



4th Area Assembly

WELCOME TO TORRANCE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Because the city of Torrance is only 20 years old, it takes the interest of a contemporary in things that belong to youth—especially such things as Americanism, service to nation, state and community and the ideals of democratic living. Such things are the basis of the Sons of the American Legion and so the city of Torrance is particularly glad to welcome the young men who will be its visitors next Saturday.

Youth will be served—and Torrance will take pride in serving the Sons with the true hospitality of its people, its business firms, its public buildings and its own Sons of the American Legion. This city and its business people hope the Fourth Area Assembly will be an outstanding success. The firms extending greetings on this page are ready to help the Sons, American Legion, Legion Auxiliary and all others who come to Torrance Saturday for the Assembly have an enjoyable stay!

Torrance folk hope that the convention visitors will attend all of the events on the program—and see something of the Modern Industrial City besides. Local industries are humming with national defense work and consequently they are not open to the public but all the rest of the city invites inspection.

"The Wizard of Ord"



Serenading Winkle, the St. Bernard mascot of the Seventh Division, U.S.A., is Tenor Paul Roberts, leading man of "The Wizard of Ord," an all-soldier musical comedy to be staged by the men of Fort Ord, June 6 and 7 in Hollywood Bowl.

First all-soldier show to be staged since World War days, "The Wizard of Ord," is written, produced and played by 300 draftees and enlisted men of Fort Ord. The vocal chorus has 100 members and 200 men will provide the instrumental diversifications. Prior to the appearance in Hollywood of the actors in the musical comedy, 800 men from Fort Ord will give a daily demonstration of the newest of modern war implements which have not been previously displayed for the civilian population. Taking the spotlight in the exhibition will be a battery of Jeeps, the little blitz buggies which mount 50-caliber machine guns and travel at a top speed of 90 miles-per-hour. These quarter-ton trucks, patterned from the battle wagons now being used so effectively in the European conflict are considered "aces" by American defense officials.

WELCOME SONS OF THE LEGION

"2 Yumps From the Auditorium"

ALLEN'S LUNCH
1333 EL PRADO

Hearty Greetings Conventioneers

Best wishes for the success of your convention—we hope your visit to Torrance is the highlight of the day—and that you'll come back to visit us again.

BAKER SMITH JEWELRY

1321 SARTORI TORRANCE

Good Wishes To Your Convention

We hope you have plenty of fun, and carry on your good work with even greater success in the year to come.

SONS — LEGION — and AUXILIARY
And if you plan to take home a souvenir of your convention visit to Torrance come in and see our gift department.

NATIONAL HOME APPLIANCE CO.

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Here's Greetings

Sons — Legionnaires — Auxiliary

GOOD THINGS TO EAT
AND
TASTEFUL MIXED DRINKS

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—and call on us for information or auto service while you're here.

Have your car Firestone serviced while you attend the convention meetings.

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Greetings Conventioneers!

When you get hungry come to Union Cafe No. 2

A hearty welcome and the best food you've ever eaten.

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner - Short Orders

UNION CAFE NO. 2

Corner Sartori & Marcelina Torrance

Torrance Herald and Lomita News
Salutes the Sons of the American Legion!

Sons of Legion From 80 Cities to Gather In Torrance Saturday

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Right on Marcelina to Arlington ave., right on Arlington to disbanding area.

The complete parade formation is published in a four-column box on Page 1-A of this issue.

The dance in the Civic Auditorium Saturday night will feature the music of Jimmie Ritter and his orchestra. During the evening, at about 9 o'clock, trophies for the winning teams, bands and individuals will be presented while Sons of the Legion, Junior Auxiliary members, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members—the Sons' guests for the day, look on.

Competitions are Free

In addition to the parade, which will be the main public display of the Assembly, the various competitions will be open to the public without charge. The band, drum and bugle and color guard contests will be held on the Torrance high school field starting at 1:30 o'clock and lasting until just before parade formation time.

Experienced judges will grade the units on a series of basic requirements and valuable trophy awards are to be given the winners. The high school's boys' and girls' gyms will be opened to the contestants for dressing rooms, thru the courtesy of Principal Thomas H. Elson and the board of education.

At the American Legion clubhouse on Carson st. the initiation or ritualistic team competition will be held at the same time while the small bore rifle matches will be in progress at the Torrance police pistol range off Torrance boulevard and Cedar ave.

Reviewed at City Hall
All members of the Torrance American Legion post have been asked by Commander Ed Bird to serve as special police for the day. They will also cooperate with the Sons' officials in staging many of the events.

The parade will be reviewed by the Honorary Grand Marshal, General Whitworth and his staff, which will include Capt. Thomas C. Murphy, Adjutant of Company E, California State Guard, and his aide, Capt. Tom O'Brien, as well as a score or more of other officials and honorary guests. These will include city officials, American Legion and Auxiliary state officials and the national president of the Gold Star Mothers.

Competition for parade entries will start approximately 150 feet before the reviewing stand and end 150 feet past that position on the Torrance city hall steps. This area will be roped off to provide ample room for the various marching units to "do their stuff" in grand style.

Splendid Preparation
There will be no luncheon or dinner meeting for the visiting delegates but local cafes and restaurants are making special preparations to handle the influx of visitors to the city Saturday.

Plans for the Sons' Assembly in Torrance have been in the process of formation since last January and veteran convention planners for the Legion have told the junior order's leaders that the Torrance parley shows a splendid preparation that should result in a successful convention—not only for the Sons themselves and their guests but for the city as a whole.

DISASTER TEST CALL
Another record turn-out was reported by Commander Ed Bird of the Torrance American Legion post for the test disaster call that was broadcast Tuesday night. Seventy-eight Legionnaires, 32 Auxiliary members

Merchants Asked to Decorate for S.A.L. Assembly

"I hope all merchants and business men decorate their places of business for the Sons of the American Legion convention here next Saturday," President Robert McCallum of the Torrance Retail Business Men's Association said today.

"The Sons have notified us several months ago that they were not going to ask for any contributions or donations to assist their convention in Torrance. They have kept that promise and this is very commendable. Now, we should show our appreciation and decorate our business district in honor of the convention," McCallum pointed out.

Every business place should at least display an American flag and more elaborate decorations will be most pleasing to the thousands of visitors expected to throng Torrance Saturday.

Red Cross to Use Scout Hall for Work Center

Prepared to go on a "war-time" basis at a moment's notice, the Torrance Red Cross chapter branch is taking over the Boy Scout headquarters in the former El Prado library building as a sewing headquarters. The unit's new president, Mrs. R. R. Smith, who succeeded Mrs. Flora Wright, is expanding her organization with representatives of Torrance churches, service clubs, women's groups and P. T. A. units.

In addition to the unit's sewing work in the Boy Scout hall, it will assist with the Red Cross beginners' first aid class being held at the city hall.

The Scouts have been given use of a camp site south of the International Derrick and Equipment Company by the O. C. M. O. Oil Company where, with the aid of Postmaster Earl Conner and others, they will set up a new headquarters in four old P. E. cars donated by the Pacific Electric.

Service Group of S.A.L. to Hold Banquet

In conjunction with the Sons of the American Legion convention in Torrance Saturday, June 7, the L'Affaire d'Honneur, which is the service group of older Sons, will hold its first annual parley here. This group is awarding one of the trophies for outstanding Sons' activities during the past year—the five-star award, as it is called.

Bart Turinetti, captain of Lynwood Squadron S. A. L., is the chairman for this part of the convention. The group will hold a banquet at Christy's cafe at 6:30 Saturday evening with Mayor Tom McGuire, wives of members and friends as guests.

and 22 Sons of the American Legion responded. The local post last year won several trophies for its response to the 1940 test call.

All Classified Ads are payable in advance.

To All Eighty Cities And Their Visiting Posts

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Cravens and Marcelina Torrance

Day or Night 'Till 4 a. m. We're Waiting to Make You Welcome

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CHINESE FOODS — FRIED SHRIMP

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Mixed Drinks and Cold Beer

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• FAMOUS GIANT MALTS
• GOOD FOOD

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CHRISTY'S 1434 MARCELINA Torrance

State Criticized for Ignoring Harbor Area's Highway Needs

Sharp criticism was directed at the State Highways Commission for failure to allocate any funds whatsoever for the improvement or extension of any arteries in the southwest part of Los Angeles county during the coming biennium by Oscar L. Willett, of Palos Verdes Estates. Willett is a member of the Southern California Council of the State Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Southwest District Highways Association.

"There is nothing proposed for Torrance, Inglewood, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Palos Verdes or any other municipality along the Los Angeles county coast," he said in a report given President Sam T. Hill of the highways group. Pointing out that the state is appropriating many thousands of dollars for freeways, Willett said the aggregate amount spent in this county on such arteries during the past two years, plus amounts to be spent during the next two years is \$7,870,964.

"We would not object to this if the relative importance of the districts justified ignoring our area and spending all the money in the areas designated but this is not the case. In fact, the allocation of freeway funds is open to the general observation that freeways are being located on the basis of past traffic counts and to move people in and out of downtown Los Angeles," he said.

Ponies vs. Industries
"This has led to the present absurd movement to spend a large sum to extend Arroyo Seco freeway to Santa Anita Park. In other words, because past traffic counts on this established travel route shows a traffic congestion, we are asked to find money to get people to and from a race track where they can bet on the ponies; but on the basis of these past traffic counts we are not entitled to a dime to build an adequate highway to our rapidly growing defense industrial area and the very important Los Angeles Municipal Air Field and the trans-continental air terminal for this area," Willett continued.

"It was just this same kind of thinking that caused the present deplorable highway and traffic conditions around the San Diego defense industrial area . . . We are in the way of repeating the same error in our immediate area.

"Is it not time for us to demand a common sense approach to this problem by the Federal, state, county and city authorities involved? Of course, all parts of the Metropolitan Los Angeles Area are involved in defense activities; but that does not mean that the highway traffic load is being increased thereby in all areas.

"If it is necessary for our Association to enter the political arena to get what highway funds this area needs, then it is our duty as the dominant highway

organization of this district to do just that. Let us make it plain that if we are forced into a political fight to defend the rights and vital interests of this area, we are going to come back with as many political scalps at our belt as may be necessary to get what justly belongs to this area," Willett's report to President Hill concluded.

Three Nabbed for Drunk Driving

Three men were arrested here for driving while intoxicated last weekend. Two paid \$50 and \$75 fines and the third is scheduled to have his trial tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. He is David Smith, 38, of 1616 West 21st st. who was arrested Saturday morning at Cabrillo and Sartori avenues. He was released on \$100 bail.

John F. Richieu, 33, Redondo Beach, who was arrested Friday morning at Torrance and Hawthorne blvds. paid a \$50 fine and had his driver's license revoked for six months. Ralph Lowe, 33, Long Beach, paid a \$75 fine after he was arrested on Highway 101 last Friday afternoon. His license was also revoked for six months.

Tentative Plan for Subdivision North of City Park Approved

On recommendation of the City Planning Commission, the city council Tuesday afternoon approved a tentative map of the subdivision of a tract of 77 residential lots south of Plaza del Amo and north of the city park.

The developers, Sam J. Katz and J. H. Pine of Los Angeles, are understood to have agreed to put in curbs, sidewalks and gutters on four streets in the tract and part of Plaza del Amo although they only plan to build 17 houses on one block at the present time. The city is expected to improve the streets with a rock and oil top and to provide proper drainage.

ONE PERCENT GAIN
California farm land increased one percent in real estate value during the 12 months ending March 1, 1941, the U. S. department of agriculture revealed today. The gain was typical of the average one percent increase shown by farm real estate in the nation.