



KEYNOTES 1939 APPEAL . . . This striking painting of a Red Cross nurse keeping the symbol of mercy flying is the keynote of the 1939 appeal for membership in the American Red Cross.

Faced with the need for strengthening daily Red Cross services in 3,700 Chapters, and with its chartered obligation to aid in some measure in meeting the distress of the men, women and children refugees in war-torn countries across the sea, the Red Cross asks every man and woman in the nation, able to do so, to join as a member this year and support America's official relief agency.

Aged Pensioners Being Asked to Sign Property Agreements Again

Los Angeles county will renew its demands upon aged pensioners that they sign agreements not to encumber their real property without the consent of the board of supervisors and their failure to sign these agreements will result in their monthly pension checks being discontinued.

Charities Department employees today are resuming their calls upon aged pensioners to obtain the agreements following action of the board of supervisors in reinstating this procedure.

Action of the board was taken late last week following a heated hearing in which Assemblyman Lee Bashore of Glendora, appearing before the board, charged that the state board of special welfare had usurped the authority of the state legislature in requiring boards of supervisors to take these agreements.

Bashore declared that he would introduce a bill into a special session of the legislature which the governor is expected to call for January which would repeal entirely that portion of the aged aid law referring to these agreements or liens.

Scores of aged pensioners in the board of supervisors' chambers heard Assemblyman Bashore predict that this special legislative session would see an increase granted in aged pensions but that the additional cost would be borne by the state. County Manager Wayne Allen recommended to the board that it continue taking the signed agreements but not record them pending further developments. This was opposed by Supervisor John Anson Ford. A vote resulted in adoption of Allen's recommendations, Chairman Roger Jessup and Supervisors W. A. Smith and Oscar Hauge voting in favor and supervisors John Anson Ford and Gordon L. McDonough voting in opposition.

Torrance Sewer Survey Started for Detail Map

Seven miles of sewer lines which traverse Torrance are being mapped and surveyed by Glenn Jain, assistant city engineer, and Ralph Perkins to prepare a detailed map of the underground facilities. All manholes, "Y's" and other sewer connections will be designated on the master plan. This data will expedite improvement work and make adjustments when complaints arise, according to City Engineer Leonard Young.

Every manhole will have its elevation noted on the map. Torrance is linked with the county sanitary sewer system, being a part of District No. 5, which has a disposal plant at the Poggi ranch, northwest of Lomita boulevard and Vermont avenue in Harbor City.

Smith Launches Move to Widen C. C.'s Services

In an effort to "bring new life to the Chamber of Commerce by interesting its membership and all our people in its problems, projects and services," President R. R. Smith called a dinner-meeting of all committees last Friday night at Daniels cafe. Twenty-four attended the round-table session which was marked by evident enthusiasm of all present to cooperate with the Chamber leader in developing the organization into a public service center.

"I believe the Chamber can do a much better job if it has the cooperation of all members and the interest of all residents. That is why I ask all committeemen to help your officers in their decisions about problems that come before the directors. We want your recommendations as a guide for all our future activities," President Smith said.

In response to his introduction of directors who head the club's seven committees, the chairman expressed their willingness to act on any matter brought to their attention. Afterwards the meeting was opened for general discussion and this brought out a number of suggestions for community betterment.

Improvements Suggested
Those present were: A. H. Siligo, co-chairman of the Membership committee and L. H. June of that group; Hillman Lee, John E. McCall and J. O. Bishop of the Advertising and Promotion committee; Alden W. Smith, chairman, and George H. Moore, Jr., Harry Abramson, Ed Brunner and Paul Innes of the Merchants' committee; H. T. Lintott, chairman, and Rev. Father Joseph W. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Flora Wright and Lyle Doan of the Community Service committee; Sherwood McIntyre, chairman, and W. H. Bratton, Beverly Smith and W. H. Stanger of the Transportation committee; T. A. Mitchell, chairman of the Industrial Promotion committee; Fred Isaacs, chairman, and B. C. Buxton and Donald Findley of the Legislative committee; Secretary L. J. Gilmeister and Michael Strasser of The Herald.

Among the suggestions for community service advanced by those attending were: That the chamber put up two perpetual trophies to be awarded outstanding police and civilian/pistol teams competing on the local range—by W. H. Stanger; a membership drive to enroll younger men in the community—by L. H. June; establishment of neighborhood playgrounds north of Torrance boulevard in memory of the late DeKalb Spurline—by B. C. Buxton; a city-wide beautification program, planting of the right-of-way along Madrid avenue and cleanup of the city park next to the County Health Center on Carson street—by Don Findley; a cleanup week with the city being divided into sections and a public dance—follow—by George H. Moore, Jr.

Support for the Red Cross membership drive—by John E. McCall; assist the Coordinating Council in establishing the proposed athletic center, vacant lot playgrounds for children north of Torrance boulevard and enlargement of the program for the California State Semi-Pro Baseball tournament here next July—by Michael Strasser; close cooperation with the Torrance Retail Merchants' association—by Alden W. Smith.

Police and Firemen's Benefit Vaudeville Show Makes Hit
Approximately 1,250 persons attended the third annual Torrance police and firemen's benefit vaudeville shows last Friday night in the Torrance theater. The 10 acts were of high-caliber interest and the audience appeared to enjoy each one equally well. Police Chief John Stroh, who was in general charge of the benefit, said yesterday that he had not completed a financial report on the receipts.

BOUND FOR INDIA
Phil Jensen is now on the high seas bound for India, it was learned this week. Young Jensen is a fourth mate on the S. S. Utah. He graduated last June from the California Nautical School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jensen of 1482 Engracia avenue.

BACK YARD ROBBED
Some clothes were stolen from a clothesline and a front axle and a spring was taken from William Agapito's back yard at 708 Columbia Court sometime Saturday, he reported to police.

Torrance Child Seriously Hurt by Hit-Runner
After knocking Takashi Uemoto down and running over the five-year old youngster, a hit-and-run driver sped north on Prairie avenue in an old model green Chevrolet truck Saturday afternoon. The child was seriously hurt and today is still reported in a grave condition at a Japanese hospital in Los Angeles.

Another Herald Edition Out Friday P. M.
Another edition of The Torrance Herald will be distributed Friday afternoon, Nov. 24. Advertising copy for this publication will close at 5 p. m., Wednesday.

As usual, The Herald office will be closed all day Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.



DOUBT fills the hearts of millions of men and women this week.

In many a home in this community bewildered Americans making plans for the dear familiar feast of Thanksgiving are asking themselves:

Why? . . . Why Thanksgiving? As human beings we would be callous to give thanks merely because we have been spared Europe's sufferings. That would not be Thanksgiving but smugness and complacency. Should we give thanks then because our November skies are happily empty? . . . Because our children play tag and football instead of digging air-raid shelters? . . . Because our men-folk are safe with us on this day of days, secure at their own firesides? . . . Because we have plenty on our tables?

Perhaps. All these things cannot fail to make us thankful. But the spirit of Thanksgiving, the consecration of the holiday itself, is also, and perhaps primarily, one of obligation. Thanksgiving calls upon us to share. It teaches us or should—that this day no one should go hungry. There are many things we cannot share at this moment with our fellow human beings across the ocean. We cannot share our abundance or our security, our peaceful churches, or our serene and happy homes. These are, unfortunately, beyond our power to give.

But we in America must realize that, perhaps alone of all the peoples on earth, we have something at this moment which an unhappy world will be desperately in need of sharing in the years to come when the guns are silent. And in giving thanks for the plenitude of these spiritual values which we possess, we must resolve anew to treasure and cherish them against that time. And so, at this time, on Thanksgiving, it is not enough that we give thanks to the benevolent Providence that has spared us from war. In our hearts we pray that we may be permitted to hold fast to all those fruits of 2,000 years of civilized endeavor: Peace, Democracy, Justice for all men and all nations.

These things blossomed once in the western world. They will flower again, but only if we cherish the seeds, ready to cast them, when the time comes, on scarred and hungry soil.

Alondrans Back Refund Plan; Continue Tax Strike

Here's Text of Refunding Petition to Supervisors

"Resolved: That this organization, the Alondra Park Taxpayers' Association does hereby go on record as being in favor of urging all taxpayers owning property within the boundaries of the Alondra Park Assessment District, to withhold from their tax payments, all levies made to meet retirement and interest payments on the Alondra Park (Mattoon Act) bonds.

"Further: We also go on record as favoring the making of a request of the county government of the County of Los Angeles for a complete refunding of the said Alondra Park bonds, in accordance with terms and conditions of the following petition:

"Petition urging refunding of Acquisition and Improvement District No. 28, County of Los Angeles (Alondra Park).

"To the Honorable Board of Supervisors,
"County of Los Angeles,
"Gentlemen:

"We, the undersigned owners of property in Acquisition and Improvement District No. 28, County of Los Angeles (Alondra Park), do hereby petition your honorable body to initiate proceedings under the 'Assessment Bond Refunding Act of 1933', or

"The Refunding Assessment Bond Act of 1935, whichever act should prove to be the most practical for the refunding, at a discount and at a lower interest rate, and to convert the outstanding ad valorem special assessment bonds of the district in order that direct assessments be levied against particular parcels of land.

"We further petition your honorable body to make an allocation of public funds in an amount equal to 50 percent or more of the outstanding bonded indebtedness to assist in the refunding.

"In signing this petition, it is our understanding that no obligation of any character is assumed and that its purpose is to request and urge your honorable body to take definite steps towards refunding the bonds in this district as soon as it is legally and practically possible.

"It is further understood that when the definite terms of refunding the above district have been determined through negotiations with the bondholders, the written consent of the owners of over 50 percent of the area of the land in the district must be obtained and filed with the Board of Supervisors before such a refunding can be completed as is provided by law."

700 ATTEND HARMONIOUS MASS MEET
More than 700 property owners and interested residents of the Alondra Park Acquisition and Improvement District voted unanimously last Thursday night to request the county to institute refunding proceedings of their pyramiding Mattoon Act assessments. At the same time, the members of the Alondra Park Taxpayers' Association decided to continue their tax strike against paying any further A. and I. charges.

The meeting revealed a more complete harmony in the organization which has been attempting for more than a year to bring to an end the crushing assessments which are piling up on the 9,376-acre district. Even Judge Frank Carrell of Gardena, who has opposed the refunding plan since it was instituted by the Chamber of Commerce of his community, indicated that he was at least willing to institute the proceedings which have been favored by owners of approximately 70 percent of the district's acreage.

The resolution placing the Alondra Park association on record as favoring refunding and continuing the tax strike was introduced by Councilman Earl Jacobs of Gardena. The complete resolution is printed in an adjoining column.

In addition to Judge Carrell, those who addressed the meeting were Supervisor Oscar Hauge, Alfred Jones, county surveyor; Pat MacDonnell, secretary of the Gardena chamber, and several other interested property owners. Hauge assured the gathering that he would give the refunding proceedings the right-of-way on his calendar when they were started. This is not expected until next April when the petitions now being circulated will be submitted to the board of supervisors.

Mayor William H. Tolson presided at the meeting and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett acted as secretary. At the close of the session, a collection was taken up to defray the association's expenses of printing and mailing notices of the meeting and this netted about \$21.

Fed. Collector In New Location
Collector of Internal Revenue, Nat Rogan, announced this week that his main offices in Los Angeles are now located in the new Federal Building, known as the United States Post Office and Court House, at Main, Temple and Spring streets. In the new Federal Building, the Collector will occupy the tenth and 11th floors.

1939 Turkey Crop Record-Breaker in Golden State
California turkey growers didn't have to worry about the multiple Thanksgiving Days this year. The department of agriculture has said that the 1939 turkey crop will be the largest on record for the state. Last year there were about 2,594,000 hens and toms.

California ranked first in 1938 in the value of its turkeys, with a crop worth \$3,456,000, which was almost double the five-year 1929-33 average of \$4,726,000.

Although the Golden State turkeys had a greater value, Texas was more prolific and claimed a 1938 production of 3,228,000 birds. But the California production marked a substantial gain from the 1,229,000 turkeys raised in 1929.

The agriculture department said turkeys are produced for market in practically all sections of the state, but that commercial production is centered in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys and in San Diego, Los Angeles and Riverside counties.

The Wright brothers made their first successful airplane flight in 1903.

\$48,000 In Yule Savings to Flood City on Dec. 1

A great Christmas shopping season lies just ahead for Torrance, judging from the outpouring of Christmas funds scheduled to go to the local members of the Bank of America and Torrance National Bank's Christmas Clubs on Dec. 1.

Union Service Thursday In Auditorium

The deeper traditional significance of Thanksgiving Day will be the theme of the union service to be held in the Torrance Civic Auditorium Thursday morning starting at 10 o'clock. The observance is under the auspices of the Torrance Ministerial Association and all residents of this area are cordially invited to attend.

Opening with the Doxology, the order of the service, with Rev. Harry G. Banks presiding, will be: Invocation by Rev. E. W. Matz. Hymns by the congregation. Scripture reading by Rev. Matz.

Special music. President's Thanksgiving proclamation read by Rev. Banks. Special music. Prayer by Rev. F. T. Porter. Hymns by congregation. Offering. Sermon by Rev. C. M. Northrup. Benediction.

Believe License Branch Assured

Location of a temporary Torrance branch of the State Motor Vehicle Department for the issuance of 1940 automobile licenses was practically assured by action Thursday of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce directors in agreeing to provide quarters, utilities, and police protection during the month of January, all without cost to the State.

Tentative arrangements have been made to locate the license bureau in the vacant store at 1328 Sartori avenue in the Bank of America building. Authorization to provide utility services as well as secure the loan of desks and other equipment was voted by chamber directors. Last year the cost of such gratuitous services was \$52. L. J. Gilmeister, chamber secretary reported.

Torrance police department has also agreed to furnish police guard service without cost to the state, Gilmeister stated.

Other business conducted by the chamber directors included: the expenditure of \$140 for a quarter page advertisement in the annual New Year edition of the Long Beach Press-Telegram; recommendation of a reduced rate on lumber shipment from the Northwest bringing the rail charge to \$10 per thousand feet, approaching the water borne rate of \$9.75; and recommendation to the City Council that the Torrance Municipal Band be requested to play at the Santa Claus arrival ceremonies here on Dec. 1 in connection with the Retail Merchants Association program — the concert to be one of the band's contract engagements with the city.

A communication from the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce asking the Torrance chamber to endorse the refunding program at Alondra Park was referred to the City Council without comment.

General Holiday Here Thursday
The Thanksgiving holiday Thursday will be observed by all stores, banks business offices and city bureaus in Torrance. Service stations have agreed to close at 1 o'clock.

There will be no postal service except for distribution of incoming mail to boxes at 10 a. m., the regular holiday schedule being followed by Postmaster Earl Conner and his staff. Outgoing mail will be dispatched on the 7 a. m. train.

NO ROTARY MEETING
On account of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no dinner-meeting of the Rotary club Thursday night.

Reports from both institutions today indicated that more than \$48,000 will be paid out to slightly more than 900 club members in this city.

Throughout California, more than 215,000 club members will receive a grand total of approximately \$14,000,000 which is more than 16 percent higher than last year and is also an all-time high mark for the nation.

Heads of the two local banks, J. W. Post for Torrance National and Dean L. Sears for the Bank of America stated that the Christmas Club totals for their respective institutions were the largest of record here. Said Post:

INCREASINGLY POPULAR
"The stimulus club savings gives to local business is tremendous. The money, we have found by surveys, goes into all channels of trade — in addition to gift purchases, club members use their savings to pay taxes, to buy cars, to build or improve homes and to use in general rehabilitation of their dwellings. We have found that those who join Christmas clubs invest their savings to a large extent right in their home town."

Said Sears: "Obviously the Christmas Club method of making sure of plenty of money for Christmas is becoming increasingly popular in Torrance. Small weekly, semi-monthly or monthly deposits are hardly missed. However, the total at the end of the year, plus interest paid by the bank proves highly acceptable to club members."

Both bankers pointed out that other figures disclose that not only are the Christmas savers increasing in numbers throughout the state, but the average amount of individual savings is increasing. Dean Sears declared that Bank of America surveys show that in 1930, the average weekly deposit per member was only 5 cents. Today, the average is \$1.36.

Week's Building Totals \$10,745
Building permits issued since last Thursday totalled \$10,745, according to the City Engineer's office. The new construction jobs in progress include:

A seven-room frame stucco residence, one and one-half stories high at 1528 Post avenue for W. H. Bratton, local Pacific Electric agent. This structure with a two-car garage and "rumpus" room is estimated to cost \$6,400. Amy E. Hawkins is building a five-room stucco house at 2267 Torrance boulevard for \$3,000. The San Lorenzo Nursery is erecting a 24 by 103-foot greenhouse at 18400 Crenshaw boulevard for \$1,000. Three homes at 2317-25 Eldorado are being re-roofed by the Security First National Bank at a cost of \$195 and A. Van Vliet is building a two-car frame garage at 22845 Hawthorne avenue for \$150.

FOUR-DAY HOLIDAY
All schools in this area will close Wednesday afternoon for the Thanksgiving week holidays and classes will not be resumed until Monday morning, giving students a four-day holiday.

Look For Your Name Among Classified Ads!
The Herald and Lomita News starts its Hidden Names contest today. Look for your name among the classified ads for a double pass to a local movie. Watch — read — this page each week. Perhaps your name follows this ad—

Beauty Aids —30
Keep Youthful— Gray Hair tinted by Specialists Machineless Waves — \$8.00
READ AND USE HERALD WANT ADS FOR PROFIT.