

**SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR TELEVISION BROADCAST HERE**

When NBC brings its television equipment to its local station, the Marine League Schools will have the privilege of making a broadcast. Mr. Glen Gardner, in charge of radio broadcasting for the schools, will conduct tryouts in which Torrance High school will enter contestants. The broadcast will be given over KGER on April 15.

**RETURNS FROM UTAH**

Gilbert Carlson returned Thursday from Ogden, Utah, where he was called by the illness of his brother, Arnold Carlson.

**TOWNSEND CLUB**

Townsend Club number one has announced a meeting for Feb. 8 with the public invited to attend the many games and dancing featured for the evening.

**Increased Values To Aid Formation of Water District**

(Continued from Page 1-A) to see the way North Torrance has been neglected.

Demands of some interests to include G. P. land in the district are responsible for the delay in forming the new water district. The council agreed to delay forming the district until Feb. 27, at the request of those interests.

The purpose of the recently filed water adjudication suit filed by Torrance, the Pecos Verde Water Co. and the California Water Service Co. against all well owners in the West Basin was explained to a group of North Torrance residents at a meeting in the council chambers on Jan. 30.

**STORE MANAGER RECOVERING FROM VIOLENT ATTACK AS STORES AGAIN ARE CLOSED**

(Continued from Page 1-A) agement dispute, regardless of the merits of the case of either party, can justify violent action.

And the management of the stores intend to do everything in their power to prevent the possibility of physical harm to their employees or the peace officers and other citizens of the communities. This can only be accomplished by closing the stores, although it had been hoped that they could continue to serve consumers with vitally needed merchandise through a self-serve operation by a managerial staff which was not involved in the dispute with the union. No non-union sales people were working in the stores.

"4. There is a dispute between the union and management which arose in negotiating a new contract. This dispute can and should be settled by peaceful means, and in the interests of the employees, consumers and management, the stores should be promptly reopened for business.

**Ask Conciliation**  
"5. The management of the stores herewith invite and urge the union leaders to join them in requesting the Conciliation Service of the U. S. Department of Labor to use its best efforts to bring about a resumption of negotiations and a settlement of the issues through genuine collective bargaining."

The statement was signed by S. H. Kress & Co., San Pedro, J. J. Newberry Co., San Pedro, F. W. Woolworth Co., San Pedro, J. C. Penney Co., Torrance, J. J. Newberry Co., Torrance, J. C. Penney Co., Wilmington, and F. W. Woolworth Co., Wilmington. Meanwhile, the clerks of the Penney San Pedro store were called back to work Friday morning, with plans of the com-

pany calling for reopening of that store tomorrow. Lee did not have an enemy in Torrance, those close to him pointed out, and his civic, welfare, boys work and church activities crowned him as one of the most respected men of the community.

**Popular Leader**  
He was chairman of seven War Bond drives and was cited by the Treasury Department for putting all of them over; a director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and Rotary club; was district chairman for the Boy Scouts of America; superintendent of the First Christian Church Sunday school; member of the Torrance Area Welfare board and engaged in scores of other activities. He headed Torrance Retail Merchants organization, and acted as its spokesman for years.

No motive for the criminal attack upon him was forthcoming, except that associated with his activities as manager of the J. C. Penney store and his interest in the negotiations in the past with the union. Police were checking several sets of license numbers to run down the identity and occupants of the two-tone Chrysler sedan from which, it is said, the four men who attacked, in pairs, first Lee and then Melville, emerged. That the case would be solved at once was the earnest hope of the citizens of Torrance as they contributed to the big reward fund in the hope that it would bring information leading to the solution.

It was pointed out that: 1. Reward will be given to the person or persons furnishing information leading to the arrest and conviction of one or more of the attackers.

2. All information is to be given to Chief of Police John H. Stroh, who will decide to whom the reward should be given.

3. In event information is furnished by more than one person, reward money will be evenly divided among those furnishing information.

4. Members of the police, sheriff, or any other public law enforcement body are prohibited by law to accept rewards in the performance of their duty.

5. Reward pledges should be left at the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, which is acting as trustee.

6. Unless specific permission is given by the party pledging toward the reward fund, no names nor amounts of those joining in the reward fund will be revealed by the trustee organization.

Those desiring to pledge toward the fund may do so by filling out a form printed with in this edition of the Torrance Herald for that purpose, and taking it to the Chamber of Commerce.

The several stores issued a statement entitled: "WHY WE ARE OPENING OUR STORES" on Thursday, and it is quoted below in full:

"We are now opening our stores in an effort to continue to serve the people of the San Pedro harbor area to the best of our ability with the facilities available to us. We shall continue to remain open and offer employment to our clerks to the extent that we are able. We have operated union stores since 1937.

"The right of a business to serve its community and the right of the public to use that service are fundamental. "We continue to be willing to negotiate with the union. "We emphasize that there has been no genuine collective bargaining by the union on the basis of the demands made. The stores which opened on Friday are:

S. H. Kress & Co., J. J. Newberry Co., F. W. Woolworth Co., San Pedro. J. C. Penney Co., F. W. Woolworth Co., Wilmington, J. J. Newberry Co., J. C. Penney Co., Torrance.

Upon opening, they issued the following statement: "The stores opened for business today with limited facilities. "Only the managerial staff of each store (the manager and his assistant) was on duty. "The former employees of the stores were requested to return to work on January 23 and have not done so to date. "The stores have not been open for business until today. "No non-union sales people are working in the stores."

**Tidwell Denies**  
Haskell Tidwell, secretary of Retail Clerks Union Local No. 905, denied the assault was in any way connected with the union. "We abhor this more than anyone concerned," he declared. "We do not have to resort to physical violence to gain the economic ends sought. "This attack has hurt the union in the eyes of the public



HILLMAN R. LEE ATTACKED . . . This Times photo was taken of Hillman R. Lee, manager of the Torrance J. C. Penney Co. store, at Torrance Memorial hospital shortly after he entered the hospital suffering from a facial fracture and numerous abrasions as a result of an attack upon him as he investigated trouble with his automobile following the closing of the Penney store Friday. His wounds are being treated by Mrs. Mary Osborne, chief nurse.

more than it has hurt anybody else. We hope that the men who attacked Lee will be caught and punished.

"This has happened before; that is, people with grudges against another person in the position Lee was in have gotten revenge knowing their acts would be blamed on the union." In support of the months-long strike, he had his pickets distribute circulars on Monday, reading as follows:

"So the people may know! "The Retail Clerks Union in the Harbor District during all of its 12 years of existence and struggles for decent living conditions for the employees in the retail stores have never had one instance of violence whether on or off the picket line. Gradually the people of the Harbor area have always supported the clerks in their request for a decent living wage.

"We abhor the fact that certain persons have maliciously taken advantage of the fact that we are today again asking the chain stores to pay a decent living wage.

"The beating up of people is certainly not the American way of winning the economic dispute. Those persons who perpetrated the crime of malicious assault on Mr. Lee of the Torrance Store have aided the enemies of a decent living wage for the clerks of Harbor area.

"We today ask the people to remember that all that the clerks in the five and ten cent stores are asking is \$32.00 a week as pay for their services to the chain stores. "Are they being unfair? Are they being unjust in asking for these wages? "Surely any intelligent person today must realize that the chain stores made more money during the war period than they ever made during the history of this community and yet they are still unwilling to pay the same wage scale that the independent merchants in the harbor are paying.

"Can any family live today on \$32.00 a week? Of course it can't. "We ask the public not to support these stores until they are willing to pay a decent living wage to their employees. "Haskell Tidwell, Secretary, Retail Clerks Union Local No. 905."

**Slain Gunman Not Torrance Resident—Stroh**

Nathan Cooper, youthful gunman slain by Los Angeles police officer Walter H. Kesterson, who also lost his life in the melee of bullets, has been erroneously referred to as a former resident of Torrance according to Police Chief John Stroh.

Chief Stroh said that Cooper was a former employee of the National Supply Co. here, but had never lived in this city. He also revealed that Cooper had been picked up by local police some time ago as a suspect in an eastern robbery but was later released by county authorities for lack of evidence.

**OBITUARY**

**ROBERT LEE HAWORTH**

Funeral services for Robert Lee Haworth, 15 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Haworth, 1319 Fern ave., were conducted by the Torrance Ward of the Latter Day Saints in the Stone and Myers chapel, Feb. 4. Survivors include the parents; Howard James, and Garry Eugene, brothers; Mrs. George D. Kirby, maternal grandmother, Idaho; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Haworth, grandparents, Redondo Beach. Interment was in the Inglewood Park cemetery.

**BETTY MACFADEN**

Funeral services for Mrs. Betty MacFaden, junior club leader and wife of William E. MacFaden, Torrance and Redondo Beach attorney, were conducted at 10 a. m. today in the Glade L. White chapel, Hermosa Beach. Mrs. MacFaden died Saturday in Phoenix, Ariz., following a year's illness. She leaves, besides her husband, a daughter, Beth; her father, Dr. L. L. Lindsay, Hermosa Beach, and a brother, Lt. Comdr. Lawrence Lindsey, U. S. N. R. Mrs. MacFaden was a past president of the Diana Club in Redondo Beach.

**BEATRICE MARIE SCHLICK**

Christian Science services for Beatrice Marie Schlick, who passed away Feb. 5, will be held in the Stone and Myers chapel Friday at 2:00 p. m. by Mrs. Mabel Steinhilber. Mrs. Schlick had been a resident of Torrance for many years. She is survived by her widower, Walter E. Schlick, 1520 Marcelina ave., the couple's small son, Conrad; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Christensen of this city, and two brothers, Jack and Conrad Christensen, also living with their parents here. Private interment will follow the rites.

**Pvt. Ybarra Arriving For 90-Day Furlough**

Pfc Jess A. Ybarra, who recently enlisted in the Regular Army, will soon return to Torrance to spend a 90-day furlough. Entering the Army in December, 1942, and arriving overseas in November, 1944, Pvt. Ybarra served with a quartermaster truck company in England, France, Germany and Austria. Pvt. Ybarra is the husband of Mrs. Ernestine Ybarra, 21512 S. Vera st.

**BONDS BOUGHT**

The State Department of Finance purchased a total of \$341,438,000 of U. S. Government bonds during the eight public finance drives. Director of Finance James S. Dean reported today to Gov. Earl Warren.

**ON BUSINESS TRIP**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Krekow, accompanied by Mrs. J. H. Fess, have returned from several days' business trip to Blythe. Enroute they visited Quartzite, Ariz.

**Federal Funds Ready For Navy Academy Branch**

Federal funds are available for purchase on the west coast of a site for a second Naval academy supplementing the east coast academy at Annapolis, it has been learned.

The news was received by the Pacific League from Rear Admiral William M. Fechteler, assistant chief of Navy Personnel, Washington, D. C. Chairman of the league's board of directors, former Superior Judge William Hazlett, reported.

Admiral Fechteler confirmed a statement by Navy Secretary James Forrestal, that minimum needs for a site on the west coast would be one of approximately 600 acres adjacent to a large city and on a sheltered harbor with access to deep water.

These specifications would seem to eliminate hope that the academy might be established at Hollywood Riviera, as proposed in a brief filed more than a year ago by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The west coast academy was proposed to train over-flow of unable Navy officers who are unable to get into Annapolis where facilities are limited. Forrestal has estimated the immediate need for additional navy officers at 30,000.

**Third Member of Fair Sex In Post Here**

The Torrance American Legion Post announced the initiation of 23 veterans during Tuesday night's ceremonies. The Post also initiated a servicewoman, Lillian M. Bender, 1937 Pacific Coast highway. This marked the third woman to be initiated into the post.

Others initiated were: E. K. Walker, Karl Fjberg, Willard R. Barnett, A. K. Sauden, O. Smith, James Barker, Swayne A. Johnson, Percy Bennett, Edgar Dumont, Robert Dawson, Curtis C. Tolson, W. B. Dymond, Charles E. Grey, Benton E. Whitte, F. C. Pilger, W. E. Kalbfleisch, Jack E. Long, S. J. West, S. B. Kittinger, Paul R. Latimer, and Carl Gardner. The Gardena Post drill team headed by James Welsh conducted the initiation ceremonies.

**U.S.A. - C.I.O. Explains Why Pickets Pulled**

(Continued from Page 1-A) both in Torrance and San Pedro for some months and did not make an attempt to reopen until we the steelworkers had been on strike for nearly two (2) weeks and when the A. F. of L. placed a picket line on the store, they solicited the support of some of our members as pickets and received said support until we heard of the regrettable incident at J. C. Penney's, at which time we were successful in keeping our members off that picket line.

"We have had over one (1) thousand workers on strike at the Columbia Steel Co. here in Torrance for (2) weeks and we have had no trouble whatever. We have our own police force to see that the rules and regulations set by our executive board and the membership at regular meetings are carried out, which includes, no drinking or gambling in or around the union hall or the picket lines. We believe the fact that we have a well disciplined membership during this strike can be attested to by any and all groups and individuals in the Torrance area.

"Local 1414 of the Steelworkers has a well known record in support of the war effort and on a number of occasions it has been our pleasure to cooperate with Mr. Hillman Lee. We found him to be a tireless worker for the war effort, with a genial personality.

"We feel certain he has no enemies among the steelworkers regardless of the fact that the J. C. Penney Co. has a well known anti-labor record and is at fault in this case by refusing to pay their employees a decent wage.

"We have no knowledge who could have perpetrated such a deed as attacking Mr. Lee, but anyone who by their outright remarks or by intimidation in any way tries to connect the steelworkers with such action, to say the least, slanders our organization and outright lies."

**Big Thrill Circus Comes To Torrance**

Hey kids! Dodge's Greater Shows and Thrill Circus is in town and have set their tents up on Cabrillo ave. Lions, elephants, camels and pug dogs are featured in a thrill act that will make your hair stand on end.

Bessie, the elephant, is teamed with dogs and ponies in a combined act that is sensational. Even a camel joins in this act, which is said to be among the few performing camels in show business.

Frank Vanderhoff, famed lion tamer, will walk into the lions den subduing a group of the largest lions seen in many a day. These beasts will perform like kittens before the masterful whip of Vanderhoff.

There are thrill rides a plenty and many other animals to see during these last three days of the circus.

**Five Red Cross Instructors Here Get Certificates**

Five Torrance Red Cross first aid and water safety instructors were awarded certificates of appreciation for personal service in World War II Friday by the American Red Cross, Los Angeles chapter.

They are Leonard D. Babcock, Casper Clemmer, Mrs. Hilda Silence, Frederick Polts and Mrs. Elsa F. Stone. Polts is Torrance branch first aid chairman.

The certificates were awarded to individuals who during the period Jan. 1940, to Aug., 1945, had been active for a period of 12 consecutive months or more and whose activities were in excess of 200 hours. The awards were made at an instructors' service award meeting by Roger C. Plaisted, director, first aid, water safety and accident prevention service of the Los Angeles chapter.

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