

# Total Property Tax Reduced Nine Cents

Property owners in Torrance will receive a reduction in their total tax rate this year of slightly over 9 cents per \$100 assessed valuation under the 1942-43 law. A compilation of items in the all-over tax levy shows a total of \$5.1551 for the fiscal year, 1943-44, as compared with the rate for 1942-43 of \$5.2465 per \$100 as assessed valuation.

Increases of 5 cents in the Torrance municipal rate, 3 cents in the flood control levy, and a .0165 increase in the Los Angeles city school district rate were more than offset by reductions in the county rate of nearly 16 cents and a nearly 3-cent lower rate in County Sanitation District No. 5.

Detailed items in the total tax bill, and comparisons with last year's levies are given below:

Comparison of 1942 and 1943 Tax Rates			
	1942-43	1943-44	Increase or Decrease
Torrance Municipal	\$1.13	\$1.18	plus \$ .05
L. A. County Tax	1.3489	1.1908	minus .1581
L. A. City School District	1.5939	1.6104	plus .0165
Metropolitan Water District	.48	.48	no change
Flood Control	.17	.20	plus .03
M. I. D. No. 1 (bonds)	.35	.35	no change
County Sanitation Dist. No. 5	.1737	.1439	minus .0298
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE</b>	<b>\$5.2465</b>	<b>\$5.1551</b>	<b>minus \$ .0914</b>

## War Chest Campaign Discussed; May Include Local Charities

Men on the fighting fronts are faced with one campaign after another against the Axis enemies. So too are the folks on the home front expected to throw their support into one drive after another.

Next week, on Sept. 9, the Treasury Department launches its Third War Loan Campaign to back the invasion. And after that in October and November comes the National War Fund drive to provide war relief and welfare at home and abroad. California's part in the national campaign will be known as the California War Chest, and \$18,000,000 has been set as this state's quota.

Lynn D. Mowat, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Area War Chest, met with representative Torrance citizens Tuesday to discuss plans for local participation in the War Chest campaign. It is to be a combined community chest and United Nations war relief fund-raising campaign. Ralph T. Fisher, president of the California War Chest, which is affiliated with the National War Fund, characterized the coming campaign as the "biggest thing in organized philanthropy the world has ever seen."

Attending the conference with Mowat in Torrance were: Chas. E. Conner, J. W. Post, Sam Levy, Hillman Lee, William Kemper, Mayor Tom McHugh, Maurice Koch, James Rahl, Grover C. Whyte and others. Possibilities of including the Torrance Community Service Association's "community chest" fund raising with the all-inclusive War Chest campaign were discussed but no final decision was reached on this point.

Included in the Los Angeles area War Chest will be allments to 17 war relief and welfare organizations, including U. S. O., Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Crippled Children Aid, and all other agencies which ordinarily participate in the community chest. If Torrance should decide to combine with other communities in the Los Angeles area, an allotment of funds would be made for the Torrance Relief Society and other welfare work financed by the Torrance Community Service Association fund.

Larger Meeting Planned  
Another meeting to include a larger group of Torrance citizens is planned for the near future to decide whether or not this city (Continued on Page 4)

## Ordnance Captain To Address Rotary

Capt. John Krug, commanding officer of the 13th Army Ordnance Co. stationed at East road and Normandie ave., will be the principal speaker tonight at the Torrance Rotary club. His topic will be "Army Life in the Ordnance Division."  
Each week, members of the Rotary club invite as their guests two of the Army men stationed at the nearby Ordnance camp. This week two lieutenants of Capt. Krug's command will be guests of Charles V. Jones and Sam Levy.

## Red Cross Refresher Course to Be Started Here September 20

Beginning Monday evening, Sept. 20, at 7:30 o'clock in the courtroom of the Torrance city hall, a refresher course for first-aid instructors of the Bay District will be started, according to Casper Clemmer, first-aid chairman of the Torrance branch of the American Red Cross.  
The instruction will be conducted by Roger C. Plaisted, chapter representative for first-aid and water safety of the Los Angeles chapter of the Red Cross.

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## Torrance Quota \$625,000 In 3rd War Bond Drive

The quotas of Torrance in the \$15,000,000,000 Third War Bond drive has been fixed at \$625,000 and that of Lomita at \$175,000, according to Hillman Lee, chairman of the local bond committee. The drive is to begin Sept. 9.

Los Angeles county's quota is \$329,171,300. Of this total, individuals are expected to buy \$157,904,800 and corporations \$171,266,500.

Southern California's quota is \$422,338,500, of which \$207,338,500 is allotted to individuals and \$215,000,000 to corporations.

Purpose of the third war loan drive is that of raising the largest amount from individuals that any campaign has raised in world's history for use in knocking the Axis powers out of the war.

## Work Permits to Be Given Out at Local High School

The schools in Torrance and other parts of the Los Angeles school district are scheduled to open on Monday, Sept. 13. Meanwhile, if any parents have a boy or girl of high school age who intends to work, in addition to attending school during the regular school year, they are urged to go to the high school Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday, Sept. 7, 8 or 10, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for information, instructions and necessary forms. So states Superintendent of Schools Vierling Kersey, who requests cooperation of parents and employers, as well as the boys and girls in seeing that this important direction is followed.

Principals, teachers and clerks will be at the high school on the dates stated to issue work permit information and forms and to counsel those who are to make up the potential student work army.

## August Building Totals \$186,990

New building construction in Torrance during the month of August amounted to \$186,990, compared with \$42,168 during the same period of 1942, according to records in the office of Glenn M. Jain, city engineer. Permits amounting to \$4,421,599 were issued during the first eight months of this year, compared with \$7,214,734 during the same period a year ago.

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## Woman Reports Theft Of Disks From Car

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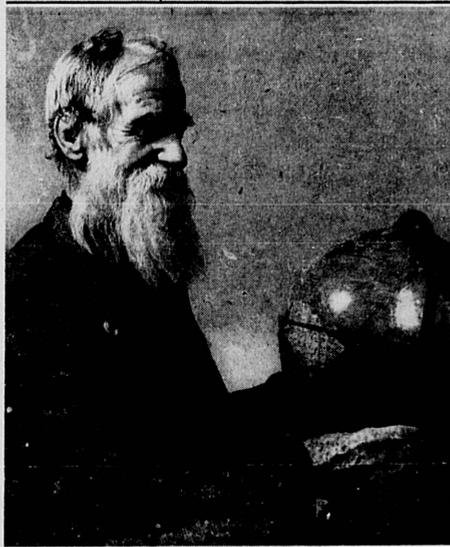
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## Strange Life of Albert Maberly Unearthed by Heirs



ARE THEY THE SAME . . . At the left, a reproduction of a photograph of Alfred Lambert-Maberly, taken in Cape Town, South Africa, many years ago. At the right, Maberly is shown as he appeared in 1940, from a photograph taken by the Torrance Herald staff photographer. With regard to the disparity in age, a strong likeness appears. Daughters believe it unmistakable.

## Was Former 'Town Character', English Nobleman With 'Past'?

A rift in his family relations—or the restless spirit of a man accustomed to the ever-changing adventure of the fight for fortune in the heart of South Africa in its early days of development, inured to the dangers of the veldt—what lead Alfred Lambert-Maberly to leave his wife and family of ten children in Calgary 29 years ago, and plunge into the unknown, will ever be the mystery it seems today.

For Lambert-Maberly, to give his name the hyphenated usage of his English forebears, is dead.

**Son of an Earl**  
He passed away in Torrance last March, after more than 16 years of a blameless life in this community. Earliest mention of his residence here is found in the city directory of 1927-8, when his name is erroneously given as Arthur Maberly, wife Elizabeth, 1716 Martina ave., where the Maberlys resided during their entire life here.

In Lambert-Maberly's veins ran the blood of English nobility. He was the son of an earl, early married to his daughter, Mrs. Dorothea Gordon of Seattle. His own story as told to The Herald some three years ago, reveals that the young scion of a noble family left England at a tender age to make his way in South Africa.

Bests the "Strangler"  
He was eminently successful in his assaults upon fortune. He was the diamond-miner of Kimberley, and later became the owner of a plantation. He shared in the pioneering days of the white race in South Africa, battled physical danger in his encounter with the "stranglers" in which to quote his own words "He was the only man to come out of his struggle alive."

"As in the past, applications for extensions of time must be made in writing to our office. Protracted illness or hospitalization or absence from the state or from the continental boundaries of the United States may constitute reasonable grounds for granting these extensions," stated the collector.

"The tax return which must be filed by Sept. 15th is merely an estimate of the annual tax and it need only be 80 per cent accurate. This fact together with the fact that any taxpayer who finds he has made a serious mistake in estimating his tax can file a revised estimate by Dec. 15 prevents consideration being given to applications for extension based on the time element or on possible difficulty in arriving at a correct estimate.

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## Radio Broadcast For Retailers And Employees

A special broadcast describing the part retailers and their employees are being asked to take in the Third War Loan campaign will be revealed Sept. 2 at 8:45 p.m., over radio station KECA, it was announced Wednesday by Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the local War Bond Campaign.

The broadcast is sponsored by the War Finance Committee for Southern California and it is urged that all retailers and their employees will make it a point to "tune in" on this occasion.

The program will be complimentary of the War Bond work the retailers have already done and will encourage them to ever greater efforts during the Third War Loan drive starting next week.

## Pedestrian Struck by Car on 101 Highway Is Seriously Hurt

Richard P. Frey, 50, residing at 24005 Ocean st., Walteria, was struck by a car on Pacific Coast highway Tuesday night and seriously injured. Frey was crossing the highway near the intersection of Luella st., which is not guarded by traffic signals. He was taken to the Torrance Memorial hospital with a possible fractured skull and internal injuries. Woodrow Wilson Peckens, 2302 West 20th st., Long Beach, driver of the car, stated he did not see Frey in time to avoid hitting him. He was not held. Frey was removed to the General hospital for further treatment.

## Who Found a Purse? Heartsick Loser Asks Return of Large Sum

Who found a small coin purse containing more than \$100 in currency last Tuesday afternoon? He or she will confer a great favor on the loser, Mrs. H. T. Jacobs, 2233 Torrance Blvd., if the cash is returned immediately.

Mrs. Jacobs had cashed a check at the bank and was making the rounds, paying bills. She stopped at the postoffice for stamps, and either in the lobby or in the vicinity, dropped the purse which contained no identifying cards or papers, just the cash.

When she discovered the loss in a few minutes, Mrs. Jacobs returned to the postoffice but the cash had not been handed in to a postal employee.

## Local Patients at Torrance Hospital

Following list of persons were among those admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital this week: Surgical cases included John Burchett, 13, 1504 Post ave. His father is, an instructor at the Torrance high school. Mrs. Ruby Byrd, 2107 Carson st.; Mrs. Ethel Justice, 21, 2420 Sepulveda Blvd.; Mrs. Opal Merkle, 2335 250th st.; Lomita; Mrs. Agnes Russell, 40, 2340 Lomita ave., and Leonard Stamps, 38, 804 Acacia ave.

## 'Ideal' Girl to be Chosen By National Supply Workers

National Supply Co. has been putting out "Ideal" oil tools for a long time and now a contest is being held to choose National's "Ideal" girl to represent the women of National Supply.

## 'Working Girls' Ask Housewives To Shop Earlier

An appeal, signed by "The Working Girls," has been addressed to The Herald, asking that women, who can, "do their shopping during the morning hours."

"We are working 48 hours a week and it doesn't leave much time to shop. Everything is picked over by the time we get off work and then to make it worse, as tired as we are, we have to stand in line to get groceries, meat, etc., because so many women wait until then to go to the stores. Couldn't the stores open later and close later or something," pleaded the "Working Girls" in their letter addressed to The Herald.

The contest is off to a good start and the judges are definitely going to have a task in choosing a winner from such a group of charming girls as are already entered.

## DeLong Is New Gen'l. Sales Mgr. Of Columbia Steel

Appointment of F. B. DeLong to the position of vice president and general manager of sales for Columbia Steel Company, subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation, was announced today by William A. Ross, president of the company.

DeLong started service with Columbia Steel Company in 1937 in Los Angeles as manager of the tubular alloy and stainless department. A few months later he was appointed district manager of sales of the Los Angeles district, and in December, 1939, he was promoted to vice president in charge of sales in the Los Angeles district.

DeLong was born in Sparta, Wis., and started on his first job in 1909 as a topographer for the U. S. Geological Survey. Anxious to become a salesman in the steel business, DeLong found his opportunity in 1910 when he joined the Crane Company in Portland. In 1917 he transferred his affiliations to Porter Brothers of Detroit, serving as superintendent of works.

In 1918 DeLong became associated with Walworth Company, New York, in the capacity of manager. In succession he joined the Peerless Company of Seattle, Wash., in 1925 and the Grinnell Company of Los Angeles in 1929.

DeLong fills the position recently vacated by J. R. Gregory, who was appointed vice president of sales of the newly formed Geneva Steel Company, a U. S. Steel subsidiary at Geneva, Utah, where Columbia Steel Company is building the huge \$180,000,000 steel mill for the government.

## Police, Firemen's 1943 Benefit Show Plans Progressing

Plans are well under way for the seventh Torrance Police and Firemen's Annual Benefit show which is to be held on Oct. 1, at the Torrance high school auditorium, according to Serg. Bill Evans of the police department.

## OPA Board Offices Experience Rush to Exchange B, C Coupons

Tuesday was a hectic day around the Torrance O.P.A. headquarters. Frank Daniels, chief clerk of the board, was up to his neck in work and there were no leisure moments for members of his staff.

Long lines of holders of B and C books were on hand anxious to exchange their old new ones as they approached the zero hour at midnight when the old ones would become void. Failure to do so would leave them with no valid claim for "more gas" excepting the basic A book No. 7 coupon which will expire on Sept. 21.

Daniels emphasized that the old form B and C coupons are no longer any good at the corner service station—but says they may yet be exchanged for the new series. Men and women traveling long distances to and from work will be out of luck, unless the new books are obtained, it was asserted.

Daniels says some people have an idea that they may obtain extra gas to go to the mountains or to some desert resort for health reasons. One woman called at the board office Tuesday thinking everything would be all right, because her physician said so.

But the doctor is wrong. There is nothing in O.P.A. regulations to fit such cases and, consequently, the application was turned down. Of course Daniels has only the word of the woman, what she says, her physician had said to her. Anyway, such statements as this are not only annoying to the ration board, but cause disappointment to the person misinformed.

There may be some extreme emergencies—but making a trip to the mountains or to the desert on an extra supply of gas is not one of them, according to O.P.A. authorities.