plenty of time.

Already five petitions have been taken out for circulation, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett reports, although none of them have been filed as yet. Those who have petitions include:

A. H. Bartlett, veteran city clerk, who is running for re-election for his fifth term. He has served continuously since his first election 12 years ago;

Mrs. Harriett Leech, city treasurer, who is running for re-election;

Kenneth H. Kall, who is running for re-election to the City Council. He was elected last Sept. 10 to fill the unexpired term of former Councilman John V. Murray, recalled July 29, 1941;

James A. Evans, who was an unsuccessful candidate against Councilman George V. Powell, last September Powell, who was recalled last July, was re-seated on the council, following the court order eliminating five other councilmanic candidates; and

Frank Schmidt, 1918 Cabrillo ave., who is also slated to run for city council. He was an unsuccessful candidate in a field of 12 aspirants in the April, 1940, election.

Propositions Pending

Councilman James E. Hitchcock, whose 10 years on the council makes him the oldest member of the present city council in years of service, has not indicated as yet whether he will be a candidate for re-election. His and Councilman Kall's terms are the only two vacancies on the city council to be filled at the April election. Terms of Mayor McGuire and Councilmen Powell and Babcock do not expire until April, 1944.

In addition to a number of other candidates who are reported considering making the race for the four city offices, voters may be asked to pass upon one or more propositions.

Petitions seeking the repeal of the $50 per month salary now paid to councilmen are now in circulation, and it is reported that another proposition for the repeal of the ten cents per $100 assessed valuation tax for "advertising, music and parks" will also be on the ballot.

Final date for filing nomination petitions or petitions asking for the submission of propositions is March 14, at noon.

Registration of voters for the April election is now being made at the city clerk's office in the city hall, and also by deputy registrars Irene Wilkes, 2717 Carson st., and Leona P. Lincoln, 1229 Cota ave.

ENLIST IN NAVY

Three Torrance men enlisted in the Navy this week. They were: Doyle I. Price, 20, of 20525 N. Oak st.; Edwin O. Rowell, 17, of 1348 Carson st., and Ershel T. Ellingsworth, 32, of 1305 Post ave., Torrance.

MONDAY IS HOLIDAY

Next Monday, Feb. 23, will be the legal observance of the Washington's birthday holiday with all schools, banks and city offices remaining closed.

Whistle Signals are Effective

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Phone Hookup Planned to Unify Sound Coverage

Convinced that the combined blasts of local industrial whistles reach nearly every part of the 18-square-mile city by tests last Friday and Saturday noons, Police Chief John Stroh as civilian defense head is planning to request a special telephone hookup that will link the industrial whistle-blowers for all-out air raid signals and all-clears here.

The test choruses were clearly audible at such widely separated parts of this city as the northeast corner at Illinois st. and Redondo ave., Perry school, Hollywood Riviera, Walteria, 255th st. leading to the sand pits, Figueroa and 222nd st. and throughout the residential area, including the C. C. M. O., Stroh reported.

When the telephone hookup is installed, local police can instantly contact such plants as Columbia Steel, National Supply, General Petroleum, Ideco, Pacific Electric, Hydril and Rubbercraft.

From throaty roars to high-pitched screeches, the whistles will sound on and off for two minutes to notify the populace of an air raid or blackout and a one-minute steady blast for the all-clear.

While some of the plants do not maintain steam 24 hours a day, Stroh believes enough have whistle-tooting power to give the alarm or all-clear at any time. In response to comment that "you better get them synchronized so they all start and finish at the same time," the police chief said he was not concerned with exact timing.

"The only thing we're after is prompt warning and I don't care if all the whistles don't keep time or tempo," Stroh pointed out.

County Installs 10 Air Raid Horns

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Signals Can Be Heard for Radius of One Mile

Installation of 10 air raid warning horns in the southwestern section of Los Angeles county was completed over the week end by county electricians and pipefitters and today work was under way in the Florence district.

R. E. Shonerd, chief mechanical engineer, said he believed the warning signals could be heard for a radius of one mile. This will be determined later when tests are made.

Each installation consists of an electric motor belted to a 9-cubic-foot air compressor, and two storage tanks 20 inches in diameter and 6 feet long. A pipeline extends from the building in which the unit is housed to the top of the building, where the air horn is located. It is operated from inside.

Locations of the installations in the southwest area, which is the section of the county served by the Vermont Sheriff's substation, were given as follows: 135th and Broadway, Moneta; Figueroa street and East road, rear refineries; Sepulveda and Normandie, near Torrance and serving Lomita.

Redondo boulevard and Imperial Highway, near Inglewood; Standard Oil plant No. 3 near Inglewood, Lennox fire engine house, Angeles Mesa fire engine house on West 54th street, serving View Park and Windsor Hills area, the Sheriff's substation at 10817 South Vermont avenue, and in the Baldwin Hills.