



**MAN OF THE WEEK** . . . Sgt. Leslie Foster, of Torrance, Calif., has been chosen as "Man of the Week" for the official camp newspaper of Sedalia Army Air Field, Warrensburg, Mo., a base of the U.S. Army Air Forces First Troop Carrier Command, where the Sergeant has been stationed since January. Sgt. Foster was born in Torrance, Calif.

He is a natural artist, never having studied art professionally at any school.

Before entering the service he worked as a free lance artist, doing all sorts of commercial work, such as posters, signs, cartoons and illustrations. He was on the staff of the Torrance Herald.

His school was the "school of hard knocks," where he learned painting and drawing the hard way. How well he learned his work may be seen in the new design of the Troop Courier, the base newspaper, as well as in the Statistical Department, where Foster is assigned as draftsman.

He arrived at Sedalia in January from Grenada, Miss., after the Air Field there was closed.

Swimming is the sergeant's favorite sport, with ice skating running a close second.

His brother has just returned to this country after serving overseas for two years with a medical detachment.

Among the sergeant's work are autographed pictures from Betty Grable, Ann Sheridan and Leslie Brooks, all of whom have achieved some fame on the screen.

When the war is over, Sgt. Foster has hopes of attending school to study the art of magazine illustration and advertising layout. From what we have seen of his work, he could be teaching school, instead of being taught.

## COUNCIL HOLDS TICKET AGENT CONTRACT UP

Wm. P. Agee has been relieved as ticket agent for the Municipal Bus system at 1014 So. Hill Street, Los Angeles, and a contract for one year with Carl E. Marsteller to take over the job was presented to the City Council Tuesday night for adoption.

C. Z. Ward, bus manager, asked that the contract be adopted immediately, so that Marsteller "could get into operation," but Mayor Wm. H. Tolson asked for time to study the contract. He was joined by Councilmen C. M. Gilbert, N. H. Cucci and G. V. Powell. Councilman J. E. Hitchcock was absent, due to automobile trouble.

The council decided to meet with Marsteller on Monday, May 29, at 5 p.m. and it will take up the contract at the adjourned meeting at 7 p.m.

Marsteller proposes to put in a stock of merchandise in the place, Ward said, and the contract calls for payment of \$50 a month and 10 percent of the ticket sales.

## SCHOOLS PLAN BIG POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT

Los Angeles city schools are planning for a big post-war program which will benefit this area, Roy Becker of San Pedro, member of the board for nine years, told Torrance Kiwanis members in their meeting Monday night.

"The board of education is adopting a pay-as-you-go plan on post-war development and has set up \$1,000,000 as a start of the fund for this purpose," he said. "Another \$1,000,000 will be set up this year."

Another development for this district is a program for an industrial vocational school which should come within the next few years.

Becker was a guest of B. J. Strand and told the group that the Los Angeles schools will need 275 new teachers, while the budget has been prepared for only 235 new teachers. The schools have 11,000 more pupils than last year and the new teachers will require an additional \$564,000.

## R. S. Schumacher Sentenced on Draft Charge

Raymond George Schumacher, 1313 Cota Street, Torrance, declared a delinquent in May because of his failure to appear for induction into the armed forces of the United States, has been sentenced by the Federal District Court.

The young man was given a sentence of five years imprisonment, suspended for three years, and placed on probation to terminate at the expiration of the war, subject to work in a hospital. The subject, in addition, must pay a fine of \$500 at the rate of \$50 per month, beginning June 1, 1944.

## NEW RECREATION GROUP ELECTS GILBERT CHAIRMAN

The newly organized recreation commission appointed by the Torrance City Council at its last regular session held its first meeting at the home of Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, 1230 Acacia St., and elected Merton Gilbert chairman and Mrs. L. E. Watson secretary. Others in attendance were Jack Barrington, Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler of Torrance and Geo. P. Thatcher of Waleria.

The commission began at once to tackle the child delinquency problem and the necessity of adequate recreation. Recreation centers for The Pueblo, West Torrance, Waleria and additional facilities for Torrance Park were discussed.

The next meeting was called for Thursday, May 25, 1944, at Torrance City Hall, 7:30 p.m., at which time the recreation commission will seek information relative to the availability of federal funds for the furtherance of its activities.



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## Auditorium Open Two Nights Week Instead of Four

Upon recommendation of Councilman C. M. Gilbert, the recreation superintendent, Dale Riley, was instructed by the city council Tuesday night to keep the auditorium open only on two nights a week, instead of four. It has not been paying four nights a week, and the program will be moved to the city park soon, it was pointed out.

Councilman G. V. Powell suggested that the possibility of laying a skating floor on the auditorium floor be considered, as the town needs a roller skating rink. Estimates of the cost were asked.

A new service flag for the auditorium was bought, to renew the one badly worn. The number of service men will be changed to conform with late totals.

## Two Patrolmen Hired for City Police

Torrance city police force was up to its prewar strength of 15 patrolmen as a result of the action of the city council on Tuesday night in hiring two patrolmen.

Joseph Cozzolino and Alvin K. Hill were hired at \$160 per month each, on recommendation of Councilman G. V. Powell and Chief of Police John Stroth.

Charles Field was hired as a crossing guard at 70 cents per hour, six hours a day, to replace Mable Cox, who is quitting.

## Harry B. Lewis Recovering in His Own Home

Harry B. Lewis, secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has been removed from Torrance Memorial Hospital to his home, where he is recovering from the injuries of his recent automobile accident.

Lewis was the victim of an accident in Los Angeles, when the car in which he and his wife were riding, with Mr. and Mrs. Chapman Wentworth, was struck by another machine. The others in the car were not hurt, and Lewis will be confined to his home for several weeks.

## Stores, Herald Office, Closed Memorial Day

Practically all retail stores including food markets in Torrance will be closed all day next Tuesday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Offices of the Torrance Herald also will be closed next Tuesday, and cooperation of the public in submitting copy for news stories and advertisements before 5 p.m. Monday will be appreciated. Due to the shortage of manpower, only a limited amount of copy can be handled on Wednesday.

## Resignation of Oscar Hauge Is Anticipated

An implication that he may resign and allow Supervisor-Elect Raymond V. Darby to take office before the scheduled Dec. 4 inauguration date was voiced recently by County Supervisor Oscar Hauge, defeated by Darby in the primaries.

Hauge was mentioned as candidate for chairmanship of the board last Wednesday when the group ousted John Anson Ford from the chair. Hauge declined the proposal, explaining he expected "to be away from my office for quite some time."

Any resignation would merely pave the way for Darby to take the seat by appointment. Otherwise, he will not join the board until the scheduled time, Dec. 4. This leaves Dr. Hauge filling a "harm duck" term of six months in office.

Visiting this area to thank supporters, Darby explained he had already spent considerable time studying board procedure.

## David Roberts Passes Crisis in Hospital

David L. Roberts, who has been critically ill at Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara, was reported to have passed the crisis and is now much improved. He suffered an attack of uremic poisoning with heart complication and the attending physician states that he will probably be confined to the hospital for six weeks. Roberts is secretary-treasurer of United Concrete Pipe Corporation and has a home in Palos Verdes Estates.

## Local 360 Will Discuss Wages With Council

Local No. 360 of the State, County and Municipal Employees union will meet with the City Council at a date in the near future to discuss a general wage adjustment for city employees, the council indicated Tuesday night.

Members of the local stated in a letter to the council that the cost of living has increased 43.5 percent since 1941 in Torrance, and that there has been no corresponding increase in pay. The letter was signed by A. E. Treloar of the local.

## Reading Matter Needed by 25th U.S. Engineers

The 25th U. S. Engineers have moved in at East Road and Vermont, and they are so busy that they cannot get out to get current reading matter.

So the commanding officer of the unit has appealed to Librarian Dorothy Jamieson for magazines and books for the soldiers to read. Radios are also wanted.

"They have so much to do that they cannot even get to town, so all current magazines, books or newspapers left at the library will be sent out there," Mrs. Jamieson said.

## Jack Moraine Home from Flight Training Course

A. C. Jack Moraine, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Moraine of 2233 239th St., arrived home on May 16 for a 14 days leave.

Young Moraine, who has been in the service for the past 2½ years, serving 10 months in the New Hebrides, has been training at Susanville, Calif., as an aviation cadet for the past six months. He will report to St. Mary's College, San Francisco, for further training, at the end of his leave.

On May 18 Jack and his father celebrated their birthdays, which are on that date. He is a graduate of Narbonne, class of '40, and has a host of friends and former classmates whom he is enjoying visiting with.

## Crenshaw Blvd. Improvement Job Bids are Opened

Olympic Construction company was low bidder for development of Crenshaw Boulevard from 190th Street to Redondo Beach Blvd., presenting an estimate of \$2,181,800 for a 14-inch rock and oil surface on sand and clay subgrade to the City Council Tuesday night. The company bid \$32,215 for 1½ inch asphalt plant mix on decomposed granite subgrade as an alternate.

The improvement is for 1.69 miles of 22-foot pavement, with shoulders, on the present right-of-way of Crenshaw Blvd. due to failure to negotiate with the Dominguez Estates Company and Hamilton Cotton, who want \$10,000 for the right-of-way which would give Crenshaw a straight sweep north from its present terminus at 190th street. It now is necessary to jog 300 feet east to travel on Crenshaw north from 190th street.

## SULPHUR DUST COMPLAINT IN COUNCIL HANDS

Sulphur dust from the plant of the United Sulphur and Chemical Company on 213th St. is damaging machinery used in defense work, is causing a health menace and can very possibly result in an explosion at the National Supply Company plant, the city council was informed Tuesday night in a letter from F. J. Carpenter, as assistant treasurer of National Supply.

The letter asked that the city take action to abate the situation which it called a nuisance and eliminate the conditions causing the gathering of the sulphur dust. The council referred the matter to the city attorney.

Carpenter said that the problem had been discussed with J. L. Bishop of United Sulphur, but that no solution to the matter could be reached.

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## Torrance Is Over Top In Ticket Sales

Torrance quickly oversubscribed its quota of 100 tickets for the Hollywood premiere of "Voice in the Wind," proceeds of which are to go to the rehabilitation and recreation fund of the LAPE hospital in Torrance.

According to James Lynch, president of the Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the ticket sales, 123 tickets were sold at \$5 each.

Of this number, Lynch declared, 61 have been turned back to the soldier patients at the hospital, permitting them to see the big premiere at the Hawaii theatre in Hollywood.

Champion in the ticket sales was Mrs. Marguerite Voorhees, women's counsellor at National Supply Co., who alone sold 22 tickets.

The premiere is being staged for the benefit of the hospital, to provide facilities for recreation, and also to be used in the rehabilitation program of the institution.

## Philip Van Dyke In New Position At Longren Plant

Philip Van Dyke has assumed the position of director of public relations and post-war planning for Longren Aircraft Co. It has been announced.

Van Dyke, a vice president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, had for 22 months been director of transportation and rationing in the Department of Public Relations of Doak Aircraft Co.

He has been active in all constructive civic work in Torrance, which activity has won him a wide group of friends.

## Torrance Group Represented at Scout Camporee

Torrance was represented at the Harbor District camporee held at Daniel Field, San Pedro, Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21. Those present from Torrance were members of Troop 241, sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal church, and Troop 217, sponsored by First Christian church. Members of 241 won fourth place and were presented with a banner. They were thereby qualified to enter the Los Angeles metropolitan area council camp-oree to be held at Griffith Park June 10 and 11.

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## EXPANSION OF DAY CARE HOUSING HERE PROMISED

Torrance schools should be equipped to care for 150 children in its extended child care program by September, B. J. Strand, principal, Torrance Elementary School, has been notified by George D. Nickel, executive secretary, Child Care Coordinating Committee for Women in Industry.

The promise was in response to a letter sent to Clarence L. Glenn, supervisor, Physical Education section, Los Angeles City Schools, recently, pointing out the overcrowded conditions of the local schools.

Strand said: "We have an Extended Child Care Program operating in our school auditorium. This program went into effect March 6 this spring. At the present time we have 48 children enrolled. It is an excellent program and we are heartily in favor of it."

"This program is certain to expand if circumstances in general continue as at present. This program might well have 150 children enrolled by September, 1944."

"Our regular school enrollment has increased more than 250 pupils above last year's enrollment. In order to accommodate this increased enrollment we now have double sessions in three rooms. By September we expect to have double sessions in at least an additional five rooms. Our total school enrollment at the present time is 1088 pupils."

"This overload in our buildings makes it necessary for us to have full use of our school plant for our regular school program. We will not be able to give any room to the Child Care Program in September, 1944."

Responding, Nickel said "we feel certain that your housing problem will receive prompt attention. The Federal Works Agency, fully aware of the problem in schools such as yours where double sessions are becoming the rule, is now receiving applications for extended day care housing. Recently some of us, including Mr. Glenn, were discussing this matter with the Federal Works Agency and, at that time, Mr. Glenn was in the process of developing a list of Los Angeles schools needing extended day care housing. I am sure, if he has not already done so, he will add your school to this list upon receipt of your letter. Incidentally, F.W.A. hopes to have these units completed by September."

"We are pleased to note that your extended day care program is successful even though its success does create problems for you."

Rules Fixed  
Fire Chief McMaster set up the following rules to guide the community and members of the Junior Fire Department, now growing into a smooth-running organization, in fire prevention activities:

1. Pile up brush, weeds, trash and other refuse and burn it on days when there is no wind.
2. Clean up trash along alleys, lots and other paths of danger.
3. Remove danger of fire damage to vacant areas, lands or fields by building fire lanes or clearing, making tractors and other internal combustion machinery with exhausts and mufflers fire proof before they are used in the field.
4. Bury discarded bottles and broken glass.
5. Make sure that fire extinguishers on machines and in factories are ready so that any fire starting may be put under control promptly.
6. Report fire hazards to the local fire department immediately.

## Library Board Appointment Is Considered

The City of Torrance is considering the appointment of a library board as a result of the suggestion of Councilman N. H. Cucci. There has been no board here for some time and it is needed, Cucci said. A resolution will be prepared on the subject, it was decided.

The council has renewed the contract with the Board of Education for the Child Care Center at the municipal park, which expires on June 15, 1944.