



WHEN A FAMILY NEEDS A FRIEND

Increase Your Income And Help Win the War

—AN EDITORIAL—

Hundreds of war workers are seeking quarters for their families in Torrance, and unless accommodations can be found the production of vital war weapons is threatened. In fact, operations in a number of our local industrial plants engaged in war work are already substantially curtailed because of the lack of housing.

This is no idle challenge that can be tossed off lightly. It is a responsibility that should be seriously considered by every property owner in Torrance as his personal task in the war effort.

Records of the War Housing Center, since this office was established in April under the direction of Pat MacDonnell, are as follows:

Here are the Records of Torrance War Housing Center, Showing the Increasing Need for Living Quarters for Workers

PERIOD	Applications Received		Placements Made	
	FAMILY DWELLINGS	ROOMS	FAMILY DWELLINGS	ROOMS
April-May.....	41	3	7	5
June.....	112	15	21	14
July.....	124	14	39	17
August.....	171	35	50	29
To Sept. 12.....	178	13	35	7
TOTAL.....	626	80	152	72

The above figures represent only a fraction of the demand for dwellings. Hundreds of other workers in our war plants have not applied at the War Housing Center. But the above data does reflect the trend of this alarming situation which grows more critical every day. You will note that there were 178 families seeking dwellings in the first 12 days of September, as contrasted with 41 applications during the two months of April and May.

Usually when we are asked to assist in patriotic causes it costs us money—but in this case, those who participate stand to realize a substantial profit.

Two attractive methods for helping solve the housing shortage are open to many residents of Torrance. Property owners may convert their homes or other buildings into multiple unit dwellings, or share their home with a war worker's family. Tenants may find it possible to rent a room or two.

Priorities and materials are now available to property owners who convert their property to provide additional living space to house vital workers and their families. Converting your property will not only help the war effort but will increase your income. Free technical assistance is offered by the War Housing Center, and funds are available through FHA. Loans up to \$5,000 can be obtained and repaid out of income on monthly installments over periods up to seven years. When the loan is paid off—through rental income—you have a valuable income property for years after.

Municipal Bus Lines to Serve Aluminum Plant

Expansion of service of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to include Redondo Beach, was assured by the city council this week when C. Z. Ward, superintendent, was authorized to sign a contract with the Aluminum Co. of America to route its coaches via the company's plant on 190th st., between Western and Normandie.

Primary object of the extension is to give service to employees of Alcoa, but may lead to regular permanent transportation facilities between Torrance and the beach city.

Starting at Redondo, buses will, for the present, make six round-trips daily—seven days a week to the Alcoa plant, all coaches being routed each way through Torrance, via Torrance Blvd.

A definite time schedule will be announced by Ward in a few days. The new service will be inaugurated next week.

Council May Act To Change Parking Zones In Torrance

When the city council of Torrance meets in adjourned session at 4:45 p.m. Friday, consideration may be given to an amendment to the existing parking ordinance to permit establishment of at least one loading and unloading zone in each block in the business section of the city.

This action was instigated through a letter from C. Earl Conner, postmaster of Torrance, who complained that existing restrictions interfered with delivery of parcel post and other mail matter, as well as inconvenience in the loading and unloading of parcel delivery trucks. Police Chief John Stroth thought some workable plan should be, and he believed, should be worked out. Meanwhile the matter was referred to the ordinance committee and the police chief who will report back to the council with recommendation for action.

BARSTOW GUESTS

Guests at the home of Mrs. F. A. Covington last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Liddle and daughters, Carol and Beverly, of Barstow.

Army Flier 'Lost' in Jungle Ten Months After Scrap with Japs



GREETED AT DOAK AIRCRAFT PLANT—Left to right: Nelson A. Grace, vice president and plant superintendent; Captain Gordon A. Engberg, Army Air Force supervisor of Inglewood area; Lt. Robert H. McGee, U. S. Army public relations officer

Army Flyer's Address About Jap War Brings Cheers at Doak Plant

Lusty cheers were given Lieut. Eugene Wallace, U.S. Army flier, from executives, Army representatives, workers and others who had been invited to the Doak Aircraft plant last Friday afternoon when he had completed a thrilling narrative of his experiences while fighting the Japs in the Solomons area.

He explained how poorly equipped the American and Australian forces were in the early stages of the war when they clung desperately to hold the foothold they retained at Port Moresby on the southeast coast of New Guinea from which they hoped, whenever adequate equipment arrived, to not only protect Australia from being invaded by a ruthless foe, but eventually to drive him out of all the islands of the Solomons group.

"Those were dark days. The odds were all against us, as they were in defense of the Philippines. The question mark was whether it would be another case of 'too little and too late,' now historic words uttered by our gallant commander, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, before the fall of Bataan and Corregidor. There was desperate need for planes, tanks, munitions, men and supplies to stem the tide—all of which took time," the lieutenant declared.

Will to Fight

"But our men had the will to fight—they were determined to avenge Pearl Harbor. First all, the enemy must not be permitted to invade the continent of Australia, which meant that Port Moresby must be held—even with our scant equipment. Not only that, it was necessary to give as much annoyance as we could to the Japs at their strongly entrenched base at Rabaul, chief base on New Britain or wherever we could find him. It was of necessity a defense campaign—until more fighting facilities arrived," Lieut. Wallace declared. He added: "Now we are on the offensive in that area and doing very well."

The young officer stated that he had completed a course in an Army aviation school only a few days before Pearl Harbor when he received his wings along with a second lieutenant's commission. It was not many days after his wings were declared he was aboard ship en route to Australia and almost immediately assigned as a co-pilot of a V-26 bomber. He was one of the first men sent on a token mission to Rabaul. Only three of these ships could be assigned to this job. When they arrived on the scene the Allied fliers met a flock of 40 Jap Zeros in combat. "The situation didn't look so bright, and imagine the chills that went up our back. However, we unloaded our bombs to good advantage and our crew succeeded in getting

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at Doak plant; Lt. Eugene Wallace, guest speaker; Robert Fleeman, supervisor of drop hammer department; Earl Forbes, Army Air Force inspector in charge. Wallace was one of the first to hammer the Japs at Rabaul.

St. Andrew's to Mark Advance By Celebration

Important phases in the development of St. Andrew's Episcopal church will form the basis for a celebration Oct. 24 and 25, according to Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, vicar, under whose ministry the mission has been brought to new heights of success.

Rev. Wheeler advises that Sunday, Oct. 24, will be the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the mission in Torrance, and on that day, with appropriate religious rites, St. Andrew's will be formally declared a full parish and take its place with the other Episcopal parishes of the diocese.

The program will begin with communion and a breakfast at 8 o'clock a.m., served to the young people of the church. In the afternoon, tea will be served by the Episcopal Woman's Auxiliary at the rectory, 1220 Alameda ave., recently purchased by the congregation, with Mrs. Mae Sidebotham as chairman and ladies of the Auxiliary as hostesses.

Dinner at Torrance Woman's clubhouse will be served Monday evening at 6 o'clock with Mrs. J. E. Miller, president of St. Cecilia's Guild, and her committee, as hostesses.

Consecration of St. Andrew's church and the installation of Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, B.A.B.D. as rector. A sermon by the bishop of Los Angeles, the Rt. Rev. W. Bertrand Stevens, D.D.L.L.D., will conclude the program.

J. W. Post will serve as general chairman for the celebration and will be assisted by Mrs. C. A. Stewart, who will have charge of invitations; Fred Quaglin, decorations; and D. A. Murphy, publicity.

Four Torrance Lads Join U.S. Marines

Four Torrance youths joined the U.S. Marine Corps in Los Angeles.

They are: Jack Walter Bays, 18, of 2214 Torrance Blvd.; Archie Warren Williamson, 20, of 2016 North Royal Blvd.; Marvin Merle Maddy, 18, of 1924 Gramercy, and Gordon Thomas Russell, 17, of 1319 Crenshaw.

With the exception of Private Russell who has been placed on inactive duty for the present, the Torrance group will report to the Marine Corps base, San Diego, for recruit training at the conclusion of their 14-day turlough on Sept. 23.

LUCAS PROMOTED

Howard M. Lucas, an employee of the street department, has been promoted to the position of teamster with his salary fixed at \$165 per month.

City Schools Gain in Enrollment Compared With Figures Year Ago

Every school in the Torrance area has reported increased attendance over figures given out at the beginning of the semester a year ago. Not only is this true with the Torrance high school, but also in the elementary schools of this district, all of which, school authorities say, is a very good indication that population has increased.

Katz Returns To Local High School Faculty

Milton Katz, former physical education director, is returning to the Torrance high school this year, replacing Charles Hefner who was sports mentor during the 1942-43 sessions.

According to Principal Harold E. Perry, John Winfield will serve as football coach and while it is a little too early to determine the strength of his grid squads, nevertheless, he feels much encouraged after sizing up the potential reservoir from which he will have to draw. Winfield is enthusiastic and believes when the boys get down to some intensive practice he will emerge with players able to hold their own against almost any of the high schools of this area, he predicts.

Principal Harold E. Perry of Torrance high is deeply gratified by the fine showing already made, as well as by the promise held out by the students themselves. "We have a fine lot of boys and girls and I feel confident that many of them are going to show marked advancement in their studies during the school year just begun."

Last Monday, the opening day, 771 students had registered, compared with 709 on the opening day last year. Wednesday afternoon, he reported, the number enrolled in regular classes had increased to 784, in addition to 35 listed as part-time students. Of the regulars about 40 per cent represented the senior classes and the remaining 60 per cent comes from the junior classes.

SCHOOL OPENING DAY COMPARISONS

	1943	1942
Torrance High.....	771	709
Elementary.....	697	575
Fern Avenue.....	344	310
Perry.....	146	125
Walleria.....	97	82

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Principal Perry feels greatly encouraged over the prospects for one of the best football teams Torrance high has ever had. The first tryout of potential players will take place tomorrow afternoon. There are 35 boys registered in the first-line team, who hope to bear the brunt of battles with contesting teams when the grid season opens. Forty-five have registered for the second-line team.

Coch John Winfield is delighted with his prospects and predicts that Torrance high will dish out some mighty interesting football later on. The lads are enthusiastic, are taking an interest in the game and are determined to carry Torrance high's banner to victory over all competitors. Of course, Coach Winfield will know better what the boys can do after a series of practice games and when they get really seasoned for combat.

The school cafeteria will be maintained as usual this year. Some delay was experienced in getting it started at the beginning of the week. By next week all departments should be functioning smoothly, Perry indicated.

Elementary School

Bernhard J. Strand, principal of the elementary school, reported registration of 697 pupils on Monday. A year ago there were 575, showing a gain of 122. Tuesday 11 more were enrolled. A shortage of two teachers was reported, but he is hopeful that these positions will soon be filled. Also two custodians are lacking.

Of interest to many parents was the announcement at the principal's office that a full-time music teacher has been employed this year. She is Mrs. Norma Emma Cook who comes with an enviable background of musical training. In addition to teaching music in the upper grades, Mrs. Cook plans organization of a school orchestra, a feature that has been lacking in the curriculum in the past.

The elementary school district dentist appeared on the scene Tuesday and has begun checking up the dental needs of the pupils enrolled and those found in need of attention will be certified to the local dentist. Another checkup will be made a few weeks later. Probably some time in October the school system dental unit will be here to assist children whose parents are unable to pay the fee charged by a regular practicing dentist, by doing the work for a nominal sum. This service will not be rendered to families who are able to pay, it was emphasized. The school cafeteria was opened for this semester Tuesday noon.

RESIDENTS RETURN

The many Torrance residents of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook will be glad to know that they are at home at 1743 Arlington ave. They have recently returned from a two weeks vacation at a mountain resort.

AT SAN GABRIEL

Mary Jo and Janet Lee were houseguests last week at the home of their cousins, Loren and Marta Phillips of San Gabriel.

Blood Bank to Open Monday at Civic Auditorium

"If you have an appointment to donate blood at the Red Cross Blood Donor Center at the Civic Auditorium next Monday, Sept. 20, be sure to keep it, warned Mrs. O. A. Kresse, blood bank chairman, to a representative of the Torrance Herald. She added, "Don't be late and above all, don't be absent."

Absence from that appointment could mean, she advised, the death of an American soldier, sailor, Marine or some other young man in the armed services of the United States. Donating blood is not something that can be done at any time. Hence, she stressed the appointment is important.

Mrs. Kresse again called attention that the quota for Torrance has been raised from 300 to 400 pints for the month of September.

The Blood Bank will be open at the Civic Auditorium from 8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. This is an opportunity for citizens of this community to help save the life of some serviceman injured in action. When it is realized that because the laboratories which process the blood for use on the battle fronts handle only a certain limited amount each week, the Red Cross is required to limit its blood donor program to 33 cities in which centers are located—Torrance is one of them—which can be visited by mobile units working out of those centers, Mrs. Kresse emphasized.

"It will take only 45 minutes to enlist your blood in the armed forces. It may add years to the life of some man fighting for our country now," she said.

Council Authorizes City Officials to Attend Conventions

Police Chief John Stroth and City Judge Otto B. Willett have been authorized by the city council to represent Torrance at the convention of the California Peace Officers Assn. to be held at San Francisco on Oct. 11 to 13, inclusive.

The council also instructed City Engineer Glenn Jain to attend the session of the Pacific Coast Building Officers conference, made up of engineers and others interested in building from Salt Lake City to the west coast. The conference will be at San Luis Obispo Oct. 5 and 6.

ON MEXICAN TOUR

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Stevenson, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. B. F. Dye, Mrs. Frances Clark and Dr. and Mrs. Norman A. Leake, with Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Chapman of Lomita, left Saturday evening by plane for a 10-day vacation in Mexico. They plan to return next Tuesday.



SGT. WILLIAM A. DEANE

Sergeant Deane Held Prisoner of War In Germany

Hope was revived with Mr. and Mrs. Dale Deane, 924 51st st., Sacramento, this week that their son, Staff Sgt. William A. Deane, may yet emerge from the war with his life upon being notified that the young officer is a prisoner of war in Germany.

During August the War Department advised his parents that he was reported "missing in action" following a bombing raid over Germany. Staff Sgt. Deane was a tail gunner on a Flying Fortress sent on a mission to Germany, but his plane failed to return to its base in England where he had been previously in training for about five weeks.

He joined the Army on Sept. 8, 1942 and was assigned to a technical school in Mississippi to study ground machine gunning. Later he changed his course to the Army's aerial gunnery school. He graduated from the Harlingen Army Gunnery school in Texas. "Transferred to the Salt Lake City Army Air Field for advanced training," he received his silver wings and stripes and, in due time, was assigned to overseas combat duty. For many years Deane's father was a mail carrier out of the Torrance postoffice. The family moved to Sacramento several years ago.

FIREMEN'S PAY HIKED

Two members of the Torrance fire department have been granted a pay increase. Due to reclassification they will each receive \$10 more per month, retroactive to July 1. This is in addition to a blanket wage increase of \$10 monthly for all city employees announced previously. The firemen affected are: Russell Parry and Walter Silence.