

# Torrance Still Short Of Goal by \$84,455 In 3rd War Loan Drive

The Third War Loan "Back the Attack" drive has been extended two days—until midnight next Saturday. California and the nation are almost certain to go over the top and that was what the local War Bond campaign committee is saying about Torrance today. This city is moving rapidly toward its goal of \$625,000. "It looks mighty good," said Harold Hof, who is acting for Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the committee, who was called out of the city because of the illness of his father.

Latest available reports stated that Torrance's share in the sales had reached \$540,544.25. "But we are still short \$84,455.75 of our goal, and there must be no relaxation of effort between now and the zero hour Saturday," Hof emphasized. Hof revealed that sales in the larger brackets were reported through the week, bringing in \$278,658.25 since the previous report of \$262,486 last week. This was encouraging.

The Herald has been advised that U.S. Steel had subscribed \$500,000,000 which is to be allocated to communities where it has operating units. Just what proportion of this sum will be credited to Torrance for Columbia Steel has not been disclosed. It appears reasonably certain, however, that the amount will go a long way toward wiping out the deficiency between the actual collections and the fixed goal. There are other sources yet unreported, according to Hof. These are deductions from payrolls in local plants which will not be definitely known until payday the last of this week. He retorted: "We must not lay down now and sit back thinking Torrance is safely over its goal of \$625,000. We will have work to do, it must be done, if we are to let the world know that Torrance did not fall behind in this Third War Loan campaign."

The National Supply Co. allocated \$75,000 of its war bond purchases to Torrance. Approximately \$500,000 of the company's total purchases in the Third War Loan were allocated in Southern California, according to D. S. Faulkner, vice-president. "Buy all the bonds you can before midnight Saturday. If you do, Torrance will go 'over the top' again in support of our men on the fighting fronts."

## Kiwanians Sponsor School Bond Sales

The Torrance Kiwanis club is sponsoring a bond drive in the high and elementary schools this week and has announced that the high school student who sells the highest volume of bonds by Friday night will be given a \$50 bond as a reward for this accomplishment.

A prize of \$25 will be awarded to the elementary school student who proves to be the best bond salesman.

## DRAFT BOARD MOVING

The Torrance Selective Service Board is moving this coming weekend from its present location, 1337 El Prado, to the building recently vacated by the Torrance Medical Group at 1339 Post ave.

## ALL-OUT INCIDENT DRILL

An all-out incident drill by Civilian Defense groups has been called for next Monday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p. m. John Stroth, chief of police, announced today.

## Council Informed of Deplorable Housing Condition Found Here

Attention of the Torrance city council was called Tuesday evening to a congested housing situation with negligible sanitary facilities available which may force some drastic action being taken by health or other authorities to remove a condition which assertedly involves violation of city ordinances and state health laws.

According to John Stroth, chief of police, a number of families from Oklahoma and at least one from Pennsylvania, who have migrated here to work in defense industries, are crowded together in storerooms that had been previously vacated by business concerns on Cravens and Cabrillo avenues. This situation also was confirmed by Glenn Jain, city engineer, who thought something should be done about a condition which invites epidemic.

The police chief declared that the situation complained of has existed for some time, long before housing conditions had become as acute in this area as they are now. The city engineer revealed that he knows of three storerooms that have been rented to the people now crowded together in them—two of the buildings are owned by Los An-

## Legion Leader Lists Standing Committees

Jack Hallanger, commander of American Legion Post No. 170, has announced the standing committees of the Post which are named to serve through the coming year. The personnel of the committees is as follows: Americanism, James Wilkes, chairman; Boys' State, Ralph Satchell, chairman; School Awards, James Burdett, chairman; Attendance, Tom Watson, chairman; James Brodie and Tom Babbitt; Auditing, Robert J. Deiningger, chairman; Howard McDonald and Charles Curtiss; Child Welfare, Ray Begue, chairman; Community Betterment, William Tolson, chairman; Vern Babeck and Jack Hallanger; Conservation and Fire Prevention, Sanford A. Whiting, chairman; Constitution and By-Laws, Alex McPhail, chairman; John McCall and Ed Bird; Disaster Relief, Demery Murphy, chairman; H. C. Bender and Charles Schlerf; Hospitalization, not decided; Inter-Post Relations, Clarence Youngken, chairman; Baseball Park Concession, Louis Deiningger, chairman; Vern Babeck and Sanford A. Whiting.

World War II Membership, Demery Murphy, chairman; Charles Dunham and Dudley Polhemus; Press and Publicity, James Wilkes, chairman; Howard McDonald and James Hallanger; Real Estate and Buildings, William Stanger, chairman; Wallace Post, LeGrande Barkidull, Demery Murphy, James Wilkes, W. E. Bowen and Tom Watson; Resolutions, Ed Bird, chairman; Alex McPhail and John McCall; Ways and Means, Charles Dunham, chairman; Earl Conner and Tom Babbitt.

## Torrance Teacher Goes Into Service

Norman Sears, for the past two years agricultural teacher in the Torrance elementary schools, finished up his work last week preparatory to departure yesterday for induction in the armed forces of the United States.

Mrs. Mattie A. Smith has been employed to fill the place vacated by Mr. Sears.

## FEIN AVENUE PROJECT

The city engineer told the city council Tuesday night that the new Fern avenue housing project would not be completed until about the first of the year, in reply to a question from a council member.

## FATHER'S ILLNESS CALLS HILLMAN LEE

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## BEGINS PRISON TERM

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## Ration Points Increased on Canned Fruits

New point values will become effective next Sunday, according to a late OPA order, which will be mostly on processed foods including two major canned vegetables. The increases were made principally in canned and bottled fruits which went up from eight to 11 points. Increases were made also in bottled grape juice, canned asparagus and canned mushrooms. There were some reductions. Popular size cans of wax beans were dropped from 10 to eight points. Canned corn also will require fewer points. Dried beans and lentils were taken off the ration lists.

## Car Stolen from Torrance Woman Stripped, Burned

The police department was notified Monday morning that a sedan car stolen in Torrance last Friday had been found over a 600-foot precipice on the Angeles Crest highway after all the available accessories had been removed, a report from the sheriff's office indicated.

The car belonged to Mrs. Mary Venema, 1716 Watson ave., Torrance, which she had parked in the rear of El Prado Apartments. The report received by Chief John Stroth stated that some of the accessories had been recovered on another stolen car. Mrs. Venema carried no insurance on her vehicle. Mr. Venema is in the U. S. Navy at the present time.

## Teapots of Old On Display at Local Library

Many persons who visited the Torrance library this week were keenly interested in an exhibit of teapots, the property of Mrs. Willis M. Brooks, 1328 Portola ave. It was said at the library that the articles shown are only a small part of her collection, but those being shown are well worth seeing and would compensate an extra trip to the library to take advantage of this opportunity to view them.

Some of the teapots are very old and came from many lands, including China, Holland, England and other countries. One interesting feature of the exhibit is a teapot that was at one time owned by President Martin Van Buren, from 1839 to 1841. There are two made of pewter, but the others are china or crockery, most of which came from some foreign land.

Mrs. Brooks has one teapot picked up three stories under ground in the ruins following the earthquake which destroyed San Francisco's famed Chinatown in 1906. This specimen was obtained by Dr. Otis Evans while doing rescue work following the quake.

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## Post-War Planning Commission Has Four Projects Under Study

Construction of a patriotic hall, a plunge at the high school, extension of the municipal water system and enlargement of the post office delivery service—these are four projects which are being given favorable consideration by the newly reorganized Torrance Post-War Planning Commission.

The commission got off to a good start last Thursday with almost 100 per cent attendance at its organization meeting, which was called by B. C. Buxton, chairman. Others present included Mrs. Julia L. McManus, secretary; Jack Hallanger, Sam Levy, William H. Tolson, James Lynch, Grover C. Whyte, Chas. E. Conner, F. L. Parks, Hillman Lee and Rev. Paul M. Wheeler.

Jack Hallanger was appointed chairman of a committee to study and report on the patriotic hall, Sam Levy heads a committee on extension of the municipal water system, William H. Tolson was assigned the task of finding means for extending the post office delivery service and improving its facilities, and Rev. Paul M. Wheeler was appointed chairman of a committee to promote construction of a plunge at the high school. Each chairman is expected to secure other members of his committee outside the directorate of the Post-War Planning Commission in order that as many townspersons as possible may have a part in planning projects.

It will be the aim of the commission, Chairman Buxton states, to prepare a program of public works and other activities which may be undertaken as soon as possible after the war in order to provide employment for returning men in the armed forces as well as those who may be released from other work connected with the war effort.

Some of the projects will necessarily have to be financed by municipal bond issues, and in this connection, the commission expects to work in close harmony with the city council. Construction of a plunge at the high school will be discussed with the Los Angeles City Board of Education, while the extension of the postal delivery will be a matter to be taken up with the proper postal authorities and members of Congress. Highway work, such as the extension of Carson street through the Los Cerritos area will be discussed with the County Planning Commission, the county road department and Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Buxton emphasized that it is the desire of the Post-War Planning Commission to broaden its contacts as much as possible to interest all residents in this area. Anyone having suggestions is invited to put them in written form and address the communication to the Torrance Post-War Planning Commission, P.O. Box 3, Torrance, Calif. The commission will hold its next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 7.

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## Columbia Steel Annual Golf Tourney Sunday

Members of Columbia Steel Employees Golf Assn. will hold their annual tournament at Inglewood Country club Sunday, Oct. 10.

Gil J. Derouin, general chairman, announces that many fine prizes, gifts of Torrance merchants and other contributors, will be given away.

A buffet supper and dancing party at the Inglewood clubhouse will culminate the day's activities.

## OPA Rent Control Played by National Real Estate Board

The National Association of Real Estate Boards has issued a statement charging that the O.P.A.'s system of rent control has reduced the national supply of housing at a time when it is critically needed.

The board in its report points out that the result of a survey in 287 American cities, was the second major blow at O.P.A. rent control. It was only a few weeks ago that a special House committee charged the O.P.A.'s system was violating the Constitution, defying Congress, confiscating property and arousing class hatred.

The real estate group denounced what it called "self-defeating" when the O.P.A. announced withdrawal of dwellings from the rental markets, declaring that the one-third down payment rule decreased the volume of home buying in 82 per cent of the surveyed cities, and blocked as much as 50 per cent of the sales in a fourth of the cities. On Sept. 15, the O.P.A. announced that it had changed the down payment to 20 per cent.

The report stated that rents had been set below a fair level in 80 per cent of the reporting communities. It was reported there was an inequality in rents set for comparable buildings.

The board charged that the major fault of all this confusion lies with the centralized control in Washington, according to information received in Torrance.

Bradley comes to Torrance with 10 years of background of ten years' continuous experience in the public employment service program. This has taken him through the National Reemployment Service, which functioned in the early days of the depression; the California State Department of Employment, under which the unemployment insurance program has been administered; and finally the United States Employment Service—now the field office of the War Manpower Commission.

"Brad," as he is popularly known, has served in several offices of the employment service, including San Diego and Los Angeles and brings to Torrance a wealth of industrial experience which should be of special value in helping to find solutions to the extremely critical manpower problems facing Torrance war industries. For the past five years (Continued on Page 3)

## Hauge Sustained in Hearst Beach Deal Controversy

Beach frontage and adjoining property offered the county by the Hearst Sunland Land & Tracting Co. for \$1,054,000 has been appraised by County Engineer Alfred Jones at \$487,910, according to a report filed by Jones with County Supervisor Oscar Hauge who has strenuously fought the proposed purchase.

Another report submitted after thorough study by Spence D. Turner, County Forester and Fire Warden, states that parking areas available on the property are remote from usable beaches and that if toilet facilities were provided at beach sites it would be necessary to lay 22,000 feet of pipe line. A sanitary sewer system to serve the area would cost \$200,000, Turner reported.

"Because of the lack of necessary facilities, the cost of installing them, unsuitability of the beach for bathing purposes, the hazard of the adjacent highway and the problem of economically disposing of existing structures, our recommendation relative to the purchase of these properties by the county would be decidedly negative," the report concluded.

"This is the third adverse report this purchase filed with the Board of Supervisors, the first having been filed by the County Recreation Department declaring the property was unsuited for recreational purposes," Supervisor Hauge asserts.

## High School Shows Gain In Enrollment

Enrollment at Torrance high school continued to increase, with the total number of pupils at what is believed to be a new high mark. "At least we have more students now than there has been registered in the school for a number of years," declared Harold Perry, the principal. The checkup last weekend showed 909 as having registered.

## Acute Housing Need Can Be Solved, States Local Agency Manager

When the War Manpower Commission completed a labor survey last week covering the heavily industrialized sections of Los Angeles county, it was reported that 84,000 new workers will be required in this area by Jan. 1, 1944.

It was predicted that 37,000 of the additional war jobs will be filled by drawing upon womanpower, by controlled referrals and transfers under the new manpower plan, by recruiting persons still unemployed; also youths new to the labor market, part-time workers and discharged servicemen.

But this procedure does not take care of the remaining 47,000 which the WMC survey indicates will be needed. Where to get them? That is the problem. It is planned to recruit 16,000 women during the next three months, and at the same time seek a supply from other sources.

Since the need for additional war workers was declared so pronounced, this all tends to aggravate the already tense critical housing situation now existing in this area, declared Pat McDonnell, manager of the regional War Housing Center here.

McDonnell also expressed the belief that with proper cooperation of the public in the conversion program of the national housing agency the housing problem could be solved in part at least. The federal agency will allocate additional priorities for new privately constructed homes when it is shown that everything has been done to accommodate war workers through the share-the-home, private and public conversion features of the present housing program.

A recent OPA order intended to relieve the housing situation here, reveals that all homes being built in Torrance, including the territory south of Redondo Beach Blvd. to U. S. highway 101 and from Avalon Blvd. to the ocean, are reserved specifically for employes in Torrance war industries.

War workers living in areas that require three or more hours running time round-trip, either by private automobile or public carrier charging not more than 50 cents commutation fare, are eligible.

Any employes of war industries who have received an eviction notice approved by the OPA are considered in-migrants. Any and all employes of war industries must show that they are inadequately housed, and McDonnell is emphatic in making the statement that the construction of homes for workers is permitted in order to insure maximum production of war materials.

## NEW ORDINANCE

With the official designation as a capital outlay ordinance, the city council Tuesday night gave it approval on first reading. The ordinance proposes to levy and collect a tax for capital outlay—such as reconditioning of the fire station damaged by the earthquake in November, 1941.

## Local Refinery Mentioned In Story About Synthetic Rubber

The United States has built up an entirely new process in industry in less than two years that will soon be supplying more rubber than was formerly imported by this country. This statement was made by S. T. Russell, engineer, who took part in designing many of the rubber plants, in an article printed this month in the Petroleum Engineer. The refinery just east of Torrance was one of the plants that was rushed to completion and is now in production for the great synthetic rubber program, Russell emphasized.

He relates that the knowledge and research facilities of leading rubber companies were pooled in order to develop a standard design for all plants. Equipment of a type regularly installed in petroleum refineries was used when possible. Standard equipment could be diverted from one job to another to meet the variations in programs and thus avert delays.

The writer explained the new plants have a capacity of 850,000 long tons a year of various types of synthetic rubber compared to an annual importation of 650,000 long tons of natural rubber. Only about 20,000 persons are needed, Russell said, to produce the amount of rubber that ordinarily requires 400,000 natives to gather. "American industry has again shown its power and enthusiasm, its forcefulness and vision. Never in the future will the United States be helpless in an emergency because of the lack of rubber," Russell declared.

## Dental Survey Made In Torrance Schools

A dental survey of pupils enrolled in the Torrance elementary schools was completed this week, according to Bernhard J. Strand, principal. Altogether 770 children were examined. Out of this number 102 were found with perfect teeth, 668 were found to be in need of dental attention, 443 cavities were found in permanent teeth and 860 in temporary teeth, Principal Strand revealed.

