

# Torrance Auxiliary Police Graduate as Civilian Defense Officers



STANDING, left to right: Phillip Osborne, Carleton Bell, Fay Parks, D. D. Palmer, Earl Gipe, E. P. Hoyt, C. F. Kendall, A. W. Daniels, Frank Schmidt, J. A. Walker, H. F. Hiller, Jacob H. Flock, Rufus Kline, C. E. Collins, Archie Lewis, Pete Columbo, E. G. Wiley, Dan Baird, G. H. Hayden, M. E. Houdashelt, Frank Dominguez, W. B. Finney, George W. Fisher, Alec Thompson, Herbert C. Allen, Earl Babcock, Frank Hodges, Homer Wood, Obrien Z. Draie, Albert Bartlett, Lester S. McCluer, Frank Higgins, Berton Dye, R. J. Deurloo, Frank Paour, E. F. Saul, Albert Andre, W. E. Bowen and Police Chief John Stroh. KNEELING, left to right: Major Fred Tiffany, drillmaster; A. F. Palmer, Mike Fenwick, Jay Rovenstine, Glenn Robinson, Raymond Whitney, under Lieut. Marshall W. Zeno of the Sheriff's office last Dec. 30. Most of the 77 police graduates were on duty during Sunday night's blackout—eight hours after they had been reviewed and praised by Sheriff Biscailuz and other county and city officials for their loyalty and keen interest in safeguarding their home communities. Police Chief Stroh received a big cheer from his Auxiliary Police when he spoke over the field public address system. He was accompanied by City Councilmen George V. Powell and Nick Cucci. Mrs. Glenn Jain, who made stenographic reports of all lectures given the men, by their instructor, Lieut. Zeno, was presented with a gift from the men along with Lieut. Zeno, Sheriff Biscailuz, Investigator Joe Dennis and others.

## Judge Shidler Seeks Election as War Congressman of District

### Torrance Magistrate Raps Political Maneuvering in Vigorous Statement

"Political chicanery in a year when Americans are dying to defend their form of government should be repudiated by voters who want a war Congressman who has no axe to grind but the Axis," Judge John A. Shidler of Torrance said today in announcing his candidacy for both special and primary elections August 25 for U.S. Representative in the 17th Congressional District.

"Pensions for Congressmen, unlimited gasoline when others are rationed, \$39,000 a year for secretaries and two Congressional elections on one day do not indicate war offensive thinking. I maintain all efforts of all Americans—including Congressmen—should be directed toward victory at this time. There's a big job ahead of us and our men on the battle and production lines deserve more than ordinary, 'political' representation in Washington," Judge Shidler declared.

Contending that "election to Congress is not merely a pay-off for previous political party 'log-rolling,' the Torrance magistrate pointed out: 'There's real work to be done at the Capitol for this district and I am capable of doing it. Old party hacks are being discredited throughout a nation that's demanding performance—not politics.'"

**Wants to Work for District**

Believing that the record of tomorrow's Congressman should be based on competency, Judge Shidler is asking that his record be compared with those of other candidates. A life-long Democrat who supported President Roosevelt since before 1932, he is a graduate of two universities and has a splendid record of civic service.

"I'm still young enough," said the 31-year-old judge, "to work and work hard for my district. I don't propose to dissipate my energies now during this campaign and later in Washington by engaging in non-essential politics. I am for winning this war—and fast. Let's not waste any more time and money. Let's not promise every voter a postmastership but deliver intelligence, capable representation. Leadership in a time of crisis stems from confidence based on integrity. My record is founded on personal integrity," he asserted.

Shidler, a native of York, Nebraska, has been a resident of Torrance during the past 19 years. He is the son of the late Dr. George P. Shidler. After graduating from Redondo Union high school and Stanford University, he studied law at Loyola College of Law where he obtained his degree in 1935. Before he entered practice of law four years ago he had worked as a mechanic for a year, taught school and served as Income Tax Examiner for the State of California. Appointed judge of the Torrance municipal court a year ago, Shidler

### Candidate at 2 Elections



JUDGE JOHN A. SHIDLER  
... no axe to grind but the Axis

## SUNDAY NITE BLACKOUT SUCCESSFUL

A 45-minute blackout last Sunday night—the sixth since war was declared—was "completely successful" here, according to Police Chief John Stroh, director of Torrance Civilian Defense.

The "yellow" (preliminary) and "blue" (alert) signals came so fast from the county master control board that local police were unable to notify all of the key Civilian Defense aides before the "red" (blackout) flash was received and the intermittent whistle and siren calls sounded at 8:53 p. m.

Nevertheless, all Civilian Defense units were on duty and functioning almost as soon as the last signals were sounded. Chief Stroh said he had received reports of a "100 per cent complete blackout with the exception of one industrial plant within five minutes after the warning." The watchman at that particular plant had difficulty in locating light switches to turn off illumination.

The Army command which gave the "all clear" at 9:38 p. m., said the blackout was ordered on the approach of "unidentified planes which later turned out to be friendly when investigated by interceptors." The blackout extended to Santa Ana and as far south as San Diego and covered all of Los Angeles county. Only a few searchlights pierced the moonlighted sky.

## Election Recount Trial Is June 4

June 4 has been set for trial of the contest of the election brought by James W. Loughridge of Waukena, involving the re-election of City Clerk A. H. Bartlett at the April 14 city election.

At that time the case will be called in the master calendar department of the superior court and assigned elsewhere for trial. This may be immediately, if there is a courtroom available, or it may be several hours or as long as a day, court attaches said.

## Serg. Bailey Radios Australia Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Honrath of 1551 Post ave. this week received a radiogram from their son, Sergeant Lee Victor Bailey, stating that he had landed in Australia and that he is safe and happy. Another son, Jay T. Bailey, is stationed at Camp Roberts.

## USO Campaign Speeding Up As Volunteers Enlist

Off to a slow start because of lack of volunteer canvassers, the Torrance USO campaign for \$5,125 this week began "hitting on all cylinders" as several public-spirited men and women responded to the call for assistance issued by L. E. Stanley, campaign director, and Postmaster Earl Conner, chairman.

Both declared that the volunteers are meeting a "wonderful response" from citizens, business firms and industrial workers—none of whom seem to date having required any "sales talk" before offering their contributions.

"Our people know what the USO is doing for men in the armed forces," Postmaster Conner said, "and they don't waste any time 'coming thru' with substantial contributions when interviewed by an accredited canvasser. After all, I don't think anyone has to be 'sold' on the USO—the reports relatives and friends of soldiers, sailors and Marines have received about the services given by this splendid national organization have prepared them to give to the sustaining fund."

**Plant Drivers Lagging**

Campaign Director Stanley urgently requests everyone who can donate some time and who "wants to do something" to contact Postmaster Conner at once and sign up as a USO canvasser in order that Torrance may raise its quota by the time the drive officially ends, July 4. The more who help will make the campaign easier on everyone and then there is the possibility that every resident in Torrance will be contacted for a contribution, he pointed out.

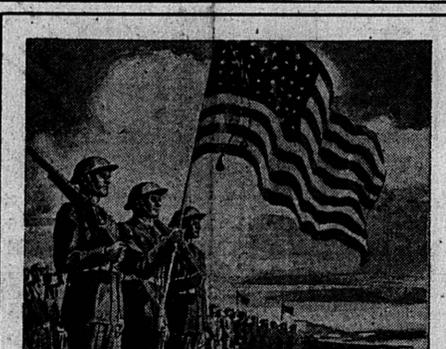
Mrs. Clyde D. Lowen and Mrs. Myron Russell have been canvassing in the residential areas, while President William Kempen of the Torrance Retail Business Men's association has been canvassing the business district. The results they report are most gratifying to the local USO committee.

Leonard Wilson has offered to see his fellow-workers at the D & M Machine Shop for contributions while Ray Begue is doing the same at the Rubbercraft plant. Employee arrangements to make a plant campaign at the Columbia Steel, National Supply, Ideco, Hydril and other industries are not complete as yet. Employees at these plants have expressed a desire to conduct their own drive and Stanley and Conner are hoping they will get started as soon as possible.

The main donation center is now being built and when completed it will be set up inside the Bank of America during business hours and outside at the corner of Marcelina and Sartori aves.

## May Rule Pedestrians Off Streets In B.O.

The next regular city council session may see the introduction of an amendment to the municipal blackout ordinance which will control pedestrians during an alert by making their presence on the streets illegal. This pedestrian control has been urged by police chiefs throughout the county as the only means of safeguarding those who insist on "getting out" to see what it is all about.



## Memorial Day

Not in a generation, not since 1918, has America observed a Memorial Day like that of this year. In happier times of peace, the sod thickens over the graves of the men who have died for America, as the years pass and time softens the pain of families that mourn them in the cemeteries now the green blanket of grass lies on the brown earthen mounds of new graves—graves dug last week, and the week before then, and the week before that.

The blood and the tears of this war will seem very near and real to all who visit cemeteries on this Memorial Day, even to those who have not suffered personal loss. For all know that the sacrifice of death and grief must grow.

Nearer and more tangible than ever before, too, will seem the blood and tears of earlier wars. The soldier who died on Bataan and the sailor who perished at Pearl Harbor have become eternal comrades of the soldier who died at San Juan Hill, at Gettysburg, at Trenton, at St. Mihiel. Times have changed, and weapons and enemies have changed, but the soldier dead who gave their lives under Washington and Lincoln and Pershing and MacArthur fought for one changeless cause: the freedom of this nation under the Constitution and the flag.

Other comrades, dying in the same cause, may join them in future wars as the years roll, although all men of good will hope that this war shall be the last world conflagration of hate and conquest. The fresh graves and the graves of men who died in battles of long ago give assurance that America shall never want for defenders, and all of this generation may know that the sacrifices made for the liberty of posterity shall not be made in vain.

## ALL STORES TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Housewives and shoppers! Saturday—Memorial Day—will be a general holiday so you'd better do your weekend purchasing tomorrow (Friday).

All stores will be open until 9 p. m. Friday night except meat markets, which will close at 6 p. m. as usual that evening. Grocery and vegetable departments will remain open until 8 p. m. Friday.

Every resident is asked to display the American flag Saturday in memory of those who gave their lives in past as well as the present war.

All firms except defense industries will be closed all day Saturday.

## MINUTE MEN MAKING WAR BOND PLEDGE CANVASS HERE

Some day, this week or next, some patriotic volunteer will ring your doorbell.

He, or she, will be wearing the distinctive blue and white emblem of the Minute Men, a group of citizens whose job it is to enroll the nation in the War Bonds campaign.

The War Savings Staff, an arm of the Treasury department, asks you to cooperate with the Minute Men.

They will not ask you to buy anything, at the moment. They will merely ask how much you are willing to pledge, at regular intervals, to invest in War Bonds for the duration.

You already know about the bonds themselves. They are certificates backed by the credit of the United States Treasury. There are two kinds: one mat-

## Big Celebration Planned for 'MacArthur Day'

With several other surrounding cities announcing their acceptance of invitations to participate in the June 13 observance, "MacArthur Day" in Torrance should be a notable contribution to the nation's salute to the gallant commander of Allied Nations forces in the Southwest Pacific.

A big parade, starting at 5:30 o'clock on that day, a patriotic program at the reviewing stand to be located at the end of El Prado park at Arlington ave., a free showing of late civilian and national defense motion pictures in the high school assembly hall and a benefit dance at the Moose hall for the city ambulance fund in the evening are scheduled.

The principal speaker on the program to follow the parade will be Chaplain David J. Ferguson, who served under General MacArthur in World War I and who is now attached to Fort MacArthur. Raymond J. Casey will be master-of-ceremonies at the formal observance of the day which will include music by the Torrance Municipal and high school bands, a mass pledge of allegiance and salute to the colors as they are lowered.

**Meeting Monday Night**

Another meeting to complete plans for the "MacArthur Day" program will be held at the Moose hall, 1951 Carson st., Monday night, June 1, at 7:30 o'clock. General Chairman A. H. Bartlett urges that all organizations in the city have representatives at that session. He especially invites the American Legion post, Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary, who have not yet indicated their participation in the program, to have delegates present.

H. T. Pascoe, parade chairman for the Royal Order of the (Continued on Page 4-A)

## Bus Purchase Suggestion Meets Council Rebuff

"Why didn't somebody tell us about this sooner?" was the obvious plaint of City Councilman Vern Babcock Tuesday night when C. Z. Ward, manager of the Torrance Municipal bus system, submitted a letter urging immediate action in purchasing another bus in preparation for anticipated increased traffic on the line.

Babcock rapped Ward for not informing the council beforehand of the matter, declaring: "This requires a lot of thought and we can't be rushed into anything costing as much as a bus." Ward's letter stated that a 1942 Reo bus was available for \$8,300 plus tax and that the vehicle is the only one of its kind in Southern California. He said it would probably be sold within a week. The bus manager also reported that the municipal system "is now operating on its own" and that he anticipates a great increase in patronage when the aluminum plant is operating.

The bus purchase matter was "referred to the council as a whole for further consideration."

## Three Thugs Nabbed For Robberies and Redondo Shooting

Arrest of a third suspect involved in a series of Torrance and Redondo Beach burglaries—ransacking of the J. C. Penney Co. store here netting them \$248 last Friday night—by Police Chief Harry Petersen of Redondo Beach Monday is believed to have cleared up both the robberies and a shooting. Petersen announced the arrest at his home in Lawndale of Richard J. Crosby, 38-year-old aircraft worker, believed to be involved in a shooting affray Sunday night in a Redondo motor court in which Carl Arnold Hart, 38, Leavenworth, Kan., was gravely wounded. He is reported to have a 50-50 chance to survive at the L.A. General hospital.

The Lawndale man is said to be a brother of William Henry Crosby, 29, of Denton, Texas, another suspect in the case, who is being held in the county jail. The aircraft worker will be charged with receiving stolen goods.

A gangster row over division of money and clothing stolen from the Penney store here, the shooting of Hart and a tip to Redondo Beach police by Walter Colvard, cab driver who said he was threatened by one of the men, proved the undoing of the trio of asserted safe crackers and burglars.

**Tore Hole In Store Roof**

William Henry Crosby, according to Chief Petersen, has done time on two occasions in the Colorado State Industrial Reformatory and penitentiary and in the United States federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. The chief also declared that Crosby escaped Feb. 28, 1942, from the United States federal prison at Lexington, Ky., where he was serving a term following his transfer from McNeil Island prison. Crosby and Hart are said to have recently been in Colorado, Arizona, Oklahoma and California.

Included in the loot stolen last week at the Penney store in Torrance, Chief Petersen said, was \$127 which assertedly was found in Hart's clothing, also a number of new suits of men's wearing apparel which were identified by Manager H. R. Lee of the store and turned over to him.

The local store was entered by way of the roof where a hole had been chiseled and broken to allow the men to drop into the building to Manager Lee's office. It is believed the burglars climbed up a one-inch water pipe to the roof. In the office, the desk, files, money changer and strong box were rifled and \$248.05 taken. The criminals left the Penney store by the rear door.

**Find Burglary Tools**

Chief Petersen's capture of Crosby in the motor court Sunday night was an outstanding example of courage in which he defied death by disarming the man who faced him with a loaded, deadly sawed-off shotgun. The chief was accompanied by Major Robert Ingersoll, chief air raid warden of Redondo Beach, who also risked his life to assist in nabbing the asserted gunman.

A search of the cabin rented by William Henry Crosby and Hart Sunday night produced two suitcases full of clothing and burglar tools in addition to

## Cabrillo Paving Contract Let; Cost \$3,839

Five bids on the paving of Cabrillo ave. right-of-way now being cleared of P.E. tracks and wiring from Torrance Blvd. to Carson st. were opened by the city council Tuesday night.

The lowest bidder, W. F. Powell Paving Co., whose quotation was \$3,839.70, was awarded the contract yesterday for the work which is expected to start immediately.

Other bidders and their quotations were: Donaldson Long Co., \$3,952.67; Griffith Co., \$3,990.15; T. J. Keaterson, \$3,951.95, and Sully Miller Contracting Co., \$4,268.85.

## 247 CD Workers Finish Training

In the presence of relatives and friends who filled the Civic auditorium last night, most of the 118 Air Raid Wardens, 40 Messengers, 77 Auxiliary Police and about 12 Auxiliary Firemen were given their respective oaths of office by Judge Frank Carrig of Gardena. These ceremonies were followed by distribution of laminated identification cards to all Civilian Defense workers and announcement by Police Chief John Stroh that he had received 309 gas masks and 10 decontamination suits from the Office of Civilian Defense.

This equipment has been apportioned out among the various CD units here and none of the gas masks are available to the public, Stroh said. Special training classes in the use of the masks will be held Saturday and Sunday. The Torrance high school band, directed by Louis J. Sauter, presented a fine concert before the program of instructive motion pictures and short talks by various city officials began.

## HALF HOLIDAY

The Torrance postoffice will be open from 8 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. Saturday, Memorial Day, according to Postmaster Earl Conner. All mail deliveries except those of rural routes will be made that day.

**ON VACATION**

Mrs. James S. Neish of the postoffice staff is enjoying a vacation.

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