

SALT SOURCES
Salt may be obtained by three methods: evaporation of sea water, evaporation of brine spring water, and by mining rock salt.

HAWAIIAN TRADE
Hawaii sends products to the U. S. valued at approximately \$200,000,000 annually and purchases goods worth about \$300,000,000 annually.

Taxpayers Head Seeks Election As Assessor

Ernest A. Stewart, who ran for county assessor in 1946, has announced he is again seeking election to the county post in June.

The president of the California Taxpayers Association for the past 22 years, seeks a more equitable levy of taxes on homeowners and industrial, investment, and utility properties.

He claims that homeowners who own less than half of the taxable valuation of the county pay three-fourths of the tax burden while large property holders owning more than half of taxable properties only pay one-fourth of the taxes.

The former auditor with the U. S. Treasury Department claims that veterans have been billed of their \$1000 exemption. He asserts that assessments against veterans' homes have been increased \$1000 to nullify the effect of the exemption.

Stewart's background includes 24 years as a practicing tax specialist in private practice in Los Angeles, president of the Merchants Traffic Association, Chairman of the Los Angeles County Judiciary Committee, Examiner with the Interstate Commerce Commission, and as Auditor with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

RESERVATION AREA

Reservations and tribal lands of the American Indians and Eskimos who are wards of the U. S. government would cover an area twice the size of Pennsylvania.



TEST HOP . . . Checking out on his first basket ride is young Douglas Millar, student at Torrance Elementary School. Chief Chibiaboos says this is old stuff to him. To Douglas, however, it was something a bit out of the ordinary—Indian and all. (Herald photo).

V-E Day Ended War For Many

By REID BUNDY

Five years ago next Monday—May 8, 1945—Torrance and the world were celebrating V-E Day. Germany had surrendered to the Allied night in Europe and one phase of World War II was over.

For many in Torrance and the world over, that was a joyous day. For millions it meant that the fears of bombing planes, whistling artillery and the zing of rifle bullets had faded away from their pattern of every day living—not to be forgotten, ever, but buried in a hope that they would never return.

For millions more, it meant only that buddies in another part of the world could look forward to returning home after months and years of slogging through European mud and rubble.

For those millions, fighting from island to island and jungle to jungle in the Pacific, the German surrender meant only that they might expect more help now in their death struggle with Japan.

As it turned out, their war was destined to a short end, too, but no one knew that then.

In Torrance the coming of V-E Day was not a total victory celebration. Torrance business, industry and civic affairs went on much as usual. War plants in the area did not slow down for a minute—they continued to turn out the materials needed to step up the Pacific campaign.

Stores in the city remained open during the day, and an article in the Torrance Herald a few days later said the crowds on Torrance streets were no larger than usual.

Grover Whyte, the Herald publisher, had just returned from the charter meeting of the United Nations in San Francisco with a prediction that the organization would be a great success.

Less than a week after V-E Day, the great Seventh War Loan drive was started, and Torrance was being urged to "go over the top."

At the Torrance High School Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church told students that "Japan must still be overthrown before we can celebrate a total victory."

Principal Harold E. Perry read portions of the Gettysburg address to students who were in assembly in the high school auditorium in celebration of the European victory.

Apartment hunters were a hurried bunch in those days. If the Classified Ad section of the Torrance Herald can be used as a guide.

On May 10—two days' after V-E Day—there was a two-room unit for rent (to holders of "V" Cards only); a three-room apartment available to "buyer of furniture" and a three-room house to share for a serviceman's widow in exchange for light housework and care of one child. That was all.

At least, that was all that was advertised that week.

Last week's Herald carried advertisements for 59 rentals, which included apartments, flats and houses.

As a "Blue-Stamp" special, one local grocer was offering a No. 2 can of green beans for 13 cents. Grade A, medium sized eggs were selling for 46 cents a dozen, while one could take home two bags of coffee for 51 cents, or popular one-pound tins of coffee for 33 cents each.

Butter was only 50 cents a pound in those days, a short five years ago. There was a catch to it, though. To buy a pound of the precious stuff one had to fork over some red stamps—remember?

The annual total issued in Torrance permits up until V-E Day was \$247,165, according to a Herald story that week. With some pride, city officials were comparing this figure with the four-month figure for 1944, which was a mere \$227,115.

As of March 31 this year, the city had issued 71 permits valued at \$3,662,287, according to City Building Inspector John R. Patrick.

Automobiles are not cheap today, but last week's Herald contained an advertisement for a Chrysler coupe which one dealer was offering to sell for \$9.

On V-E Day there were no new cars on the road, and old cars were becoming more dear by the day.

Advertisements of the period contain such bargains as a 1937

CHIEF HAS PALEFACES WHOOPING

Yelling, whooping Indians (mostly the paleface tribe) were giving Torrance school teachers a few noisy moments Thursday and Friday last week.

The Indians (still palefaces) ranged in age from 5 to 18, to make a rough estimate.

The paleface redskins were whooping and holering because the chief had just paid them a visit—the chief being none other than Chief Chibiaboos, who was in town to bolster a PTA-sponsored benefit.

After the Chief had shown several hundred young men and women how the tribe should conduct a war dance, and just how to whoop and yell like real Indians, the quiet serenity of the school area was a thing of the past.

Contributions from children made at each performance of the real, honest-to-goodness Indian chief were given to PTA funds.

If little Johnny came home yelling like an Indian last week, it's only because he was one (paleface tribe).

Willis coupe which was offered for sale at \$275—CASH.

Another ad of the same week offered a 1932 Chevrolet two-door for \$300. This week, a 1939 Indian chief was offered for \$165. It is two years newer than was the car offered for \$300 in 1945.

Such prices reflect the general trend of merchandise on sale in Torrance during the past five years. The supply of most goods has caught up with the demand, even though the city of Torrance has been in a state of rapid expansion since the war.

Thousands of homes have been built in this area to change the housing picture in the city. New business structures have been built, and hundreds of families have moved into the city.

New villages have sprung up in North Torrance, Hollywood Riviera and other parts of the city. Roads, highways and boulevards have been widened, resurfaced and repaired.

To keep pace with the growing community, the Torrance Herald moved in to a new, modern building in December, 1948, and has added new equipment and personnel to publish a larger, more inclusive picture of Torrance each week.

FREE! 4 ROLLS ANSCO ALL-WEATHER FILM . . .

WHEN YOU BUY THIS

ANSCO PANDA CAMERA

Only \$4.54 REGULAR RETAIL PRICE

VACATIONERS! Get a fine camera . . . and \$152 in the bargain!

A-1 Photo Service
1312 Sartori Ave. Torrance 1132
Open Friday Nights 'Til 9 P.M.

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL

ON SALE NOW!
THIS BIG 28-INCH WIDE

\$1 DOWN \$1 Weekly

PERFECT COMFORT

RICH TAPESTRY COVERED

CHOICE OF COVERS

PLATFORM ROCKER

Please don't confuse this with rockers you've seen before advertised at this price.

This is the big 28-inch wide rocker, with extra quality tapestry and doweled and glued hardwood frame.

One of the greatest bargains ever offered in our store!

\$39.95

We Carry Our Own Contracts

STAR FURNITURE COMPANY
Sartori and Post Ave. Torrance 625

NITE OWL SPECIALS
Friday Night—6 to 9 Only

Tiny Tyke Shop
1307 El Prado, Torrance

MUSICAL ROCKERS
Genuine Thayer Rockers. Your children will go wild over these. Reg. \$9.95. **\$7.95**
ON SALE FRIDAY NIGHT—6 to 9 ONLY!

Childrens Wardrobe
1277 Sartori Ave., Torrance

4 PAIR SOCKS
Boys' and Girls' Socks, size 4 to 10 1/2. Reg. price, 39c each. **\$1.00**
ON SALE FRIDAY NIGHT—6 to 9 ONLY!

McCown Drug Store
1327 El Prado, Torrance

LIBBEY TUMBLERS
Libbey green Safe-Edge Tumblers Handy carrying carton contains six. **24¢**
ON SALE FRIDAY NIGHT—6 to 9 ONLY!

Torrance Hardware
1515 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance

DISSTON SAW
8-POINT This is the Saw that every good craftsman wants. Friday night you can get the best at the price of a cheap saw. Reg. price, \$5.45. **\$3.49**
ON SALE FRIDAY NIGHT—6 to 9 ONLY!

GAY SHOP
1319 SARTORI — TORRANCE

FREE NYLON HOSE
Buy one pair of our Nylon Hose of any quality in our store from \$1.00 to \$1.95—and get another pair of like quality absolutely FREE!! **ONE PAIR FREE!!**
FRIDAY NIGHT — 6 to 9 ONLY

Almond's Dept. Store
1261 Sartori Ave., Torrance

BED PILLOWS
Covered in guaranteed 8-oz. ACA striped ticking. 50% chicken and 50% turkey crushed feathers. First quality, size 20x26. **\$1** ea.
ON SALE FRIDAY NIGHT—6 to 9 ONLY!

Baker's Furniture Exchange
1512 Cravens Ave., Torrance

HOLLYWOOD BED SET
Modern Hollywood style, consists of figured Firestone Vylon plastic covered head board, Full or twin size. Complete with Metal Frame—Assorted Colors. **\$10.95**
ON SALE FRIDAY NIGHT—6 to 9 ONLY!

CHARLEY SAYS—

BACK HOME

Every Sunday meant "Ma" fried chicken for dinner . . . Every day is fried chicken day here . . . Bring the family down Sunday.

DANIELS CAFE
1625 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance
TRY OUR NAVY BEAN SOUP