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TOWNSEND CLUB By LOTTIE WADE

Torrance Townsend club will have a St. Patrick's day party on Friday evening March 16. There will be the usual games, refreshments and dancing with the "wearing of the green."

SIGN SHAPES AND COLORS

Highway signs shape and color have definite meaning. Yellow, diamond-shaped signs indicate "fixed hazards" ahead, such as curves or narrow roads.

Spring Vacation To Begin March 24 in District

By ROBERT MAXFIELD

The students of the Los Angeles City School district, will enjoy an Easter vacation from March 24 to April 1.

To conform to the wishes of the government the mid-term vacations have been cut to a minimum so that the summer vacation can be lengthened to give students and teachers a better opportunity to enter war work and thus ease the critical manpower shortage.

Arbor Day The students of Torrance High school on March 7, witnessed an interesting Arbor Day picture, "Trees to Tribune."

This picture depicted each step in the printing of the Chicago Tribune. It started with the tree and followed it through the paper mill, to the newspaper offices until it emerged as a Tribune.

The contest was not for the greatest amount of paper brought in, but for the most unusual manner in bringing it in. Edward said his horse ate more hay and grass than the amount of paper he pulled, but that the horse was very helpful in helping him to win the prize, \$1 in war stamps.

Aurelio Camerina, 9, in the foreground with the make-believe lady on a cart, gathered about 100 pounds of paper in this vehicle. Aurelio, who has been in Torrance about seven months, is a native of Mexico, and has learned to speak and write the English language since coming here.

This is the third drive this term for the Fern Avenue School.

Miss Mary Charlotte Waddell, principal, said there will be a tree movie for the participants on a Saturday morning soon, the date to be announced later.

Names of the P.T.A. who were active in organizing the drive were: Mrs. Homer St. Martin, Mrs. Ed Stamper, Mrs. Lyle Dillard, Mrs. John A. Hedberg, Mrs. Earl Robinson, Mrs. George W. Leach and Teacher Miss Rebecca Hurst. Miss Waddell, principal of Fern Avenue and Walteria schools, said that approximately seven tons of paper were salvaged in the current campaign.

Variety Show Torrance High school's variety show will be presented in the high school auditorium on March 23. The purpose of this show is to present to the faculty and students the most talented members of the school. The program will feature vocals by Bill Johnson, Lucille Smith, Gerald Goddard, John Blackmer, Joan Mumford and Don Teske, together with piano solos by Gerry Paron, Bill Morgan and Mary Lou Accord. Barbara Plympton will give an accordion solo and Bill Bynum will whistle. The highlight will be a barber shop quartet composed of Ralph Pegors, Bill Bynum, Bill Johnson and Gene Hoffman.

U.C. Names Men To Aid Vets in College Program

To assist veterans of the war who have been discharged and are returning to their studies, the University of California has named faculty men on each campus to assist in getting them started in their work. Myron E. Krueger, professor of forestry on the Berkeley campus, has been named coordinator of veterans' affairs for the entire university.

WACS NEEDED

"We urgently need Wac units for our sixty general hospitals," is the word from Gen. George C. Marshall, United States Army.



NOVEL METHODS USED IN PAPER DRIVE

In the recent paper salvage campaign at Fern Ave. school were the above pupils, left to right: William Moore, Arthur Rook, Edward Alvarez, Aurelio Camerina, Jerry Shoemaker, Jane Mitchell, Nancy Allen, Warren Stamper, Jimmy Babbitt, Alfonso Zamora, Lee Mortenson, Charlotte Williams, Marion McDonald, Frank Navero, Janice Moore, Angel Navero, Connie Burgen, and two boys, left in the picture, Donald and Lowell Wendell. The winner of the contest, Edward Alvarez, 9, on the horse, pulled his load of paper on a sled for a distance of two miles to the school.

First California Vet Qualifies For GI Loan

Bayard L. Lovelace, Los Angeles, World War II veteran, first man in California to qualify under GI Bill terms, obtained a \$7,500 business loan to purchase a tractor truck and a 15-ton trailer. The key to Lovelace's success was meeting all the conditions set up by the Veterans Administration before they will approve a GI Bill loan and guarantee a maximum of 50% of the first \$4,000 of the transaction.

Lovelace, a former truck operator, surveyed the truck transportation business to prove he had a real opportunity for successful operation. He applied to the office of defense transportation for a priority to buy a truck and trailer, and to the office of price administration for the necessary gasoline allotment, and received their approval.

Next he contacted several business concerns and obtained trucking contracts to assure sufficient income to meet all obligations, on his loan. With all these details in order, Lovelace applied to a Los Angeles Bank of America branch on Jan. 29 for the \$7,500 loan, \$2,000 of which was to be guaranteed by the veterans administration in somewhat the same fashion as FHA real estate loans are guaranteed. The bank loan officer, satisfied with the terms of the purchase, agreed to make the loan upon veterans administration approval.

Dividends on Pre-Paid FHA Mortgages

Approximately 13,000 home buyers who paid off in full mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration during 1944 will receive mortgage repayment dividends in the next 60 to 90 days, according to information just received from Washington by John E. McGovern, Southern California district director, FHA.

These are the first such payments to mortgagors from the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund established by Congress under Section 202 of the National Housing Act.

"For the past five years," the announcement states, "the FHA has paid all expenses and losses out of income under this section of the act and now has approximately \$83,000,000 in the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund to pay future losses. We are now in a position to begin making mortgage prepayment dividends."

The 13,000 persons who have paid off their mortgages in advance and who will receive these dividends were in group accounts which on January 1, 1944 had a credit balance and they will receive anywhere from \$1.81 per \$1000 of the face value of the mortgage to \$19.83 per \$1000 depending upon the credit bal-

American Legion Supports Public Schools Week

"The enduring peace which we all envisage will become a reality proportionately to the degree in which America accepts the new challenge, 'Education for New Tasks,'" declared Ed W. Bolt, California Department Commander of the American Legion, in a statement today pledging the support of the 600 posts of Legion to the forthcoming observance of Public Schools Week, beginning Monday, April 23.

The department commander's statement continued: "Schools are charged with the new task of serving both youth and adults over twelve months of the year, in order to better the community life of the nation. The school has grown to be the key agency of the community for bringing the people together, and for providing leadership and facilities for improving community life.

"The kind of world in which we will live after this war is being shaped in the nation's schools today. If that world is to be a better world than the one we have known, it will be due to the influence of our schools on youth and the total community life.

"The schools which have, in general, furnished the trained leadership in community life, now must accept that new challenge of developing the thinking of the leaders in tomorrow's world. The huge problems of readjustment, of reconstruction and of writing and securing a lasting peace, weigh heavily on the shoulders of the nation's school leaders at this time.

Scholarships Available to Local Students

Examinations for scholarships at the University of Redlands will be given in Los Angeles at the Barker Brothers auditorium, Saturday, March 10, at 10:15 a.m., and students from Torrance and Nathaniel Narbonne Junior-Senior High schools are eligible to compete for awards valued as high as \$1200.

Granted this year will be ten college career scholarships ranging in value from \$80 to \$1200 for a four-year course or the equivalent. Two of these will be full scholarships each having a value of \$1200 or \$150 each term. Four will have a value of \$800 or \$100 each term.

In addition, 25 scholarships will be offered ranging in value from \$175 to \$150 for the freshman year. The 15 in this group who show the highest achievement at the end of the freshman year will receive scholarships for the remaining three years.

Rolling Hills Youths on Way To Navy Station

Bobbie Kerber, S 1/c, United States Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kerber of Rolling Hills, formerly of Lomita before and Henry Richter of Rolling Hills, left last Wednesday for Great Lakes Naval Training Station where they are to receive radar instruction.

Young Kerber received all his education in Lomita attending elementary school and Torrance High school, graduating in January 1945.

ances in the groups involved. In these groups, the home buyers with a typical \$5000 mortgage will receive a payment ranging from \$9 to more than \$39, and on a \$10,000 mortgage from \$18 to \$198. The total amount available for the current distribution is \$288,000.

Army Specialized Training Reserve Program Adopted for H. School Boys

An opportunity for qualified high school graduates to enroll in the army specialized training reserve program was announced today by Major General William E. Shedd, commanding officer of the Ninth Service Command, at his Ft. Douglas, Utah, headquarters.

High schools throughout the country will conduct a qualifying test on April 12 to select applicants for enrollment in college training beginning in July, August and September, 1945. The ASTRP program, which offers an opportunity to qualified students to continue their college training, has been closed to new applicants since December 31, 1944.

The one-day test will be open to young men who were born after 30 September, 1927, and before 1 September, 1928. In addition the young men will have to have graduated from high school prior to the date of their enrollment. Successful completion of a quarter or term of college will be accepted in lieu of high school graduation.

Through the efforts of the pre-induction training branch, Ninth Service Command, all high schools in the eight western states are being furnished with complete details on eligibility requirements, educational opportunities, and military advantages of the program.

"The War Department, realizing the importance of a college education for our young men, both in war and in peace," said General Shedd, "hopes that school administrators will do their utmost to urge all qualified men to take advantage of this excellent program."

Students chosen for the ASTRP in selected colleges are not on active military duty. They will be called to active service at the end of the college quarter in which they reach the age of 18.

After being called to active duty those who are qualified may be selected for advanced training under the AST program and returned to college upon completion of basic training for additional instruction in an engineering or foreign area and language curriculum.

Before reaching 18, however, qualified students will be eligible to receive two, three or four 12-week terms of college work with a week's vacation between quarters and a two weeks furlough before reporting for active duty.

The Army Specialized Training Reserve Program is an Army college training program which offers courses in English, history, geography, mathematics, and physics, with five hours a week devoted to military training and six hours each week devoted to physical training, including intramural games.

Representatives of the pre-induction training branch will visit larger communities throughout the next few weeks to confer with school administrators and talk to student bodies about the program.

There will be only one day, April 12, on which qualifying elimination examinations will be given. Those who take the examination and pass it are under no obligation to enlist for the ASTRP, but those who do not

Harvel Supports Check-Your-Tire Week in Torrance

Harvel Guttenfeller, local tire dealer, announced yesterday he will cooperate fully with national "Check-Your-Tire-Week" which is sponsored, in cooperation with government agencies, by the National Association of Independent Tire Dealers.

Due partly to the impression that the war in Europe would soon be over and that new tires would be released for civilian use, the public generally has been lax in tire conservation. This was proven by surveys made in several cities by O.P.A. which revealed that almost two tires per car were in need of recapping.

As a matter of fact, the tire situation is more serious now than ever before. The demands of the armed forces have not as yet been met. Thousands of tires are ruined every day on the fighting fronts. Those that are not demolished by shell fire or bombs are cut to pieces over the shellpocked roads. Even armistice in Europe would not relieve the situation, as our main efforts will then be directed against Japan, which would mean traveling over Burma and China where even so-called good roads are ready to motor transportation.

The tire dealers of this city have agreed to assist in a tire-checking program. Motorist will be left a slip showing the number of tires on their car which need recapping. This is done as a measure of service to remind motorists that tire care is their responsibility, but that local tire servicemen are ready and willing to assist them in securing every possible mile out of every tire.

Meetings have been held during the past week with officials of OPA and ODT, and all are aiding in the program to maintain motor transportation. Statements have been released by General Somervell and James F. Byrnes urging that the public take care of their tires and make it possible for the army to keep their supply lines running in full force to the fighting fronts.

Guttenfeller points out that while the public is urged to have their tires inspected this week, that this is a continual process and tires should be carefully checked by experienced servicemen at regular periods.

V.F.W. Auxiliary Election Tonight

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will hold its annual election of officers at its regular business meeting tonight at the V. F. W. hall on Lomita Blvd. at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Olive Veatch, president, urges all members to be present.

take the test on April 12 will not be eligible to enroll at a later date.

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