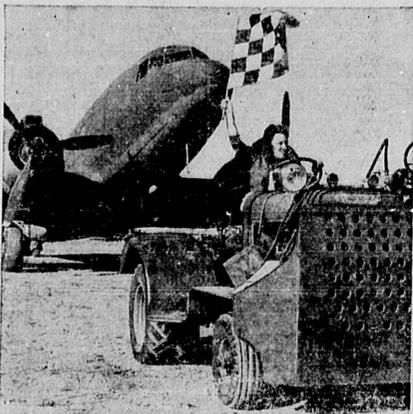


# City Dimout Law In Effect Tonight

With the publication of today's Herald, the new ordinance enforcing the Army's extended restriction of lighting goes into effect here. The new measure includes the complete text of Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt's dimout proclamation. Residents who have not read this proclamation should do so at once to determine how their lighting conforms to the regulations. The ordinance is published in full on Page 5-B.

Violators of the Army regulations thus endorsed by the city will be subject to a \$300 fine, imprisonment for three months or both. The police department has announced it will proceed with immediate enforcement of the law, starting at sundown tonight.



**PLANE TRAFFIC DIRECTOR**—Miss Viola Bennett of Waleria is a member of the alert crew which directs in-coming airplanes to their allotted places on the parking field at Sacramento Air Depot, air forces base at McClellan Field.

## Waleria Girl Has Vital War Job Directing Planes at Sacramento

Viola Bennett, formerly of Waleria, is one of the army of women who are doing their share in the war effort at Sacramento Air Depot, the army air forces maintenance and supply center at McClellan Field, California.

Miss Bennett, who was in business for herself in Waleria before coming to Sacramento several weeks ago, answered her country's call to rally to the cause by replacing men who have entered the armed forces. She is one of eight women working with a group of 26 men and women in Sacramento Air Depot's alert crew.

### Must Be Alert

The duty of an alert crew member is similar to that of an auto parking lot attendant, except that, as the name implies, he or she must be more alert—in the matter of keeping a landing airplane out of the way of others either coming in or taking off, directing the new arrival safely into a prearranged parking place. A worker must also be alert where he or she personally is concerned—in keeping out of the way of whirling propellers, low-sweeping wings and landing gear.

As an incoming pilot lands at Sacramento Air Depot, he is met by an overalled female attendant, sometimes Miss Bennett, who stands with her checkered flag in front of his airplane as it taxis down the runway. To her he hands over his baggage, giving her directions as to what he desires done to his ship during his stay on the field.

### Supervises Take-off

Chances are, Miss Bennett even greets him by name, and gives him any information about places he may want to go on the Post-Supply offices, Operations Headquarters, Post Exchange—he tells her to check the oil and gas, directs her to have that sputtering spark plug fixed. He hands her his duplicate arrival form on which is indicated his home station, the date and time of arrival; the time, date and station he expects to depart for.

Her job for the moment is not completed with the pilot's arrival, however. Part of her job also is to see to his safe take-off.

## Dimout Do's and Don'ts Guide for Everyone

To assist them in complying with new dimout regulations now in effect, citizens are given the following admonitions by Frank Hanson, chief lighting consultant for the Ninth Civilian Defense District.

- 1.—DON'T forget to draw your window blinds down to the level of the lowest light within the room at night. Venetian blinds should have their vanes pointed downward to the outside.
- 2.—DON'T forget to shield your porch, garage and other outside lights. All light must shine downward.
- 3.—DON'T permit any light to shine outside your home or business greater than one foot-candle on the ground or sidewalk. One foot-candle is about the same as the light from ordinary street lights.
- 4.—DON'T forget, all outdoor lighted signs are barred. Inter-

## Extra Police On Guard Halloween

Here's a tip to Halloween celebrators: Don't travel in gangs and don't destroy any property because if you do, there will be plenty of regular and Auxiliary Police officers patrolling the city to pick you up and toss you in the municipal jail.

In addition to his regular force, Police Chief John Stroh will have approximately 60 of his 105 Auxiliary Police officers on duty Saturday night. He has promised to file complaints against anyone who is found celebrating Halloween in a physical rather than peaceful fashion.

## City Workers Entering Armed Services May Get 'Bonus' Here

A "bonus" plan to reward city employees entering the armed services may be adopted at an adjourned meeting of the city council tomorrow (Friday) afternoon.

Councilman James Hitchcock declared Tuesday night that municipal workers entering the Army, Navy, Coast Guard or other branches, should receive either vacation pay or some stated amount. Other members of the municipal board indicated they favored such a plan and would take action on it tomorrow.

To date when a city employee leaves to join the armed service, his pay stops on the day of his resignation.

## Scrap Campaign Showing Good Results In City

With 15 tons of scrap already rolling toward war plants, another 15 tons ready for shipment and an intensive block-by-block clean-up campaign by Torrance high school students ready to start, the community-wide salvage drive here is keeping pace with the rest of the Southland, Charles B. Dunham, Legion commander in charge of the drive, declared today.

The elementary schools' scrap drive, now nearing completion, has been most successful, judging from the following reports from the principals today:

**TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL**—Starts its campaign tomorrow (Friday) and will continue an intensive drive for two weeks; only one theatre ticket will be offered, regardless of how much more than the minimum of 10 pounds of scrap for each movie pass.

**TORRANCE ELEMENTARY**—estimates two tons of scrap metal, 20 tires and about 300 pounds of rags collected. All material will be picked up next Sunday, Nov. 1. Principal Bernard J. Strand ordered 450 theatre tickets last Friday to reward his "scrappers" and expects to requisition 300 more duets tomorrow.

**FERN AVENUE**—has already collected about three and one-half tons and expects to gather in 1,000 or 1,500 pounds more before the drive ends tomorrow. "Chief Scraper" is Walter Holman, sixth grader, living at 1634 Crenshaw Blvd., who was credited with between 300 and 400 pounds. One father trucked in 1,000 pounds of scrap to be credited to six boys. Miss Mary Charlotte Vaddell, principal, ordered 330 theatre tickets last Friday, expects to ask for 100 more tomorrow to reward about 200 students.

**PERRY SCHOOL**—Iron, rubber, rags and one old Buick chassis composed the estimated two tons of scrap collected at this North Torrance school, Principal Ray F. Reel reported. He has applied for 60 theatre tickets and intends to ask for 30 more to distribute among his student salvagers.

**WALTERIA**—with but 85 pupils Waleria has nearly a ton of scrap collected. They will finish their drive the end of this week. A number of old tires and tubes, overlooked in the rubber scrap drive, were found by pupils on the Palos Verdes hills, where the children have been searching the dumps for scrap. Eighty-five children will receive theatre tickets.

**NARBONNE HIGH SCHOOL**—started collecting scrap yesterday and continued its drive today in a two-day intensive drive which should amass between six and 10 tons, according to a preliminary check made by Principal Robert E. Kelly. Included in the collection is one old Ford and several other auto bodies. Students have been asked to bring their scrap to the school but where it is too heavy or too much, trucks will be sent out to pick it up.

## Yule Mail for Yanks In Britain Sunk With Ship

Announcement last Saturday by the Army postal service that 4,986 sacks of United States mail bound for American armed forces in the British Isles had been lost in the sinking of a cargo ship put a number of local residents to figuring.

Much of the shipment was parcel post and represented one of the first parcel shipments of Christmas mail. Those with boys abroad in Europe were calculating if their gifts were among the lost.

The War Department said that the lost mail was deposited in United States during the latter part of September. Mails reaching the New York port of debarkation Army postoffice later than Oct. 3 were not included in this particular shipment.

Those who mailed Christmas gifts to boys stationed in the British Isles up to the first of October might well plan to duplicate their remembrances.

**COMPLETES COURSE**—John Roy Winters returned to his home here yesterday following completion of a month's course in Civilian Defense at Occidental College under U. S. Army supervision.

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## Home Defense or...?



Are you depending on your trained neighbor to protect your family?

General DeWitt is calling for greater VIGILANCE NOW. Your community will train you FREE. Better be trained and not needed, than NEEDED and NOT trained. ENLIST NOW for the duration at police headquarters in one of the following groups:

- Air Raid Wardens
- Auxiliary Police
- Auxiliary Firemen
- Fire Watchers
- Decontamination Crews
- First Aiders
- Nurses' Aides
- Stretcher-Bearers
- Messengers
- Food and Housing

Our Soldiers, Sailors and Marines will take care of the ENEMIES ABROAD, but it is the job of those at home to knock out the ENEMY WITHIN. Enlist today.

WAR EFFORT COMMITTEE, ROTARY CLUB OF TORRANCE.

## LATEST RATIONING DATA SUMMARIZED

With coffee to become the ninth rationed product at midnight, Nov. 28, gas rationing to start Nov. 22 and the deadline on tire turn-in Monday, Nov. 9, housewives and others should start keeping a close eye on the calendar from now on. Here's a summary of the latest ration reports:

### ONE CUP OF COFFEE PER DAY RESTRICTION

On the basis of one pound each five weeks, about one cup a day, for each person who is 15 years of age or over when registered for sugar supplies, the coffee ration plan begins at midnight Nov. 28. All retail sales of coffee will be frozen at midnight Nov. 21 for the week before ratings will begin to permit merchants to stock their shelves.

Consumers will not have to register to obtain coffee. They will use their sugar rationing books. To get the first coffee ration the consumer will be required to surrender the last stamp, No. 27, in the sugar book. Subsequent rations of coffee will be on coupons Nos. 28, 25 and 26 toward the center of the book.

Ultimately, it is believed, a new registration will have to be made for the rationing of sugar as well as coffee.

Ages of children given on sugar rationing books will determine whether they are to get coffee. No book on which the age of the holder is stated as 14 years or younger will be valid for coffee rations. Those who did not obtain a sugar rationing book may get them from local war price and ration boards.

To the question of what is to prevent a person from enjoying his usual consumption of coffee by patronizing restaurants, soda counters and other similar establishments, OPA said that the plan has been worked out yet but some restrictions will be made.

### SUGAR QUOTA SET FOR STAMP NUMBER NINE

War ration stamp No. 9 will be good for the purchase of three pounds of sugar between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15, according to the Office of Price Administration. Stamp No. 8 which calls for five pounds expires at midnight Saturday, Oct. 31. Both stamps provide sugar for home use.

### HOW TO GET YOUR GAS RATION BOOKS

If you have more than five tires, turn in the extra ones (regardless of their condition) before Nov. 9. Keep the best for your car. Bring the extra tires to the Railway Express Agency (located at the Pacific Electric station in Torrance). You will ultimately be paid for them by the government or you can donate them. You will not be eligible for gasoline if you own more than five tires for each vehicle.

More than 350 tires have been turned in to date at the Torrance office of the Railway Express Agency, according to Agent William Bratton.

Application forms for "A" books—for which all motorists will be eligible—can be obtained the first of next week (they are due this weekend) at some service stations, the Torrance Rationing Board's headquarters at 1523 Cravens ave. Secure one of these forms and record thereon the serial number of your five tires.

3. On Nov. 9, 10 or 11, take your application form to the nearest school registration center to be designated in your

neighborhood. There, you will be given your "A" book containing coupons good for approximately four gallons per week. If you feel you are entitled to a "B" or "C" book because of occupational driving, you will be given an application for that classification.

To qualify for a supplemental ration, the applicant must show that he needs more than the 150 miles per month of occupational driving afforded by the basic "A" book.

The "A" book alone provides gasoline for 2,880 miles a year at the rate of 15 miles to the gallon of gasoline.

### MAY WRITE FOR RUBBER CERTIFICATES

A new method has been established with regard to issuance of tire and tube certificates which save motorists a trip to the ration headquarters. Those desiring rubber may write for an application, which when properly filled out and returned is acted upon by the board and the certificate can be mailed to the applicant who does not have to appear in person.

### OFFICE BOARD'S RATION HOURS TOLD

The Torrance War Price and Rationing Board, located at 1523 Cravens ave., is open from 8 a. m. to 4:45 p. m., every day except Saturday when the office will be closed at 12 o'clock noon.

### LOCAL RATION PANELS ARE REORGANIZED

The three men who will have charge of the gasoline rationing program for the territory served by the Torrance War Price and Rationing Board (which includes Lomita and vicinity) are William H. Stanger, chairman; Fred Hansen and Judge Otto B. Willett, it was announced Tuesday by F. W. Daniels, chief clerk of the board.

Ed Day has been added to the permanent panel in charge of new cars, bicycles, typewriters and books rationing. Other members of this panel are Howard G. Locke and Dr. C. L. Ingold, all of Torrance. C. W. Hansen of 1959 253rd st., Lomita, has been appointed on the tire panel which includes Mrs. Tom McGuire and John Melville, who is general chairman of the main rationing board.

The sugar and foods panel remains the same, members being Mrs. J. O. Bishop, Mrs. A. C. Golden and Mrs. Walter Schroeder of 28235 Ozme ave., Lomita. Members of the Price Ceiling board are W. E. Bowen, C. F. Steigh of 24411 Narbonne ave., Lomita, and one other yet to be appointed.

### OLSON PROCLAIMS MEATLESS TUESDAYS

While Governor Olson's proclamation calling upon the people of California to observe meatless Tuesdays is not a formal order, nevertheless it is believed that most Californians will cooperate so that the requirements of our armed forces and of our lend-lease obligations may be met. Excluded from his request are the so-called variety meats which include liver, heart, kidneys, sweetbreads, tongue and meats made from the head and feet of animals.

## County CD Head To Speak Here At Free Program

Hal R. Kennedy, county Civilian Defense director, will be the principal speaker at the big free program next Wednesday night, Nov. 4, in the high school auditorium, it was announced today by Jack Hallanger, senior air raid warden. All residents of Torrance and vicinity are invited to attend the program which will be presented by the Torrance Civilian Defense units with Lieut. Robert Lewellen of the State Guard as master-of-ceremonies.

In addition to Kennedy's address, there will be short talks by local Civilian Defense leaders but the main portion of the program will be devoted to entertainment. This will include motion pictures, music, a comedy skit by Lieut. Jack Clifford, creator of the "deaf Sheriff" role on a well-known radio program and some fancy pistol shooting by Hugh Eckersley.

"We want every seat in the high school auditorium filled," Frank Thompson, a senior air raid warden who has been assisting with the program, said today. "There will be no admission charged and we won't even ask people to bring some scrap. We have a splendid entertainment to offer and Kennedy's talk should be most interesting."

## City Buys Badges and Automobile

Purchase of eight coat and eight cap badges for members of Torrance fire department at a cost of \$127 was approved by the city council Tuesday night on recommendation of Councilman George V. Powell. Other appropriations voted were: \$350 for the purchase of an automobile for the city engineer's department (the payment of \$25 per month to Engineer Glenn Jain for use of his personal car being discontinued) and \$100 to seed the new Plaza del Amo parkway from Arlington to Carbrillo aves.

## New Methods Outlined To Meet Labor Needs

Urging better utilization of present labor and speeding up the employment of women, Major A. H. Brauner, assistant liaison officer with the Service of Supply and connected with the War Manpower Commission, addressed a large group of local war plant personnel managers at Christy's Cafe last Friday.

Major Brauner gave a comprehensive report on "what we are headed for in regard to available workers" and then responded to many questions asked by the key employment men in this city and vicinity. He declared that labor turn-over and absenteeism were the two principal causes of waste in production.

"Men changing from one job to another on their own volition and employers pirating workers from each other are two big problems that can be solved only by group action," Major Brauner said. "I believe you will have to frame agreements not to poach labor and the War Manpower Commission may announce a policy requiring employers to get releases from that body before hiring anyone."

"Difficulties Just Starting" "Employers have a serious responsibility in this critical period and may have to give up their right to hire and fire at will. I believe a voluntary offer by industry to do this would do a great deal to stabilize labor conditions," he declared.

In reviewing the factors which contribute to the present serious labor shortage, Major Brauner said "your difficulties are just starting."

"When Secretary of War Stimson announced that an estimated seven and one-half million men would be in the Army at the end of 1943 he gave industry something to base its calculations on—but the Army total does not include the Navy, Marine Corps, Maritime Commission or Coast Guard."

**4,200,000 In Service** "We are told there are about 4,200,000 men in the Army now. That leaves 3,300,000 more to be inducted during the coming 14 months, exclusive of those other armed and shipped services. It has been estimated that the Navy will take a million more men, making a total for the Army and Navy to take out of civilian life, 4,300,000.

"There are about 700,000 men out on deferment from Selective (Continued on Page 4-A)

## Freeze Order on Building Material May Help Here

When a Los Angeles representative of the War Manpower Commission appeared here today to address a meeting of all personnel directors of war industries and civic leaders in this area, Inglewood and Hawthorne, he was confronted with the urgent necessity of "hawking out" the "freeze" order clamped down Tuesday by Federal officials in Washington on all building materials throughout the U. S.

The Washington edict was announced as a temporary restriction until a reorganization of the various bureaus in control of housing is effected. It is believed that the order was adopted to ease the removal of priorities which have been in existence in some areas whose need for housing is not as critical as in others, such as the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

When the "freeze" order, announced by W. H. Courson of the priorities division of the F.H.A., in Los Angeles, is lifted, the \$600,000,000 defense housing appropriation included in the Navy appropriation bill signed Tuesday by President Roosevelt should result in several large projects in the Torrance area. The F.H.A., is on record as stating that this district is one of the most critical housing areas in Southern California.

War plant personnel men at the meeting in city hall courtroom heard an authoritative report on the critical labor situation and suggestions on how to meet it. Arrangements for the meeting today were made by Edwin J. Puhols, manager of the Torrance office of the U. S. Employment Service.

## City Gets Gas Tax Money for Signs

Allocation of \$24.24 in gasoline tax funds to provide for the installation of street signs throughout the city of Torrance was made this week by the board of supervisors, on recommendation of the county road department.

## Personnel Men Form Group Here

The men who know the value of organization—plant personnel managers of local war industries—formed their own group last Friday at a luncheon meeting at Christy's Cafe and informally placed R. R. Smith, senior worker here in the field of employment and employee relations, at their head. Smith has been with the National Supply Co., in this and other capacities for 40 years.

There was no formal election. Smith was merely suggested for the post of chairman by Edwin J. Puhols, manager of the Torrance branch of the U. S. Employment Service, who has been gathering the men who do the hiring at local plants to monthly round table meetings.

Puhols will serve as ex-officio secretary of the group which will have no by-laws, membership fees or other officers. Among the subjects considered at last week's session were transportation, housing and "pilot

YESTERDAY'S RAIN Yesterday's rainfall totalled 48 of an inch, according to the fire department's rain gauge atop the department's garage. The total for the season to date is now 62 of an inch as compared with 114 inches at this time last year.

## General Election Interest at Low Ebb In District

Next Tuesday will be general election day in California—but the traditional political "fever" which is usually approaching the boiling point at this date is far below normal. In fact, John Citizen in this locality is far more interested in the news from the Solomons, his war job, rationing and his chances of getting enough gasoline than in the election race.

In the chief contest, that between Gov. Olson and Earl Warren for the governorship, local interest is only mild while the rest of the ballot has attracted little or no attention. All indications point to a record low in voter turnout here.

**No Local Attractions** The primary election last August attracted 43 per cent of Torrance voters and 34 per cent of Lomita's electors to the polls. If the balloting Tuesday comes within 10 per cent of those figures, something will have happened during the next four days to arouse the voters out of their present apathy.

There is no local attraction to the Nov. 3 election. Cecil R. King is unopposed for Congress, having won the Democratic and Republican nominations in August. Vincent Thomas is due to be re-elected to the Assembly from this 68th District, having no opposition.

**Long Ballot** In addition to the elective offices on the ballot, voters who do take the time to exercise their franchise and go to the polls will decide 18 referendum measures and one county question pertaining to a proposed amendment of the county charter consolidating the offices of Public Administrator and Coroner.

Torrance has 4,978 voters qualified for Tuesday's election.

## Housing Projects 'On Fire' Here

Working in close cooperation with several real estate firms here and building concerns who have indicated a keen interest in financing some large housing projects here, Pat MacDonnell, city coordinator, indicated this week that some relief is in sight on the housing problem here.

"But negotiations either out of my office or by the real estate men themselves have not reached the point where they can be publicly announced," he said. "We have every reason to believe that several projects will be consummated but until they are actually in progress and the details are ready for the telling, we cannot say much about them."

MacDonnell said that he has almost completed his extensive housing survey which will be the basis of his negotiations with large-scale building concerns and governmental agencies to obtain priorities that will permit home construction here.

### SETBACK RULE MAY BE LISTED HERE

One bottleneck hampering construction of needed housing facilities here may be eliminated at a joint meeting of the city council and City Planning Commission Monday night, Nov. 2. This is the section of the building code that requires a 20-foot front and rear set-back line.

In a written report to the council Tuesday night, City Engineer Glenn Jain stated that the city has lost several proposed multiple-family building units because of this requirement which can only be waived after a variance is granted by the Planning Commission. He pointed out that Pat MacDonnell, city housing coordinator, endorses the emergency lifting of this rule.

MacDonnell and the city engineer, it was reported, have found that prospective builders have "gone elsewhere" with multiple housing units rather than be delayed in obtaining a variance here. The council-Planners conference is set for 8 o'clock next Monday night.

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