

# TORRANCE HERALD

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## Torrance Police Participate In Nation-wide Traffic Safety Check

In cooperation with members of the California Highway Patrol, police authorities of Torrance began participation yesterday in a nation-wide traffic safety check designed to reduce accidents.

The check applies only to vehicles involved in moving traffic violations. It consists of an examination of the driver's license and registration certificate and a spot inspection of his brakes, lights, tires, windshield wiper and horn. Drivers whose cars show obvious defects are being urged to have the necessary repairs made. They will not be penalized because of mechanical defects in their cars unless they are in violation of the state law or local ordinance.

The check will continue for a period of six weeks or more. It is sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and has the backing of the automobile clubs and all other agencies interested in traffic safety.

## OPA SAYS RENT OFFICE NOTICES OF EVICTION GAIN

Near the all-time high mark in point of volume, 4064 petitions for certificates of evictions were received last month at the district OPA's rent offices, according to Ben C. Koepke, Southern California rent chief for the government agency.

Koepke said that only March, when 4500 petitions were turned in, exceeded last month's volume. The rent executive pointed out that last September only 2300 such petitions were filed but that each succeeding month has seen a rise.

As pointed out by Acting Police Chief Frank Schumacher, the average car on California highways is now more than eight years old and it is highly necessary these aging vehicles be kept in good condition to avoid accidents and conserve transportation facilities.

The authorities are urging the public to have their vehicles checked voluntarily. The slogan of the drive is: "Check Your Driving—Check Your Car—Check Accidents."

## Foreign Sales Of Lumber Are Hit By Builders

Protests against the continued export of lumber produced on the Pacific Coast to foreign countries were sent to President Truman and O.P.A. officials in Washington by local builders' organizations as it was disclosed that the Pacific Coast, with its critical housing shortage, is getting only 10 per cent of the lumber.

Figures issued by Orris W. Hamilton, secretary of the Retail Lumber Dealers Association of Southern California, showed that of 404,000,000 board feet of lumber produced in the Pacific Northwest during the first three months of 1946, 289,000,000 board feet were shipped abroad and 73,000,000 board feet shipped to the East. California got only approximately 41,000,000 board feet.

## Port To Play Host On May 25; Free Boat Trips

The Port of Long Beach will be host to residents of Torrance and Lomita on Harbor Day, May 25, in an observance climaxing Foreign Trade Week, May 29-25.

On that day, boat tours and various demonstrations illustrative of harbor and waterfront activity will be witnessed by an expected 30,000 people, according to W. R. Martin, President of the Harbor Commission, and Commissioner John L. Kelly, member of the Southern California-wide committee on Foreign Trade Week.

The Port, the officials said, is now ready for a post-war display of its existing facilities and is mapping plans for \$15,000,000 worth of additional wharves, sheds and equipment.

"But even before we have begun the additional work we are able to handle all the seaborne traffic of the entire Pacific Southwest," Martin said. "Our facilities are all nearly new, and only a few days ago we authorized the construction of an 820-foot long transit shed costing \$887,606." The contract was awarded to Peter Kiewit Sons, Arcadia.

Other events during Foreign Trade Week will include an invitational industrial luncheon at the harbor May 21 when a brand new C-2 ship will be shown luncheon guests; National Maritime Day, May 22, which is the anniversary of the sailing of the first steamship, the S. S. Savannah, in 1819 and various displays, luncheon and dinner activities throughout Southern California.

## American Legion Poppy Day Here Saturday, May 25

"A flower of hope for the living, as well as of tribute to the dead."

This is the way the memorial poppy appears to Corlita Reeve, treasurer of Bert S. Crossland unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. Miss Reeve handles the funds received by the Legion Auxiliary on Poppy Day. She supervises expenditures of the Auxiliary for relief and rehabilitation work and knows exactly where the poppy contributions go.

"Poppy funds always have been an important source of support for Legion and Auxiliary work for disabled veterans and for families of veterans in need of aid," said Miss Reeve. "I have seen them bring new hope into homes on the verge of despair and give a new chance to men struggling against the handicap of war disabilities. That is why the memorial poppy is to me not only a flower of remembrance for the dead but also a symbol of hope for the war's living victims."

"The government provides compensation and hospital care for disabled veterans and assistance for families of the dead, but we all know how often difficulties and delays are encountered in securing official help," continued the Auxiliary treasurer. "When a veteran is sick and discouraged, he needs immediate aid. When children are hungry they cannot wait for cases to be processed and claims to be proved. That is when the Legion and Auxiliary step in with emergency aid. That is when the dimes, quarters and dollars contributed for the memorial poppies prove God sends to those suffering from the results of war."

Poppy Day will be observed here on Saturday, May 25, when the little red flowers, made by disabled veterans at Sawtelle, will be distributed on the streets. The distribution will be conducted by unpaid volunteers from the American Legion Auxiliary and all contributions will go into the welfare and rehabilitation funds of the Auxiliary.

## Walteria's New School Building Is Under Way

Walteria School's rapid rise in enrollment has resulted in the construction start of a two-classroom structure to augment already overcrowded buildings there. There are 225 pupils enrolled at the school which has only four classrooms.

Japanese-American families located on the air strip nearby now constitute fifty per cent of the students there, records revealed. Teachers have been utilizing the auditorium to hold classes and are looking forward to completion of the new bungalow type classroom to ease the present situation.

The gradual relocation of the Japanese families in the district has contributed a slight relief to the crowded conditions, Mrs. Margaret Smith, principal, said, but community expansion is expected to maintain the enrollment.

The 24x76 foot structure will cost \$9,000 and is located at 24209 Ward St.

## WRITER OF \$15 BAD CHECK DRAWS 30 DAYS IN JAIL

Writing a \$15 check without any funds in the bank cost William Fowler, 21301 S. Main St., 30 days in the county jail, upon his plea of guilty Friday before City Judge John Shidler. The check, which was drawn on the Bank of America, was cashed by the Sports Club here, police said.

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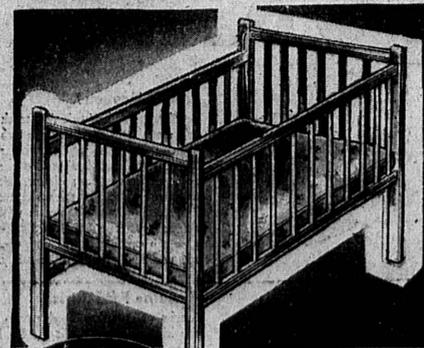
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