



BUYS \$100,000 WAR BOND . . . Reid Parkin, secretary-treasurer of Doak Aircraft Company, gave the Torrance quota of the Fourth War Loan Drive a good start Tuesday when he wrote his company's check for \$100,000 War Bond. He is pictured above signing the check with Miss Jean Summerbell, secretary of Ed Doak, president of the company, and Dean L. Sears, manager of the Bank of America, smile approvingly.

4th War Loan Drive Begins with Lively Sales Folk Rivalry

The Fourth War Bond Drive opened in Torrance Tuesday morning with a bang. Before the day was over Hillman R. Lee, chairman of the bond campaign committee, announced that \$150,000 of Torrance's \$650,000 quota had been subscribed.

"We think this is a mighty good record for the first day of the campaign. It indicates that our citizens are interested in standing solidly back of our officers and men who must fight and win the war and they are demonstrating their interest by buying bonds," Lee commented.

Much Rivalry Shown

Lee advised that much rivalry has already begun between clerks in the Torrance retail stores, who make up quite a sizeable army of sales folk. Close to 60 volunteer workers gathered at the city hall Monday night to receive their final instructions for the house-to-house campaign. Approximately 100 attended the showing of a war film at the Grand Theatre Tuesday morning between 8:30 and 9:30. In order to give the salespeople an opportunity to see this picture, all retail stores remained closed until 10 o'clock.

House-to-House Drive

The house-to-house canvass of the residential districts of Torrance began Tuesday evening when a mobile unit of sales people went out in the Red Cross vehicle, prepared to make sales and issue bonds right on the spot. Two station wagons have been promised to accommodate other mobile units of sales crews each evening during the progress of the house-to-house campaign, which is expected to end about Feb. 1, according to Chairman Lee.

As already stated, the quota for Torrance is \$650,000—\$250,000.

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H. S. Diamond Club Assists in Survey of Student Activities

The Torrance High School Diamond Club, sponsored by Olin B. Hoyt of the science department, has been assisting Harold Perry, principal of the high school, in making a survey of pupil interest and recommendations relative to student body activities and school spirit. The boys of this club met with all of the boys in the physical education classes and the girls met with the girls of the school at the same time.

Informal discussions were held in each group. A record of worth while suggestions and recommendations was kept and the committee reported its findings to the faculty last Tuesday. Students who assisted in this survey were: Jim Post, John Azapito, Tom Nuckles, Melvin Miller, Paul Pierson, Barbara Quimby, Norma Hammond, Jean Clark and Lucy Rose. Illness prevented Jean Lancaster from participating.

Navy to Launch Ship Honoring Doyle G. Barnes; Widow Invited

Mrs. Marjorie Barnes, widow of Ensign Doyle Clayton Barnes, who made the supreme sacrifice in the Solomons area of the South Pacific in August, 1942, has been invited by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox to attend the launching of a destroyer escort ship, the Doyle Clayton Barnes, in honor of her late husband. The launching will take place in Texas some time in March, the definite date is yet to be announced.

Ensign Barnes was reported missing by the Navy Department soon after the battle in the Solomons in 1942, and about a year later Mrs. Barnes was advised that he had not been located and was recorded officially as dead.

Monroe Gamby, Mortician at Lomita Passes

Lomita residents and many friends in Torrance and vicinity were shocked yesterday to learn of the death of A. Monroe Gamby, operator of Gamby's Mortuary in Lomita.

Mr. Gamby, affectionately known to his legion of friends as Monroe, died of a heart attack at his home on Narbonne ave. at 11 o'clock Tuesday evening. Gamby had been ill for some time but had recently returned home after spending two weeks in the Torrance Hospital. He had apparently improved but became ill suddenly and passed away.

Funeral services will be held at the Community Presbyterian Church, 2154 24th st., at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, Rev. John Orr officiating. The remains will be at the church tomorrow from 11 a.m. on in order that friends may pay their respects.

Gamby was 44 years of age. Born in Toledo, O., Nov. 9, 1899, he had lived in this vicinity for many years and was at one time employed by F. L. Parks, Torrance plumber, Joe's Garage and other industrial establishments.

He graduated from the embalming school with Charles Myers of Stone & Myers Mortuary in Torrance, and was for some time employed by that firm.

He started in business in Lomita seven years ago, since which time he has endeared himself to hundreds by his courtesy, his sense of understanding and kindly manner.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eva Belle Towne Gamby, whom he married Feb. 9, 1920, and two daughters, Mrs. Tom Kincaannon, whose husband is a naval flier now in the South Pacific, and Donna, who is 16 and a student at Narbonne High School. Mrs. Gamby is the daughter of a pioneer Lomita family.

GOV. WARREN — "When we are dealing with admittedly disloyal people like the Tule Lake Japanese it requires precise discipline and that's all we of the West Coast are asking."

The ensign had been in the service of the Navy for ten years. He had gained distinction for the part he played in the Battle of Midway and was awarded the Navy Cross and the Purple Heart. These medals have been received by Mrs. Barnes, who is now employed as a switchboard operator in the Torrance local telephone exchange.

Patriotic Hall Project Not to Go on Ballot

The project to construct a patriotic hall at a cost of \$100,000, which has been under discussion for several weeks, will not be placed before voters on the April Torrance municipal election ballot.

This decision was reached last Monday night at a meeting of the Torrance post of the American Legion officers, executive committee and chairmen of standing committees, which was held at the home of Commander Jack Hallanger, 819 Cota ave.

For Recreation Project

It was the unanimous opinion of those present, Hallanger said, that need for proper recreational facilities is of paramount importance to the people of Torrance at this time and it was agreed that the Legion will go all out in support of any effort toward establishment of these facilities.

"We recognize," Hallanger said, "youth recreation and prevention of juvenile delinquency should be given first consideration over any other project that may be brought to public attention, consideration and action right now. So we intend to get behind 100 percent the proposed recreation proposal being advanced by the Chamber of Commerce and other groups."

Commander Hallanger stated that patriotic organizations such as the American Red Cross, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gold Star Mothers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Navy Mothers, Civilian Defense groups and all such other organizations who would be afforded the use of the hall, are all predicated upon the principles of justice, freedom and democracy. Millions upon millions of their members work regularly in their programs of perpetuating American traditions and ideals, helping to bring about solutions to national and community problems.

The idea of promotion of proper recreation facilities or child welfare forms an important part of the year by year work done by most of these organizations. As a matter of fact throughout the nation the American Legion has a fund of well over \$5,000,000 set up for the needs in child welfare alone.

Tax Would Be Light

Hallanger and his veteran associates believe the people of Torrance as a whole should become interested in the recreation project and vote a reasonable bond issue at the next election. The amount would be so small that it could scarcely be felt by the average taxpayer, he asserted.

"It would be a fine investment for the benefit of the youth of this community and become an asset to which we could point with civic pride if we have the advantage of well kept and properly supervised playgrounds," Hallanger declared.

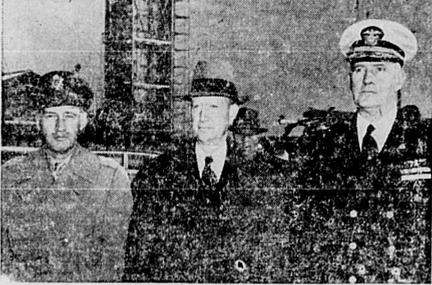
Major Harrison Says It's Tough Life in Jungle

In a message received this week from the "jungles of New Guinea," Maj. William J. Harrison, M.C., well-known Torrance physician and surgeon now in the Army, says "things are tough over here and fighting is fierce. But you can see from our reports that we are surely liquidating them. Food here is terrible; no fresh vegetables and fruits. We have feasts sometimes, but very seldom. Water is a very scarce article, both for drinking and washing. Heat and humidity is almost unbearable. Then, of course, the ever-present rain, with its following bugs, mosquitoes and ants, which overrun everything. Clothing never dries out; it is just as wet in the morning as at night. Reading material is almost nil and it takes practically one month for mail to reach us—that is, if we are lucky."

Major Harrison states that he will appreciate hearing any news from Torrance and sends his regards to all Rotarian friends. His address is "Maj. Wm. J. Harrison, M.C., 69th A.D.G., A.P.O. 729, camp of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif."

FOR SEWING CIRCLE

The Thank You club of Torrance has been granted use of the handshell in Torrance Municipal park, where members propose to resume their social welfare sewing activities.



PLANT WORKERS . . . on way to dedication of new super 100-octane gasoline plant of General Petroleum at Torrance, erected to provide flying forces of the allies with a sensational new gasoline, enabling them to carry heavier bomb loads, fly farther, and at dazzling new speeds and altitudes. At right (above), Captain Eugene Wallace, hero of New Britain, who told how new gasoline would have averted 10 harrowing months in jungle. At left are principal speakers as follows: Rear Admiral Elliott Suckmaster, Commandant of the U. S. Navy Air Center of San Diego; S. J. Dickey, president of General Petroleum Corp.; and Major General Ralph P. Cousins, AAF, head of the Western Flying Command.

Clerk Reveals 65 Percent of Torrance City Voters Erased From Registry List

About 65 percent of the voters registered in Torrance last year have been either automatically dropped from the list or have moved from this community, was the startling information revealed to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett when he visited the office of registrar of voters a few days ago.

"This means," said Bartlett, "that every person still residing in Torrance who failed to vote at the last general election or has meantime changed his place of residence will be required to register again to become qualified to vote in the municipal election to be held next April."

The first notice of the coming city election will be published in the Herald on Feb. 17. Persons who plan to become candidates may have their nomination petitions circulated on or after Friday, Feb. 11, and file them with the city clerk not later than noon, Saturday, March 11, Bartlett advised.

Home Use Program Launched to Help Solve Housing Shortage

The ever increasing need for articles of war and the speeding up of production is creating throughout Los Angeles County an intense housing shortage, according to Pat MacDonnell, area manager of National Housing Agency, Homes Use Program. Difficulties arising from meeting legal requirements in the building program in evidence through the county delay construction to such a degree that it is constantly necessary to campaign for living accommodations, including rooms and small apartments with kitchen privileges.

In response to the present emergency, the Advertising Club of Los Angeles and all the War Housing Centers are launching a campaign for living quarters for war workers and their families who have moved here and are constantly moving in to man our war plants, MacDonnell advised.

Objects Explained

The campaign will stress the entire Homes Use Program of the National Housing Agency and is designed to induce the city's property owners to (1) list all vacant or to be vacant houses, apartments, flats or rooms with the War Housing Center in their district; (2) convert their properties into additional family units. Lack of critical materials for sufficient new home construction makes it necessary to house many thousands of war workers in existing homes.

"While the government and private sources have constructed

Harnish Spikes Aircraft Plant Layoff Rumors

Recurrent rumors of large-scale lay-offs in California aircraft plants are "wild and untrue" and should be stamped out as harmful to the war effort, War Manpower Commission officials have agreed.

H. R. Harnish, Southern California manpower director, said official manpower ceilings, set up by procurement agencies for aircraft companies, indicate "a possible shortage of more than 15,000 workers" in plants of the five principal concerns.

"While ceilings now are being studied carefully and extensive downward revisions are expected to be made in present estimates of manpower needs," Harnish said, "there has been no large scale reduction of personnel by aircraft companies and no indication of the possibility of such action in the future."

"Generally speaking, there seems to be considerable streamlining going on in the aircraft plants with the transfer of many workers from white collar jobs to the production lines and the reduction of personnel in highly specialized administrative capacities. Future months are expected to bring extensive revisions in aircraft production emphasis which, no doubt, will result in recurrent periods of adjustment. It is hoped that the aircraft companies will keep their workers fully informed upon such adjustments so that in the future, the dislocation of a few hundred workers will not produce again the wild and unjustifiable rumors that have been going about in recent weeks."

Demand Exceeds Listings

The National Housing Agency has established 15 War Housing Centers in Los Angeles County which serve as clearing points for placing war workers and are under the direction of Paul F. Williams, principal manager, who is assisted by three area

Gentry Death Inquest Scheduled Tomorrow

An inquest will be held at the Stone & Myers Mortuary tomorrow, Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock to inquire into circumstances surrounding the death of Ralph R. Gentry, 41, of 1136 1/2 Blinn st., Wilmington, Jan. 16 near Main and Carson sts. Gentry is reported to have been killed instantly when hit by a car driven by Harry L. McKibbin, of 420 King st., Wilmington, who was not held by state highway patrol officers who investigated.

Refinery Dedicated; As Army-Navy Stress Need of Super Fuel

Nazi gangsters and yellow-bellied Nips will suffer an even greater weight of destructive bombs, and enemy fliers will be further outdistanced, outmaneuvered and outclassed with what amounts to a new "secret weapon" when the new Torrance refinery units of General Petroleum Corporation for the manufacture of a new super 100-octane aviation gasoline are completed.

Torrance Host To League of Cities Tonight

The City of Torrance will be host to the Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities, at the Torrance Civic Auditorium tonight.

Representatives of every incorporated city in the county are expected to be at this gathering, which is the regular meeting of the organization for January, said Mayor Tom F. McGuire, who also is president of the league.

McGuire has been advised that Richard Graves, executive secretary of the state league, will be here and will be the principal speaker of the evening.

In addition an interesting talk will be delivered by Herbert C. Legg, former Long Beach city manager, who recently resigned to accept a federal appointment to become area representative of the Executive Office of the President, committee for congestion in war production zones. He is expected to present and give advanced information about his work and its effect on Southern California.

Businessmen and industrialists of this community are invited to attend. Members of the Rotary club, because of a previously arranged program, will not attend but expect to be present in time for the speaking. All elective and many appointive officials of Torrance will attend.

The dinner session will begin at 7 o'clock, immediately after a meeting of the board of directors of the league, which convenes at 6:30 in the auditorium. A special entertainment program has been arranged.

Driver Arrested on Drunk Driving Count

Hurford C. Greenman, 2044 237th st., Torrance, said to be a shipyard worker, was booked on the charge of drunk driving by the police department. He was picked up by officers on Cabrillo ave. Monday night. Greenman was released on \$150 bail and arraignment before Otto B. Willett was set for next Saturday at 10 a.m.

Ban on Household Articles Removed

Consumers are now free to purchase bathtubs, lavatories, toilets, laundry trays, sinks, showers, shower stalls, condensation pumps, chemical toilets, drinking fountains, septic tanks, grease interceptors, flush tanks, scullery sinks and wash fountains without authorization.

Blood Bank Collects 173 Pints On Visit to Torrance Monday

A total of 173 donors appeared at the Torrance Civic Auditorium last Monday forenoon when each gave a pint of their blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank unit which came to Torrance on that day. The blood was conveyed to Los Angeles to be converted into plasma to be used to help save the life of some man or woman who becomes a casualty of the war, declared Mrs. O. A. Kresse, local Red Cross blood bank committee chairman.

Leo Haskell to Talk Before Woman's Club

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His topic will be "Juvenile Delinquency," according to Mrs. R. R. Smith, program chairman, who will present him.

February Blood Bank

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Such was the promise given by high ranking Army and Navy officers, as well as company executives to approximately 1,000 workers who are rushing to completion the four-unit plant during a highly interesting program Saturday morning in dedicating the new plant representing a General Petroleum investment approximating \$12,000,000.

Vast New Process
The dedicatory ceremonies were held in a huge circus-size tent erected near the vast maze of tall fractionating towers, new furnaces, reactors and other equipment so extensive and so intricate as to present a hopeless puzzle to the mere layman, but holding the secret of a new weapon to speed the war's ending. Because of military secrecy, no figures can be released to show the exact increased performance brought about by the new super 100-octane gasoline. But the fact has been released that in one certain raid over Berlin the new gasoline would have permitted carrying 200 extra tons of bombs, and on one certain day of flying British pilots would have been able to fly 22,000 miles farther without increasing their gasoline load.

Advantages of higher octane are shown by the following comparisons:
Using 87-octane, a twin-engine commercial transport plane needs 2,400 feet for take-off. With 100-octane it needs only 2,000 feet, a reduction of 16 percent. With 87-octane it can climb 1,000 feet a minute; with 100-octane it can climb 1,400 feet a minute, an increase of 40 percent. One thousand four-engine bombers, flying to an objective 1,000 miles distant, and using 100-octane gasoline, can carry five million more pounds of bombs than could be carried if 87-octane gasoline were used.

To give some conception of the vast quantities of gasoline required for military use and thus show the motoring public why the quantity of automotive gasoline for civilian use has been decreasing, it is revealed that the 855 planes which dropped 1,250 tons of bombs in the famous twin raid on Bremen and Vegesack burned more than one million gallons of 100-octane gasoline.

Important as Pilots
To impress upon the construction workers the urgency for rapid and full completion, in order that abundant supplies of the new gasoline may be available to the flying forces, Maj.

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Dr. H. C. Cummins was in charge, assisted by a large number of Red Cross nurses. This month's quota for Torrance was 175 pints.

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Mrs. Kresse advises that at least 400 registrations will be required to assure that the quota of 325 pints for February is reached. Meanwhile, registrations will be received at the Torrance Red Cross headquarters, 1400 Cravens ave., phone 1524, or at the home of Mrs. Kresse, phone 253. All registrants are expected to keep their appointments on the date the mobile unit is to be here, Mrs. Kresse emphasized.

Tomorrow, Friday, the small unit will be at the Aluminum Company of America plant, where employees of the concern have been called on to donate 175 pints as their quota.