



VACATION END . . . doesn't bring much joy to Junior and his Sister, but you can revive their spirits by outfitting them in new school togs. Torrance merchants this week are advertising many attractive values in school clothes and supplies. Prudent mothers, busy getting their children ready for school, can save time and money by reading the messages of local merchants printed in this issue.

Active Unit Of Company H Moves Out

Company H, 4th Regiment, California State Guard, Torrance and Lomita's own outfit, moved out of its headquarters at the Torrance city park this week and was replaced by the active unit of Co. C, under the command of Capt. Carl J. Buehler. The new outfit will take over the objectives hitherto handled by the local company.

Reserves of Co. H will continue to meet on Tuesday, Friday nights and Sunday morning, for their regular training in drill and maneuvers, and as soon as the new barracks are completed by the city will take possession. Work which had been halted on the barracks for a few days was resumed yesterday, and it is expected that the mess hall will be ready for use soon and the other quarters shortly afterwards.

In taking their departure from their home locality, Lt. Chalmers M. Dulmage, commanding officer, spoke for the men of the active unit in expressing appreciation for the many favors and appreciation shown to the Guard, and said that the details which have been handled by Co. H would be fully carried out by the new outfit which replaces it.

Second Lieut. Robert L. Lewellen has been promoted to First Lieutenant and has been re-assigned to duty with Co. H Both Lt. Dulmage and Lt. Lewellen request that recruiting for Company H continue, in both active and reserve branches as the company is under full strength and badly in need of men to replace those who have dropped out to re-enter school and college, and to bring the roster up to its full quota. Men of 18 to 30 are eligible, provided they are in good health and are not otherwise engaged in military service.

Mailmen Make One Trip On Labor Day

City carriers in Torrance will make one delivery of mail on Labor Day, Sept. 7, but there will be no delivery on the rural route, announces Postmaster C. Earl Conner. The postoffice will be open all day.

Film Player Buys Palms Verdes Inn

La Venta Inn, famed Palms Verdes hilltop rendezvous of film notables and tourists from all parts of the country, this week passed into possession of Frank Conroy, Hollywood film player. Conroy purchased the place from a holding company.

Larry Armstrong, former New York hotel man, will serve as manager of the inn. He has been connected with the place for several months.

Boys on Bikes Pump Pedals 1000 Miles To Visit San Francisco

To San Francisco and back by bicycle. The rage for pedalling, up hill and down, through hot sun, head winds, over pavements smooth or rough, has struck the younger generation like an outbreak of measles, and is spreading far and fast. The latest to attempt a trip that should make strong legs quiver and hearts quail are Stewart Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Smith, 2010 Martina

Retail Stores To Close All Day Monday

Retail stores generally throughout this district will be closed all day Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Housewives are reminded to stock up this week-end for the two-day holiday.

Council Indicates Willingness to Hire City Housing Expert

Employment of a full-time municipal housing promoter to eliminate obstacles which are hindering the construction of additional dwelling units in the Torrance area was strongly urged by a group of 23 business and industrial representatives who met with the city council yesterday afternoon.

After a two-hour discussion members of the council indicated their willingness to engage such a man, providing satisfactory arrangements could be made on his salary and expenses. Definite action is expected to be taken by the city body at its meeting next Tuesday.

Personnel Men Meet for Informal Labor Discussions

Heads of personnel departments of industries in and about Torrance met last Thursday at Christy's Cafe for one of their regular informal monthly meetings. Ed Puhols, manager of the California Department of Employment, acted as chairman. Thomas Campbell, area supervisor for the U. S. Employment Service for Southern California, attended, and together with Puhols, answered many questions regarding manpower, labor turnover, effects of the draft, which will in a short time begin to take in larger numbers of men from the industrial picture, and other matters which constitute problems peculiar to personnel departments.

Mrs. Doris Watson, secretary of the local draft board, was a guest who was able to clarify some points regarding the inroads which the draft is, or will be making upon industrial labor. These meetings are held, according to Puhols, as a clearing house for ideas, with a view to a settled policy in labor employment and establishing means to combat some of the most vexing problems.

Former Torrance Man Hurt In Fall

Charles Kelton of Redwood City and formerly of Torrance, was entered at Palo Alto hospital as a result of a head injury suffered when he fell at his home Saturday evening, according to word received yesterday from Mrs. Kelton. Because of his advanced age, physicians believed his condition to be quite serious.

Alcoa Workers Welcomed



ROTARY GREETS ALCOA MEN—Guests of honor at last Thursday's "Alcoa Night" program at the Torrance Rotary club were these executives of the Aluminum Company of America, left to right, top row: R. C. Studley, superintendent of carbon plant; R. W. Sugg, superintendent of reduction dept.; W. H. Duff, chief clerk; J. B. Pitman, superintendent of electrical dept., and G. O. Pratt, purchasing agent. Bottom row, left to right: N. McKinnon, personnel director; P. E. Book, chief clerk at Alcoa's Badin, N. C. plant; H. E. Keller, general superintendent, and L. A. Schaeffler, construction superintendent.

Through their general superintendents and eight department executives present at the meeting, a cordial "Welcome to Torrance" was extended to all employees of the new plant of Aluminum Company of America by the Torrance Rotary Club last Thursday evening.

Citizens Desire To Aid Families Find Homes Here

The dinner meeting was arranged by Grover C. Whyte, program chairman, and attended by a number of executives from local industrial plants and other prominent civic leaders who were guests of club members. Principal address was given by H. E. Keller, superintendent of Alcoa's Torrance plant, as reported in an adjoining column of this issue.

In welcoming the new Alcoa staff, Whyte emphasized the desire of Torrance citizens to assist the new industrialists and their employees in any problem that may arise. "I believe I can speak for all Torrance businessmen, industrialists, and civic leaders, in urging you to call upon us at any time you may need information or assistance in your new surroundings," he said.

Whyte contrasted the attractiveness of the well kept homes of Torrance industrial workers with the drab "tenement type" dwellings of most eastern industrial centers. "We are pleased that at least some of Alcoa's employees have been able to find homes in Torrance, and we are sorry that there are so few houses here available at the present time so that more of your workers could live among us. A continuing effort is being made to obtain more new dwellings for this area and we are hopeful that before long something can be done to relieve the acute shortage of houses. However, in the post-war period, when vital materials are released for residential construction, we know that many of you will want to bring your families to Torrance and we are anxiously awaiting the time when you will become our neighbors," he added.

Aluminum, as one of the metals most essential to the war effort, naturally has been the subject of much discussion regarding the amount of metal available. Through it all, the one question that has been asked repeatedly is, "Is there a shortage of aluminum?" There is no shortage in the supply of aluminum available for use in connection with the war. A certain dearth of the metal exists in connection with civilian and consumer goods, as is to be expected during a period when the entire resources of the nation are being thrown into the fight for freedom. Practically 100 per cent of the aluminum industry's output at the present time is for military usage.

All Incumbent Committee Members Are Re-elected

All incumbent Democratic and Republican 68th Assembly District county committee members were returned to office for the next two-year period, tabulations of semi-official returns completed this week by the office of Registrar of Voters Michael Donoghue disclosed. Re-elected on the Democratic slate were Robert Hillier, 4233; James MacDonald, 4166; Cecil O. Johnson, 4105; L. B. Thomas, 3662; John Johnson, 3559; Gordon Arnold, 3531, and William Myerscough, 3428. Republicans elected were Clifton Hix, 2453; Ursula Metcalf, 2003; Ben A. Thompson, 1492; Jean Haley, 1985; Nina Whitlock, 1973; Jesse Wiese, 1957, and James A. Maynard, 1946. There were 14 candidates for the Democratic committee, while the seven Republicans were unopposed. Reorganization meetings will be held Sept. 8.

Practically 100% of the aluminum industry's output at the present time is for military usage. Chief item is airplanes, but there are many other products needed in the war effort which are being produced in increased quantities. In post-war period increased production of aluminum will be utilized in new civilian uses for aluminum. No surplus of men, materials and facilities will occur when huge war orders stop. These are highlights of the carefully prepared address of H. E. Keller, general superintendent of Alcoa's new Torrance plant, made before the Torrance Rotary Club last week.

Present Aluminum Situation By H. E. Keller, Superintendent, Aluminum Company of America's Plant at Torrance

Because of its vital interest to all local citizens, the full text of the address is published, as follows: In these days of priorities, rationing, conservation, and reclamation, it is only natural that shortages should arise in connection with materials vital to the successful execution of America's first venture into total warfare.

17th District Vote Tally Told

Registrar of Voters Michael J. Donoghue last Friday reported all votes in, excepting absentee ballots, in the 17th congressional and 68th assembly districts, with little change in the totals which gave Cecil King the congressional nomination on both Republican and Democratic tickets as well as decisive victory in the special election last Tuesday for the same position. With all 700 of the new district's precincts reported, the Democratic tabulation today stood at King 24,550, George Moore 4940, John Shidler 4050, Wilder Hartley, 3647, Victor McCarthy 3337, George Kramer 2573, Harold Sparling 1965, John Rawls 1553, C. Ed Jones 1305, Ernest Stewart 1263, Harry Galbraith 969, and Leonard Roach, 634.

In the same 700 precincts, the Republican totals were: King 6785, McCarthy 5543, Hartley 2922, Sparling 1988, Roach 1855, and Stewart 965. For the special election in the 482 precincts of the former boundaries of the 17th congressional district to fill the unexpired term of the late Lee E. Geyer, King polled 26,457, Shidler 8967, Sparling 5309 and Rawls 5067. Final count in the 124 districts of the assembly district showed Vincent Thomas re-elected with 5893 votes to James O'Toole's 3485.

The registrar said it will take several more days to check totals of write-in candidates and the count for county central committee candidates.

Six Inducted Here Monday

Six men were inducted into the Army last Monday, the first to be selected from the local Selective Service board's list of Class 1-B, eligible for limited military service. Two were Torrance men, Wesley Charles Dobrick, 2276 Carson st., and George MacDougall, 917-C Portola, and one Lomita man, John Cooper Willacy, 24403 Narbonne ave. Others were Clifford Cecil Owen, 17118 So. Western ave., and Elmer Stewart Tuck, 751 W. 107th st., both of Gardena, and Clarence Leon Engelhart, of El Monte. Bomb the Japs with Junk!

City Gains 433 In Population In Three Months

Gain of 433 in population in Torrance from July 1 to October is the estimate made this week by the county regional planning commission, according to its latest bulletin. Last July 1, the survey showed a population of 10,150. By October 1, at the rate it is growing, the city will have a population of 10,583, it was stated.

Number of dwelling units here also is increasing, altho slowly. While there were 2,960 by actual Federal census count on April 1, 1940, there were 3,344 last July 1, and are expected to be 3,353 completed houses by Oct. 1. The commission explained this week that its figures were checked with applications for sugar ration books. The commission's figures were found to be only one-half per cent higher than the population indicated by sugar ration books.

For the Los Angeles city school district, the population estimates were 15 per cent higher, it was explained. For other areas, in various locations and ranging in size from the single city of Hermosa Beach to the entire Long Beach area, the differences ranged from 16 per cent below to 15 per cent above the commission's figures.

Standard Dimout Sign Recommended

Adoption of a standard dimout warning sign of distinctive shape as proposed by the Auto Club of Southern California is favored by the county traffic committee, providing the cost is nominal. Secretary E. E. Chery was instructed to present the proposal to the state director of Civilian Defense. The signs proposed would replace the various temporary printed signs posted in the areas where headlights are required to be dimmed.

Induction of Married Men Postponed

Married men have been given a new lease on civil status by the action of Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, who has instructed the various boards to see that all eligible single men in their lists are called for military service before they begin to call on the benefactors. The local boards have been notified to complete their reclassification of all registrants by Oct. 16, since the "serious military situation" may require monthly induction of steadily increasing numbers of men.

Married men with children are not to be placed in Class 1-A until further notice. State directors have been ordered to distribute their quotas so that the heaviest load will be placed on those which have the largest number of single men or "men with collateral dependents only—parents, brothers, sisters, etc."

The move has been made to allay some of the criticisms on the method of handling draft inductions and to provide a uniform method of handling the quotas.

Principal points in Gen. Hershey's memorandum are: 1.—State quotas should be apportioned among local boards in accordance with the number of single men still available. 2.—Classification of all registrants subject to induction those between 20 and 45—must be completed within the next six weeks. 3.—Local boards should immediately reclassify single men with "collateral dependents." 4.—Reclassification of registrants with wives and no children shall be undertaken when the men with collateral dependents have been reclassified. Meanwhile Senator Gurney, (R.) S. D., said that he will introduce legislation, probably today, to authorize drafting youths of 18 and 19 for military duty—a step that he said already has been "delayed too long."

School to Open Thurs., Sept. 10; War-Gear Classes

All Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, and Walteris schools, elementary, junior high, senior high, and evening schools will reopen Thursday, September 10. This was emphasized yesterday by city school officials to counteract persistent rumors that school opening will be delayed. The Thursday beginning date is necessitated by the occurrence of legal holidays, Monday, September 7, Labor Day, and Wednesday, September 9, Admission Day. Teachers will report to their schools Tuesday, September 8, to meet with principals for the first time since school closed for summer vacation period, Friday, June 26, and to be addressed by School Board President Roy J. Becker and Superintendent of Schools Vierling Kersey over radio station KECA on plans for the forthcoming school year.

The Saturday preceding the re-opening of school, the Superintendent will meet with principals and other school administrators at Berendo Junior High School, 1157 South Berendo st., from 9:30 until noon to discuss vital issues of wartime education, and a similar meeting will be held in the afternoon at 770 Chamber of Commerce Building for new principals and vice principal.

Increased technical training, a strong mathematics and science program, a highly intensified health and physical fitness program, and a general stepping-up of regular subjects of the curriculum will be in effect to meet needs of the present national emergency. At the request of government officials, the course of study for high schools is being geared to the war effort by inclusion of pre-enlistment training courses for boys. Under the program of the United States Office of Education, two million American boys are to be trained as pilots, navigators, bombardiers, air engineers, etc.

Evening school classes will be held as usual on Monday and Wednesday nights. The schedule of classes will be printed in next week's issue, Mowry announces.

It is anticipated that a number of changes in Torrance high faculty will be made, but definite decisions will not be made until later this week, it was learned. Guy L. Mowry has been promoted to full-time principal of San Pedro evening school, and in this capacity he will have charge of Torrance high evening classes. Under a new arrangement, the Torrance evening classes will be discontinued as a separate organization and this community will be served as a branch of San Pedro.

Mowry, who has taught in the school department of Torrance high school for the past 21 years, came here when the high school enrollment was only 50 students. He will conduct special day classes in Torrance, Wilmington, Lomita and San Pedro, on subjects of consumer education, first aid, and other topics of interest to the public.

Police, Firemen Benefit Show Is Booked Sept. 25

For the sixth time, the police and firemen of Torrance will provide the community with school high class entertainment with the production of their annual benefit show on Sept. 25. Impresario Sergt. Bill Evans, says this performance of fifty vaudeville acts, novelty numbers and innovations, will undoubtedly surpass for fun and entertainment anything the association has yet offered. Two shows will be given, at 7 and 9:30 o'clock, in the high school auditorium. A special feature will be the awarding of a \$25 War Bond to some ticket holder at each performance. Profits from this enterprise go to build up the police and firemen's benefit fund, and all who know the long hours and exacting duties of the men of the department will freely do their share in making the affair a financial success. Nominal prices of admission as usual will prevail.

Second semester begins Monday, Feb. 1, 1943. Lincoln's Birthday (legal holiday) Feb. 12, 1943. Washington's Birthday (legal holiday) Feb. 22, 1943. Easter Vacation (one week) inclusive from Monday, April 19, 1943 to Friday, April 23, 1943. Memorial Day (Monday following—legal holiday) Monday, May 31, 1943. School term ends Friday, June 25, 1943.

Had You Heard? City Given a Fine New Ambulance on Saturday

The city of Torrance now has a fine new ambulance, presented by the Kiwanis Club last Saturday after months of effort in raising the funds for its purchase. The machine was duly turned over to the city with appropriate ceremonies, after a parade thru the business district led by the Torrance band. Gaston Arco, president of Kiwanis, was master of ceremonies and introduced Logan R. Cotton, city auditor and district governor for Kiwanis, and Hal Kennedy, executive director of the Los Angeles County Council for Defense. Their remarks, which should have been heard by half the population in Torrance, for whose benefit the ambulance was provided, fell upon the ears of a handful of adults and a slightly larger number of children. The parade, which should have been one of considerable size,