



ONE OF THREE . . . in the family in the service, Yeoman 2/c Marguerite Armstrong visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Armstrong at their home here recently. She is shown above with her mother, Doak Aircraft employee. It was Miss Armstrong's first visit home since entering the Waves two years ago.

Robert Armstrong, youngest son of the Armstrongs, is home on a furlough from the Navy station at Farragut, Ida. The second son in the service is Sergeant Virgil Armstrong, now in the thick of things in the South Pacific.

## COMMUNITY USO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY BY TORRANCE COMMITTEE

Members of some 35 Torrancia district organizations and the general public are invited to attend the Torrancia U.S.O. meeting which is called for Monday night, June 19, at 7:30 o'clock in the City Council chamber, according to C. Z. Ward, chairman of the organizing committee.

## PETITIONS ASK CITY FOR PARK

Petitions asking that the tract of land at the northwest corner of Torrancia Blvd. and Crenshaw Ave. be secured for recreational and park purposes again are in circulation in Torrancia.

The petitions, asking the City Council to negotiate with the Chamblor-Carfield Midway Oil Company for purchase of the land are being handled by a committee of the Torrancia Post-War Planning Commission headed by B. C. Buxton. F. L. Parks is head of the recreation group. Previous efforts have been made to buy the land, but they have met with failure. The tract is wanted by local interests because of the need for a park and recreation area in that section of Torrancia.

The petitions are in the hands of various business men and will be presented to the City Council when a sufficient number of signers indicate their desire to have the park to give them desired weight to back up the council in their negotiations.

## Fern Avenue Graduation Rites June 22

Graduation exercises for the 6A class of Fern Avenue school will be held Thursday, June 22, at 1:45 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Members of the class will participate in a program featuring the countries of South America. Music will include singing by the group and a guitar solo by Helen Stitt, Joey O'Toole and Velia Dela Grande will give piano solos. Parents and friends are invited.

Fern Avenue graduates are: Vella Alvarez, Peter Avalos, Kenneth Berryhill, Harold Chapman, Marlene Davis, Velia Dela Grande, Barbara Delsigne, Dolores Fees, Marilyn Finch, Dolores Franks, Marilyn Franzen, Mary Garcia, Grace Garland, Ver Non Greene, Alfonso Hernandez, Jeanne Jenkins, Beverly Ann Karganilla, Velma Laracey, Rita McOsker, Milton McNew, Buddy Moxon, Joey O'Toole, Helen Stitt, Sally Valencia, Billy Wernett.

The sixth grade class of Fern Avenue enjoyed a pirate party at the home of their teacher, Miss Laura M. Thomas, and Miss Irene Mills Tuesday afternoon. Invitations in a mysterious code bade the boys and girls join the pirates in a treasure hunt—the high point of the affair. "Pirate Signals," "Booty," "Target Practice," "Crossing the Reef" and "Walking the Plank" kept excitement running high, while long earrings and gay bandanas lent the proper atmosphere.

## COUNCILMEN WANT MORE BUS DATA

Torrancia Municipal Bus system plans met a temporary setback at the City Council meeting Tuesday night when Councilman N. H. Cucci objected to the transfer of \$50,000 from the general fund to a special fund to be used for the purchase of six new buses and equipment.

Cucci said that he wanted to know more about the bus situation, that some members of the council had not been informed on development plans.

Councilman C. M. Gilbert agreed with Cucci, and at their joint requests, the council called an informal meeting to be held either today or tomorrow afternoon, early enough, Cucci requested, so that he can get on his swing shift job at 3 o'clock.

The question of whether or not the money is available was brought up by Councilman Cucci, and he called for a meeting with the auditor to discuss the matter.

**Cash on Hand**  
City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said that the city has \$90,000 in its general fund and that only \$30,000 will be needed for the balance of the year.

The question of the proposed purchase of the Gardena bus system was brought into the conversation and Cucci said that he felt the council as a whole should be in on the transaction.

While the Gardena transaction has been the subject of quite general discussion among city officials, both in Torrancia and in Gardena, Mayor W. H. Tolson remarked that "the item in the paper (Torrancia Herald, June 8) was quite premature. There was no particular foundation for the article." The information published in the Herald was received from city officials.

Cucci further reflected his discontent with the situation by voicing objections to the advertising for bids for the new buses. When it was pointed out that the whole situation will be ironed out by the council, and further that the first bus is due on July 15, he finally voted with the whole council to advertise for the bids.

In discussing the financial angle, City Attorney J. E. McCall said that "any money in the general fund can be set aside for any purpose."

Raises in salary were granted to bus drivers Kenneth Kale and Paul S. Chambers. They were raised from \$170, to \$185 a month, on completion of their first six months of employment.

## Softball League Enters Second Round Here

Torrancia Industrial softball league entered its second round on Monday, with the 37th Brigade registering its first win of the league by defeating Dow Chemical by a score of 10 to 1.

In the second game of the evening, America Barbers beat the LAPE "Medical Commandos" by a score of 5 to 0.

Games to be played in the next seven days are:  
Tonight: Goodyear vs. Bohn Aluminum and Medical Commandos vs. Columbia Steel.  
Tomorrow night: Dow Chemical vs. Doak Aircraft and American Barbers vs. National Supply.

Monday night, June 19: 37th Brigade vs. Goodyear and American Barbers vs. Columbia Steel.  
Wednesday, June 21: Medical Commandos vs. 37th Brigade (two Army teams, this should be good) and Northrop Aircraft, champions for the first half, vs. Bohn.  
Early games start at 6:30 p.m. and second games at 8:30 p.m.

## Additional Blood Donors Needed for Tomorrow's Quota

Tomorrow (Friday) is Blood Donor day for Torrancia. Those who have made appointments are reminded that the Red Cross small unit will be at the Civic Auditorium from 8:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. Mrs. O. A. Kresse, chairman, states that the quota is 200 pints and additional donors are needed to meet this allotment. All those who can donate blood, whether they have appointments or not, are urged to contribute.



"VOICE OF THE WIND" . . . paid off to LAPE hospital in Torrancia, when Eddie Foy presented Lt. Col. William H. L. Westbrook, Jr., commanding the hospital, with a check for \$4,000 for recreation purposes. The whole of the receipts from the Hollywood premiere, May 31, of the picture went to the hospital. Five hundred tickets were sold in Torrancia.

## 54 TORRANCE HIGH SENIORS WILL BE GIVEN DIPLOMAS AT COMMENCEMENT JUNE 22

By OLIVER THAYER

Twelve years of educational training and priceless companionship will be culminated next Thursday evening, June 22, when Principal Harold E. Perry and Vice Principal Elizabeth Parks present diplomas to 54 graduating seniors of Torrancia High school in significance of their achievement before an audience of proud parents and friends in the auditorium.

Five diplomas will bear the gold seal of merit for conspicuous achievement in scholarship, while several outstanding graduates will be honored by special awards in specific fields.

The commencement program will begin at 8 o'clock with Sir Edward Elgar's triumphal "Pomp and Circumstance" march, graduating seniors being robed in the conventional cap and gown. Girls will wear white costumes while boys will be attired in navy blue.

**Green and White**  
With decorations in green and white motif after the class colors and flower, the gardenia, furnished under the direction of Miss Ada Chase, art teacher, the recessional will succeed the commencement march as sung by three senior girls, music by Reginald de Koven, the lyrics taken from the immortal poem of Rudyard Kipling. After the invocation, which will be offered by the Rev. Paul Wheeler, rector of the Episcopal church, tributes in word and song will be made, including a verse choir presented by the class adopted from "Work: A Song of Triumph," by Angela Morgan.

Short thematic speeches on Work and the peace will be climaxed by the presentation of the farewell class gift in connection with the class presentation. The impressive ceremony will close with the singing by the class of the Alma Mater, the school anthem, followed by the conferring of diplomas.

**Awards Noted**  
Among coveted special honorary awards that will be bestowed are: The Ephebian membership, for outstanding service and interest in civic affairs; the Danforth award, in scholarship and conspicuous service; life scholarship membership to the California Scholarship Federation, for academic achievement, and the Bausch & Lomb award to a promising student in science.

Vocal music on the program will be under the direction of Miss Anna Mae Alken, while instrumental music will be furnished by the high school orchestra under the baton of Instructor Louis Sauter. Special effects and program preparation is under the auspices of a senior graduation committee, Doreen Livermore as chairman. Miss Irene Mills, English teacher and committee advisor, is general director.

**Rotary Demotion Party Planned for June 29**  
Torrancia Rotary club will stage its annual "Demotion" party and dinner-dance at the Palos Verdes Country club on Thursday evening, June 29, when F. L. Parks will be ushered out of the president's chair.

City Judge Otto B. Willett is the incoming president. The affair will be presented by a committee of which H. E. Appenzeller is general chairman.

**Joe van Kralingen** . . . a seaman 1/c, U.S.C.G., who is enjoying a leave here, advised Mrs. I. J. Hallanger of two enjoyable evenings spent with her son, John Lymo, while both were serving in the South Pacific.

## Didn't You Take That Radio by Mistake?

The "meanest man" is the one who takes candy from a kid; he is the one who steals a widow's mite, or he is the one who robs a soldier of his meager pay.

We hope that this is not the story of a "meanest man."

We hope it is of one who has just made a mistake.

The parties involved are a nurse attached to the county sanitarium in Bell and an invalid woman, a county charge, who is a patient at the sanitarium, and who has a son fighting overseas.

She has a tiny radio, a tan leather-cased G. E. portable.

It was the only thing her son had to leave her, and it was the only thing she had to remember her son by; it was her only joy.

But now it is gone.

It was taken while the nurse and the old woman were sitting outside the Reesoon drug store waiting for a bus.

We hope that the one who took this tiny bit of joy from this woman reads this and realizes what he has done.

We hope that he has the charity in heart to return it, by leaving it at the Torrancia Herald office, or sending it there. There will be no hard feelings, no questions asked. It will be gratefully received and sent to this dear old war-mother.

## CRENSHAW PAVING IS ORDERED

Olympic Construction Company was given a contract for the paving of Crenshaw Ave. from 190th St. to Redondo Beach Blvd. by the City Council Tuesday night. All other bids were rejected and the deposits returned.

The Olympic company job will amount to about \$35,000, City Engineer G. M. Jain told the council, although the contract was awarded on a unit price. The company will lay a two-inch thick plant mix on a decomposed granite sub-base, and the work is scheduled to get under way as soon as the company can get its equipment on the ground.

Money was appropriated at the request of Councilman J. E. Hitchcock for buying of materials for maintenance of various streets throughout the city.

A request for the improvement of an alley between Andro and Cabrillo, in a new subdivision, was delayed until the next meeting to give the city engineer a chance to study the proposal.

With the stipulation that the action be referred to the Regional Planning commission and other agencies involved in map-making, the name of Columbia Court was changed to Columbia Place by resolution 1667, adopted by the council.

Resolution 1670 was adopted requesting \$24,000 be granted to the city from the County Aid fund for use on the Crenshaw Ave. development, supplementing state funds.

Ordinance 356 was adopted for first reading vacating Madrid Ave. in Tract No. 9901, from 203rd St. to a dead end. The street never has been developed and will not be, it was pointed out.

## Eileen Whiting in Production at Vassar

Miss Eileen Whiting, daughter of Sanford A. Whiting of 1719 Arlington Ave., Torrancia, took part in a colorful international folk festival in Torrancia at Vassar College last weekend. Miss Whiting, who is in her first year at Vassar, participated in the program of the Russian club which presented Russian songs and dances.

Other students gave songs and dances of China, Czechoslovakia, France, Italy, Germany, Poland, Spain and Latin America and the United States. The groups included both natives of the countries represented and American girls who are studying foreign languages.

**NEW CAR**  
Dr. Norman A. Leake, 1525 Marcella Ave., is among the Southern Californians who have been given new certificates for a new car by the Office of Price Administration.

## TORRANCE FIFTH WAR LOAN PURCHASES HIT \$103,675 IN FIRST THREE DAYS OF DRIVE

Individual bond buyers pushed the total sales for the Fifth War Loan drive to \$103,675 in the first three days of the drive. Chairman William R. Lee of the bond drive committee reported this morning. The drive for \$950,000 in war bond purchases started on Monday and extends until July 8.

The figures represent the sales from the postoffice, banks and the Grand Theatre, reported as of this morning, Lee said.

"This is a fine showing," Lee declared, "as there are no corporation purchases or payroll deductions figured in this total. These are individual sales. We are off to a good start. We exceeded our Fourth War Loan quota and we will exceed this one."

Boy Scouts are really turning in a good showing, it was pointed out, and one Scout himself had sold 12 bonds up to Tuesday; another had sold eight.

Chairman Lee, in speaking of the war bond campaign from a national standpoint, said:

"More than 40,000,000 Americans now own war bonds, of whom probably less than half were habitual savers prior to the advent of the program. Individuals have purchased 32 1/2 billions of a total of more than 87 billions sold to date. More than 500 million separate pieces of 'E' bond paper have been sold, enough to circle the globe 2 1/2 times if laid side by side.

"28,000,000 American workers are buying bonds systematically on a payroll savings plan, plowing back each month into the war effort more than 475 million dollars, apart from their additional cash purchases during war loans.

"More than 5,000,000 men and women, of all political beliefs, races and creeds, are ready to campaign voluntarily during the Fifth War Loan and sales agencies have been established in more than one million locations. "War Bonds are the best advertised product in history, but this program has cost the government not one cent. Private business contributes the space, the time and the manpower—more than 240 million dollars worth through the Fourth War Loan.

"Because so many have helped so much, War Bond sales' cost to the government is only one cent for every \$33 raised and that record is an enviable one.

**Torrancia Commended**  
"The Fifth War Loan committee is appreciative of the efforts of Torrancia business, industrial and professional establishments for their efforts in this behalf. In appreciation, they will be cited by the Secretary of the Treasury with a certificate for patriotic cooperation with the nation's war bond program through advertising columns of the Torrancia Herald and Lomita News.

"As a result of their fine cooperation here we have sold \$100 worth of bonds, in the Fourth War Loan drive, for every 67 cents spent in such advertising. This, plus the slight government cost, places these advertisers in the position of being the sponsors of a medium presenting the least costly method of making war bond sales. This in spite of the fact that the national average cost for such advertising was \$1.00 for each \$100 in bonds sold."

**Air Mail Forms For War Prisoner Mail Available**  
War department forms for use in writing air mail letters to prisoners of war are now available at the postoffice, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

The forms, recently released, provide space and instructions for giving the full information regarding the prisoner of war to whom it is addressed, including his rank and name, his prisoner of war number, his camp name and number, subsidiary camp number, and it cautions the writer not to confuse the prisoner of war number with the army serial number.

It is self sealing and is sent for six cents postage.

Ordinary mail to prisoners of war should be handed in at a post office enclosed in two envelopes, according to Postmaster Conner.

The outer envelope should be unsealed, unstamped and addressed: Postmaster—Prisoner of War Mail. The inside envelope should be properly addressed and stamped. This assures the sender that postage cancellation stamp will not bear any war slogan such as "Buy War Bonds" for Victory, etc., because mail bearing patriotic insignia or slogans is confiscated by the enemy and it does not reach the prisoner.

**JOSEPH (R.D.) ANDERSON** . . . U.S.N., in a recent letter to his mother, told her of a chance meeting with Joe Bray, a gunner's mate 3/c, while both were standing in line for ice cream at a South Pacific port.

**MAYOR BOGART OF GARDENA DIED TUESDAY**  
Mayor Wayne A. Bogart, 50, of Gardena, died Tuesday afternoon in his home of a heart ailment which dated back to World War I, of which he was a veteran.

He had served on the Gardena City Council continuously since the city's incorporation in 1930 and has been mayor since that time except for a short period.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Merle Bogart, and two sons, Wayne A. and John.

Masonic services will be conducted in the Methodist church in Gardena at 3 p.m. tomorrow, Friday.

Gardena city officials will close Friday afternoon and a request has been made to close business houses between 3 and 4 p.m. out of respect for the late mayor.

**BILL JANSSEN HERE**  
Bill Janssen, long time Torrancia resident now with the 2nd Air Corps, was a visitor in Torrancia last week, back from overseas duty.