



ALL HOME . . . These six Torrance police officers entered the Navy many "police beats" ago, and all now have returned home via the discharge system. Pictured above are, left to right: Karl "Swede" Frieberg, specialist 1/c; Willard "Barney" Barnett, specialist 1/c; Sgt. Percy "P.G." Bennett, specialist 1/c; S. A. "First to Sail" Johnson, M 2/c; Curtis "Curt" Tolson, chief petty officer, and Adrian Thornberry, specialist 1/c. Ease up on the throttle, folks, because these are just six too many cops to watch out for. (Torrance Herald photo.)

SMOKE AGAIN POURS FROM COLUMBIA STACKS AS STEEL WORKERS RETURN TO JOBS

That familiar steam whistle blew at 8 o'clock Monday morning and, almost to the man, Torrance people remarked: "Well! It's all over."

This meant, of course, that Columbia Steel Company's Torrance works had resumed operations after a four-week nationwide steel workers' strike which closed the local plant on Jan. 21.

As the smoke started pouring from the tall stacks of Columbia, the 1340 workers began earning approximately \$11,000 per week more than they did prior to the start of the strike.

This amount comes from the 18 1/2 cent raise which was won from U. S. Steel Corp. by the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, thus breaking the long strike.

As U. S. Steel signed up, restoring Columbia to operation, Bethlehem and other companies immediately followed suit last weekend.

However, International Derrick & Equipment Co., Torrance, and other steel fabricating firms which were struck could not reopen because it is reported that strikes issues other than wage disputes may delay settlements between the USA-CIO and management of the fabricating plants. It was estimated that it will be some 10 days before IDECO reopens.

Price Increase

The strike in basic steel was settled when the \$5 per ton increase on the price of raw steel was allowed by the government. This is a raise to steel makers, it is said by the OPA, of 10 per cent.

Necessary ceiling lifts must be granted to manufacturers of fabricated steel products, it was said, in order for them to meet the union demand for 18 1/2 cents per hour increase in pay.

Thus, the pay raise is passed back to the buying public, the steel workers included, it was pointed out.

According to John Despol, West Coast representative of (Continued on Page 6-A)

Eight Majors Named For Drive Of Red Cross

The eight majors who will serve Torrance for the 1946 American Red Cross Fund Campaign have been announced by Ray Hoover, 1424 Acaia ave., campaign colonel.

Those named by Hoover for the drive, which starts March 4 are: Mrs. W. H. Stanger, Mrs. Velora Murphy, Mrs. Billie Kerber, Mrs. Anna C. Sandstrom, Mrs. Beulah Lander-ville, Mrs. Minnie M. Foreman, Mrs. Geraldine Wagner and Mrs. Jane B. Stamper.

Last week, Torrance Drive Chairman J. J. Hallanger announced that the local quota would be \$15,000. He pointed out, this week, that 70 cents per every dollar raised this year would be spent right here at home.

"Your Red Cross," he pointed out, "has increased its program of services to the veteran and hospitalized soldier. Here in Southern California we are located in the nation's largest rehabilitation center. Money raised will be expended here on these men who gave so much for us."

POST OFFICE, CITY HALL, BANKS TO CLOSE TOMORROW

All Post Offices will be closed on Washington's Birthday anniversary, Friday, Feb. 22, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner. There will be no deliveries on this day and mail will be dispatched from Torrance, as per holiday schedule. Bulk of company mailings should be at the Post Office not later than 12 o'clock noon on Feb. 22 to insure dispatch on this day.

Public offices, including the City Hall, together with banks and similar institutions also will close Friday.

Local food stores will also be closed tomorrow, according to reports.

TORRANCE ARMY HOSPITAL ACQUISITION BY COUNTY ASSURED, DARBY DECLARES

Brig. Gen. Wayne R. Allen, chief administrative officer of Los Angeles County, has started negotiations with the United States government to acquire for the county the Torrance Army hospital.

Bartlett Opens Offices Nights For Registration

For the convenience of voters, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett has announced that his office will remain open evenings until 9 o'clock on next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, to register those so desiring.

He pointed out that registration for the April 9 city election closes on Feb. 28, next Thursday. Those who are new residents in Torrance, ninety days within the city, and at least one year in the state, must register in order to vote. Also those who have moved since last voting, or who failed to cast their ballots at the last general election in November must again register.

Bartlett said that there are several deputies in the field, and they are the following:

Mrs. Irene Wilkes, 2717 Carleton, after to 2717 Carleton, 1442-J.

Robert P. Slonecker, 24430 Neece ave.

George P. Thatcher 3908 Newton st., telephone Red. 7160.

Charles Quandt, 22504 Ocean ave., telephone Red. 6124.

Mrs. Effie Palmer, 24422 Los Codona ave., telephone Red. 7013.

Mrs. Leila S. Gonner, 18002 Prairie ave.

While several petitions for candidates for office have been taken out, none have been filed, it was said.

Bartlett himself is candidate for reelection for his sixth term.

FOUR MEMBERS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HERE

Four new members of Torrance Chamber of Commerce were announced this week by R. I. Plomert Jr., chairman of the membership committee.

They are Edward F. Saul, Southern California Gas Co., W. T. Greene, jeweler; Walteria Civ. Organization; with George Powell as representative.



AVIATION LEADER . . . R. W. F. Schmidt, superintendent of airports, Civil Aeronautics Administration, will speak in Torrance Monday night at the annual Torrance Chamber of Commerce dinner in the Civic Auditorium.

Sellout Seen For Chamber Dinner Monday

A complete sell-out is anticipated for the annual dinner meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday night in the Civic Auditorium, according to President Raymond V. Darby.

The affair will start at 6 p.m. and steaks will be served to a maximum of 300 guests.

R. W. F. Schmidt, superintendent of airports, Civil Aeronautics Administration, will be the speaker of the meeting, the theme of which will be "Aviation in Torrance." He will be introduced by R. I. Plomert Jr., program chairman.

Schmidt came to the Pacific Coast in 1941 to help launch the CAA development of landing areas for the national defense program, and a year later took over the office of superintendent of airports for the CAA's sixth region, comprised of Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah.

In 1939, he was district airport engineer at Denver, covering Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado, and in 1940 was attached to the Washington, D.C., office.

He became interested in aviation and airports with Curtiss-Wright as a field engineer in 1929, working in Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, San Mateo and Alameda. He was with Goodrich in lighter-than-air operation for a few years in California.

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FIVE-DAY FOURTH-OF-JULY CELEBRATION IN TORRANCE WILL WELCOME VETS HOME

A five-day Fourth of July celebration in Torrance will be the official "welcome home" of the people of Torrance to the veterans of the armed forces who served in World War II.

This was the decision of a representative group of local citizens who called upon Mayor W. H. Tolson yesterday afternoon, elected him General Chairman of the five-day celebration general committee, and set about to form a general committee of heads of various organizations of Torrance which will be invited to participate in the affair which will start July 3 and end July 7.

56-Acre Tract Sold For Home Building Project

Contemplated as a subdivision development to provide 280 new homes for Torrance, the 56-acre tract of land on the northwest corner of 190th st. and Crenshaw blvd. has been purchased by Saul and Jack Koch, of Torrance.

The transaction was completed this week, the seller being H. H. Cotton.

The subdivision will include all improvements, it was said, and buildings will start as soon as materials are available.

Mayor W. H. Tolson, realty broker, handled the transaction.

Firemen Subdue Oil Well Fire After Six Hours

An oil well fire near 230th st. and Pennsylvania ave. raged for more than six hours Tuesday night, according to Fire Chief J. B. McMaster, who estimated the loss would run more than \$4,000.

The fire, believed to have been started by a belt slipping on an engine pump, raged out of control when two oil tanks near the well exploded sending large pillars of fire and smoke high into the air.

Firemen, endangered by the falling timber of the wooden derrick, fought in close to prevent the fire from spreading to high voltage power lines and other wells nearby.

When firemen arrived upon the scene flames had enveloped the wooden derrick with what appeared to be certain doom for the old structure, but the firemen soon brought it under control only to have the storage tanks adjacent explode from the falling sparks.

The well is owned by Harry Pegors of this city.

TO DESERT RESORTS

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hussey and Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Smith motored to Palm Springs and 29 Palms Sunday.

Richard R. Smith Retiring March 1 After 44 Years At National Supply

Ending 44 years of continuous service with the National Supply Co. and Union Tool Co., Richard R. Smith, industrial relations superintendent, is retiring on Friday, March 1.

The Torrance pioneer, early day mayor and councilman, will be carrying out an intention announced several years ago, but delayed because the outbreak of the war kept him on his all-important job.

While leaving National, which is the Union Tool Co., he helped move to the dust patch that Torrance was in 1912, he will devote more time to civic affairs, it was said—continuing an activity which has marked him as one of the community's outstanding citizens.

Smith started with Union Tool Co. at the turn of the century, at the company's plant then on Mateo st., Los Angeles. Within a year, he was foreman and by 1908 had worked up to shop superintendent.

With the growing importance of manufacturing of oil well drilling equipment, the company moved to Torrance in 1912, and Smith became shop superintendent here. He was made plant manager later, and in 1928, he was sent by National Supply Co., which had acquired control of Union Tool, to England to reorganize an English plant.

Returning to the United States, he took charge of the employment service of the company which position he held until 1934. He was sent that year to England again and later to Romania. Returning in 1938, he took over personnel and welfare supervision for National and shortly became superintendent of industrial relations of the expanded firm, holding it until his retirement Friday, March 1.

In addition to being one of the early day councilmen and mayors of Torrance, he was twice president of the Chamber of Commerce; president and director of the Community Service Association; president of Torrance Memorial Hospital Association; secretary and treasurer of the Metal Trades Association; charter member and Past Worshipful Master of the Torrance Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Selective Service appeal board, War Labor board and War Manpower Commission.

Mrs. Smith likewise has been active in civic affairs, and is president of the Woman's Club has directed activities materially responsible for reducing the indebtedness on the building.

The Smiths reside at 2004 Carson st.

Rotary Club Elects New Officers; International Anniversary Marked

At a meeting of the newly elected board of directors of Torrance Rotary Club last evening, Robert T. McCallum was chosen president of the club for 1946-47. He will take office July 1, continuing his duties as club secretary until that time.

Directors for the coming year, elected by club members last Thursday, are: Albert L. Jackson, George Johnson, William H. Stanger, Otto B. Hillman, Hillman B. Lee and McCallum.

George Johnson was chosen secretary for the new term. Sherwood McIntyre was re-elected treasurer.

Tonight, Torrance Rotarians and their guests are tendering a farewell dinner and dance honoring retiring president Thomas J. Adams, who is moving to Vista, Calif., where he has acquired an avocado ranch. Adams has headed the club's activities since last July.

Until McCallum takes office on July 1, William H. Stanger will serve as president. He has requested each of the past presidents of the club to preside at one meeting for the balance of the club year. Stanger was re-elected vice president for 1946-47.

The Rotary club of Torrance today celebrated the 41st anniversary of the founding of the International Rotary organization at the club's regular meeting in the Woman's clubhouse.

In tracing the growth of Rotary, Vice President W. H. Stanger said:

"On Feb. 23, 1905, the first Rotary club in the world was organized in Chicago by Paul P. Harris, a young lawyer, who suggested the idea to a group of his friends and with them organized a club which was called the Rotary club, because their first meetings were held, in rotation, in the offices of the various members."

"During these past 41 years, the ideas of Paul Harris and his friends—ideas of friendship, fellowship and of service to others—have been accepted by men of practically all nationalities, of all political and religious beliefs. Today there are Rotary clubs in Algeria and Argentina, in Chile and China, in Egypt and England, in Switzerland and Syria—in 66 different countries and all geographical regions throughout the world."

"Rotary has grown in an amazing fashion during these 41 years. During the last six months, for example, 209 new Rotary clubs have been organized in 20 different countries, and today there are 5641 Rotary clubs in nearly every country of the world, with a membership of 280,000 business and professional executives."

"During the war Rotary contributed . . . (Continued on Page 6-A)

'Miss Torrance' Contest Under Way



SHE'S POPULAR . . . This is Marge Dunham, American Legion candidate in the "Miss Torrance of 1946" contest. She's right in the running in the 4000 bracket, records show.

They're off, and it looks like two things are certain for Torrance within the next three weeks.

1. It is going to be pretty hard to predict who "Miss Torrance of 1946" is going to be.

2. The Y.W.C.A. fund for Torrance is going to be ample.

With more than 30,000 votes reported up to Tuesday noon, the campaign found one girl in the 500 bracket, with four others tied in the 4000 bracket.

Each is with strong backing, and it's anyone's guess who will win and earn the right to preside over the Woman's Club carnival on March 16 as Queen.

Sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, the contest to pick "Miss Torrance of 1946" has the double purpose of providing a Y.W.C.A. fund for Torrance.

FROM WALTERIA . . .

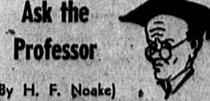
Definitely qualified as one of the "Miss Torrance of 1946" candidates is Virginia Tuttle of Walteria section of Torrance, a Narbonne student. (Ray's photo.)

KIWANIS CANDIDATE . . .

Frances Barrington, popular Torrance high school girl, stands in third place in the "Miss Torrance of 1946" popularity contest. (Ray's photo.)

OFF TO BAD START . . .

Doris Lee Quaggin, Rotary club candidate for "Miss Torrance of 1946" is off to a bad start, but we'll bet Rotary does something tonight. (Ray's photo.)



Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

Dear Professor: Just what are parasites?

Answer: Two fat women, in slacks, on bicycles.

Torrance Weather Record

Official U. S. Weather Bureau

Month	TEMPERATURE			Set
	Max. num	Min. num	Maximum	
Feb.	40	35	55	
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PRECIPITATION Storm

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