

Scrap Salvagers Start After 275 Tons in Oil Field

Setting his goal as not less than 275 tons of the scrap metal that litter up every big oil field, John Holm, chairman of the Lomita Civilian Defense Council and head of the Lomita salvage drive, has announced that with the able assistance of Bob Schenley of the Schenley Oil Co., he hopes to have the oil field scrap in the Lomita and Torrance sections moving to strategic points within the next few weeks.

"Of course it will be three or four months before we get the whole area cleaned of scrap and have it moving to where it will do the most good, but because of Schenley's long hours and painstaking work I am certain that we are going to make a new salvage record for the oil field division of the salvage drive," Holm said.

Unable to get into the field himself, the Torrance chairman of the oil field division, Charles Dunham, has been glad to permit Holm and Schenley to handle the Torrance sector as well as the large Lomita area with its large quota of oil wells, working and otherwise, Holm said.

While the survey of the area has probably not been exact, Holm is confident that more than 275 tons will be forthcoming and says that he would not be surprised if the total reached 300 tons before the windup.

That's quite a lot of scrap to toss in the general direction of Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito. It should be a great help in smothering the ambitions of the AXIS.

Draft Dodgers Face Drive by U.S. Authority

Selective Service headquarters in Washington, D. C., has announced that "vigorous action" against draft delinquents will be started by the Justice Department Feb. 1.

The action will be directed against men "believed to be delinquent by reason of failure to keep in touch with their local boards as required." Selective Service estimated their number at "less than three-tenths of 1 per cent of all registrants."

In connection with the campaign, selective service issued two orders:

Must Carry Cards
Beginning Feb. 1, "all men in the 18-to-45 age groups who for six months or more have been subject to registration" must carry their classification cards as well as their registration cards or risk penalties as great as five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Local draft boards shall mail notices to delinquent registrants immediately and report to United States District Attorneys those who do not "comply with their obligations during January." The boards also are to review their records on delinquency and keep them up to date, notifying the prosecutor when each delinquent complies with his obligations.

The requirement that the 18-to-45 registrants—who include many men deferred by the recent order lowering the maximum draft age to 37 years—carry classification cards will continue.

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Ex-Member Of Draft Board Still Gets Queries

Altho H. C. (Jack) Barrington resigned as a member of the Torrance Selective Service Board last Aug. 5, he still receives so many requests for information, pleas for deferment and other contacts regarding the operation of the draft that he asked The Herald this week to again announce that he has no connection any more with the draft board.

"My telephone keeps ringing, my mail is still heavy and I get stopped a dozen times a day by people who are still under the impression that I am a member of the Selective Service Board," he said.

The board now is composed of Carl Steele, chairman; Karl Jacobs and Howard E. Hutton, both of Gardena. All business pertaining to the draft is handled at the board headquarters, 1337 El Prado.

More Dimout Arrests Loom, Stroth Warns

A third arrest for dimout violation was made by Torrance police and the offender was fined \$25 of which \$15 was suspended, Police Chief John Stroth disclosed this week.

Burton A. Walker, manager of Daniels cafe at 1025 Cabell ave., pleaded guilty to allowing too much light to show from the cafe. He has since been blacked out a substantial portion of his main windows.

The two previous dimout offenders were Margaret C. Hacker, operator of the Mountain View store and cafe at 1407 Saratoga ave., who was fined \$40 of which \$20 was suspended on Nov. 20, and a woman motorist traveling with full headlights in the dimout zone in Hollywood Riviera.

"There will be more dimout arrests in the very near future if business firms and residents do not watch their outside illumination," Chief Stroth warned today.

USES Office Now On 48-Hour Week

Starting Jan. 1—when they became postmaster through the holiday—the nine employees of the Torrance branch of the U. S. Employment Service started a 48-hour week here, according to Manager Edwin J. Puhols. Previously, the USES was on a 44-hour week. Now the office at 1927 Carson st., is open from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Saturday and will be open on all holidays.

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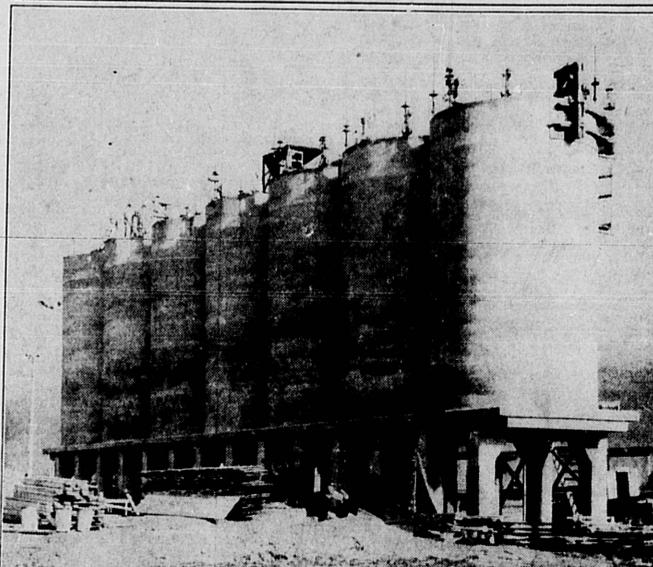
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ORE STORAGE BINS AT GENEVA



Hugh quantities of iron ore will be consumed daily by the great furnaces of the Geneva Steel Works, which is being built by Columbia Steel Company, subsidiary of the U. S. Steel Corporation, for the Defense Plant Corporation, near Provo, Utah. To meet these daily needs gigantic ore storage bins such as those pictured above are being constructed at Geneva Works. Ore for the vast project, which extends over the greater part of a 1,600-acre tract, will be brought from Columbia Steel Company's mines near Cedar City, Utah. On the plant site nearly 65 miles of railroad trackage has already been installed. More than 8,000 are employed on the project, which is being built at a cost of \$150,000,000.

Postal Receipts of \$64,845 Set All-Time Record

An all-time record in gross postal receipts was set in Torrance last year, Postmaster Earl Conner disclosed when he reported the total as \$64,845.51 as compared to \$49,607.68 in receipts for 1941.

At the same time Postmaster Conner announced that sales of War Bonds and Stamps at the postoffice showed a 400 per cent increase in 1942 over the 1941 sales. No figures on the total amount of sales may be published according to postal regulations, Conner said.

The December quarter, with its record-breaking Christmas rush, brought \$22,087.77 in gross receipts as compared to \$15,334.37 for the same year-end period in 1941. The December quarter 1942 was also a new high for the Torrance postoffice.

Conner recalled that when he became postmaster in 1934, the annual business that year was only \$25,013.94, while the gross business in 1942 when the postoffice opened amounted to exactly \$44.41.

Altho the office is still receiving and distributing Christmas packages, Conner said that the Yuletide rush here was made "considerably easier for us because the public gave splendid cooperation to our plea to 'mail early and mail often.' Torrance people began their Christmas mailing early and that saved the day for us."

The rural route deliveries, disrupted several weeks before Christmas because of the shortage of experienced carriers, are still unscheduled but are made to the best of the ability of the short-handed staff, the postmaster reported. Temporary carriers are now covering the rural route pending inspection of the route system by postal inspectors.

Civilian Defense Corps Sees Control Operations

A demonstration of how the Torrance Control Center operates was staged by the staff of that community nerve-center in time of emergency for the instruction of the more than 250 members of the 500 enrolled in the Torrance Civilian Defense Corps Tuesday night at the Civic Auditorium. Police Chief John Stroth presided as coordinator of Civilian Defense and introduced Mayor Tom McGuire, Lieut. Jack Clifford, chemical warfare officer of the State Guard, and member of the control center staff.

SOLDIER GUESTS
Mr. and Mrs. William Crossmeyer recently entertained their nephew Patrick Lally, a lieutenant serving in the mechanical division at Mines Field, and Privates S. J. Collins and C. V. Conners.

Army to Inspect Defense Forces

All members of the Torrance Civilian Defense Corps will participate in an official Army incident training drill and inspection Wednesday night, Jan. 27, Police Chief John Stroth, coordinator, disclosed yesterday.

With Maj. John E. Jardine, Jr., of the O. C. D., in charge with a representative of the State Council of Defense, an Army Training Panel will arrive here about 2 o'clock that afternoon to make final preparation for the drill.

All members of the Torrance Civilian Defense Corps will be alerted and at their posts at 6:55 p. m. This will include all medical services, casualty stations, public utilities and public works in addition to all the other volunteer defense personnel of the corps.

"We will operate this drill exactly as if it were an actual air raid," Police Chief John Stroth said. "Streets and highways may be blocked, residents may receive instructions and the normal life of the community temporarily interrupted. But it will be for the good of the entire city and we ask that the public cooperate with all instructions and orders given by the Civilian Defense Corps members during the few hours that the drill is in progress."

Twenty "incidents" will be prepared in advance by the local corps heads and Maj. Jardine and his team will supplement this list with two or three additional main incidents which will require the response of the regular and auxiliary services and equipment here.

In order to check the adequacy of the equipment and to give as much training to as many volunteers as possible, the Army has suggested that "actual equipment or vehicles to represent same, properly staffed, be dispatched to all incidents as required."

Zamperini Finds It Easier to Face Jap Fire Than Track Stars

HEADQUARTERS, Seventh Airforce.—Lou Zamperini, former national collegiate mile champion, from Torrance, finds it easier to face Japanese anti-aircraft fire on a bombing raid than to compete against Cunningham, Fenske or Venzke on the cinder track.

Zamperini, 25-year-old former U. S. C. distance star from Torrance, Cal., was a bombardier on the Army Air Force's Wake Island raid, Dec. 24. Lou, a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps, bombed a runway and bunkers on Wake. He was one of those awarded an air medal for their deeds.

"Nobody was scared," said Zamperini after his return. "I think everyone had an excited, jumpy feeling exactly the same as that one gets before a big race. I've been scared more before a race against Cunningham, Venzke and Fenske than I was that night."

The Wake Island raid was the first combat flight for this group, which was organized a few months ago and is comprised of young men just out of Randolph and Kelly and Midland, Texas, flying schools.

(A force of Army bombers raided the tiny island shortly after midnight on Dec. 24 and dropped seventy-six 100-pound bombs, apparently catching the Japanese completely by surprise. The raiders returned without a loss. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, termed the action the largest mass Army heavy bomber action of the Pacific war.)

"As a bombardier," Zamperini continued, "I have all the fun. We had orders to watch every-

Freight Derailed On Torrance Blvd. Ties Up Traffic

Four heavily loaded freight cars were derailed at the Santa Fe railroad crossing at Torrance Blvd. Tuesday afternoon, one of them narrowly missing a motorist who was waiting for the freight to go by. Because the train was loaded with government goods, Federal agents accompanying the freight immediately launched an investigation.

An eye-witness to the derailment, which tied up traffic at the busy intersection and shattered rail ties for more than 500 yards, W. H. Artrup of 741 Sartori ave., said he saw one gondola car loaded with heavy metal forms "jumping and weaving" on the tracks just before it left the rails pulling three other cars with it. Artrup hurriedly backed his car as the freight cars came hurtling off the rails toward his machine.

One member of the train crew suffered a severe cut on his head when he was thrown to the floor of the caboose as the cars were derailed. Federal agents and trainmen refused to speculate on the cause of the accident but it is believed that a broken wheel flange was responsible. The freight was en route to Los Angeles harbor.

Preliminary examination disclosed that no rails were out of line immediately leading to the intersection where the derailment occurred. The ties were badly shattered, however.

As traffic was tied up, a large crowd gathered at the wreck scene. The freight cars were jammed from four to six feet off the track, one of them having crashed into the gondola. Inspection revealed that none of the heavily boxed contents of the cars had been broken open.

Stroth Raps Sabotage Talk
A wrecking crew, working under brilliant flood lights, labored

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Year's Building Reaches New Hi of \$7,607,764

Because of major expansion programs at the General Petroleum refinery and National Supply Co., building permits soared to a new all-time high in Torrance during 1942, according to figures compiled at the city engineer's office. The construction total amounted to \$7,607,764 as compared to 1941's \$804,397 which was the largest building total since 1938.

December building amounted to \$326,365 as compared to \$61,757 for the same month in 1941. The last 1942 permits to be issued were:

Wood-Callahan Oil Co. of Long Beach, for a moved-in frame house at 5700 Beryl st., \$200.	1941	\$84,367
National Supply Co., for enlarging two standby propane gas tanks at 1524 Border st., \$25,000.	1942	421,417
and G. W. Black for an addition to a frame residence at 2413 Andro ave., \$75.	1939	591,533
Building totals for the past 10 years here were:	1938	3,143,873
	1937	1,066,057
	1936	453,978
	1935	204,893
	1934	138,787
	1933	637,710
	1932	789,899

Harry Bell Takes Post In Honolulu

Harry A. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bell of 1544 Marcelina ave., left recently by clipper for Honolulu where he was transferred in the service of Pan-American Airways. Bell had been, for three months prior to his departure for the islands, at the Treasure Island, San Francisco, office of the airway company.

He was graduated from Torrance high school, class of 1938, and attended Fresno State College and U. S. C. where he majored in business administration.

Hydril Sells Plant To Engine Firm; Moving March 1

Having sold all of its buildings, land and a portion of the heavy machinery and equipment to the Joshua Hendy Iron Works of Sunnyvale, Calif., the Hydril Corporation is now preparing to move out of its plant on Lomita boulevard in South Torrance by March 1. A new location in Los Angeles is expected to be announced by the firm within a few days.

The Hendy Iron Works will manufacture marine engines in the plant which was acquired by sale late last month.

Executives of the Hydril Corporation said this week that they expected all of their employees to follow them into the new Los Angeles location and that there will be little disruption of work schedules as possible.

Covers 26 Acres
Hydril, it was learned, has been operating 95 per cent in war production, serving as subcontractors for aircraft industry which supply the armed forces, Maritime Commission and lend-lease.

The concern was originally founded here May 1, 1928 as the Doherty-Stone Drill Company when the plant was built. In August, 1933, it was re-organized as the Hydril Corporation. Prior to the war effort, it concentrated in supplying equipment for the oil industry.

The South Torrance property covers 26 acres including a large plant and much valuable equipment. Los Angeles offices are located at 714 West Olympic Blvd.

Joshua Hendy Iron Works, in addition to operating the local plant, will continue its extensive production at Sunnydale, in Santa Clara county, it is understood.

Service Clubs Hold Civic Development Dinner Meet Tonight

An outline of a wide-scope plan for civic development will be presented at a joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs tonight at the Woman's clubhouse. C. T. Rippey and Robert McCallum will lead the discussion.

The acute housing shortage and reorganization of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be among the topics discussed. Amendments to city ordinances which are said to be retarding building operations here will be outlined. Considerable progress toward re-organizing the Chamber of Commerce has been made, and already sufficient financial support has been assured to establish the organization as an independent body without relying on public tax subsidy, according to leaders of the movement.

VISIT FRIENDS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMillan of Los Angeles were guests last weekend of Torrance friends. The McMillans are now residing at 1276 Deven ave. in Westwood.

DRAFT CALL JAN. 12 FOR 185 MEN ISSUED BY LOCAL BOARD

One hundred eight-five men are scheduled for induction examination in Los Angeles next Tuesday, Jan. 12, as members of the first 1943 draft contingent from the Torrance Selective Service Board and the 33rd sub-contingent since the start of the draft in October 1940.

Most of the year's first draft group to be sent to Los Angeles for final physical examination and induction one week later are youths who registered June 30, 1942 when 629 young men from 18 to 20 signed up during the fifth Selective Service registration. Others are 20-year-olds taken from the board's file on registrations received after Sept. 16, 1942, according to Mrs. Doris Watson, clerk of Board No. 280.

118 Youths Register

Physical examinations for possible inductees next month will be given at the board's headquarters, 1337 El Prado in Torrance, tomorrow (Friday) night, she announced.

During the course of the periodic registration of 18-year-olds that started Dec. 11, a total of 118 youths signed up at Board No. 280. This registration is con-

Riviera Residents Urged to Attend School Hearing

A large number of Hollywood Riviera residents are planning to attend the hearing next Tuesday morning, Jan. 12, at 10 a. m., at 220 North Broadway, Los Angeles, when their request for a change in the boundaries of the elementary school district will be considered by the County Board of Supervisors.

They are asking that the boundaries include Hollywood Riviera within the Palos Verdes School district, the Torrance area now being a part of the Los Angeles City school system altho students from Hollywood Riviera are attending the Palos Verdes school under contract.

All families with school children in Hollywood Riviera are requested to attend the hearing in support of a petition that has been submitted to the supervisors asking for the change. Mrs. E. C. Rechin, who may be reached at Redondo 7714, will be glad to give further information on the proposed change in school boundaries.

(Continuing now as boys reach their 18th birthdays.

Following are the local men who have been ordered to appear at the Torrance board for transportation to the Los Angeles induction station next Tuesday morning:

- Harry M. Lawver, 2212 Gramercy ave., Torrance.
- Thomas D. Ulrich, Jr., 1226 Cota ave., Torrance.
- John M. Jensen, Rt. 1, Box 1270, Lomita.
- Clarence E. Nelson, 21236 So. Figueroa, Torrance.
- Albert M. Coast, 1870 21st st., Torrance.
- Forrest E. Hunt, Jr., 892 Sartori ave., Torrance.
- Joseph G. Hampton, 24719 Cypress st., Lomita.
- Carl E. Backlund, 2265 24th st., Lomita.
- Robert D. Lee, 24217 Neece ave., Valhalla.
- William J. Morris, 2134 24th st., Lomita.
- Trinidad P. Banda, G.D. No. 2, 203rd st., Torrance.
- Ronel A. Wakefield, 2113 Calverly ave., Torrance.
- Charles H. Gotts, 609 Portola ave., Torrance.
- Earl R. White, 618 Amapola ave., Torrance.

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