

Attention is called to the six-page special section in this issue of The Herald, elaborately illustrated and containing articles explaining the various processes involved in the highly complicated manufacturing of synthetic rubber.

Public Building Project Likely With FWA Funds

Lanham Act Money Available for Playgrounds, Schools

A municipal swimming pool at the city park; a new central fire station; a library building for Welteria; four recreation centers with social halls, tennis courts, baseball diamonds in four sections of the city of Torrance.

These long cherished and much needed improvements may become realities here this year as the result of a meeting of a handful of city officials in the mayor's office yesterday afternoon.

Federal Assistance How all this may be accomplished was explained to the officials by A. R. Walker of Los Angeles, one of the architects for the present civic buildings of Torrance, built with assistance from the old Public Works Administration.

Funds for the additional improvements would come from federal appropriations set aside under the Lanham act for the Federal Works Agency, with the municipality contributing the land and a small proportion of the total cost.

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Public Invited To Installation

Torrance Lodge No. 785, Loyal Order of Moose, will hold a public installation of officers Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Moose Hall, 1951 Carson st.

Officers who will be seated are: Thomas J. Wilkes, governor; Harry E. Raymond, junior governor; John Blythe, prelate; Alex Thompson, past governor; James W. Barker, secretary; Jacob Lepkin, treasurer; J. R. Soto, sergeant-at-arms; A. Eldo, inner guard; E. M. Graham, outer guard; A. H. Bartlett, William Ambach and F. L. Buckley, trustees.

Blood Bank Unit Here Tomorrow; Need 400 Donors

Tomorrow is the day for Torrance blood donors to appear at the Civic Auditorium when the Red Cross mobile unit returns.

Four hundred donors—400 pints of blood—are required this time from this city. The mobile unit will be at the auditorium between the hours of 2:30 and 6:30 p.m.

No appointment card will be required. This is because Mrs. G. A. Kresse, Red Cross blood donor chairman, said, employees of one of the large local industrial plants are having a picnic and many who had appointments cancelled them for this time.

Injuries in Auto, Train Crash Fatal to 223rd Street Man

Harvey Frogg of 1307 W. 223rd st. died early Tuesday at the County General Hospital from injuries incurred when his automobile and a Pacific Electric train collided at Olympic Blvd. and 2nd st. in Los Angeles.

Postponed C. of C. Meeting Is Tuesday

The postponed membership meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at which the proposed budget for the coming year will be discussed will be held Tuesday afternoon at 5:30 in the city council chamber, Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the chamber announced today.



LETTER WRITER... Miss Irene Mills, Torrance high school teacher, who corresponds with 800 'boy friends' in the armed services. The map of the United States, before which she is seated in her classroom, represents only a small portion of the territory to which her letters go, day after day.

High School Teacher Here Corresponds With 800 Men In War; 13 Pens Stilled

The corridors, stairways and classrooms of the high school were empty and silent except for the swish-swish of a janitor's broom somewhere in the distance.

But the building was not completely deserted despite the late hour. In the room where aspiring boys and girls would like to become newspaper reporters study journalism and English and learn how to write a news story or a feature yarn.

Miss Irene Mills, one of Torrance High school's oldest teachers in length of service.

She was at her desk and her eyes were glued to a letter. There was a soft smile on her lips.

"A letter from one of my boys," she explained.

Miss Mills has a great many "boys"; they are former students who are now with the armed services and scattered all over the world. Some are from church rolls. Miss Mills corresponds with some 800 soldiers, sailors, Coast Guardsmen and Marines.

Her volume of "fan mail" probably exceeds Betty Davis'. But it's something more than fan mail to Miss Mills. Her letters are all personal, from boys she saw grow into young manhood and for whom she has a deep affection.

There are 576 stars in the high school's service flag now. Some of them are gold.

It costs considerable for postage to continue such a chain of correspondence, but there are some friends who appreciate what Miss Mills is doing and their "chip in" now and then.

There's nothing a fighting man on the other side of the world or a boy in camp in the states, far from home, wants more than mail from the home town and news of his old friends and what goes on at school.

All Letters Answered A letter to Irene Mills never goes unanswered. The reply starts: "My dear Jim—Bill—Bert—"

The boys sometimes unburden themselves in their letters to Miss Mills. "You know a guy in the post and he has several new members signed up waiting for him to be installed that they may become members under his leadership."

"We are sure to have a very good year under the leadership of this young commander and with such a capable auxiliary president as Mrs. Clara Conner to work with him in the program they have outlined for the year which includes an increase in aid to the veterans of the Vermont Ave. hospital," said E. Stanley, quartermaster adjutant.

Council Creates New Advisor Job For Chas. Koors

Salary Is \$275 per Mo.; Improvement Of Streets Is OK'd

The city council was in an expansive mood last night at its first regular meeting since the seating of two new members elected at the April 11 election.

The council: Appointed Charles F. Koors to a new position with the title of bus counselor to the city council, at a salary of \$275 per month.

Called for bids for the full paving and improvement of Torrance blvd. at a cost not to exceed \$42,000.

Called for bids for the improvement of Crenshaw blvd. from 190th st. north to Redondo Beach Riverside blvd. at a cost not to exceed \$28,000.

Buy Two Trucks Authorized the purchase of a one and a half ton truck for the engineer's department, at a cost of \$1,931; and a second truck requested by City Engineer Glenn M. Jains, to cost \$1,598.

Authorized purchase of lift disc equipment for the engineering department tractor, to cost \$250.

Ordered purchase of \$125 worth of materials for the improvement of Abalone ave.

Raised the salary of George Strong, engineer in the fire department, \$10 per month to \$190. Raised the salary of Fireman Ernest Z. Lopp from \$170 to \$180 per month.

Raised the salary of Police Patrolman Nolan Robison to \$195 per month, he having completed 10 years of service.

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Stores Open Saturday Night

A number of cities throughout the nation have initiated surveys to determine how many establishments in each classification would be willing to cooperate in a plan to remain open one night each week to permit war workers to take care of their additional shopping and general bill paying.

A survey job completed by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, with the slogan "Stay on the Job to Finish the Job," has resulted in the Torrance establishments listed below signifying their willingness to cooperate in this plan 100 percent by remaining open until 8:30 p.m. or 9 p.m. every Saturday, beginning this week.

Additional establishments will work out plans to join this group within the next week or two, Secretary Harry Lewis of the chamber, said today.

Discount Drug; Beacon Drug; McCown's RB Cut Rate Drug; Torrance Pharmacy; J. C. Penney Co.; Sam Levy Dept. Store; National Home Appliance Co.; Evans Co.; Newberry's Shoe Store; Star Furniture Co.; Torrance Bowling Alley; Torrance Billiard Parlor; Alma's Bakery.

Royale Cleaners & Dyers; Schilling Cleaners & Dyers; Schwartz Men's Shop; Torrance Men's Shop; Torrance Hardware; Mountain View Dairies; Two Macks Electric Shop; Ideal Ranch Market; Kimmell's Market; Alburn's Grocery; Juan C. Lopez Grocery; Esslinger's Service Station.

Dunham's Service & Parts; Western Auto Supply; Palmer's Service Station; Dr. K. K. Golden; Dr. Marie Lovel; Dr. Katherine Sienkman; Baker Smith Jewelry; Carson Barber & Beauty Shop; National Paint & Wallpaper Co.; Newberry's Department Store; Rees Family Shoe Store; Charlene Sport Shop; Lennox's Tailor; Adams Dress Shop; Ellwood's Dress Shop; Torrance Municipal Water Co.; Verdi Dress Shop.

All plans have been requested to clip this notice and place on their bulletin boards for the information of their employees.

George Woodward, Former Resident, Dies in Dunsuir

Mrs. William H. Tolson, wife of Torrance's mayor, yesterday received word that her brother, George Woodward, formerly of this city, had died of a heart ailment in Dunsuir, Calif.

He left Torrance about 10 years ago after a residence here of 10 years, during which time he was employed by the National Supply Company.

Besides Mrs. Tolson, Woodward is survived by his widow, a married son, two brothers, William and Clarence of Long Beach, and a sister, Mrs. F. X. Gelfuss of Vallejo.

Gasoline Theft Case In Court Tomorrow

Radford Raynor 2266 Torrance blvd., will face trial in the police court Saturday on a charge of stealing gasoline from a parked automobile on Border ave. last Sunday. The car is in the property of Paul DeBliesen of 421 Bradford st., Compton.

ODT Approves City Buses to Nearby Towns

Expanded Lines Will Include Compton, Watts, Gardena, Lawndale, Redondo; Better Service for Public Is Assured

Coincidentally with announcement to the Torrance city council last evening by C. Z. Ward, manager of the Municipal Bus Lines, that the Gardena municipal transportation system wants to arrange transfer accommodations with the local lines, Charles F. Koors, bus counselor to the city government here, said the Office of Defense Transportation has officially cleared the way for extension of service.

Koors said delivery of the six new 45-passenger buses already ordered by Torrance is expected within 60 days. At that time the contemplated greatly extended bus service will be instituted.

Koors said the ODT has approved all proposed routes with the exception of the one running into Long Beach.

Cities Tapped Frequency schedules have not yet been worked out, but the new operations will materially improve the service offered the general public in Torrance, Watts, Compton, Lawndale, Redondo Beach, Welteria, Long Beach and Harbor City.

Six shift changes in the war plants in the area will be accommodated. Koors pointed out that the war plants have been prime movers in the extension of the transportation facilities.

The new buses will be roomy and comfortable, equipped with full-cushioned, leather-upholstered spring seats.

Koors, who spoke highly of the cooperative and sympathetic attitude of the Los Angeles office of the ODT toward Torrance's transportation problems, also said the city council—both old and new—has been farsighted in its efforts to improve the situation.

Neighbors Pitch In Mrs. Howe took the hint seriously. She spoke to a couple of her neighbors, Mrs. William S. Bush, 1303 Cota ave., and

Corporal Howe thought possibly his mother might be able to dig up some cast-off clothes or materials and send them overseas.

Will Publish Map When all schedules have been completely worked out and prior to the inauguration of the new service, the Municipal Bus Lines office will issue a detailed map of routes and time tables. Some modifications undoubtedly will be necessary before that time, Koors said.

Ward, in his communication to the council last night, sought authority to continue negotiations with Gardena on the proposal for a transfer arrangement. He pointed out that the Torrance bus now meets the Gardena line at Redondo Beach blvd. and Figueroa st. The proposal is for a 15-cent fare from Compton or Gardena and out

Students to Run City for a Day The annual national observance of Boys' Week, May 1 to May 5, will find the government of the City of Torrance in the hands of designated high school students for one day. The chief of police will give up his chair to a student, as will the fire chief, the mayor, the city engineer and the rest of them in city hall offices.

Students who will act as officials for a day will be announced later.

Monday evening the Torrance Kiwanis club will entertain the members of the high school varsity basketball and track teams at dinner in the Men's Bible Class hall.

There's talk, also, that the Herald office and plant will be taken over by students who will replace the publisher, city editor and composing room foreman.

Thoughtful Burglar Nabbed In House Two local juvenile boys made the mistake of trying to burglarize the home of Tom Adams, 1448 Post ave., while Adams and his wife were at home.

The boys, one of whom is in custody, had removed a sereer and entered the house. They looted the ice box and had found some candy before Adams, suspicious of noises he had at first thought were made by his wife, investigated. He held one of the youths until the police arrived. The other has not been apprehended.

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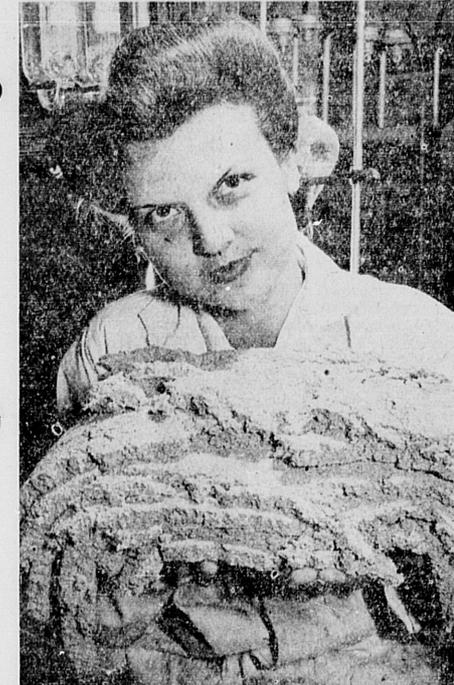
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Two witnesses took the number of the gas thief's car and the arrest was made on the strength of that identification.

McCALL NAMED City Attorney John E. McCall, of Torrance, was elected secretary of the Los Angeles district of the League of California Cities at the same meeting in Alhambra at which Ex-Mayor Tom McGuire of this city relinquished his post as president. Councilman D. L. Butler, South Pasadena, was elected president, succeeding McGuire.



HANDFUL OF RUBBER 'DOUGH'... This attractive employee at one of the three co-polymer units operated by Goodyear and U. S. Rubber companies is holding the completed product of the giant synthetic rubber industries at Torrance. The 'dough' is soft and spongy and bounces when rolled into a ball. Before shipment to the tire companies, this 'dough' is pressed into 75-pound loaves.

Rubber Director Stresses Import Of Local Plants

"Synthetic rubber plants in and around Torrance are as modern as any anywhere in the world. I look forward to the time when much more of the synthetic rubber industry will be located hereabouts. We have to make airplane tires on the coast. There is too great a delay in transit between Akron, Ohio, and here."

With these words, Col. Bradley Dewey, the nation's rubber director, gave assurance that the synthetic rubber industry of Torrance has been erected on a basis of permanency.

Stresses Importance Dewey said he hoped the people of this area realize how important the tire plants are to this community and in the same breath appealed for 1,200 more male workers to take employment in the plants.

This number of additional employees, he said, are necessary to bring production to its peak. Dewey made these statements at a press conference held in Los Angeles during a flying trip made to the coast to inspect the synthetic rubber industry. While here he visited the Torrance synthetic units and other plants which pour materials for butadiene and styrene into them.

"The synthetic rubber industry," he said, "can make 22,000,000 passenger car tires this year for civilian use if manpower can be developed to do the job. We estimate 30,000,000 such tires will be needed, but the 22,000,000 will suffice if people conserve their tires by driving carefully."

"It is acknowledged there will not be enough tires to please everyone, but the military has first call on the output of rubber."

The rubber director expressed an opinion that hundreds of acres of rubber plantations in the Dutch East Indies have been allowed by the Japs to be taken over by the jungle. Post-war increases in transportation of all types which runs on rubber wheels, he continued, will call for a greater production of both natural and synthetic rubber than the world ever before has known.

Long After War Thus, he said, the synthetic

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SEES FUTURE... National Rubber Director Col. Bradley Dewey, who says synthetic rubber plants must fill long post-war need.

Multiple Dwelling Permits Up Total For Building Here

The total valuation of building permits issued this week at the city engineer's office took a substantial spurt upward when permits were issued for three three-family dwellings at a cost of \$7,500 each.

The permits: To S. J. Katz, three-family dwellings at 2009 Cabrillo ave., 1742 and 1723 Cabrillo.

El Prado Furniture company, 1220 El Prado, wooden sign, \$50.

R. M. Hyder, 2404 Gramercy ave., porch addition, \$65. W. Verbens, 2003 174th st., chicken house foundation, \$250. Floyd Devore, 1829 Arlington ave., addition to residence, \$500. H. M. Haynes, 1340 Engracia ave., sun porch, \$350.