



Nazi soldiers captured by British grin broadly as English march them off to internment camp.

Legion Commander Cites Two Objectives for Post

Two objectives for the Torrance American Legion Post have been announced by Commander Edwin Bird. In a letter to members of the unit this week, he states that "the first and foremost program is to pay off our clubhouse mortgage. We are now on the home stretch with less than \$500 to go. Our Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner and two more good dinners should put us over the hump."

Second, but no less important, is the organization of an "Emergency Defense Unit" under the combined Disaster Relief and National Defense committees of which Pat Boyle is chairman with Dr. W. I. Laughon, B. M. Prewett, H. C. Barrington, Gene DeBra, Percy Phoenix, Shoemaker, Spike Laski, W. H. Tolson and C. A. Curtiss serving with him.

"The committee will set up a plan of organization, providing for periodical test calls and drills to perfect coordination," Bird says. "At the first test call, Legionnaires will be asked to bring their service discharge papers. They will be classified occupationally and physically and assigned to a squad or corps within the defense unit."

"For the present, the Legion Post will organize independently of any other home defense units in other cities. The will of the majority will govern the future policy. Permission to organize ourselves in this manner has been asked and is expected," Commander Bird reports.

Postpone Stickney Trial to Oct. 9

Trial of Mrs. Katherine L. Stickney on a grand theft charge involving the sum of \$961 which she allegedly took from her employer, the late Ed M. Thompson, was postponed Tuesday to Oct. 9 in Department 42 of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

MARCH OF RIMES

—OLD HOME TOWN— By H. F. NOAKE

Who hasn't felt an urge to see the old home town again; and for a little while, re-live those days, of way back when? Let's hop a magic carpet and quickly whisk away, to any place, where you and I first saw the light of day. My goodness! What has happened? Where's Perkin's Dry Goods Store? The Presbyterian church is gone, it stood right here, before. Just look at those macadam roads; That City Hall is new; they've even got electric lights, and traffic signals, too. Don't recognize a single face, these folks seem sort of queer; dressed up, and all a wearing shoes; They've changed, since I was here. Well, let's ask that fellow yonder, and probably he'll know where we can find the natives who lived here, long ago. Our old informant raised his hand and pointed to the skies, then said, "Except for Judge McShane, they're all in Paradise."

Head-On Crash Injures 6 Young Angelenos Here

Four Los Angeles boys and two girls were injured in a head-on automobile collision Tuesday afternoon at 190th street and Hawthorne avenue. The victims, all under 18 years of age and five of them occupying one machine, were treated at Torrance Memorial hospital for cuts and bruises.

Investigating officers issued two citations as result of the crash. Beverly Latham, 15, driver of the car in which the young people were riding, was cited for not having an operator's license and Richard G. Human, 16, was charged with permitting an unlicensed minor to drive. Both were injured and others hurt were: Oliver E. Hadley, 18, driver of the other car involved in the collision, who was going east on 190th; Frank Pehovlack, Jr., 17; Lillian Pheloy, 16, and Raymond Scott, 16. All were removed to the hospital in Stone and Myers' ambulance. Miss Latham was driving north on 190th and was trying to make a left-hand turn when she collided with young Hadley's car, according to police.

Members of the special housing committee recently appointed by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce met with Chamber President R. R. Smith and Secretary L. J. Gilmeister Tuesday to discuss plans for attracting building of group housing projects such as are now under construction in other Southern California communities.

Housing Data Is Being Compiled for Developers

Chairman A. H. Silligo and Gilmeister have interviewed a number of such builders during the past week to ascertain what features would be most influential and helpful to prospective builders. Listed among these suggestions were: acreage values, tax rates, special assessments, fire insurance rates, populations over the past 10 years, number of manufacturing plants and products, number of industrial employees and average weekly wage, number of employees now occupying single dwellings, flats, and apartments; rental values, local building regulations and the acreage which has been appraised by the F.L.A. and building and loan associations. This data, together with complete maps, and other descriptive information is being compiled by the chamber staff in attractive form.

In the meantime, Gilmeister reports that he has contacted a number of firms which are developing home subdivisions in other localities and that two or three of them have shown considerable interest in the opportunities offered by Torrance. They are anxious to get further factual information, Gilmeister states.

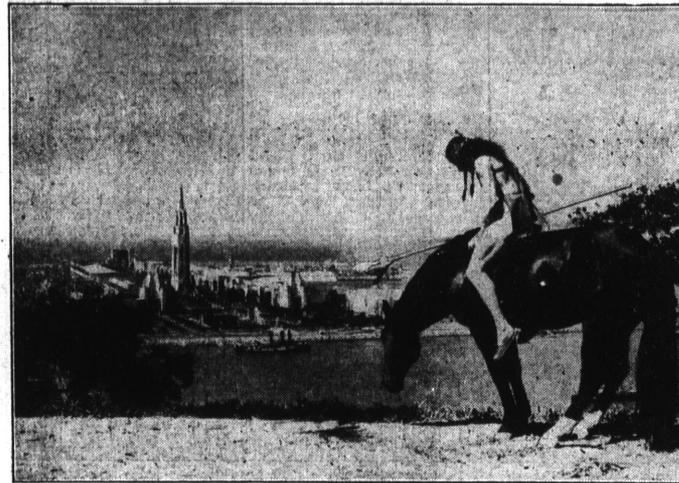
It was also pointed out at the committee meeting, that the same information would be helpful in convincing individual owners of lots to improve their property with suitable homes, either for sale or their own use.

Local Man Faces Trial Again for Drunk Drive

Charged with drunk driving, A. M. Pascual, 35, of this city was arrested early Tuesday morning. He was released on bond to appear before City Judge Robert Lessing next Tuesday morning, Sept. 10. Pascual has a record of a previous conviction, in September, 1936, for this same offense, according to police reports.

FLAG CEREMONY
Torrance American Legion Post invites all residents of the community to the flag raising ceremony in front of the Carson street clubhouse Saturday afternoon, Sept. 7, at 2 o'clock. The post recently purchased a new flag and it will be dedicated at that time.

Fair Nears the "End of the Trail"



On Sept. 29 a crew of workmen will begin demolishing California's beautiful Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island and this striking scene will be no more. A great many residents of this community have viewed the Exposition the past two years and retain pleasant memories of it. Those who haven't seen it have just 23 days more in which to do so.

5 Men to Direct Frolic Parade Here on Sept. 28

Complete charge of the third annual Torrance Factory Frolic parade, which will be staged Saturday afternoon, Sept. 28, has been given to five Torrance men, the executive committee announced this week. They are: Commander Edwin Bird of the American Legion Post; Robert L. Lewellen, Torrance Herald mechanical superintendent; Councilman Vern Babcock, Police Chief John Stroff and M. G. "Curley" Brumley, general parade chairman.

They will direct the reception of parade entries, organization of the long procession, placement of the various units, selection of judges and distribution of complimentary barbecue dinner tickets to such organizations and individuals who are to be fed at the expense of the Frolic committee.

The quintet plans an early meeting to arrange for their major feature of the community celebration that begins Thursday, Sept. 26. Theirs is perhaps the biggest job of any connected with the presentation of the Frolic.

Route of the parade has been outlined and approved. This will be as follows: Formation on side streets leading into Torrance boulevard from Manuel avenue, along Carson to Cabrillo, to Sartori, to Torrance boulevard, to Cravens, to Marcelina, to Arlington, to Post and then on Post to starting place. Marching units may pause briefly for maneuvering in front of the reviewing stand, which will be located on Cravens directly across from the Civic Auditorium. The line of march is slightly less than two miles in length.

Food and water will be provided for all mounts used in the parade at a location yet to be selected. A large number of trophies and prizes will be distributed to winners of first, second and third places in the various classes which make up the parade.

Pastors Visit Pueblo, Agree "Something Must Be Done There"

Local pastors, members of the Torrance Ministerial Association, made a personal survey of living conditions at the Pueblo following their regular meeting yesterday and all agreed "that something must be done to improve housing in that community," according to Rev. Ben Lingenfelter. The ministers visited a number of Pueblo homes and saw at first hand the substandard accommodations offered residents.

While they made no direct recommendations, the pastors may draft a report for presentation to authorities on their findings. Rev. Lingenfelter said. He has been trying for many years to improve living conditions in the Pueblo district.

Sam Levy Offers Trophy for Best Frolic Store Window Decoration

In addition to serving as finance chairman of the Torrance Factory Frolic—no easy job when one considers that a considerable sum must be raised from local merchants, industries, professional men and others to pay for the three-day celebration Sept. 26, 27 and 28—Sam Levy contributed another feature of the big event this week.

When the executive committee, headed by L. J. Gilmeister, received a suggestion that local merchants be invited to decorate their show windows, following a Factory Frolic motif, for the coming festivities, Levy immediately offered to award a trophy for the best example of that art.

Building Total Here \$248,060

The annual mid-summer slump in building activity here dropped the construction permit total to its lowest figure of the year to date when only \$22,760 worth of new building was started in Torrance during the month of August. Construction during August, 1939, amounted to \$58,623.

Total new building for the past eight months amounted to \$248,060 as compared with \$508,888 for the same period in 1938, according to records at the city engineer's office. The monthly totals for the year to date were:

January	\$ 23,910
February	24,155
March	36,900
April	37,050
May	35,120
June	28,265
July	39,900
August	22,760
TOTAL	\$248,060

Building permits issued during the past week were: Llewellyn Mort, re-roofing residence at 1221 Cota, \$100; John Salm, wire and cement fence across front of property at 1824 West 182nd street, \$500, and Robert H. Moffet, re-roof at 1623 Cabrillo, \$175.

Local Man Reported Missing Since Aug. 30

Local police broadcast a "missing person" report this week for Earl Turner, 34, of 908 Portola avenue, who has been reported by his father as being absent from his home since Aug. 30. G. W. Turner of 820 Portola avenue informed officers that his son may be enroute to Council Bluffs, Iowa.

The missing man, who is married, was last seen dressed in work clothes, blue overalls, grey hat, green plaid jacket and paint-spotted shoes, according to the report.

His offer was accepted and now the department store owner (who won the last trophy awarded here, given by The Herald, for the best decorated store window) is thumbing thru catalogs and interviewing local dealers who have access to the purchase of fine trophies.

All merchants and professional men who have show windows are urged to decorate these for the Frolic. The displays should be in place by Monday, Sept. 23, so a committee of judges may inspect them that night and award the Levy trophy the following day.

Red Cross Award Received Here

Mrs. Flora Wright, chairman of the local Red Cross unit, received a certificate of award this week "in recognition of valued service rendered during the War Relief Campaign of May and June, 1940."

The award was addressed to Mrs. Wright and "all members of the Torrance Auxiliary, Los Angeles Red Cross Chapter." It was signed by Norman H. Davis, chairman of the central committee, and D. C. MacWatters, chairman of the Los Angeles chapter.

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CHARITY CHEST NEEDS \$2,200; DRIVE STARTS

If Torrance as a city of nearly 10,000 is to meet its obligations to those of its residents who are in need of relief and welfare that is not provided by any other agency then it must dig down into its pockets and begin raising \$2,200.

State Admission Day Next Monday Will Be Holiday for Some

Next Monday, Sept. 9, is Admission Day in California, a holiday for all banks and public offices.

The holiday, observing the 90th anniversary of the state's entrance into the Union, will be limited to bank workers and employees of Torrance city offices.

Union Council to Scan Future Labor Measures

A request of the Los Angeles Industrial Union Council that notice of all municipal legislation affecting labor be given that association was granted by the city council Tuesday afternoon on recommendation of Councilmen George V. Powell and John V. Murray.

The Industrial Union Council asked the city to give ample notice whenever ordinances are contemplated regarding any phase of labor in order that such measures may be studied and a recommendation transmitted back to the council.

One of the first of such ordinances which may come under the scrutiny of the labor group is the proposed anti-trespassing law which will probably be introduced by Councilman Vern Babcock next Tuesday evening, Sept. 10. This measure was drafted by the League of California Cities' attorneys as a national defense measure to safeguard public utilities, industrial plants and locations of other sites deemed essential to the public welfare.

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CALIFORNIA'S 90th BIRTHDAY

Ninety years have passed since, on a fine 9th of September, the roughest, lustiest baby of 'em all was born into the Union of States—an infant babbling in a Mex-Indian jargon, clutching a six-gun in one fist and yellow nuggets in the other. That was but yesterday, as nations reckon time—and it's with astonishment and some natural envy that dozens of older commonwealths now look up at the stripling who has passed them in wealth, population and importance. For California has grown in all ways and lost in none. The gold that drew men 90 years ago is produced as lavishly as ever in the Gold Rush Days. Oil and hydro-electric power have overcome the shortage of coal, so that manufacturing now matches strides with farming, mining and commerce. Sixth among the states in population, California is behind only New York and Pennsylvania in total income—which means that the rate of production of natural wealth has even exceeded a rate of population increase that has doubled the State's population in two decades.

The California past is pleasant to look back upon. No ravages of war have touched her soil. Save for the San Francisco disaster of 1906, no misfortune of catastrophic proportions has visited the Golden State. Her destiny, by natural resources and geographical position, is to become the center of the world's greatest civilization, when peace finally spreads over the vast areas of the Pacific. And her seven million sons and daughters have special reasons in this year, when life is a thing of dread and poverty in so much of the universe to express a most hearty "Happy birthday, California!" on the 90th anniversary of Admission Day.