

## TORRANCE RED CROSS QUOTA UPPED TO \$32,500; FUND WILL BE SPENT IN 15 HOURS

Torrance residents will raise \$32,500 for the American Red Cross during the 1945 fund campaign, nearly twice the quota of 1944, according to Chairman Harry B. Lewis, and at the rate the money is being required on the worldwide service of the American Red Cross it will last just a few minutes more than 15 hours.

The quota last year was \$18,000, and it had been said that \$25,000 would be required of Torrance this year. However, the pressing need for funds has necessitated the new quota.

With the global services of the Red Cross costing \$6 per second, the share of Torrance citizens will last less than a day.

The whole quota of the Los Angeles chapter, of which Torrance is a part, \$5,300,000, will last only ten days, five hours, 22 minutes and 13 seconds, according to David B. Babcock, general chairman.

Red Cross personnel carrying on a very expansive program in all theatres of operation have never yet been forced to ask for "time out." Babcock declared in announcing the span of time to which the Los Angeles chapter has agreed to underwrite during this, the fourth year of World War II. It is, therefore, imperative that the 1945 goal of 883,333 seconds is looked upon as the barest minimum. It must be subscribed to and supplied by the residents of the area served by the Los Angeles chapter.

Meanwhile, fund campaign leaders in this community and immediate vicinities today rushed to completion, organization plans calling for a volunteer army of "second salesmen" who on March 1 will open the drive here as the starting flag signal is given to chapters across America.

## Grover Uhl Killed In Naval Action

Grover E. Uhl, seaman first class and former Banning high student, was killed in action in the South Pacific during the latter part of October, the Navy has informed his mother, Mrs. Christina Acker, 1658 253rd st., Harbor City. She last saw her son during the Christmas season in 1943 when he was given a furlough following several months of service in the Aleutians.

The 19-year-old seaman left Banning in April, 1943, to join the Navy and received two months of basic training at San Diego before shipping out. He was active in track and baseball at Banning.

A brother, George E., 21, motor machinist's mate second class, now is home on a 30-day furlough received with announcement of the youth's death. The family formerly lived at 762 Reaty st., Wilmington.

## 1,090 Students Enrolled at High School

Torrance high school opened its second semester with an enrollment of 1090 students, a gain of 143 over the total for the first day of the second semester in 1944. One hundred and thirty-one continuation, of four-hour-a-week students, increase the total enrollment to 1221 for the new semester.

The high school lost 21 students graduating, and gained 76 B-7s from elementary schools. The enrollment at the opening of schools on Sept. 13, 1944, was 1033 students, and an additional 45 continuation students.

Just prior to the Christmas vacation, the school had 1039 regular students enrolled, and an additional 108 continuation students.

## 200,000 to Get 1942 Forgiven Income Tax Bills

More than 200,000 statements for the unpaid one-half of "unforgiven" portion of 1942 federal income taxes will be mailed this week to Southern California taxpayers by Harry C. Westover, internal revenue collector, involving \$13,350,000. These bills must be paid by separate check and must not be included in 1944 tax payments, also due March 15.

## Willett Wants To Quit as J.C. Group's Leader

O. L. Willett, Palos Verdes attorney and real estate man, will resign his chairmanship of the Junior College committee formed



O. L. WILLETT Resigns Civic Posts

several months ago, he said in a letter to H. B. Lewis, secretary of the committee, this week. "My limited gasoline allowance compels me to discontinue all activities not directly connected with my business," Willett told Lewis, who is executive secretary of Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Willett suggested that a meeting be called after Feb. 7 to elect a new chairman and to hear his report. Date of the meeting has not been set, Lewis said.

Willett declared that word from the county counsel regarding withdrawal of Torrance from Los Angeles junior college district to form an independent junior college district, in cooperation with Redondo Beach, Gardena, Inglewood, El Segundo, Hermosa Beach and other communities, was to the effect that "Gardena and Torrance can only get out of Los Angeles city junior college district by forming a charter city or by action of the legislature. Palos Verdes Estates alone could not withdraw, but there is a possibility that the Palos Verdes School District as a whole might withdraw."

Also, C. C. Trillingham, county school superintendent, told Willett that "if the Alondra Park site was acquired for park purposes only, it could not be transferred by the Board of Supervisors to become a junior college site. If it was purchased outright, it could be transferred."

The various communities involved have thought, through volunteer representatives, that they might form a district to create a junior college for this area independent of Los Angeles city junior college district at Alondra Park.

Also the resignation of Willett as president of the South Bay Beach and Highways Association, which he organized three years ago, has been submitted to the group for consideration at a dinner-meeting Friday night in Redondo Beach.

Mayors of Palos Verdes, Hermosa, Redondo, Manhattan and El Segundo are vice presidents and directors of the association, formed to co-ordinate beach and highway development projects.

## Draft Calls in March to Take Men Under 30

Ninety per cent of the men to be called the March quota of the State Selective Service will be under 30 years old, it was disclosed Tuesday in Sacramento.

Only 10 per cent of the March draft will be men 30 or over, according to the directive issued Tuesday by Col. Kenneth H. Leitch, California Selective Service director.

He indicated the same ratio would be effective in succeeding months.

## Race Fights Among High School Boys Continue After One Lad Is Jailed

Chief of Police John Stroh, City Judge Otto B. Willett, Principal Harold Perry, of Torrance high school, and members of the Tartar Knights, Tartar Ladies and Aztec club of the high school met yesterday morning at the school to discuss trouble between the Mexican and Anglo-Saxon students of the high school which has resulted in a series of fights after the close of school this week.

Chief of Police Stroh said that all agreed that the trouble could be stopped now, and that the students of all races agreed that they would meet during the week to discuss the result of the agreement to prevent further trouble between the students of various races.

One 17-year-old Torrance high school boy spent a night in Torrance City Jail and faces action in juvenile court as a result of undue friction between elements of various races attending the school over which, police claim, the schools have attempted no control.

The lad who was jailed over night on Tuesday was found on the school grounds by police after attempts had been made to reach school authorities to break up gang fights on the high school campus. He refused to leave, police said, and was jailed.

The fights between Mexicans and Anglo-Saxons residing in Torrance started on Monday. There was trouble on the high school lawn, in front of the main building, soon after 3 p. m., and it continued in El Prado park until police broke up the gangs. Police found chains and black jacks hidden in trees of the park, they said.

Tuesday the fights were renewed, between the Mexicans and the Anglo-Saxons, and efforts were made to reach school authorities to assist in control of the gangs because the fights were on school grounds. Although it was soon after 3 p. m., no teachers or administrators could be found.

Charges against the boy who was jailed are pending, but it is said that the fight started because one Mexican lad assertedly stole some cigarettes from one of the Anglo-Saxons.

A "black market" ring for sale of cigarette "stubs" to high school and junior high school boys is said to be involved.

Police are aware of a planned "final" battle said to be brewing between the gangs today, they said.

## Chadwick School Wins High Honor At University

Chadwick Seaside School, of Rolling Hills, this week was given an award of merit by the University of California for the scholastic achievement of its graduates at the Berkeley campus. The award was for the highest average average graduates of private schools.

One other private school was so honored. It is the Immaculate Heart school, in Los Angeles, for achievement of its graduates on the Los Angeles campus.

Out of all the high schools of the entire Los Angeles City School system, only one was so honored. Fairfax high school, Los Angeles, won highest distinction among the large schools sending graduates to the Los Angeles campus.

The awards, made yearly, were based on first semester grades in the University in 1942-43, and are given to encourage high scholastic standards in high schools of the state.

Stockton high school, Stockton, and Pt. Loma high school, San Diego, tied for first place among the large schools represented by less than 40 entrants on the Berkeley campus; Herbert Hoover high school, Glendale, led this classification for the Los Angeles campus.

Liberty Union high school, Brentwood, won the certificate for medium sized schools, and Clear Lake Union high school, Lakeport, for small schools sending students to Berkeley. No schools qualified in these divisions for Los Angeles.

Torrance high school has not been represented among the senior graduates of the University of California, either Los Angeles or Berkeley, for the last two graduating classes, it is pointed out.

Dr. Francis Townsend will be the principal speaker at the dinner meeting to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium, Feb. 9, in honor of the 78th birthday of the doctor.

All friends of the 17th District Townsend clubs are urged to attend the dinner which will begin at 6:30 p. m. Tickets for the evening may be purchased at the Beacon Drug Co., Torrance.

Other features will be a good entertainment with music and dancing free after 8 o'clock.

## To Discuss Income Taxes

H. M. Calvert, resident partner of Grubb and Tweedy, accountants and auditors with local offices at 1119 Sartori ave., will address the Torrance Rotary club this evening on the timely subject, "Personal Income Tax." The program was arranged by Howard E. Hutton, club program chairman.

## Six Districts Withdraw From L. A. Schools

By an overwhelming 1184-to-7 vote, electors in six elementary school districts in the Newhall-Saugus area Tuesday favored establishment of an independent union high school district.

Leaders in the move to separate the districts from the Los Angeles City High School District pointed out that the returns indicated wide interest in the proposal, recalling that in the recent general election only 1600 votes were cast for President in the same area.

Supporters of the separation proposal have learned that the county council's office, is to elect five trustees to administer the unified school district. It has been estimated that more than 200 students are now going out of their home areas to attend high schools in the Antelope Valley District and San Fernando.

Attendance at an independent high school would double this number, proponents of the plan declare. A 20-acre site, owned by the Los Angeles City High School District in Newhall, has been proposed for the location of the new school.

District vote on the separation issue was Newhall, 699 yes, 2 against; Saugus, 165 yes, 1 against; Castaic, 121 yes, 1 against; Sulphur Springs, 87 yes, none against; Mint Canyon, 61 yes, 2 against, and Bee, 51 yes, none against.

## R. T. Noble Is Missing In Action

Robert Thorpe Noble, 27, the son of Mrs. Ramona Kesson, of 2246 Gramercy ave., Torrance, is missing in action, according to word received by Mrs. Kesson from the War Department.

A member of the Merchant Marine for about one and one-half years, Noble was a seaman, first class, serving on an ammunition ship.

He was last at home on Mother's Day, 1944.

His wife, Helen Noble, and their three children, ages seven, five and four, reside with her parents in Los Angeles.

Young Noble is one of three members in the family now serving their country. Cpl. Joyce Noble, a sister, being with the WAC in New Guinea, and Gloria Noble, radio, 1/c, in the WAVES. He attended Fremont high school in Los Angeles, and has a brother, Kenneth Kesson, attending Torrance high school.

The family and the community are holding out hopes that he will be located as many of those declared missing in action recently later have been found.

## Manuel Muro Dies in Action

Pvt. Manuel L. Muro who for eight years resided with his aunt at 1806 W. 29th st., was killed in action in the European theatre, the War Department advised the aunt, Trinidad Martinez.

The 23-year-old infantryman who formerly worked in Western Pipe and Steel Co., shipyard, went into the army in November, 1943. He was born in Santa Monica. His parents are not living.

## Chief Stroh and Officials Attend Good Will Meet

Chief of Police John Stroh, accompanied by Fire Chief J. E. McMaster and City Councilman C. M. Gilbert, attended a meeting in Ghilva Vista Friday night called to bring about more friendly relations between citizens of California and Mexico.

Several representatives of the Mexican states were present at the meeting which Chief Stroh attended in his capacity as grand president of the Peace Officers Civil Service Association of California.

Coordination between the peace officers of Mexico and California was a principal topic of discussion.

## LOS ANGELES BUREAU ASKS RIGHT OF TORRANCE TO SHIFT BUS LINE THROUGH GARDENA

Los Angeles Bureau of Public Utilities has questioned the right of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines to alter its route to Los Angeles in a manner which takes in the service of certain Gardena city territory, and one public hearing already has been conducted. Last Friday, Bus Manager C. Z. Ward, and a number of patrons of the line, attended a hearing in Los Angeles brought about by the protest of 12 residents along the former route to Los Angeles



C. Z. WARD Fights L.A. Bureau Action

against a change of routing which has since proved to be of greater service to communities involved than the former route.

At the hearing, Ward presented evidence that public convenience and necessity was served by changing the route to carry service to Gardena, and the hearing was continued until Feb. 6 to allow Ward to present factual data.

According to information which Ward has gathered through surveys of the new Gardena service, 353 additional fares are being served daily over and above the number of

fares served by the old route which eliminated stops in Gardena.

Between Torrance and Gardena, Ward's survey shows, 267 new daily fares are handled. From Gardena to Los Angeles, 136 daily fares are being handled. On the abandoned route, only 50 daily fares were served, Ward said, and the net increase resulting from the Gardena service is 353 fares daily.

In addition, it was pointed out, the patrons of the Torrance lines are given a greater range of shopping by the new lines connecting this community directly with Gardena.

The jurisdiction of the Bureau of Public Utilities of Los Angeles over other municipalities is the subject of some discussion and debate, and City Attorney J. E. McCull will attend the hearing in Los Angeles on Tuesday to present evidence in Torrance's behalf, it was said.

Municipalities under law are given the privilege of operating bus lines and other utilities within other municipalities if similar service is not available from the other municipalities, it is said, but provisions of laws granting these privileges are being contested, it was pointed out.

The whole Torrance-Los Angeles transportation service hinges on the outcome of the hearing and subsequent action, it was said.

Ward declared that an adverse ruling would result in "stranding" Torrance, from a public transportation point of view, from Los Angeles, and would call for court action contesting the right of the Bureau of Public Utilities to govern the facilities of Torrance Municipal Bus Lines.

## Bus Lines Revenue During December Increases to \$8,578; Mileage Same

Torrance Municipal Bus Lines increased its service to various local communities without adding any mileage to the daily runs of the various buses, according to figures in a monthly report given to the City Council by Manager C. Z. Ward.

The bus line revenue increased approximately \$2,000 during December to a total of \$8,578, according to the report.

Where in November, the buses of the city lines traveled 32,665 miles, the December mileage was 30,465. The new service did not start until Dec. 10, however.

At that time, the service improvements included extension of the local bus line service to Harbor City and Harbor Hills, and changing the routing of the Los Angeles bus to go through Gardena.

The local lines received a revenue of \$878.06, an increase of about \$275 over that of November, when \$602 was taken in on the local line as then operated.

Income to make up the December revenue of \$8578.38, which compared with \$6941.59 for November, was received as follows:

Fare boxes, \$3,360.00.  
Commutation books, \$91.85.  
Beacon Drug Co., agency, \$1,795.25.

Tenth and Hill depot, \$3,109.80.  
Miscellaneous revenue, \$218.08.

## W. J. Crew Is Awarded Purple Heart for Wound

Pfc. William J. Crew, of Lomita, has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart as a result of action in the Philippines.

Crew, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Crew, is now in a hospital recovering from wounds received in combat in the Philippines invasion.

His medal was sent to Mrs. Wilma Crew, the soldier's wife, who is residing at 2334 W. 247th st.

## Residents Cited On 502 Charges

Three Torrance residents entered pleas of guilty to charges of driving automobiles while under the influence of intoxicating liquor in the court of City Judge Otto B. Willett during the past week.

They are: J. C. Uribe, who was fined \$100 on Friday; Elsie Moore, who was fined \$75 on Monday, and O. W. Sawyer, who paid a fine of \$100 on Wednesday.