

Tokio's Savagery Against Our Young Fliers Will Be Avenged
You can help speed the day when we will bring the murderers of our boys to justice by buying War Bonds to the very limit of your ability. Every American has been stirred to burning anger, every American can do something about it today. Your War Bonds will become the bombs which the comrades of our martyred boys will unleash time and time again upon these Japanese fiends until they beg for mercy. They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money.

FEUDING SCHOOLBOYS BRING THREAT OF CURFEW HERE

Threatening to invoke a strict 9 p.m. curfew unless the guerrilla raids by some students of both high schools do not stop, Police Chiefs John Stroh of Torrance and Elmo Field of Gardena united this week to end the vandalism.

The student feud has resulted in large property damage on the grounds of both the schools with the Torrance institution probably suffering the greater loss. This occurred last Thursday night when a band of boys destroyed shrubbery and flowers to the extent of several hundred dollars in front of the main building.

An attempt was made to burn what appeared to be a large letter G, presumably representing Gardena high school, on the lawn with kerosene. The inflammable liquid was not ignited because the invaders were evidently frightened off by the appearance of the watchman.

Gardena Lawn Damaged
Later three carloads of youths were stopped by Torrance police and questioned. At first they maintained they were from Banning but when asked to produce drivers' licenses, Selective Service registration cards and other identifying data they admitted they were from Gardena.

Names of the boys were taken and later given to Police Chief Field of that city who promised to take the matter up with Gardena high school authorities. A similar occurrence, when the Gardena high school lawn was saturated with kerosene in the form of a T, was nipped by Gardena officers before the youths, believed from Torrance, could light their disfiguring fire.

Discount Sports Rivalry
Both Chief Stroh and Chief Field are determined to curb such vandalism and they are prepared to announce an immediate curfew with strict enforcement if the feuding does not stop. Cause of the trouble between the few students in both schools is not known but both police heads assert it could not be laid to athletic rivalry.

The reason that both Torrance and Gardena have not shown any great prowess in interschool athletics and the current sport, track, does not engender the keen spirit of rivalry as does football or even basketball.

"I could understand how some

This Week At the Model Victory Garden

By FRED BLAKE
City Park Superintendent

who is available for consultation at the community plot, El Prado and Cravens aves., 10 a.m. to 12 o'clock noon daily, Monday thru Friday.

It is sometimes beneficial to give certain vegetables an extra fertilizing or two during the growing season. The leafy vegetables and the root crops are especially receptive to additional feeding.

For convenience, commercial fertilizer was used in the Model Garden, because it is a faster acting food than backyard manures. A shallow trench was made alongside the row, the distance from the vegetable depending upon the size. The fertilizer was sown lightly in this furrow, far enough from the plant so as not to come into direct contact with the roots.

The fertilizer was worked into the soil and watered because plant food becomes available only when dissolved in water. Next week: summer crops.

Navy to Open Recruit Office in Auditorium

Representatives of the Navy Recruiting Service will be in Torrance next Monday and Tuesday, May 3 and 4, when temporary station will be set up in the Civic Auditorium and opened for those seeking information between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

Chief Martin Wallace, recruiter in charge, announces that the Navy is still accepting applications for enlistment from men 17 years of age and those between the ages of 38 and 50. Chief Wallace said that the men between 18 and 38 can now join the Naval Construction Battalion (Seabees) providing they have a qualified trade in some type of construction work.

Information will also be available at the Civic Auditorium to women interested in joining the "Waves" or "Spars." For those desiring to enlist in any of the Navy branches, enlistment papers can be made up at the temporary headquarters in the Torrance civic building.

Red Cross Fund Totals \$9,659, Topping Quota

Contributions of \$2,052.39 from the workers and \$250 from the National Supply Co., sent the collections here for the Red Cross War Fund campaign soaring \$2,159.20 higher than the city's quota of \$7,500. It was disclosed last yesterday by Chairman Hillman Lee. With the Columbia Steel and perhaps several other industrial plant groups yet to be heard from, the campaign has raised \$9,659.20 to date—the largest sum ever contributed for any cause in the history of Torrance.

The weekly-week report on the progress of the War Fund campaign, as reported to The Herald, follows:

March 18	\$1,696.00
March 25	2,136.53
April 1	1,435.35
April 8	1,448.85
April 15	339.08
April 22	251.40
April 29	2,307.39
TOTAL	\$9,659.20

Contributions reported during the past week were as follows: Previously acknowledged \$7,351.81 Nat'l. Supply Employees \$2,052.39 Nat'l. Supply Co. 250.00 Lenora Cochran 2.00 Mrs. Louis Stewart 1.00 Mrs. Joe King 1.00 Mrs. Jack Cox 1.00 TOTAL TO DATE \$9,659.20

War Plant to Get Use of City Lots

A contract to allow the National Supply Co. to use city-owned lots for parking purposes was ordered drawn by the city attorney by the city council Tuesday night. The rental is still to be determined.

94 Tax-Deeded Lots Sold for \$22,845 by City

Ranging in price from \$30 to \$625, a total of 94 tax-deeded lots were sold at public auction Tuesday night at city council meeting. The sales totaled approximately \$22,845, out of which the city stands to realize a profit of between \$6000 and \$6000.

The auction, which developed some spirited bidding for choice parcels north of Carson st. and west of Madrid ave., was conducted by Harry Whitman of the Associated Assessment Engineers on behalf of the city. The \$30 lot, a triangular-shaped property located at the end of a vacated street in WALTERIA went to Mrs. Della M. Armstrong. J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Co., paid \$625 for the northeast corner of Torrance and Crenshaw blvds.

In opening the sale, which was the largest of several held here, Whitman explained that the titles to the properties are only tax titles of land purchased by the city from the county and the city was merely offering to quit-claim its interest to the buyers.

Purchasers Listed
"In order to obtain a clear, merchantable title to the property, you must do one of two things," Whitman said. "Either obtain a quit-claim deed from the former owner or bring a quiet-title action in the courts." Twenty-nine lots in WALTERIA went for \$50 each without competitive bidding. The Torrance properties developed much more interest and the prices at which the lots were finally "knocked down" to the highest bidder averaged between \$50 and \$100 more than the minimum price set by the city to meet the actual cost to the municipality.

The purchasers were: California National Builders, 23 lots; Katz & Pine, 19; S. H. Goldstein, seven; J. C. Smith, three; J. Hugh Sherry, three; Mayor Tom McGuire, two; Joe Krueger, Jack Snow, H. C. Barrington, Mrs. Lura Davis and Martin Stamping and Manufacturing Co., one each.

CITY ASKED TO INSTALL SEWERS ON 203RD ST.

Reporting the adobe soil in the tract along 203rd st. (West Pueblo) where its firm plans to erect 64 houses on 59 lots recently purchased from the city at tax sale, was not conducive to cesspools, W. C. Banerman of the California National Builders asked the city council Tuesday night to install sewers in the tract. City Engineer Glenn M. Jain reported the improvement would cost approximately \$7550. The request was referred to the council as a whole for further study.

Hog Invasion Will be Halted by Police Action

A municipal skeleton that rattles out of the civic closet at periodic intervals to arouse councilmen and police for a time and then retire, shuffled into the open again Tuesday night at the municipal board meeting.

John Salm, pioneer resident and member of the City Planning Commission, released the perennial skeleton this time when he disclosed that hog ranchers were again invading the community.

He protested particularly against the establishment of a hog ranch to the rear of his home in North Torrance and declared that the hog raisers had not obtained a city permit and that the zoning ordinance bars such a business. "Chief" Crowther of WALTERIA, another city planner, reported that hogs were being moved into the best of the R-1 (residential) zones and urged the council to "take some definite action this time to eliminate this condition."

"It's up to the council to do something this time," Crowther declared. "Hogs are excluded from the city except in locations where they were being raised prior to adoption of the zoning ordinance."

National Supply Workers Win Army-Navy 'E' Award

ALL OF US CAN WIN ONE!



THE MOST YOU CAN BUY IS THE LEAST YOU CAN DO

EIGHTH BLACKOUT WARNINGS DELAYED IN TRANSIT HERE

Despite delays in receiving the preliminary and "red" blackout signals from the main control center in Los Angeles, members of the Torrance Civilian Defense Corps had the entire city under its eighth wartime air raid alert in good order Easter Sunday night.

Rustlers Butcher Calf, Taking Head and Hoofs

Keep yore shootin' irons handy, partner, thar's cattle rustlers workin' over the critters here 'bout these days! A mighty fine yearlin' was cut out of the corral at the Riddi Academy where the tenderfoot fork their broncs on Pacific Coast highway last Saturday night and butchered.

Yessir, that calf was slaughtered and mery a one ration coupon was found beside what remained of the carcass.

Looks as though th' rustlers were kinda hard up for fresh meat because th' law was informed th' owners of that there calf couldn't even find his head or hoofs.

The law in these parts has heard tell of several other night butcherin's of cattle and is aimin' to git up a posse to corral those filders. But there ain't goin' to be no formal neck-the-parry if Police Chief Johnny Stroh has his say about it. He wants everythin' to be nice and legal.

War Loan Total \$79,643 Here

Without any organized campaign, a director or even a quota to aim at, Torrance residents are, nevertheless, doing a good job in purchasing War Savings Bonds and Treasury Bonds during the Second War Loan drive.

A survey conducted by The Herald yesterday disclosed that a total of \$79,643.75 has been invested in the securities here since the drive began April 12. This is the final week of the Second War Loan campaign and The Herald wants to make this point clear: there is one stark and simple fact about war which every citizen had better get straight—and quickly too: there is no second place in a war—it's either win or lose!

He declared this week as he inspected his goober plants. Bonner believes the sandy soil here is excellent for peanut production and his exceptional crop may result in extensive plantings by others next season.

"Torrance used to be a vast bean field," Bonner recalled, although he was not a resident here then. "And goobers can grow where beans are produced. I used to grow 'em back in Colorado and I'll stack up Colorado peanuts against any produced in the South."

The firemen's other vegetables are making good progress. Careful cultivation and regular irrigation has brought the corn up nearly two feet high, the potatoes are thriving and the onions—both green and dried—are looking particularly lush.

In fact the whole garden project looks so promising that the firemen have taken to reading recipe books and consulting their wives on the best way to cook home-grown vegetable dinner.

Ceremony Scheduled for May 19

Employees of the first industrial plant to locate in Torrance became the first industrial group to win the nation's highest war-workers' award—the Army-Navy "E". The War Department announced Monday that Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Undersecretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal had approved the grant of this production award to workers at the National Supply Company's Torrance plant.

The honor was conferred on them for "outstanding performance on war contracts."

Presentation of the honor flag and "E" award lapel pins to all workers is scheduled during a formal award ceremony set for 4 p.m., Wednesday, May 19. This will be held in the new plant building on 213th st.

Officials Coming Here
Arrangements are now being made to have outstanding concert artists participate in the program and for the attendance of high ranking military officers. A contingent of National Supply executives is coming from the east to attend, according to D. S. Faulkner, vice-president of the concern here.

These will include A. E. Walker, president; C. R. Barton, vice president; R. W. Eiler, secretary and chief counsel, all of Pittsburgh, Pa., and A. W. McKinney, vice-president, of Toledo, Ohio.

The Army-Navy "E" is primarily awarded in recognition of the workers' efforts and the spokesman for National Supply employees today expresses their gratification over the honor. He is Art Hetzel, who has been with the company since 1936, and who is chairman of the National Supply unit, Local 128, Oil Workers International (C.I.O.) union.

Praises Women Workers
"We are, naturally, very proud to have received this recognition from the War Department," he said. "I know it will inspire even greater production here and effect closer cooperation between the management and the workers. All of us are delighted that the War Department has shown this cordial interest in our part toward winning the war."

While some of our workers are not physically able to serve with the armed forces, all of us are (Continued on Page 4-A)

Poppy Days Set by Auxiliary Unit

Poppies in tribute to America's battle dead of two wars will be worn in Torrance Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29, Olivia Lee, president of the Torrance American Legion Auxiliary, announced today.

The poppies this year will honor men who have given their lives in the present conflict, as well as those who fell among the heroes of France and Belgium 25 years ago. The money contributed for the flowers will be used for the welfare of victims of both wars and their families.

The Torrance Legion Auxiliary is making extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day here, under the leadership of Olivia Lee and Laila Bowen, poppy chairman. The little red flowers of remembrance will be available to everyone in the city, offered by volunteer workers from the Auxiliary who will be on the streets the two days.

Better Use Those Ration Stamps Now

If you are among those fortunate ones who still possess a few blue D, E and F ration stamps (for canned fruits, vegetables and juices) and red A, B, C and D stamps (for fresh, frozen, cured and canned meats, canned fish, butter, lard, margarine, shortening, salad and cooking oils) you better plan on using them up no later than tomorrow (Friday) afternoon.

April 30 is the date when those stamps out of your War Ration Book No. 2 expire and they won't be good for anything but a visible souvenir of the war after the stores close tomorrow.

The Blue G, H and J ration stamps (for meats, canned fish, certain cheeses, butter, lard, margarine, shortening, salad and cooking oils) which became good Monday morning are eligible for purchases through May 31.

Red stamps for the month of May will be validated weekly as follows:

Letter	Valid	Expires
F (16 points)	May 2	May 31
G (16 points)	May 9	May 31
H (16 points)	May 16	May 31
J (16 points)	May 23	May 31

Keefe Wins Distinguished Flying Cross

Communique from the European war theater this week announced that Capt. William Keefe, 24, of Torrance has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in recognition of his services in two fields of operations—Occupied France and Tunisia. Keefe was recently awarded the Air Medal.

The Torrance flyer has also been promoted to operations officer in charge of his echelon.

Property owners will receive a settlement later, according to procedure in similar government condemnation suits.

Possession Granted
Judge Loomis yesterday granted the War Department immediate possession of 17 of the 31 parcels involved.

These are all unimproved, according to the ruling. Possession of six improved parcels, improved with small dwellings, will be given in 20 days, he ruled, and the other eight parcels which are not immediately needed for the construction work will be available in 30 days.

State to End Tower Guard Duty May 24

At noon Monday, May 24, State Guardsmen patrolling the city water tower at Torrance and Crenshaw blvds. will be relieved of their duty there for the last time.

The city council was notified Tuesday night by Brig. Gen. Ray W. Hayes, state adjutant general, that the State Guard was withdrawing its protection of the water facilities at that hour. Gen. Hayes expressed the thanks of the city and the organizations extended to the organization by the city during the past year.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was instructed by the council to write the adjutant general and express the city's appreciation for the Guard's cooperation. Company H of the Torrance-Lomita company of the State Guard, commanded by Lieuts. Chalmers M. Dulmage and Robert Levelen, Sr., relieved the city of paying an estimated \$5400 a year to guard the water tower on July 8, 1942. At the officers' urgent request for better living quarters in the city park, the city erected several buildings there at a cost of about \$3000.

The city has thus gained considerably by having the State Guard unit here—and the buildings are available for any purpose that the council decides. The future of Company H of the State Guard is uncertain at present. However, the unit is and has been manning other strategic details in this and other cities in the harbor district.

SKIRTS LIFTED
E. R. Lindley, 3923 Torrance blvd., reported to police here that the fender skirts to his car were stolen while the machine was parked near the National Supply plant last Friday night.

Army to Build Huge Hospital Near Torrance

A military hospital, to cost in excess of \$3,000,000, will be built immediately on a 77-acre site adjoining Torrance and bounded by Carson st., Vermont ave., Normandie ave. and 220th st. This huge project, which has been "hanging fire" for two or three months in off-again, on-again stages, is to be located in Los Angeles county territory.

Immediate possession of most of the site, located midway between Torrance and Keystone, was granted to the government last Friday by Federal Judge Ben Harrison in Los Angeles. The remainder of the property from which several small homes and other structures must be moved, will be available to the government for the hospital project within 30 days.

Size and other details of the Army installation cannot be disclosed because of military security regulations. Col. R. W. Putnam, War Department district engineer, declared. He estimated the cost of the hospital plant will be "in excess of \$1,000,000 but from other reliable sources The Herald learned the investment will exceed \$3,000,000.

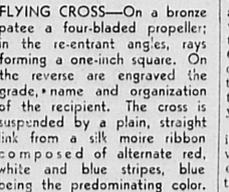
Property Settlement Later
Alexander W. Shibley, special attorney in the lands division of the U. S. Department of Justice, said the condemnation suit for the property declared the land is needed for the successful prosecution of the war and establishment of a military hospital, according to court records. The government said the suit was filed on instructions of the War Department.

Defendants in the action include the Dominguez Water Co., Wilmington Mutual Building and Loan Association, Title Insurance and Trust Co., Los Angeles county, Los Angeles city, the State of California, 30 individuals and more than 50 John and Jane Does.

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FLYING CROSS—On a bronze pattee a four-bladed propeller; in the re-entrant angles, rays forming a one-inch square. On the reverse are engraved the grade, name and organization of the recipient. The cross is suspended by a plain, straight link from a silk moire ribbon composed of alternate red, white and blue stripes, blue being the predominating color.

of fighting airmen. His present location was not disclosed but it is believed that he is still in England, where he returned following his successful bombing missions in his Liberator plane over Nazi-held positions in North Africa.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to any person, who while serving in any capacity with the Army Air Forces distinguishes himself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight.

How Red Cross Helps
In a letter received by his mother, Mrs. John Keefe of 2259 Torrance blvd. this week, Capt. Keefe gives a sidelight on the work of the Red Cross. "You can tell your Red Cross that the boys really appreciate the things the Red Cross is doing over here to make it easier for them," he wrote. "When I was in the hospital in Cairo last January for a minor ailment, the girls would bring us books and do all sorts of small

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