

Dicalite Personnel Wins Honor Flag



Miss Darleen Campbell, representing employees of The Dicalite Company, displays the "Minute Man" flag presented by the U. S. Treasury Department. A. L. Gossman (left), executive vice-president of the company, is being congratulated by Harold S. Parsons, Treasury Department representative, on the 100% purchase by Dicalite employees and officials of War Bonds on payroll deduction plan.

Giving literally "all-out" support to the war effort, every employee and official of The Dicalite Company has subscribed for War Bonds thru regular payroll deductions, according to information from the company's plant near Torrance.

In addition to 100% participation, officials of the organization take particular pride in the fact that subscriptions amount to 10% of the company's payroll, and are increasing. Some time ago this 10% was indicated by President Roosevelt as the expected contribution from salary checks toward our national war effort.

"We are naturally pleased about this total contribution," stated C. W. Hooper, superintendent, "but are even more proud of the spirit of our employees. They generally regard these bonds as their personal crack at the enemy, and, of course, it is one most effective way they can do their fighting."

Hooper stated that approximately 90% of the company's total production goes either directly into war equipment or into products essential to national defense. Use of materials produced by the company is widely diversified—ranging from conservation of heat in high temperature equipment to ingredients in camouflage paints and other defense finishes, it was stated.

Puebloan Shot at Pool Hall

Until police can question Ysmal Alvarez, 44-year-old steel worker, in greater detail concerning how he was shot in the abdomen shortly after 11 o'clock Saturday night in a Pueblo pool hall, investigation of the first local shooting case in many months is stalemated. Investigating officers have learned that Alvarez, who lived at 10 1/2 20th st. in the Pueblo, claims he does not know who his assailant was.

The story generally told by witnesses is that Alvarez was walking to the back of the Pueblo recreation place when a shot was fired and he slumped to the floor. The bullet was fired thru the front screen door. Immediately afterward a car sped away from in front of the building.

Alvarez, while not talking much, asserts he has no enemies. Men in the pool hall at the time told police there was no sign of any altercation and that the wounded man was alone at the time of the shooting. His wound is not considered serious but he has not been allowed visitors.

ELECTED AT U.S.C.
At a recent meeting of Beta Theta Phi, U.S.C. fraternity, Arthur Woodcock of 1925 Gramercy ave. was elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

ON FISHING TRIP
Dr. R. A. Bingham and B. J. Scott, accompanied by C. B. Patton, enjoyed a fishing trip last week at Marino Dam.

IN HOSPITAL
William E. O'Brien of 1801 Crenshaw Blvd., is a patient at Sawtelle Veterans' hospital.

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Steel Union to Sacrifice Extra Pay for Holidays

Organized steel workers, urged to forget internal bickerings and to stay on the job of helping America win the war, joined other labor groups that have agreed to sacrifice higher pay for Saturday, Sunday and holiday work within a 40-hour week, according to reports from Cleveland Tuesday.

After scattered but heated opposition to the proposal, the C.I.O.-United Steel Workers of America—successor to the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee—accepted the recommendation made by the C.I.O. executive board two months ago.

The recommendation was that there be no insistence for premium—or overtime rate—payments for Saturday, Sunday and holiday work if the work is performed within the limits of a 40-hour week.

"I do not want internal strife within the union or within the industry at this time," said C.I.O. President Philip Murray told the convention. "Men's minds must rise above internal bickering when a nation is embroiled in a world war."

"I do not want this convention to waste a single solitary moment of its time in discussing, by resolution or otherwise, internal differences of any description within unions in America. The steel workers must become missionaries of good will and national unity."

MINUTE MEN AND WOMEN WANTED TO REPORT AT SCHOOLS FRIDAY NIGHT

Wanted: Men and women volunteers to attend the second meeting of Minute Men, Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock, at your nearest elementary school.

This call comes from Howard B. Mills, administrator of the United States Treasury Department with headquarters in Los Angeles. Mills states that the entire success of the war bonds campaign depends upon enrolling enough volunteers for house-to-house canvasses.

Owing to some misunderstanding, persons who reported to the schools Monday were unable to get instructions. A registration room will be available in every elementary school and literature supplied. All workers who can give any time to this drive are asked to enroll Friday night.

Auxiliary Police Graduate Sunday

A special parade and review is being arranged for the graduation exercises Sunday morning, May 24, which will mark completion of training for about 800 Auxiliary Police in this district at the George Washington high school field, 107th st. and Normandie ave. The ceremonies will be open to the public without charge.

Torrance will have 82 men in the review, 77 of whom will receive their training certificates from Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz, chairman of Civilian Defense for Los Angeles County. The remaining 15 Torrance men have not completed their course and will continue instruction for



Members of the Torrance Auxiliary Police will be sworn in and receive their training certificates from Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz, chairman of Civilian Defense for Los Angeles County, at the graduation exercises Sunday morning, May 24, at the George Washington high school field, 107th st. and Normandie ave.

Public Invited to Air Wardens' Graduation Event

An outstanding display of Civilian Defense man and woman power will be given here Wednesday night, May 27, when graduation ceremonies will be held for Torrance Air-Raid Wardens, and Auxiliary Police will be given the oath of officers. The public is cordially invited to the special program being arranged by Jack Hallanger, chief warden, and Police Chief John Stroh, director of local Civilian Defense. The program will be held in the Civic Auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock.

The principal speaker will be Judge Frank Carrell of Gardena. In addition to short talks, presentation of certificates to all local Air-Raid Wardens who have completed their training and the swearing-in of Auxiliary Police members, a program of instructive sound motion pictures will be shown.

Chief Warden Hallanger said today that he expects to issue graduation certificates to 110 wardens and about 30 messengers. He requests all residents who can attend the program and honor the men and women who are now trained to render great service to this community in event of any emergency.

VISITED SON
Mrs. Margaret Fordice returned last Wednesday from Santa Maria where she visited her son, Bob Fordice, who is in the Naval Air Corps. She is at home at 1729 Arlington ave.

ESCONDIDO VISITOR
Mrs. L. E. Adams (Helen Neill) of Escondido was an overnight guest last week at the C. A. Curtiss home.

'Bob' Lewellen Leaving The Herald After 17 Years for Active Duty With State Guard as Second Lieutenant

They say that if a man smells printer's ink for a year he'll never leave the trade.

But heredity adds an impressive factor in anyone's life and so, "Bob" Lewellen, for 17 years a member of the Herald staff, starts following the military tread of his grandfathers and father and smelling powder smoke for a change. Bright and early tomorrow morning he will report for active duty with the California State Guard as Second Lieutenant Robert L. Lewellen.

Both of his grandfathers saw active service in the Civil War—one on the Union side and the other as loyal follower of General Robert E. Lee in the Confederate army. His father served the U.S. Army for 30 years, retiring in 1920. Bob himself was born at Ft. Ogilthorpe, Ga., and lived in Army forts for the first 18 years of his busy life.

With Herald Since 1925
He joined the State Guard shortly after Dec. 7 and was appointed a corporal in January, a sergeant in March, and recently successfully passed the State Guard Board of Review examination for a commission.

Joining The Herald Staff as a printer in October 1925 he became mechanical superintendent 13 years ago. He is a graduate of Compton high school where he starred as a track athlete.

That's just the bare outline of the career of the second Herald staff-member entering the nation's service—the first was Jim Haines, a printer, who was inducted July 22, 1941, and is now stationed in Texas. But that doesn't tell the whole story of one of the city's most active residents.

Interested in Sports
After serving for years as the leader of the Boy Scout movement here, he became interested in the Sons of the American Legion and is now Fourth Area captain of that organization.

Last summer he promoted the Sons' Area Assembly in Torrance, one of the most successful gatherings ever held here.

At present he is a member of the City Recreation Commission. Several years ago he offered his services to various high school coaches to help train Tartar track teams and he has missed very few football games where he was to be found sitting behind the timer's table "running the clock" on the games.

"Bob" Lewellen has been as much a part of The Herald as the mast-head of the paper itself. By the same token, he has been a vital factor in the development of the community's youth. This deep interest in everything pertaining to young people has been aided and abetted by his wife, Mrs. Lucille Lewellen, who also has contributed much to this city as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She is a past-president of the 19th District. Their son, Robert, Jr., is first lieutenant of the 19th District, Sons of the American Legion. Their daughter, Janet, has given indications that she already, at only 10 years old, is a contributor to the national war effort. Janet has appeared on several shows for soldiers as a dancer of no little charm.

The entire Herald staff regrets that this is the last edition "Bob" will put out for the duration. But we are hoping his active service with the State Guard will keep him close to Torrance so he may come to our rescue with advice and aid in case we suffer mechanical difficulty.

However, if he is called to duty elsewhere in California, we know he'll meet all deadlines, will follow orders like he has followed our copy and will leave his imprint on any enemies he may encounter.

Decorations for 'M'Arthur Day' Event Planned

If present plans for Torrance observance of "Gen. MacArthur Day" are carried out, business streets, stores and city buildings will blossom out in red, white and blue decorations for the gala parade, program and city ambulance fund dance to be held June 13 in honor of the Supreme Commander of Southwest Pacific forces of the Allied Nations.

The first general meeting of representatives of nearly all organizations in the city, held last Friday night, revealed great interest in the plan of the Torrance Moose lodge to celebrate "Gen. MacArthur Day" in conjunction with all other cities and towns of the nation. Another meeting, open to members of every group—social, civic, fraternal, service and unions—in Torrance will be held next Monday night, May 25, at 7:30 o'clock at the Moose hall, 1961 Carson st.

At that time a parade marshal and master-of-ceremonies will be selected. The principal speaker, who will discuss the life and career of Gen. MacArthur at the patriotic program following the late afternoon parade June 13 will be Chaplain David J. Ferguson of the Ninth Corps Area Center with headquarters at Ft. MacArthur.

E. E. Murchison, manager of the Western Auto Supply store, and John E. Miller, owner of the M & M Transfer Company, were selected last Friday to ask the city council and business firms to decorate the streets and buildings along the parade route. The parade committee will be Leroy W. Pascoe (SWOC 1414), chairman; William Phillips (Columbia Steel police), E. T. Cook (Torrance Municipal Employees), James A. Evans (Torrance Business Men) and J. R. Stephens. Mrs. John Garner and Marie Benson will arrange for participation of Boy, Cub and Girl Scouts in the program. General Chairman A. H. Bartlett announced.

To Issue Certificates

Torrance and Lomita Auxiliary Police who will receive graduation certificates from Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz Sunday morning, May 24, at 10 o'clock at Washington high school field, 107th and Normandie ave.

Harbert C. Allen, Calvin P. Alvarado, Albert Andre, Earl W. Babcock, Leonard D. Babcock, captain; Dan R. Baird, Carleton B. Bell, captain; Carl C. Benner, W. E. Bowen, Albert G. Bartlett.

J. W. Crowther, Gerald M. Calder, Robert F. Cato, Ross F. Chambers, Rufus M. Cline, Charles E. Collins, Peter Colombo, Alfred Lee Cook, Frank Guy Arvil William Daniel, Frank G. Dominguez, Obrien Z. Drale, captain; Burton F. Dye, R. J. Deurloo.

Harold Fenwick, John Ferguson, George W. Fisher, Jacob H. Flock, captain; Marion W. Freeman, captain.

Clair H. Gardner, Earl M. Gilpe, Harold Guttenfelder, Charles Edward Hale, Gammill H. Hayden, William Carney Hayden, Eugene S. Held, John F. Higgins, Oudis Hill, Frank Guy Hodges, Richard L. Honrath, Myron R. Houdashehl, H. F. Hillier, E. P. Hoyt, Lindsey B. Kelsey, Charles F. Kendall, El C. Kuhns, H. I. Langworthy, Fred Lydy, H. A. Lewis.

John B. Melville, L. C. Miller, Philip H. Osborn, Arlan F. Palmer, Durward D. Palmer, Frank Paour, Fay L. Parks, William A. Peterson, Dale M. Riley, Glen M. Robinson.

Death Ends Fine Civic Career



MRS. FLORA Mc.D. WRIGHT

A lifetime of real community service came to a close for Mrs. Flora McDonald Wright of 1951 Carson st. at 8:45 a. m. this morning when she passed away at the California Lutheran hospital. Outstanding as a civic worker, business woman and welfare leader, Mrs. Wright gave generously of her time and money during all of her 21 years in Torrance. Her death is mourned by a great number of friends throughout the city.

Mrs. Wright became ill about two years ago and was forced to give up her busy career that included her almost single-handed operation of the American Red Cross unit here for many years and much time and effort in behalf of the Torrance Relief Society. A cancer of the arm developed and during one of her visits to a Los Angeles specialist for treatment she turned her ankle, fell and broke her left hip about two weeks ago. Since then she had been confined at the hospital.

A native of West Virginia, Mrs. Wright came to Sierra Madre in 1920 and the following year moved to Torrance. She was a vital force in the city's development, erecting the store building on Carson street that houses the Torrance Bowling Academy, Carsonmart, U.S. Employment Service and the Moose hall. She built a number of

Workers Wanted For USO Drive; \$5,125 Is Goal

Lacking local volunteer workers, it remained for the national postoffice station in Key stone to "kick-off" the Torrance USO drive for \$5,125. Postmaster Earl Conner, who is also chairman of the local USO campaign, made the first contribution via the first money order written by Postal Clerks during Hilpert at the station located in Hilpert's Store, 220th and Main sts. Conner's money order was addressed to Dean Sears, treasurer of the USO campaign in Torrance.

Altho the national USO drive got under way May 11, the Torrance effort has been delayed in starting chiefly for lack of volunteer canvassers. Arrangements are being made for a campaign in the local industrial plants but collectors—and plenty of them, according to Campaign Director L. E. Stanley—are wanted for a house-to-house and store-to-store canvass.

A mobile collection center which will be stationed inside the Bank of America during banking hours and outside at the corner of Sartori and Marcella aces, when the bank is closed, is now being built and this must be manned by volunteer workers who can operate in shifts, Stanley said.

"Anyone who can spare a few hours a day will be most needed in a splendid opportunity for some organized group of men or women to contribute to a worthwhile patriotic service."

Nye Retiring as Purchasing Agent At Columbia

The Columbia Steel plant is losing one of its most distinguished landmarks this week with the retirement of W. M. Nye, purchasing agent. "Bill" Nye has been as much of the industry as its towering smoke stacks. His successor will be C. G. Holmes. It was announced by the company.

Nye, who was born in Crawfordsville, Ind., in 1883, is closing a career with Columbia that began in 1919 when he joined the company as storekeeper. In 1923 he was appointed purchasing agent. Prior to 1919 he was employed by the Lewellyn Iron Works which then operated the Torrance plant. He lives at 1100 South Elena, Redondo Beach. He is a member of the Torrance Kiwanis Club.

24th Selective Service Quota Leaves District

Thirteen men composed the 24th Selective Service contingent from this district when the group left Monday morning for the Los Angeles induction station. Twelve were transfers from other boards and the other one was Marco Perovich, 28, steel worker, living at 2967 Carson st.

The next quota call is scheduled for June 18 and at that time there may be a public farewell ceremony in Torrance, Lomita or Gardena. Carl Marsteller, clerk of the local board, announced this week that all occupational questionnaires have been sent out to men who registered in the 20 to 44 years of age group Feb. 16. Anyone in this age group who has not received such a questionnaire or who has changed his residence since the registration period should notify Selective Service Board No. 280 at once.

Marsteller said the economic (white) questionnaires are now being mailed to those in the 20 to 44 group. Occupational questionnaires will be sent out soon to men who registered in the first (Oct. 16, 1941) sign-up for men 21 to 35 and in the second (July 1, 1941) registration for men who have become 21 years of age.

Those who left Monday as transfers from other boards were: Thomas Sterling Reese, 35, from Tulare; Horace Elmer Witter, from Riverside; Edwin Charles Levander, 24, from Jefferson, Ohio; David Saul Martinez, 30, from Albuquerque, N. M.; Mitchell Levi Hornback, 26, from Parsons, Kan.; John Dishan, 36, from White Plains, N. Y.; Andrew Ralph William Cawley Bleckford, 25, from Chehalis, Wash.; Eugene Thomas Davis, from Ellendale, N. D.; Charles Jacob Cruise, 26, from Pittsburg, Calif.; Lloyd Allen Pegner, 25, from Denver, Colo.; Claude Melvin Patterson, 29, from Redding, Calif.; and Anacleto Basuel Belonado, from Farmington, Utah.

Grace on Doaks Aircraft Board

Doak Aircraft Company's Torrance plant, which has been elected to the firm's board of directors, it was announced this week. Other newly elected board members are Donald M. Palmer and Stephen F. Henchcliffe.

The company, with headquarters at Hermosa Beach, for the first quarter of 1942 recorded sales 60 per cent greater than the entire year of 1941. At Torrance it is manufacturing wings and assemblies for major Southland plane plants. Its specialty is a plywood training plane.