

Bus Manager Predicts System Will Be 'Out of Red' This Month

Although the Torrance Municipal Bus system operated last month at a loss of \$906.04, Manager C. Z. Ward reported to the city council this week that "starting with the month of March you can feel assured that the bus department is on a paying basis."

He arrived at this conclusion after receiving reports that revenue for February was \$1,084.66, an increase in passenger traffic. He said: "I can safely say we will easily gross \$2,110, the total estimated expense for March, during this month."

While this was encouraging news in view of previous reports that the bus system's deficit would approximate \$37,000 this year, the Torrance transportation system still has a long way to go before it equals the record established in neighboring Gardena. The Gardena municipal bus line showed a net profit of \$307.91 before depreciation for the month of February, according to the monthly report of Earl Jacobs, transportation manager.

Gardena's buses are said to be operating at a cost of only nine cents per mile, while the Torrance bus cost per mile is 13 cents. Last month the local buses traveled 15,732 miles as compared to Gardena's 6,140.

"The revenue per day on the new (reduced) schedule is not only equaling the revenue per day on the old schedule but in some cases exceeds the old schedule," Manager Ward observed in his report. During the past 10 months, Torrance buses have traveled 202,823 miles at a cost of \$26,394.19, he said.

Federal Judge to Address Kiwanians Here Monday Night



PIERSON M. HALL

Federal Judge Pierson M. Hall will address members and guests of the Torrance Kiwanis Club next Monday night, March 23, at Daniels Cafe. He was recently appointed to the Federal bench after a distinguished career as U. S. district attorney.

Rabies Warning Issued by Co. Health Dept.

The County Health Department warns all residents of the Torrance-Lomita district to keep their pets at home in conformity with law or they may be picked up by the pound department. As a result of a rabid dog running loose in the vicinity for several days the latter part of February, three dogs, a cow and a goat are dead and a number of animals are under health department quarantine.

One dog, a red-brown collie owned by Joe Korlich of 24712 Eshelman ave., Lomita, died of rabies last week. Several persons who have contacted the animal were questioned by the health authorities and two are now taking Pasteur treatments at the Torrance Health Center, reports Bill Gordon, quarantine officer.

A cow owned by Cicero Jeters of 2112 242nd st., Lomita, is the latest victim of rabies. The animal's brain was run in health department laboratories and pronounced positive for rabies Monday. The public is urgently requested to report all dog bites to the local health center and to keep pets off the streets.

Dalton Offers Yacht to State Marine Unit

Back in 1919 shipwrights at Seattle had just completed the hull of what was to have become a U. S. sub-chaser when World War I ended. The vessel was then re-designed into a commando and 110-foot diesel-powered yacht and sold to E. K. Wood, well-known lumber dealer. Frank Dalton of the D & M Machine Works purchased the vessel from Wood seven years ago and now it may see the service for which its hull was built. Dalton has offered the Stranger I to the nautical division of the California State Guard and seamen attached to that division have already had seven or eight training cruises in it.

The transfer of the vessel for the duration will be formally signed when the question of the legality of the marine unit of the State Guard is settled. The Stranger I has accommodations for a crew of five. It has a 17-foot beam and is believed to be well equipped for patrol or subsiding work.

"I've offered the vessel to the State Guard solely because I believe it is the least I can do for the security of our state," Dalton said. "I've had a lot of fun aboard the Stranger but now is the time for it to do some serious work. If she was equipped with a few guns I am certain she would be ready to pitch for Uncle Sam."

INFLATION INSURANCE
Some home-financing leaders of today are advising home purchase as a "hedge against inflation."

Girls Doing Fine Job at Torrance Plane Parts Plant

Twenty girls, from 22 to 35 years old, now employed at the Doak Aircraft parts plant here, represent the vanguard of local women in industry — and they are good representatives for their sex, too, according to Manager Nelson R. Grace. He expects to increase their number to 25 or 30 per cent of the 140-man plant personnel total in the near future.

Not one of the women workers — they have been dubbed "Victory Girls" — has had to be dropped since the trial was instituted some six weeks ago. Not only are they holding their own in the production line — they are showing great aptitude for operations involving nimbleness and patience, Grace said.

Doak girls rivet, drill, solder, run drill presses and do other light operations. All live in the Torrance area; most of them are married, and many have children.

Trained on Job
Grace attributes success to date of the trial to the careful selection of the women. Not just any woman with a notion of helping win the war will do. Doak girls must have had previous factory experience, though not necessarily in the aircraft industry. They must have developed work habits, mean business, Grace says.

Doak assigns the girls to a specific job and then trains them to do the operation involved. They need not have had previous machine-shop training. **Talk Shop at Lunch**
Doak girls work 40 hours a week, get exactly the same pay and treatment that do the men. On the job they wear slacks of varying hues, sports shirts, sweaters. The coffee problem they have solved with a "job box" which puts the hair out of the way on the job, but lets it be made up after working hours. They ride to work together, talk shop over lunch together, get a big kick out of their jobs.

Manufacturing aircraft parts for major Southern California plane concerns, Doak's plant, at 2321 Abalone st., started up 10 months ago in a section of the old Torrance flat glass factory.

Blood Donor Unit Coming Here May 11

A mobile unit from the Los Angeles Red Cross Blood Donor Center will be in Torrance Monday, May 11, Mrs. R. R. Smith, Red Cross chairman, announced today. Applicants who want to contribute their blood for plasma should register at the local headquarters, 1526 Cravens ave., or call 1524.

FROM CULVER CITY

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Linn and daughter, Betty Jo, of Culver City, accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Caspers, spent Sunday at the E. B. Rademaker home here. Mrs. Caspers will remain with the Rademakers for an indefinite visit.

Gardenan Heads List of First 93 Draft Registrants in Lottery

The fourth capsule drawn Tuesday night from the goldfish bowl in Washington, D. C., contained the serial number T-441, which had been assigned Marion Lawrence Cooper, 38-year-old plasterer of Gardena, by Selective Service Board No. 290. Cooper thus was given No. 1 position on the local Selective Service list. He was born in Colorado and is employed in Wilmington. Cooper is married and has three children, the oldest, Ray, 18, is in the State Guard.

A total of 2,070 men registered in this district for the third Selective Service sign-up, according to Clerk Carl Marsteller today. Following are 92 other local registrants in the order their serial numbers were drawn at the nation's capital. Only the first 93 are being published because of space limitations, but those interested may consult the complete lottery list and complete draft serial number sheets on file at the office of this newspaper.

RED CROSS THANKS DONORS OF GIFTS; NEEDS MATERIALS

Grateful acknowledgment of the gift of \$100.68, representing the net proceeds of the Palos Verdes Symphony concert here Feb. 8, from the Torrance Rotary Club; 30 roller bandages from local members of Delta Sigma Phi and a number of contributions from Townsend Club members was made this week by the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross. The Rotary-sponsored concert also netted the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue \$17 in taxes.

Mrs. R. R. Smith, chairman of the Red Cross here, in an informative talk at Torrance Women's Club meeting yesterday gave an outline of the many items necessary to set up a casualty station and reported that the clubhouse has been designated as Casualty Station No. 2.

The production department, under the direction of Mrs. L. G. Barkdull, requests contributions of woolen garments to be made over or used as quilt blocks and discarded sweaters or scraps of yarn to make afghans. Housewives are also asked to save all sizes of coffee cans for use as staple food containers at casualty stations and five pound or larger size sugar sacks to be used in preparing coffee.

GUY ROWELL SEES ACTION IN PACIFIC

Three setting suns painted on the superstructure of Elwin Guy Rowell's Navy ship signify the destruction of three Jap bombers which anti-aircraft crews bagged early in February — three of the 18 out of the 20 bombers which attacked U. S. vessels and plummeted into the sea.

The information, which passed the censor, was received by young Rowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Rowell of 1348 Carson st., Saturday in a letter from their seaman-son dated Feb. 22.

While young Rowell did not mention where the engagement took place, it is believed that he was aboard a Navy vessel that participated in the highly successful U. S. raid on the Jap-infested Gilbert and Marshall Islands. Rowell's wife, who is in Long Beach with her mother, also received similar information this week.

Auxiliary Firemen Near End of Course

The first class of Auxiliary Firemen complete instruction given by Capt. Jay Benner under direction of Fire Chief J. E. McMaster is scheduled to wind up training in about two weeks. There are 30 men in the class, Chief McMaster said.

Another group of Auxiliary Firemen are now being recruited to take place, it is believed, in the Civilian Defense service should register at once at central fire station on Cravens ave., McMaster wants to form a rescue squad in addition to the auxiliary unit.

WEEKEND GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Young were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cornish at Montebello.

Kenneth Byron Fess Enlists in Army to Avenge Brother



KENNETH B. FESS

"I'll do my best — for Junior." With those six meaningful words, Kenneth Byron Fess, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fess of 1729 Arlington ave., left last week for Army training following enlistment. His brother, John Junior, was the first Torrance boy to give his life for his country, perishing in the Dec. 7 surprise Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. Junior was a fireman, first class, in the Navy. Kenneth Fess lived at 629 Via Horquilla, Palos Verdes, with his wife, the former Marcia Anne Dyer, whom he married in July 1940. He is a graduate of Torrance high school, Compton Junior college and University of California. Fess was employed as a chemist for an oil refinery. Another former resident of Torrance, Barney Cooper Rieff, who lived at 2015 236th st., and recently moved to 2103 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, enlisted in the Navy last week.

Unpaid Draft Aides Receive Certificates

Large embossed "certificates of appreciation" were sent Carl Steele, member of Selective Service Board No. 280; Attorney Kenneth Hughes, member of the Advisory Board, and Dr. Norman A. Leake, member of the Medical Board, this week for their first year's "uncompensated services" to their country. The impressive documents were signed by President Roosevelt, Gov. Olson, Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, and Gen. J. O. Donovan, state director.

Stroh Calls Auxiliary Police to Meeting

All members of the Torrance Auxiliary Police are requested by Police Chief Stroh to meet at 10 o'clock next Sunday morning, March 22, at the city hall court room. Stroh has considerable new information to pass on to the civilian officers and urges every member of the unit to be present.

13 In Race for Four City Posts On April 14

With 13 candidates entered for four city offices, the 1942 municipal election campaign officially started last Saturday noon when the nomination period for the April 14 election closed. Those whose names will appear on the ballot when 4,659 registered voters may enter the 17 local polling places are:

For city councilmen, two to be elected for terms of four years each: James Hitchcock and Kenneth Kail, incumbents; Frank Schmidt, Nick Cucci, Howard P. Raymond, B. C. Buxton, James A. Evans and Edsel Newton.

For city clerk, four-year term: A. H. Bartlett, incumbent, and James W. Loughridge.

For city treasurer, four-year term: Mrs. Harriett Leech, incumbent; Mrs. Margaret Fordice and Mrs. Cecilia Young, Incumbents. The 4,659 registered voters represents a gain of 122 over the 4,537 persons left on the rolls as of Jan. 1, 1941, after the registrar of voters had cleared them of all non-voters at the 1941 general elections. However, the 1942 figures is 207 less than the number who were qualified to vote in the 1940 city election. The coming ballot event is the 12th regular municipal election in Torrance history.

RAID SIGNAL HOOKUP IS READY HERE

By actual test Tuesday it only took Police Chief John Stroh 20 seconds to issue a test warning signal to workmen manning the whistles at five local industrial plants which will be used to sound air raid alerts, blackouts and "all clears."

Using a conference-type telephone hookup specially installed at the police station, Chief Stroh contacted Columbia Steel, National Supply, Pacific Electric shops, General Petroleum refinery and Ideco in that short time interval.

The Hydril's whistle will also be used to give air raid signals. But that plant has been linked with a phone hookup from the sheriff's substation on South Vermont ave.

No Retreads for Any Individual Here This Month

There are no retread tires available to any individual in Torrance this month, the local Retreading Board reported today. The board has a quota of new tires and tubes are: Passenger cars, 13 tires and 11 tubes; trucks and buses, 23 tires, 25 tubes and 10 retreads. Wallace H. Gilbert, member of the board, pointed out that applicants for future retreads must fall within the eligibility classifications which are based on whether or not cars are being used in rendering service essential to the community or nation and the war effort.

Stated for Election As L. A. Industrial Union President



KENNETH C. BEIGHT

One of the four candidates for top offices in the Los Angeles Industrial Union Council, which represents some 100,000 C.I.O. workers in the metropolitan area, is a resident of Torrance for the past 15 years — Kenneth C. Beight, who is scheduled to be elected president of the council tomorrow night.

"Kenny" Beight, who is a charter member of S.W.O.C. 1414, is employed at the Columbia steel plant and lives with his wife and family at 2027 Andro ave. He served as Journal agent of the local C.I.O. unit for several months after it was organized in 1937 and then became treasurer, a position he held until last year when he was elected financial secretary.

He was elected a trustee of the County C.I.O. organization in 1941 and at the state convention last year he was elected a state vice-president with the largest vote given any candidate. At the present time he is giving much time to his duties as state chairman of the C.I.O. housing committee which is endeavoring to obtain more defense housing facilities in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Other C.I.O. leaders who are slated for unanimous election at the meeting tomorrow night are James Martin, representing the Firestone rubber plant employees, for vice-president; Phillip (Slim) Connolly, Los Angeles Newspaper Guild, for secretary, and William Starks, shipyard workers, for treasurer.

Insurance for Civil Defenders Being Weighed

Question of whether local air raid wardens are entitled to workmen's compensation is being weighed this week by the county counsel's office, in response to the request of the County Defense Council for a formal opinion.

Request for a ruling by county attorneys was made following release of an opinion by State Attorney General Earl Warren holding that these persons did not come within the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

County attorneys probably will concur with the attorney general's opinion, it was forecast at the Hall of Records, and the matter will be passed on to the state Industrial Accident Commission in a test case if and when a warden is injured.

Fire wardens, auxiliary police, rescue squads and other civilian defense workers are in the same category as air raid wardens.

TIN HATS EXPECTED IN EIGHT WEEKS

Helmetts for all local air raid wardens, firemen and auxiliary police should be available in side of eight weeks; it was forecast today by Supervisor W. A. Smith of Whittier following his return from Washington.

County officials from all over the nation conferred with federal officials last week regarding distribution of items needed for civilian defense. Arm bands for air raid wardens in unincorporated areas are expected to arrive within two weeks, Smith said. Los Angeles county will receive these items ahead of most of the other areas, excepting possibly New York and Washington.

RAILROAD EGNIC

All retired and active railroad employes and their families are invited to a get-together picnic at Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles, Friday, March 27.

ALUMINUM UNITS TO BE EXPANDED

Expansion of two important units of the Defense Plant Corporation's huge aluminum project at Torrance have been ordered — even before the original units, now under construction, have been completed, it was learned today.

The \$18,000,000 aluminum reduction unit, originally planned to provide four "pop-lines" each with a capacity of 30,000,000 pounds of aluminum ingots a year, has now been increased to five production units, increasing the annual capacity to 150,000,000 pounds of aluminum. Like wise, power consumption for this unit will be upped from 120,000 kilowatts to 150,000 kilowatts. The reduction unit is the paragon enclosed by a high voltage fence, located on the Normandy ave. side of the 233-acre site between 190th and 203rd sts. It will be operated, upon completion, by the Aluminum Company of America.

To Triple Capacity

Adjoining the Alcoa plant an extending to Western ave. a 190th st., DPC originally planned to erect a \$7,000,000 aluminum extrusion plant to be operated by the Bohn Aluminum & Brass Company. The contract for the extrusion plant foundations was let two weeks ago to P. J. Walker & Company of Los Angeles, which firm already has its big excavation machines on the site, and a large temporary office building is to be built immediately for the use of the Bohn staff.

The original plans for the extrusion plant called for building with 450,000 square feet of floor space, but even before ground could be broken, these plans are being revised to triple the production of the extrusion plant. It was learned this week this unit will utilize aluminum ingots from the reduction plant for the manufacture of tubing shapes and other products required by the aircraft industry.

Still awaiting decision is the location of the aluminum sheet rolling mill. Latest word from the War Production Board in Washington is that Donald Nelson, WPB chief, had agreed to re-open the matter.

New First Aid Classes Opening

Two new classes in Standard First Aid will be started by the Torrance Red Cross next week because of the demand for such instruction. Leonard D. Babcock will instruct a class starting Monday evening, March 23 from 7 until 10 o'clock in the council chambers in the city hall. Fred B. Folts will begin an afternoon class, Wednesday, March 25, with instruction from 1 until 4 p. m., at the same location.

These classes are free and open to the public. A class in Advanced First Aid will be started soon for those who have completed the Standard course. Those who desire to qualify for First Aid armbands, which are now being made available for personnel of Casualty Stations must take the Advanced course.

SPEAKS TO CLUB

Judge John Shidler discussed "Emergency Traffic Control" at a dinner-meeting of the Wilmington 20-30 Club Tuesday night.

Honor Roll List Out Again Next Week

Next Thursday, Mar. 24, this newspaper will republish the community's "Honor Roll" of local men in the armed services. Since the list was first published Mar. 5 scores of additions and corrections have been received and noted. If there are other changes or inclusions, we will be glad to hear of them before Wednesday noon, Mar. 25.

This newspaper's claim of being the first in the United States to publish such an "Honor Roll" has not been disputed and reports of the news-feature have been sent to all newspaper trade publications.

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