

In the midst of the bitter battle of Attu, when Jap machine gun and mortar fire still made every unguarded movement by our troops a flirtation with death, a big American flag suddenly appeared on a newly-won height, far removed from our base of supplies. The flag was brought there by a soldier who repeatedly risked his life to get it there; who spent five hours, under constant fire of Jap snipers, climbing a mountain and down through a treacherous canyon, blanketed with deep snows, to carry the emblem of American freedom to a bit of United States soil just re-won from the enemy.

That's what the flag means to boys in the service. There's hardly a man in Uncle Sam's forces, no matter how hard-boiled he may pretend to be, who doesn't feel a lump in his throat and a fierce stir of pride in his country, when the colors go up. To them the flag has new meaning. It's the banner they are willing to die for, but hope to live for; it stands for all that is best back home, for all the things they want to return to. And as we commemorate Flag Day this year, let's try to measure up to those boys we have in the service; those boys who are keeping the flag flying!

Construction of Military Hospital Starts on Tract Near Torrance

Construction was under way today on a large tract bounded by Carson and 220th st., Normandie and Vermont aves. of a military hospital for which land was acquired by condemnation several weeks ago.

Builders of the hospital, the design of which was not revealed, are Jackson Brothers & LeSage, Los Angeles contractors who have done considerable building in Southern California. The firm is headed by W. F. and H. H. Jackson and H. Farnsworth LeSage.

Superintendent on the job is J. E. Wilson of Inglewood, who has about a score of construction men on the ground working huge grading machines.

He expects, he said, to employ several hundred men within the next two or three weeks and reach the peak within a month with an as yet undetermined number of men on the job.

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An initial estimate gave the cost of the project at more than \$1,500,000.

Red Cross Needs Workers, Gifts of Woolen Goods

An urgent appeal for workers at the Torrance branch of the Red Cross was made today by Mrs. Lola Hoover, general chairman, and Mrs. Maude Lock, production chairman. They said the number of volunteers has decreased in recent weeks while the need continues as great as ever.

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Draft Group of 56 Leaves

Coffee and doughnuts were served to the contingent of 56 men who left from the Torrance Civic Auditorium yesterday morning for final physical examinations and induction into the armed forces. The food was served by Mrs. Lola Hoover, Mrs. Bessie Paour and Jim Brody.

Sign Posting Crew at Work

Signposting crews from the Automobile Club of Southern California this week were completing placement of "No Parking" signs on U. S. 101A in Torrance from the city limits to Madison ave.

Routine maintenance work, including replacement and painting, and cleaning of directional and warning signs, also comprised the crew's project here.

The work is under the direction of D. C. Rhodes, manager of the Automobile Club's signposting department.

Contributions to the "Servicemen's Sendoff Fund" maintained by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hoover for this purpose were received from Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Beckman of Lomita and the Torrance Job's Daughters during the past week. The latter group has offered to supply the coffee served to the draft contingents each month hereafter, Mrs. Hoover said.

Ration Book No. 3 Applications Must be in Mail Tonight

If you have not already filled out and returned the application card distributed by your postman for War Ration Book No. 3 you have only until tonight to get it in the postoffice so it can carry the required June 10 cancellation stamp.

Volunteer Firemen Get Pay Increase; Police Strengthened

Fire department "call" men, members of the volunteer force, will receive \$2 per drill hereafter instead of the present \$1. The city council approved such a recommendation made by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster Tuesday night.

The fire chief also received endorsement of his request that Engineer Bever be increased \$10 per month as of June 1.

Police Chief John Stroh was authorized to employ Alex S. Thompson as a patrolman when Thompson is released from his present position. The chief was also permitted to employ three more temporary officers for the duration to bring his force up to full strength.

Applications mailed after tonight will not be acted upon until after all the others have been processed and you may have to wait quite a while before you get that essential book.

City to Repair Well in North Torrance

Repairs to the North Torrance water well, which has been offered to the city but never formally accepted, costing \$244.31 were authorized by the city council Tuesday night. City Attorney John McCall reported that the municipality has not yet received a final bill on the property that is necessary before he can draw up the contract for the sale.

War Ration Book No. 3 provides new stamps with which to buy rationed goods such as sugar, coffee, shoes, canned goods, meats, cheese, oils, fats and other products which may be added to the ration list.

First Aid Class A class in standard first aid will start Friday night at 7 o'clock at the city hall courtroom under direction of Fred Folts. All interested are urged to attend this first meeting.

Housing Program Cleans up Last Traces of Quake

In addition to relieving the housing shortage here, the issuance of 1479 priorities and approval of Federal agencies of seven conversion projects will virtually clean up the last remaining traces of the Nov. 14, 1941 earthquake damage here. Four buildings badly damaged by the tremor are being converted into apartments for war-workers.

A total of 1359 housing units which have been granted priorities will be reserved for "immigrant war workers" to rent. These include 361 one-bedroom, 856 two-bedroom and 142 three-bedroom structures or 195 single family and 1164 multiple-family units. The rentals will range from \$37.50 to \$42.50.

In addition to the housing projects previously reported by The Herald, the following are new grants reported this week as having received priorities: Torrance Housing Corp. (Marlow and Burns), 74 units to be built on Normandie, Western and 213th to Carson st., to rent for between \$37 and \$42.50. Thirty-four will be one-bedroom and 40 two-bedroom homes.

Conversions Reported

Development Engineers have received 28 priorities for two-bedroom houses to rent for \$42.50. These are to be erected in county territory on Carson, 220th, Normandie and Western aves.

Jefferson Finance Corp. will build 68 rental units and Sam Goldstein 32 — all to be available for war workers.

As a result of the housing campaign were converted the El Roi Tan into 24 apartments which are now under construction, and the old shoe factory, where work started Monday morning on converting it into 23 apartments at a cost of \$40,000.

Pat MacDonnell, district manager of War Housing Centers, said today.

"In addition the lease has been signed for the conversion of the old Hotel Royal, a three-story structure which has been idle since 1932. This has been taken over by the Home Owners Loan Corp., which converts the building into 28 double apartments at a cost of \$40,000.

91 Apartments Planned

"The old library building has been removed from El Prado to 628 Sartori ave., where it will be converted into three double apartments. The two buildings at the Pueblo, the old pool hall and dance hall owned by Jacob Isenstein, are being converted now into three apartments each," MacDonnell continued.

The former Christian Science church quarters at El Prado and Border ave., are being converted into seven double apartments. The owner of the property, Sam Silbert, has purchased the former American Legion clubhouse on Carson st., and plans to convert it into three apartments.

"This practically 'cleans up' the city so far as all vestiges of the 1941 earthquake is concerned. The reconstruction work (Continued on Page 4-A)



REUNION IN HAWAII—This is believed the latest picture taken of Lieut. Louis Zamperini. It was taken at the A.A.U. track meet in Hawaii in May which brought these well-known athletic figures together (left to right): Capt. Bill Lopez, former L. A. City School athletic director; Capt. John Woodruff, Pitt's middle-distance star; Lieut. Zamperini, Torrance and Trojan mile ace, and Lieut. Franklin Hibel, New York sportswriter. Sports fans hope Zamperini will be found.

Graduate Book, 'Gone Forth to Serve,' Published

Alumni of Torrance high school have achievements to their credit that will make the whole City of Torrance proud. Today the published account of these accomplishments is on sale.

"Gone Forth to Serve" lists all graduates with their profession, vocations and histories. Men in the armed forces are listed under their service ratings.

The book is on sale at the Student Body store at the high school, The Herald office, Beacon Drug store, National Home Appliance store, Levy's Department store, J. C. Penney Co. and Newberry's. Mail orders will be filled at the Student store.

Howard Gets First Copy

Any purchasers who wish to leave extra subscriptions to supply copies to servicemen may have that privilege.

The high school launched the student campaign with an assembly in which letters were read from various men showing their appreciation of news from home. Micky Howard received the first official copy from the Student Body Wednesday, when the pupils gave him a rousing welcome on his return on furlough to his old school.

Service Letters Real

News from men in service was given by the pupils who read extracts from their letters: From the far north—Deporte Rampley by Helen Ericson, John Reynolds by Earl Barnett and Victor Bailey by Carolyn Mitchell; the South Pacific was represented by J. D. Radford by Audrey Miller, Harry Lewis by Jean Lancaster, and Clarence Pinkham by Doris Armitage.

For the Air Corps: Thurlow Weir was presented by John Agapito, Harold Stevenson by Jim Prime and Wallace Post by Ruth Kerber. The Navy letters read were from Wayne Atkin by David Callahan, Russell Pan (Continued on Page 4-A)

FRIENDS HOPE 'ZAMPERINI LUCK' STAYS WITH TRACK ACE MISSING IN PACIFIC

(A full page of pictures tracing Lieut. Zamperini's track career in high school, university and abroad is published on Page 4-B.)

Confident that "the Zamperini luck" which has lent impetus to his career both as a track star and an aerial fighter will not desert him now, Lieut. Louis S. Zamperini's thousands of friends throughout the nation are eagerly awaiting word that he has been located in the South Pacific where he was reported missing since May 27.

They recall his many exploits as an athlete and one of Uncle Sam's most ardent Army Air Force cadets. They remember how he escaped unscathed from "swiping" a swastika banner in Berlin during the 1936 Olympic games and last April brought his wounded companions home when their Liberator bomber was hit by Jap zeros over Nauru Island.

While the War Department telegram informing them that Zamperini was missing was a great shock to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zamperini of 2623 Gramerey ave., when they received it last Friday, they have regained confidence during the past week.

Wording Puzzles Family

"While I was cleaning up Louis's room this morning and thinking of him, I happened to glance at the dresser where his graduation picture stands," Mrs. Zamperini said Monday. "I had the strangest feeling that he was grinning at me. . . as if he was trying to say: 'Now, mom, don't get all hot and bothered—you know I've come through scrapes before—don't worry.'"

The wording of the War Department message still puzzles the Zamperini family as it does all of Louis's legion of friends. It did not say, "Missing in action," but just read: " . . . regret to inform you that your son, Lieut. Louis Zamperini is missing."

Word that Lieut. Robert H. Mitchell, who had been navigator on the bomber on which Zamperini was bombardier, was "missing in action" was received by Mitchell's parents in Urbana, (Continued on Page 4)



TYPICAL—This picture of Lieut. Louis Zamperini, showing his familiar grin, has never been published before. It was taken when he won his commission and wings last September.

It was a big night in Torrance, back in September, 1936, when Louie Zamperini returned from his trip to the Olympic Games in Berlin. The whole town turned out to welcome the boy who had definitely put Torrance on the sports map by his stellar performances in the preliminary races for the big event, the 5000-meter race run in the far-off German city in July.

It was a big night for Louie, too. He was proud and happy to see that his friends and townsmen appreciated the exploits that placed him in the ranks of the truly great distance runners of the world.

It was a pretty big night for a couple of Louis's friends, too. They had worked hard to make people here understand that this young high school kid had the makings of a champion. It took some doing to sell the Chamber of Commerce on the idea that here was a chance to get some wide publicity for Torrance, that this kid would make headlines for this little community, then so small and comparatively unimportant that even the neighbors had never heard of it and that the Chamber should finance his trip.

On Way to Track Fame

But the job was done and the kid came through as his friends knew he would in the gallant style that made him famous in all his days of competition.

Louis blazed his way to recognition in his early high school days, setting one record after another for his school, and climaxed his performances with a world record in the mile, a record he never got official credit for because of the failure of the track officials to take the proper action at the right time. But it still stands and kids are still shooting at that 4:21.2 (Continued on Page 4-A)

Council Authorizes Study of Juvenile Control Problems

Formation of a "Youth Commission," temporarily headed by Rev. Paul M. Wheeler, vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, to study the rising tide of juvenile delinquencies here and propose some remedy, was authorized by the city council Tuesday night. Rev. Wheeler, in a vigorously worded letter, proposed the organization of such a body, composed of representatives of several organizations and members selected at large.

Meanwhile, there will be no revival of the city's 1925 curfew law, as requested by the police department to enable officers to rid the streets of minors under 16 after 9 p.m. No mention was made of the curfew revival. When Police Chief John Stroh, who has been outspoken in his belief that the 9 p.m. signal would help curb juvenile disorders, was asked why he did not request the council to revive the law, he said:

Vicar's Letter on Delinquency Challenges Action

Accompanying a copy of Rev. Paul M. Wheeler's letter to the city council urging the formation of a "Youth Commission" here to study and act on the problem of juvenile delinquency, was the following letter to The Herald:

"Within recent weeks your paper has published a guest editorial by the chief of police and a news story furnished by the police department regarding the acute problems of delinquency among our juvenile citizens. I for one believe that the problem is so serious that it is time Torrance does more than just talk about it.

"With that view in mind and hoping to create some constructive action I have written a communication to the city council suggesting a plan. Whether The Torrance Herald agrees with my views or not as set forth in the letter is not important. The important fact is that something must be done at once. If your paper or any other organization or individual has a better plan, I say let us know about it.

"My concern is to get at the crux of the problem and do something about it. Let's stop talking and writing about how deplorable the situation is becoming. Your paper as the only medium of publicity in this community can do a great civic service by demanding aggressive action now. (Signed) PAUL MOORE WHEELER, Vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church."

The Herald is glad to publish both Mr. Wheeler's letter—the first and only response it has received from its news stories concerning the increase of juvenile misbehavior here. It is also glad to report the city council's reception of his letter to that body.

Rev. Wheeler's suggestion for the creation of a "Youth Commission" is a worthy one—providing such a group really develops some further method of curbing juvenile delinquencies. Such a body cannot merely discuss the present lack of recreation facilities to absorb some of our young people's leisure time but it must act—and fast—to remedy the situation. The Herald will lend every possible assistance to such an end.

Needs Action Now

"Why, no, Mr. Powell, this is about juvenile delinquency—something that is of present importance right now," Hitchcock interjected.

"This is a post-war problem and I have taken care of it," Powell insisted.

"I think this matter of juvenile delinquency needs immediate attention," I checked mainly. "It is not anything that we can let go until after the war."

"Oh, well, in that case, I'll not object to it," Powell conceded.

Vicar States Case

Authorization of the "Youth Commission" followed. Later Powell announced his post-war planning group will hold its first meeting June 29 at 8 p.m. and this session will be closed to the public.

Rev. Wheeler's letter to the council follows:

"One week ago my attention was directed to letters published in The Torrance Herald under the name of the police department. In these letters the police pointed with alarm to the rapidly mounting toll that delinquency is taking among the youth of this community.

"I was somewhat amazed at the dispatch with which the police disposed of this obviously serious situation. After pointing out the contact of the youth presents a most critical problem, they simply laid all the blame for the existence of delinquency on the parents of the youth and then proceeded to admonish them to show more concern for their responsibilities as parents. With that the problem was dismissed.

"My purpose in writing this letter is not to criticize the police department but rather to point out that if the youth situation is as appalling as they claim it to be, it is time to do something objective about it. Pointing the accusing finger at irresponsible parents will not make them conscious of responsibility, for their irresponsibility denies them the luxury of consciousness. Running madly down the street shouting "fire!" will not extinguish a blaze.

War Complicates Matters

An official policy which dictates that nothing can be done to prevent delinquency or to rehabilitate delinquents is not only poppycock but also denies the existing fact of great success by other communities and by social agencies throughout the land in both prevention of youth crimes and direction of past delinquents into the law abiding way of life.

"I realize the difficulty of arousing people over such a problem as this in time of war. Our minds have been conditioned by propaganda and by events to military matters and all else seems insignificant by comparison. (Continued on Page 8-A)

First Move Being Made Here to Offer City Honor and Aid to Ex-Servicemen

How can the city of Torrance show its appreciation to its servicemen once they are honorably discharged or honorably discharged on disability?

The answer to this question is being sought by a group of civic leaders who intend to contact every organization in the city for support of a present and post-war project of vital importance to every resident.

While the project is still in the formative stage, the bare outlines of the manner in which Torrance can express its thanks to its sons at war in a material way indicate that it is worthy of every organization's interest.

City-wide in Scope

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis club are taking the lead in developing the "appreciation" plan but they insist that the project must be representative of the entire community and not just the objective of one organization.

Kiwanis directors with President James L. Rahl, Vice-President Jack Barrington and Jack Miller, chairman of the Boys' and Girls' Works committee, are planning to enlist the aid of all groups here—fraternal, social, union, civic and religious—in the formation of a welfare program designed to help servicemen return to civilian life without undue privation or distress.

"We also believe that every serviceman is deserving of some special honor immediately after he returns to Torrance," President Rahl said today. "The whole community should join in this tribute. Then, if the former serviceman needs any assistance whatever—financial, moral or physical to enable him to assume his rightful place in the community as a citizen—we think it is up to the city to furnish that aid."

Name Wanted

A distinctive name for the servicemen's appreciation project outlined in the accompanying news report is being sought by the Torrance Kiwanis club. Have you any ideas?

How would you describe a plan to express the community's thanks to those who are now serving their country? Can you think of a short, snappy title to fit the objectives? Give your ideas to James Rahl, manager of the Safeway store, or write them to The Torrance Herald.

Formation of a directing body,

Governor Signs Compensation Bill for CD Workers

A \$500,000 fund to pay workmen's compensation benefits to civilian defense workers injured or killed in line of duty has been set up by a bill signed by Gov. Earl Warren. (Continued on Page 8-A)