

ARMY TRAINS . . . As the California State Guard assumes a more important position in defense of this vital war area, more rigid army training has been undertaken and more equipment has been made available for the State troops. Shown above are, left to right, Major Milton Fish, commanding the 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, CSG, with 1st Lt. Robert H. Ward, Inf., U.S. Army, just appointed chief instructor for the 9th Region of the Guard, and Lt. Col. Thomas A. Gregory, executive officer of the 9th Tactical Command of the Guard, whose promotion from rank of major is announced in today's edition of this newspaper.—(Official CSG photo)

CIVIC LEADERS HAIL PLAN FOR AERONAUTICAL JUNIOR COLLEGE AT ALONDRA PARK

Supervisor-elect Raymond V. Darby, retiring as Mayor of Inglewood, has thrown his support to the proposal to acquire Alondra park for the building of an aeronautical junior college to serve the several cities and towns in the area surrounding the park, including Torrance.

This was revealed at the meeting of the South Bay Beach and Highway Association held in the City Hall on Monday night, attended by civic leaders from the various communities.

Sam Hill, prominent Inglewood realty operator, and Mayor William H. Tolson, of Torrance, discussed the proposed plan at length Monday night, with representatives from Hermosa Beach, El Segundo and Redondo Beach.

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Chamber Maps Professional Member Drive

Torrance Chamber of Commerce is undertaking a membership campaign among professional men of the community under the leadership of Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the membership committee.

In launching the campaign, Lee declared that the chamber offers professional men and women an opportunity to serve their own interests and also those of the city and adjoining communities by working actively with other citizens on committees. They will have an opportunity, he asserted, to help the board of directors in shaping up a non-political and non-sectarian program of activities.

In urging membership of professional people, Lee said:

"Professional success is linked up with the prosperity of the community. Professional men benefit through the promotion of agriculture, commerce, civic and the industrial growth of the community. Well planned, aggressive work along these lines will be carried on by the chamber, which means bringing more people to Torrance, most of whom will require professional services."

"The chamber's success in its program undoubtedly benefits the professional man's clients, thus benefiting the professional man himself. Also, the prosperity of Torrance's industries and businesses is directly reflected upon our local institutions, such as hospitals, churches, etc.

"As a class, professional men are accorded a prestige given few other groups in American life. This great influence and leadership is needed and wanted in the effort to make our 'Watch Torrance Grow' program successful."

RED CROSS GETS CITY QUARTERS

The American Red Cross, Torrance branch, will have the use of the former Chamber of Commerce building for the duration of the war, the City Council decided Tuesday night.

The building was vacated by the Civilian Defense organization here, and Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, had told the council that he preferred to turn the building over to the Red Cross or some similar organization for the balance of the war.

Mrs. Lola Hoover, branch chairman, had appealed for the building, explaining present quarters are overcrowded.

ON VACATION

Miss Georgia (Jo) Billingsley arrived Saturday from University of California at Berkeley for summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Billingsley of 1418 Madrid ave.

AT DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Loton B. Buckley were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hovind of 2708 Eldorado ave.

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The attorney said he would have the information for the council at the adjourned meeting called for July 5 at 7:45 p.m.

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The four new offerings are: 3/4% U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness, dated June 26, 1944, due June 1, 1945; bearer form only, par and accrued interest;

1 1/2% U. S. Treasury Notes, dated June 26, 1944, due March 15, 1950; bearer form only, par and accrued interest;

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2 1/2% U. S. Treasury Bonds, dated Feb. 1, 1944, due March 15, 1950; bearer or registered form; \$500 or \$1,000 Bonds, 100% over \$1,000, 100% and interest from June 26, 1944.

"It is significant to note that if these bonds were offered to banks and other financial institutions without restrictions, the subscription would be tremendous," Moulton said. "They provide the best collateral, the highest degree of marketability of any securities in the world and the public, as individuals and as institutions, should learn to recognize the great value of these holdings for temporary reserve"

An Editorial "OUR CASUALTIES WERE LIGHT"



ARMY SIGNAL CORPS PHOTO

A girl and a boy meet in May, are married in June and in September comes the telegram "... killed in action . . ."

In a hospital a baby is born to a young woman with brown eyes. The father isn't there and it takes four weeks for word of the birth to reach him.

A middle-aged woman in a house dress stands at a window and her eyes follow a young sailor down the road.

In a railroad station a gray-haired man in a private's uniform searches the crowds for someone.

In France there is the "Crump" of a bomb and a blond boy of 19 falls in the dust.

In a German prison camp a young American lawyer reads a stray copy of "Ramona" for the ninth time.

In Japan there is an unmarked American grave.

As the nation's flags unfurl and the military bands roll out their martial music, as uniformed men and women proudly parade in traditional celebration of Independence Day this year, anybody can be forgiven moist eyes and a tightening throat. And undoubtedly there will be many to overlook. For on July 4th we celebrate not only that glorious freedom so bravely won by other men in other times, but the precious independence that beloved brothers and sons are fighting for today—independence savagely threatened by Jap and Nazi aggressors.

Many eyes will be moist, not because hearts are not high—for the news from every war front is in the pattern of victory—but because emotions, too, will be high. Day by day the battles fought and won by our boys in the air, on land and sea, in Normandy, Italy and on far Pacific islands, are bringing victory ever closer. By the standards of the men and women who will line the sidewalks and fill the reviewing stands to witness the parades on the Fourth of July, the price of that approaching victory is high indeed, for it is the lives of many of our sons.

But by those same standards, the nation's honor and independence are worth even that costly sacrifice. So, behind a mist of something very close to tears, will be seen that sureness of conviction shining in the eyes of mothers, dads, wives and sisters of service men and women on the Fourth of July this year, as they gather to honor the men who fought before and the men who fight today for the freedom that every American believes in, and is ready to stake his life to secure, for future generations of America's daughters and sons.

We do not need to be reminded that our part is to Buy War Bonds to our fullest extent. Our Fourth of July job is to put the Fifth War Loan Drive over the quota.

CASUALTIES OF TORRANCE MEN LISTED

Two more casualties among Torrance boys in the service have been reported during the week.

Definite confirmation that PFC Lloyd Peale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peale of 2115 Cabrillo ave., is a prisoner of war in a German prisoner-of-war camp has been received. He was serving with a medical detachment at Anzio Beach, when last heard from on Feb. 4, and was captured in the Battle of the Caves in Italy. Awarded a Silver Star for gallantry in action, Peale has been in the service since induction with the Colorado National Guard in September, 1940. He was wounded at the time he was captured.

He has a brother, Kenneth Peale, serving in the Navy, and a sister, LaVerne Peale, is employed in the office at International Derrick and Equipment Co.

The other casualty is that of Staff Sergeant Arthur G. Schunck, Jr., reported wounded in action in the Mediterranean area. He is the son of Mrs. Sara Schunck of Torrance.

Torrance Census Plan Waits on Attorney

The question of whether or not Torrance can have an official census this year must wait for decision until the next meeting of the City Council because City Attorney J. E. McCall, he explained, left his papers on the subject in his Los Angeles office.

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TORRANCE-GARDENA PLAN OF COOPERATIVE BUS SERVICE PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Gardena has shown willingness to join with the Torrance Municipal bus lines in a cooperative arrangement of bus lines by which the residents of the two cities, Lomita and the other districts involved, as well as defense plant employees would be better served, C. Z. Ward, manager of the Torrance bus department, has informed the Torrance City Council by letter.

The plan involves operation of Torrance buses in part of Gardena, connections with Western avenue service, and would give Gardena residents direct contact with the downtown Los Angeles line.

Ward's letter called attention to previous attempts to collaborate with Gardena and mentioned his letter of January 24, 1944, recommending various changes in the local bus system for the better serving of the community. No action has been taken on that letter.

Letter in Full

Ward's letter continues, in full:

"At that time our bus service was inadequate and has become increasingly so since then. The present schedule, both Sundays and weekdays, has had many changes since it was made effective September 23, 1943. These changes necessitated various layovers for the buses, making the operation expensive. Furthermore, it has become necessary that we doubleback a great number of our trips because of the overloads. This is not only expensive operation, but does not tend to decrease the headway between buses."

"Since my letter of January 24, 1944, I have made various contacts with the Manager of the Gardena Bus Lines and the Councilman in charge of the Bus Department. They have shown a great willingness to cooperate with us in any way possible and have offered us concessions which, in the past, we could not obtain, viz. the opinion has been expressed by Councilman James Rush of Gardena that he felt sure the councilmen of that city would now allow us to operate through Gardena on Vermont to 165th Street with our Tenth and Hill run."

"A further plan has been surveyed and brought forth, this plan being the installation of a joint operation between the City of Torrance and the City of Gardena of a line between 104th Street and Western via Gardena on Western, Torrance and San Pedro."

"Therefore I would like to make the following recommendations for your consideration: Recommendations

"No. 1—That we improve our present bus line between Torrance and Tenth and Hill by the following routing: Starting at Carson and Arlington, westerly on Carson to Crenshaw, northwesterly to Torrance Blvd., to Cabrillo, to Carson, to Vermont, to 165th Street (Gardena Blvd.), to Figueroa, to Imperial, to Hill, to Santa Barbara, to Hill, to the depot (104 South Hill Street). Alternate buses to go to WALTERIA.

"Increase our schedule so that we would operate hourly throughout the day and every half hour or twenty minutes during the peak hours."

"No. 2—That we enter into a joint operation with the City of Gardena of a line between 104th Street and Western to San Pedro over the following route: "South on Western from 104th Street through Gardena to Torrance, on Cabrillo Avenue and Gramercy, westerly on Gramercy to Carson, to Arlington, to Narbonne, to Pacific Coast Highway (101 Highway), to Figueroa, to Wilmington Blvd., to Channel, to Wilmington and San Pedro Blvd., to Harbor, to Wall (P. E. Depot in San Pedro). The total of this mileage is 17.6 miles.

Schedule

"That the schedule be set up to operate approximately every 20 minutes between 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.; every hour between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.; approximately every 20 minutes between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; then approximately every hour until 9 p.m., the remainder of the schedule to be adjusted according to traffic, involving 20 round trips in all.

"That the City of Gardena operate every other schedule and we operate the alternate schedule, making ten round trips each."

"The cost of this operation to the City of Torrance would be approximately \$2,000.00 per month, less revenue collected, and inasmuch as Gardena already operates over a portion of

TO PRESIDE . . . Oscar Willett who will preside over the Junior College meeting here in Torrance city hall tomorrow at 8 p. m.

ONE BUS BID RECEIVED; TRANSFER O.K.

Crown Body and Coach Works was the only bidder for the six new buses which the City of Torrance is buying for the Torrance Municipal bus lines.

At the City Council meeting Tuesday night, Crown submitted a bid of \$10,815 for each 45-passenger bus, as specified, stripped, or \$11,058 with all modern devices for safety and convenience.

The bid was referred to the council as a whole and to Charles F. Koors, counselor.

The council, by unanimous vote, transferred from the general fund to the special fund \$50,000 for the purpose of buying the buses. At a previous meeting, Councilman N. H. Cuccel had objected to the transfer on the ground he did not know if the money was available.

Lt. Stittsworth Hurt In Plane Crash In Arizona

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mauk of Torrance were expected to return from Phoenix, Ariz., today after a hurried trip made following the serious injury in an airplane crash of their son-in-law, Lt. Howard Stittsworth, U. S. Army aviation instructor stationed in the Arizona city.

Details of the accident were lacking but the injuries were of such a serious nature that Mrs. Christine Stittsworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mauk and wife of the injured lieutenant, called her parents to Phoenix.

Latest information available was that Lt. Stittsworth was making satisfactory recovery.

Sergeant Warner Now Patient In Oakland Hospital

Staff Sergeant Malcolm F. Warner, 29, whose wife, Jeanne, lives at 29633 Vermont st., is now a patient at the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, where he is recovering from a tropical ailment contracted in the South Pacific.

He was in charge of a mail handling detail overseas and says he has handed out mail to more than 600 Marines.

"We followed the Marines into Eniwetok and other points in the Marshalls and as quickly as possible got mail to them."

"Nothing seems to help fellows going into or coming out of battle as much as mail from home folks and their friends. They perk up and look like new fellows. The same applies to men stationed at Pacific bases."

Staff Sergeant Warner spent 16 months overseas.

IS CONVALESCENT

H. M. Blackman of 22521 So. Vermont is convalescing at his home from an operation which he underwent recently at a Long Beach hospital.

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EXPANSION OF G. P. HERE IS SLATED

Plant expansions for 100-octane gasoline production in Torrance and Wilmington totaling \$6,249,553 were approved this week by the Area Production Urgency Committee, according to an announcement by Louis M. Dreves, chairman. In addition, military radio production priorities amounting to \$5,143,354 in contracts have been approved for 10 Southern California plants.

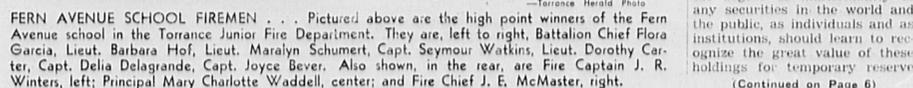
General Petroleum Corporation's plant at Torrance was slated for \$4,291,910 in further expansion under the proposed increased high octane gasoline program, which must receive the approval of a number of other federal agencies before construction is finally authorized.

Salaries

Virgil H. Plunkett's pay was raised from \$170 to \$185 a month, having completed six months service as a bus driver. Wages of John Wall and Frank Cook, park department, were adjusted up \$10 a month.

Stores, Herald Office Closed Tuesday, July 4

Practically all retail stores including food markets in Torrance will be closed all day next Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence 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.



FERN AVENUE SCHOOL FIREMEN . . . Pictured above are the high point winners of the Fern Avenue school in the Torrance Junior Fire Department. They are, left to right, Battalion Chief Flora Garcia, Lieut. Barbara Hof, Lieut. Maralyn Schumert, Capt. Seymour Watkins, Lieut. Dorothy Carter, Capt. Delia Delagranda, Capt. Joyce Bever. Also shown in the rear, are Fire Captain J. R. Winters, left; Principal Mary Charlotte Waddell, center; and Fire Chief J. E. McMaster, right.

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