

Hope Night-Long Party Will 'Lure' Graduates

A night-long graduation party, fashioned after the highly successful Long Beach prep parties, will be held this year for the graduating seniors of Torrance High School.

The party will start at 10 p.m. in the El Camino College Campus Center and will end with a breakfast at 1:30 in the morning.

Sponsored by the Torrance High School PTA the party is staged with the hope that tragic accidents similar to the crash which took the lives of four Long Beach students two years ago can be avoided in Torrance.

The death of four graduating seniors on graduation night prompted the citizens of Long Beach to stage a party for the seniors that would be so appealing to the grads that they wouldn't want to invite disaster by night clubbing.

Already \$500 has been subscribed by local service clubs, merchants, and parents.

The party will be held on June 7. A well-known dance band will be hired for the affair. Ping-pong, cards, and other activities.

Of the 150 members in the Class of 1951, more than 100 have signified they would attend the affair. Members of the class may bring their own dates from out of town if such is the situation.

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Sharp Decrease In Job Seekers Noted in Report

Notable decrease in the number of persons seeking employment through the California State Employment Service offices here was announced this week by Mrs. Winina Ellis, manager of the Torrance branch.

Only 336 residents of Torrance were listed as unemployed and seeking work through the local (CSSES). Of this total, 204 were women and 132 were men. Thirty-four per cent of the men were veterans.

Women re-entering the employment picture in search of defense work account for many of the 204 now registered, Mrs. Ellis said.

A month ago, 372 were registered with the CSSES here, and in March, 469 were registered. Included among those seeking employment were 11 professionals, 54 clerical, 29 salespersons, 69 service persons, 19 agricultural, 47 skilled, 42 semiskilled, and 65 laborers.

Tartar Teen Talk

Election time is coming around again, everyone tensed with excitement and each candidate, hoping that he will be lucky enough to be put into office to serve the school for the coming semester. There is a very good response this time, for every office has two or three students running for it.

There are ten girls running for song queens and about fifteen boys and girls running for yell leaders. Both yell leaders and song queens are to be chosen individually this year. Six song queens can be chosen and four yell leaders. Tryouts will be held on May 21. Nomination and call will be the 22nd, and elections will be the 25th of May.

GAA elections are also coming. Voting for GAA officers will be on the same day as student body elections, the 25th of May. The GAA banquet is scheduled for the 23rd of May at the Civic Auditorium. Price will be one dollar a person; pay this to Marian McDonald, treasurer. It is hoped that all the GAA girls and their mothers will be there.

The Tartar Theatre Guild and the Thespians will have their joint banquet on May 31. At this time the awards for best actor and actress, best supporting actor and actress, and a few special awards will be presented. The Thespian troupe will be installed at this time by the San Pedro Thespians. New officers of both the TTG and the Thespians will be announced.

Scheduled for the entertainment of the evening is another showing of the one-act play "The Happy Journey." This will be the last time this play will be staged by this group.

Thanks to the efforts of the High School PTA, the Torrance High Choir finally received its robes. The choir presented a fine program for the PTA the other night, and is planning an aud call for the student body.

On the 22nd of this busy month is the annual Father and Son banquet sponsored by the Varsity Club. For just 75 cents the Varsity Club has planned an evening of fun and good food. All fathers and sons are invited. Tickets may be purchased from Varsity Club members.

May 25 Miss Stanford and her clothing classes are sponsoring the yearly fashion show. So get set, girls, to see what the clothing classes have been doing. At this show you are certain to see some of the latest fashions.

Since the last Bay League Forum of the Boys' League was so successful, another one is scheduled to be held at Leuzinger High School on May 23. At this time all the present presidents and all the candidates for the offices of Boys' League presidents in the Bay League will get together to plan some mighty fine things for the coming semester.

Last Tuesday Martha Dunn, the Girls' League president and Nancy Miller accompanied by Miss Doris Avis, attended a Girls' League convention at Santa Monica to discuss common problems of the Girls' League.

Study Bids For Park Concession

Two bids were opened at the Board of Supervisors' meeting Tuesday for the proposed food and soft drink concession at Alondra Park.

Supervisors Raymond V. Darby announced that Los Angeles Concessions Inc., of 948 Cochran avenue, Los Angeles, submitted a bid which provided a minimum rental of \$2500, graduating with the amount of sales up to 18% of the gross receipts over \$50,000.

Phil Rivkin of Los Angeles submitted a bid guaranteeing a rental of 6% of the gross receipts up to \$6000, and increasing to 14% of the gross sales amounting to more than \$20,000.

Under the terms of the proposed lease agreement, the concessionaire must construct the building. The bids were referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.



HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED... Grandma wore a bustle when the World War I poster (top) was urging Americans to invest in Liberty Bonds, but times have changed—in posters and costumes. Pretty Ann Miller, 1606 Gramercy avenue, compares a current Defense Bonds poster with a blazer of '17 which urged Americans to "Keep Those (the Kaiser's boots) off the U.S.A." Starting tomorrow all Torrance employees will be asked to make defense bonds available to employees through a payroll deduction plan. (Herald photo).

Torrance Has Chance at Nation-wide Publicity

Employers with one or more employees will be asked beginning tomorrow to help America help herself.

With the support of the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce the U. S. Treasury Department is launching a drive to enlist the cooperation of 80 per cent of the employers in Torrance.

"All that is asked," explains George Post, Jaycee chairman, "is that employers make available the new U. S. Savings Bonds to their employees through a payroll deduction plan."

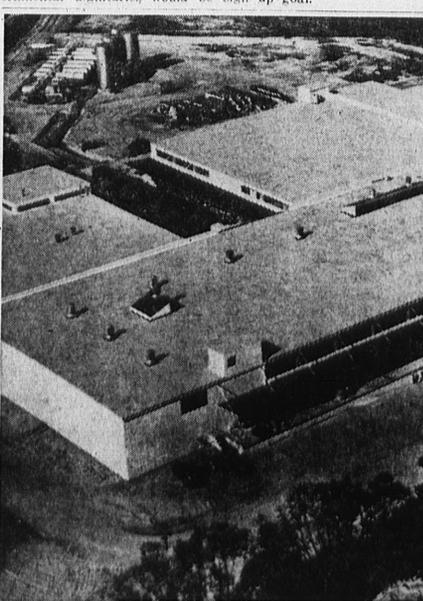
There is no cost to the employer, according to Stanley T. Switzer, deputy director of the savings bond division of the Treasury Department.

If the employers of the community meet the goal of 80 per cent, the city will become a "Flag City" and the first in California to be so designated will receive national publicity through the Treasury Department. The department is planning a huge Hollywood-style promotion on a nation-wide scope for the first city in California to become a "Flag City." Switzer said, Torrance already has the jump on other cities in the state, since no other municipality has as yet launched a bond

Legion Books Rhythmaires

The "Rythmaires," a prize-winning youth orchestra from a recently concluded TV contest, will make another appearance in Torrance by "popular demand" at the second anniversary dance of the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post on Saturday, May 19, at the Border avenue Legion Hall, James Baulin, co-chairman, announced.

deduction campaign. Switzer stated that movie stars, armed forces units and governmental dignitaries would be included in the ceremonies of the flag presentation if Torrance makes the 80 per cent sign up goal.



A MILLION DOLLAR BABY... That's the new \$1,250,000 plant of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's paint making facility which is the newest member of Torrance's rapidly

Ceremonies Mark Dedication of \$1,250,000 Paint Plant Here

An official band of welcome was extended by a score of civic leaders yesterday morning during ceremonies which marked the dedication of the newest and most modern paint manufacturing plant in the world—the new \$1,250,000 paint-making facility of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company.

A tour of the plant located on a 15-acre site on Crenshaw boulevard at Dominguez street, was arranged by A. D. Wagen, West Coast divisional director for the firm. A luncheon followed the inspection of the plant.

The new plant is equipped to produce a complete line of house paints, varnishes, resins, industrial and automotive finishes.

The two-story office building of 20,000 square feet houses the West Coast Divisional office functions as well as those of the local warehouse and factory operations.

In addition to the Torrance plant, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, one of the nation's major paint manufacturers, operates plant and varnish manufacturing plants at Milwaukee, Cleveland, Detroit, Dayton, Houston, Newark, Pittsburgh, Portland, Oregon, Springdale, Pennsylvania, and four subsidiary plants in Canada.

Instead of the multiple-story construction previously thought essential for successful paint production because of gravity flow requirements, this building is for the most part a one-story, earthquake resistant structure in which mezzanines are incorporated for straining, mill loading, mixing, and storage purposes.

The 172,000 square foot plant and office building is designed in an ultra-modern motif providing several functional levels to speed indispensable gravity flow requirements in manufacturing operations.

An additional 93,000 square feet of paving provides roadways and parking areas.

An ultra-modern plant in all respects, all working areas throughout the plant and office buildings are painted according to the Pittsburgh Principles of Color Dynamics for Industry. The physiological and psychological factors of color energy are utilized scientifically to promote an attractive surroundings which provide maximum efficiency as well as pleasant working conditions.

Decorative windows designed by architects Albert C. Martin and Associates dominate the exterior of the building. They are enhanced by a massive concrete frame six inches thick and projecting nine inches from the wall facing.

Light-directing prismatic glass blocks are used in the upper portions of the office window areas with steel sash vision strips below. This arrangement provides for an even distribution of natural non-glare daylighting across the rooms without the use of shades or blinds and allows control of direct outside ventilation from the sash in the lower part of the window framing.

Interior artificial lighting is provided by continuous rows of ceiling mounted fluorescent fixtures. Under floor ducts are provided for telephonic and electrical connections throughout the building.

In addition to cheerful, daylighted working conditions employees will benefit by the up-to-the-minute mechanization of the plant which reduces actual physical labor to a minimum. Roller-bearing conveyors, bins, new features which add versatility to electric fork and platform trucks, hydraulic lifts, and an automatic filler line which loads, seals and labels containers of various sizes all serve to lift the load from the workman's back.

Pittsburgh Plate's new Torrance operation will be under the management of A. D. Wagen. He was in charge of the Los Angeles plant which until its recent closing had been in operation since 1925. The office area will provide space not only for normal plant operations but includes facilities for housing sales, accounting, and purchasing personnel of Pittsburgh's West Coast paint operation.

Two tours of the plant, one at 10 a.m. and another after the luncheon, have been arranged for the 500 visitors. Movies of National Supply equipment in operation also will be shown.

Armed Forces Day, Saturday May 18, will be observed by the National Supply Company, who will play host to more than 500 members of the Los Angeles Post of the American Ordnance Association.

J. D. Spalding, works manager and president of the Los Angeles Post, will officially welcome the guests.

A bar-b-que lunch for the visitors has been arranged by the company's management. To speak at the meeting are representatives of the Navy, Air Force and Army. Col. W. S. Broberg, district chief of the Ordnance Corps of the Army, is one of the principal speakers. Also to address the group is Lt. Cmdr. Walter M. Eschmann, of the office of the inspector of Navy material, and Major Henry N. Bailey, regional representative of Western Air Procurement.

Expanding industrial family. Ceremonies yesterday marked the official dedication of the 15-acre industrial development shown in aerial view above.

Instructor To Answer Charges

El Camino College instructor, Clarence H. Vetterli, 41, is due to return to Federal Court Monday, May 21, to enter his plea on a charge of perjury before the Federal Grand Jury in 1949, during an investigation of Red espionage activities.

The journalism instructor and faculty advisor of the college newspaper "The Warhoop," was arraigned in Federal Court on May 11. He requested two weeks' additional time in which to enter his plea.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Walter Binnis protested the delay saying: "This is a serious matter and should be heard at the earliest possible date."

Federal Judge Pearson M. Hall set next Monday as the day for Vetterli to make his plea. Vetterli, who lives at 17107 Crenshaw boulevard, heard the indictment read charging alleged false testimony was given by him before a grand jury investigation two years ago.

He is accused of giving false testimony concerning the activities of University of Southern California instructor Ignacy S. Witezak, alleged Soviet "super spy," who fled from the country following an expose of his activities by a Canadian Russian Embassy attaché.

Vetterli is charged with having denied that he was told Witezak was a member of the intentional Communists during their friendship. He also is alleged to have lied about providing money for two friends to go to Japan on a mysterious mission.

Torrance Welcomes...

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey John Stanchfield, 17511 Ermanita avenue and their two children, Colleen, two and a half years, and John, seven months.

The Stanchfields came to Torrance because "we like this neighborhood, so we bought a home here." Mr. Stanchfield, an Army veteran, is employed at the California Flyers. Mrs. Stanchfield has been employed at the Stor-All Corp. for the past three months.

National to Host 500 With Tour, Bar-B-Que Lunch

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YMCA to Install Officers During Annual Meeting

More than 200 persons are expected to gather May 23 in the new YMCA building to hear the annual report of the Board of Managers of the local youth group and to witness the installation of officers.

John Steinhaug, who has been acting chairman of the Board since the resignation of W. T. "Hap" Tillotson, will be installed as the '51-'52 chairman of the Board of Managers.

Guy Sanders, a member of the Juvenile detail of the Long Beach Police Department and recognized authority on youth problems will be the principal speaker.

Tickets for the banquet (\$1.50) may be obtained from any board member or by phoning Torrance 1563 before Monday, May 21.

Other officers to be installed by Eric Chapman, executive secretary of the Hollywood YMCA who is the installing officer, include Dr. Rollin Smith, vice-chairman; Warren Hamilton, secretary; and R. I. Plomert Jr., treasurer.

Following the dinner which begins at 7 p.m. the various volunteer leaders of the "Y" will be recognized for their work during the past year. A financial report will be given by the treasurer. Lloyd Jones, local elementary teacher, will sing several solos.