

ALUMINUM PLANT CLOSING BUT WILL BE HELD AS STANDBY FOR GOVERNMENT

While the Torrance Aluminum Company of America plant is being closed down, it will be held as a "stand-by" plant subject to opening on short notice if needed, company officials announced today.

Cheering news resulted from the announcement of the closing, one fact being that the Torrance plant getting into operation in record time—on bare ground-breaking and into operation before some of the steel for the plant had arrived—within two years, produced the highest quality and quantity of any aluminum plant in the United States, and the other fact being that the company has a giant post-war program.

The prime reason that the Defense Plant Corporation ordered the closing of the Torrance plant is that it is the one which could best be spared to relieve the critical need for workers in the heavy rubber tire industry of this section of the nation. All the workers are being offered jobs in the heavy tire industry or Torrance industrial plants.

\$30,000,000 Plant
The \$30,000,000 Torrance Alcoa plant had employed up to 1,000 men, but at the time of closing employed about 600. Of this number, 150 are being retained in the carbon plant from six weeks to two months to process materials in the pots.

Key men will go to other plants of the company. The Vernon plant and the Bohn Aluminum and Brass Company, Torrance, both engaged in extrusion and fabrication, are not affected in the shutdown.

The Torrance Alcoa plant opened on July 3, 1942, ahead of schedule, and in two years attained a surplus of aluminum of the best quality which has ever been manufactured.

An announcement of H. E. Keller, Works Manager, to plant workers follows:

Announcement Given
"The Defense Plant Corporation has instructed the Aluminum Company of America to immediately close the two potlines that are now operating at this plant. Accordingly, these lines will be shut down as soon as the metal can be removed from the pots and the plant placed in stand-by condition. Carbon plant operations will continue for an indefinite period. "In spite of the fact that the potlines are closing, there will remain a considerable amount of work to be done in putting the plant in proper order. All employees are requested to continue reporting to the job until they are notified otherwise. Let's stick to the job and finish it in a manner of which we can be justly proud.

"It is with extreme regret that we have to break this news to you. We are proud of the entire organization—your cooperation and loyalty have made records at this plant that have been unequalled at any plant in the entire United States. We have helped in winning the aluminum production battle and it is our sincere hope that we can have a further part in helping to finish the war against the Axis.

"H. E. KELLER, "Works Manager."

Effort Being Made to Secure New Park Area

In an effort to provide a park in the southwest section of Torrance, the City Recreation Commission meeting Monday decided to petition the Los Angeles board of education for an agreement to sell the school-owned area bounded by Sonoma, Eldorado, Greenwood and Fern to the city for park and playground purposes.

For some time the recreation department has been attempting to locate park property in the area of the Fern Avenue school, but all efforts have been futile. The possibility that the school property might be available was mentioned and the action of the recreation body followed.

It's a Boy for The Willetts

William Richard Willett, eight pounds, 14 ounces, made his bow into the world on Sunday evening at Torrance Memorial hospital. While the proud father, Judge Otto B. Willett, has been passing out the cigars, the hospital reports that Mrs. Willett and the baby boys are doing fine.

Billy Dick has an older brother, Steven James, who is just two years and nine months old. Needless to say, he's glad it was a boy, too.

Labor Day to be General Holiday; Stores Closing

Monday is Labor Day!
Better shop early for two days supply.

Most all stores in Torrance and Lomita will be closed. The postoffices will be closed, there will be no delivery of mail except distribution to box holders. Banks and public offices will be closed.

Production will continue in industrial plants, but many of them will operate a "Sunday" schedule permitting partial layoff for the day.

The Torrance Herald and the Lomita News offices will be closed, and the request is made that due to the short week, all copy possible be submitted to the offices on Saturday morning.

PROGRAM ON RADIO HONORS TORRANCE

Torrance will be honored city on the civic round table to be conducted on radio station KPAS, dial 1110, Pasadena, on Tuesday night, Sept. 5, from 10 to 11 p.m. Mr. Wm. H. Tolson will preside over the program and the topic will be "Torrance, an American City."

Chief of Police John H. Stroh, president of the Peace Officers Civil Service Association, will be guest of honor and others who will be guests are Fire Chief J. E. McMaster; Judge Otto B. Willett; President James Lynch and Executive Secretary Harry B. Lewis, of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; City Attorney John E. McCall; Secretary Philip Van Dyke; Longren Aircraft, a Chamber board member; Councilmen James Hitchcock, C. M. Gilbert, N. H. Cucci and George Powell.

The master of ceremonies will be C. M. Gilbert, state executive director of the Peace Officers Civil Service Association. Councilman D. P. McCloskey of Los Angeles will be official host, and the discussion of Torrance will be presided over by Paul Sheedy, attorney.

Many Changes On Torrance Teaching Staff

Elementary school pupils living in the Southwest Homes area and in the adjacent trailer camp are to attend 184th Street school this year. This change gives these pupils a chance to attend a school closer to their homes.

To start the year, Torrance Elementary school will have one less teacher than last year due to this transfer of pupils, according to Bernie Strand, principal.

"As we start this school year we will be without the services of Mrs. Lila Deleissegues, who has been office teacher and substitute principal at Torrance Elementary school for the past 13 years," he said. "Mrs. Deleissegues resigned last spring, Mrs. Dolores Lopez, who has taught the fourth grade here for the past two years, has resigned to be with her husband, who is in military training on the east coast. Mrs. Marie West, who has been a primary teacher here for the past four years, has moved to Seattle, Wash., to be with her husband, who has been transferred to that location. She expects to resign. Mrs. Helen Whitney, primary teacher for the past four years and a local resident, is on maternity leave of absence and became a mother of a baby boy this past summer. Mrs. Whitney's husband is on military duty in Louisiana. Mrs. Helen Lehman is on maternity leave and she also became the mother of a baby boy this past summer. Her husband is on duty with the Coast Guard in San Pedro. Mrs. Eleanor Alvord, here for many years as a special teacher for special classes, has transferred to a school in Los Angeles. Mrs. Hazel Dodge, who taught a special class in domestic science, has resigned and has moved with her family to Seattle, which is her former home.

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Torrance High School Teachers And Staff Members are Listed

Following is a list released by Torrance High school of the 39 certified, or administrative-teacher staff, of the school for the coming year, together with the 12 non-certified employees. The school will have several additional teachers, names of whom have not yet been furnished the local staff by the Los Angeles Board of Education.

CERTIFICATED

Miss Anna Mae Aiken, 669 Valencia st., Los Angeles.
Miss Edith A. Allen, 1145 S. Stearns drive, Los Angeles.
Frank E. Barrow, 822 S. Myrtle ave., Inglewood.
Miss Florence Behr, 4255 1/2 Degnan hwy., Los Angeles.
Miss Mabel Boynton, 1606 Post ave., Torrance.
James Burchett, 1507 El Prado, Torrance.
Miss Ethel Burnham, 506 N. Martel, Los Angeles.
Miss Helen A. Collier, 2336 W. 23rd st., Los Angeles.
Rafael Demmler, 722 S. Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, replaces Ival Blaylock.
Margaret Woods Etcheagaray, 6423 Moore drive, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Lorraine Goodwin, 1829 S. Shendoanah st., Los Angeles.
Leonard Green, 1261 S. Stanley ave., Los Angeles.
Ivan H. Grigsby, 3179 Euclid ave., Lynwood.
Charles Hamilton, 3400 W. 82nd place, Inglewood.
Olin Hoyt, 6014 Alviso ave., Los Angeles.
Miss Armine Janney, 497 Vista Oro, Los Angeles.
Miss Catherine Jennings, 214 N. Woodruff ave., Downey.
Miss Bernice Johnson, 303 N. Gertruda, Redondo Beach.
Miss Marguerite Jones, 557 Via del Monte, Palos Verdes Estates.
Milton Katz, 1630 Buckingham road, Los Angeles.
Mrs. Edith Kelly, 2605 Via Ramon, Palos Verdes Estates.
Miss Ruth Locke, 3456 Crestwood ave., Los Angeles.
Mrs. Ruth Lockridge, 1927 Pelham st., West Los Angeles.
Miss Cora Elsie Mabee, 2323 S. Marvin ave., Los Angeles.
Miss Katherine Miller, 691 Park ave., Long Beach.
Miss Irene Mills, 2241 W. 25th st., Lomita.
Miss Grace Morse, 6711 Whitley terrace, Hollywood.
Miss Elizabeth Parks, 2712 S. Halldale ave., Los Angeles, vice principal.
Harold Perry, 1841 Colina drive, Glendale, principal.
Mrs. Katherine Prentom, 446 W. 6th st., Downey, replaces Miss Ada M. P. Chase.
Louis Santer, 1040 Ruthelen st., Los Angeles.
Miss Clara Shearer, 1972 W. 29th st., Los Angeles.
Harry Stone, 3118 W. 77th st., Los Angeles.
Mrs. Madeline Greenhart, 1176 1/2 S. Norton ave., Los Angeles.
Mrs. Florence Vandermast, 2523 W. 7th st., Inglewood.
Miss Sara Vaubel, 2111 218th st., Torrance.
Miss Jessie Weaver, 237 11th st., San Pedro.
John Winfield, 4018 W. 63rd st., Los Angeles.
Ernest Houk, 3714 Westside ave., Los Angeles, replaces Chris Pulise.

NON-CERTIFICATED

Miss Frances E. Bortnem, 1004 Portola ave., Torrance.
Mrs. Mary A. Brown, 2333 236th st., Torrance.
Walker R. Caldwell, 525 W. 5th st., San Pedro.
Jack Crutcher, 805 W. 106th st., Los Angeles.
Eda S. Johnston, 2049 Linnington ave., Los Angeles.
Clifford Jones, 537 W. 46th st., Los Angeles.
Dan Jones, 1437 W. 225th st., Torrance.
Miss Mary E. Markham, 2228 S. Figueroa st., Torrance.
George V. Powell, 2116 Gramercy ave., Torrance.
Mrs. Minnie Priest, 2555 Sonoma st., Torrance.
Miss Virginia Stanton, 24669 Moon ave., Lomita.
Mrs. Fern Strauss, 1715 Arlington ave., Torrance.



PURPLE HEART . . . Awarded the Order of the Purple Heart and still in the fighting in the Pacific theatre is Cpl. Everett Lyle Leatherman, U.S.M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Leatherman, 912 Cota ave. The hard-fighting Marine was awarded the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds received on Guadalcanal on Oct. 9, 1942. In addition he has two Presidential citations, one for five campaigns and the other for seven.

CITY MAY BUY BUILDING FOR SKATING RINK

The City of Torrance may soon go into the skating rink business, to provide for this type of recreation for the young people of the community.

The Recreation Commission has endorsed a plan for acquiring a local building and improving it into a roller skating rink, and the belief is that it will repay the cost in a short period of time.

Members of the City Council have the matter under consideration. Councilman C. M. Gilbert is chairman of the recreation commission, and other members voting on the matter were George P. Thatcher, Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, Jack Barrington and Mrs. L. F. Watson. Torrance Chamber of Commerce also is supporting the plan.

United Sulphur Building
The building and grounds are located at 1811 213th st., now being operated by the United Sulphur Co., Harry Merley, owner. The floor space embraces a little over 16,000 square feet. The building is of brick construction with single roof. The roof is sufficiently high to permit the introduction of balconies. The realty comprises 50,000 square feet, which will permit more than ample room for parking areas and future expansion.

The property is approximately one block from the Pacific Electric Railway freight station and there is a rail spur on the property, adding to its value as an industrial site for the future in the event the skating rink is vacated for any reason.

The elimination of the sulphuring operation would be greatly appreciated by the National Supply Co., which organization has complained to the City Council regarding the damaging effect of the sulphur dust. Price \$19,500.

The purchase price of the property described above is \$19,500. The owner is not interested in leasing the property, owing to the fact that he will be obliged to transfer his operation to a location in the vicinity of Bakersfield, Cal., on which he now holds an option.

The operation of a skating rink by a qualified man who would furnish the City of Torrance a guaranteed minimum income, on a percentage basis, plus the operation of the parking areas and the added snack bar, would reimburse the City of Torrance for the purchase price expended, it is said, and that the city still would own a very valuable piece of industrial property.

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DR. FRANCIS E. TOWNSEND WILL ADDRESS BIG GATHERING IN TORRANCE PARK ON SUNDAY

Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the organization bearing his name, will tell why California voters should vote for Proposition 11 at a mass meeting of Townsend club members and friends at Torrance City Park on Sunday, Sept. 3. He is expected to speak at 2:30 p.m.

The occasion will be an all-day picnic sponsored by Townsend clubs of the 17th Congressional



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District, who promise a good program with several speakers and various forms of entertainment. Everyone is expected to bring their own lunch, but coffee and cream will be furnished, according to reports.

Proposition 11, better known as 60 at 60, has aroused much controversy in the last few weeks in political circles and is expected to become one of the major issues of the November elections. It is patterned after a national measure now in Congress. Similar measures will also be on the ballot in Arizona, Oregon and Washington.

Those sponsoring the measure claim that its passage would help solve postwar unemployment and bring stability to California industries. Dr. Townsend will tell how, as well as answer objections which have been raised by those opposed to the measure's passage.

SCHOOLS WILL REOPEN AT 8 A. M. TUESDAY; BIG ENROLLMENT GAIN IS ANTICIPATED HERE; TORRANCE HIGH'S CAFETERIA WILL OPERATE



MISSING . . . Word from the Secretary of War that Lt. Eugene Shaner, of 1622 Crenshaw blvd., is missing was received Tuesday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaner.

LT. SHANER IS MISSING IN ACTION

"The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your son, 2nd Lt. Eugene Shaner, has been reported missing in action since 17 August in North Africa area. If further details or other information are received you will be promptly notified.

"J. A. ULIO, "The Adjutant General."

This telegram saddens the hearts of Torrance residents, whose sympathy goes out to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaner of 1622 Crenshaw blvd.

But their own bravery in the face of news of the sacrifice for his country of their son is exemplified in Mr. Shaner's remark to the Torrance Herald when he brought the telegram to the office yesterday:

"We're not the only ones," he said, "there are hundreds of others."

There is a ray of hope, however, that Lt. Shaner may be found or return to his base.

The word that Lt. Shaner is missing comes just a few weeks after final confirmation of the death of Lt. Walker Owens of Lomita, a classmate at the Army Air Force Pilot School at George Field, Lawrenceville, Ill., who was reported missing some months ago. The Order of the Purple Heart was posthumously awarded to Lt. Owens recently.

Lt. Eugene Shaner is 22 years of age and had resided in Torrance for about 11 years prior to entering the service. He is a classmate at the Army Air Force Pilot School at George Field, Lawrenceville, Ill., who was reported missing some months ago. The Order of the Purple Heart was posthumously awarded to Lt. Owens recently.

Another Shaner boy, Edward, is an X-ray technician with the Army in Italy.

Lt. Shaner was last home in December of 1943.

'V' Day Signal Will be Two Long Whistle Blasts

Torrance will hear of victory over either Germany or Japan by a continuous three to five minute blast of the air raid warning whistles, repeated once after a short interval.

This has been decided by Chief of Police John Stroh and Mayor W. H. Tolson, after consulting with the City Council.

Immediately upon word from Torrance Herald that the military collapse of either Germany or Japan has been verified with the United Press, of which the Herald is a member, the whistles will sound two long blasts of three to five minutes each.

As announced last week, all stores will close at this point.

BRENTWOOD WEEKEND

Miss Marian Lincoln spent the weekend at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haskell of Brentwood.

Doors of Torrance and Lomita schools will open Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock for the new year. The first day will be a minimum session day, closing at about noon.

Heavy increases in enrollment are anticipated by both the high schools and the elementary schools.

Harold E. Perry will return to Torrance High school as principal and Cecil P. Lyon will again be principal of Narbonne High.

Bernie Strand is principal of Torrance Elementary school and Mary Charlotte Weidell principal of Fern Avenue and Walter Elementary schools.

Torrance High's cafeteria again will be in operation prepared to feed the 1,200 anticipated enrollment in the high and junior high grades. It was closed all last year.

Mrs. Laura Pisel is returning to manage the Torrance Elementary school cafeteria, which last year fed about 400 children a day with hot noon-time meals.

Mrs. Helen Kapple will return as clerk at the school and Mrs. Jay Prime will supervise the child care center.

A faculty meeting of all elementary school teachers of the district will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Torrance Elementary school. There will be some changes in teaching personnel.

The 400 schools of the Los Angeles city system, of which Torrance and Lomita are a part, will remain in session until June 22, 1945, according to Superintendent of Schools Vierling Kersey.

Plans for the year's work will be developed at a general principals' meeting which will be held Saturday morning at Berendo Junior High school, and these plans will be broadcast by Superintendent Kersey and others over radio station KMPC at 2:05 p.m. on the opening day of school.

"Peak effort for victory" will continue to be the keynote of educational plans for the coming year. Fundamental learning and knowledge, practical skills, pre-industrial training and production and conversion will be emphasized.

During the summer vacation period approximately 40,000 boys and girls have been employed in almost every type of business and industrial enterprise including agriculture, to help meet the local manpower shortage. Many of these will continue either through working after school or through the "44" plan under which students go to school four hours each day, thus carrying successfully a full school program, and work four hours each day in war industry. Boys and girls requiring work permits now should obtain these from their own junior or senior high school.

Tuesday after pupils have been dismissed at the close of the day, teachers will remain at their schools to attend to duties in connection with the reopening.

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The service will be on a 40-minute basis, starting from Cabrillo blvd. and Gramercy ave. terminal at 6:25 a.m. and continuing until the last bus leaves that point at 11:22 p.m.

Two services will be provided, one extending from the terminal to Carson st., west to Greenwood ave., north to Torrance blvd., east to Cabrillo and the terminal. The other will operate from the terminal on Cabrillo to Carson st., east on Carson to Vermont ave., north on Vermont ave. to 190th st., west on 190th st. to Western ave. and south on Western ave. to Torrance blvd., Cabrillo and the terminal.

Five-cent fare will be provided.

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Medical science is said to marvel at her alertness in view of the serious operation on her brain which was necessary to relieve the pressure of the fractured skull which she suffered in the tragic accident.

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