



Formation of Schools Group Is Suggested

(Continued from Page 1-A) organization which will not rest until the people of Torrance are in a much larger degree satisfied with their schools. We propose to name it the "Torrance Parents' Association" and to call the first meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 21, 1944, at the City Hall.

You are invited to send a representative or even better a group of representatives to this first important meeting. Shall we be hearing from you Tuesday evening, the 21st? Yours sincerely, Evelyn L. Carr (Mrs. H. E.), Renee Bartlett (Mrs. A. G.), Margaret M. Palmer (Mrs. A. F.)

YOUNG VETERAN . . . Donald E. Phoenix, a motor machinist mate, 2/c, returned recently following 18 months in the Aleutians and in the South Pacific in which he has seen plenty of action. He is taking a six months advanced Diesel engine course at Norfolk, Va. Phoenix is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Phoenix of 1504 Acacia ave.

JACK BAYS . . . a private, 1/c, U.S.M.C., has just completed a course in radar at Cherry Point, N. C. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Bays of 2214 Torrance blvd.

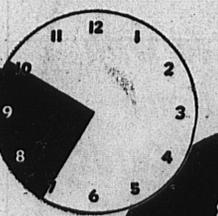
HAVE HOUSE GUESTS Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beale are entertaining as their house guest Effie Irons of Leechburg, Pa.



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NEWS FROM HOME

Frederick Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilkes, 2463 Carson st., really enjoys the Torrance Herald, which he receives regularly "out there," he said in a letter to his parents.

Wilkes, signalman, 3/c, in the Navy, is attached to the LCT service in the South Pacific, where he has been since April 1, 1944. He said that he guesses Torrance has changed a lot from the sound of the paper. Wilkes said that they are not suffering much out there but "I miss the states." It isn't so bad, he declared. "We eat pretty good and I have everything I need."

His cheerful letter was written on Oct. 9, 1944.

T-5 E. M. Hill Is Reported As Missing

Ernest M. Hill, Jr., technician, grade five, 1st U. S. Infantry, well known Torrance soldier, is missing in action, according to



a telegram received by his wife, Mrs. Alice L. Hill, 1611 W. 220th st., reading as follows:

"The Secretary of War desires me to express his deep regret that your husband, T/5 Ernest M. Hill, Jr., has been reported missing in action since eleven October in Holland. If further details or other information are received you will be promptly notified.

"J. A. Ulio, the Adjutant General. Corporal Hill, who has been in the Army since Mar. 19, 1943, is a former employee of Doak Aircraft, and his wife is at present employed as a secretary at National Supply Co. Married after Corporal Hill went into the Army, the last word which had been received by his wife from him was a letter written Oct. 4, one week prior to being reported missing, telling of his having been in France and Belgium. Corporal Hill went overseas in June of this year.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hill, 20507 Oak st., and the brother of Alvin Hill, of the Torrance Police Department. Mrs. Bob Brannon and Mrs. Vera Windhalter, of Torrance, and Mrs. Omer Bryan of Kansas City and Mrs. Lulu Bloodso of Oregon. Corporal Hill attended Torrance High school and has a host of friends throughout the community.

LEO BLUMENTHAL . . . a sergeant, may be addressed: Sgt. Leo Blumenthal, 3900062, Harbor Craft, Det., B. S. P., 2078, APO 948, care Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.

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Petty Politics Hit as Offer Made for Buses

(Continued from Page 1-A) for the buses was \$18,298.80; that the book value was \$12,000, and that the lines owed the city \$18,000 as of Sept. 30, 1944. He enclosed a \$5,000 check as evidence of good faith and offered to assume the city's contract for six new buses with Crown Body & Coach Works. He said he considered this a bid of \$86,000 for the system.

Koors offered to operate as many of the 12 buses, 6 old and 6 new, as are needed, on as many routes as may be required, to assume the lease on the Los Angeles depot; to build a new suitable depot in Torrance, to have present equipment repaired and painted and have old equipment replaced. His offer was contingent upon his getting a franchise to operate the State Railroad Commission. He promised successful operation of the lines and stated that the Torrance lines operated at a loss for years when other similar lines paid.

Magor Urges Sale Leslie H. Magor, general manager of Longren Aircraft Co. and former vice president of White Motor Co. in charge of Pacific Coast operations, declared that the bus lines are a difficult type of operation and recommended that they be sold. "The people would be better served," he said, "and Torrance would be far better off if the bus lines were sold. Rather than to come in on tall end after the peak of wartime business is over, the offer made should be accepted." He declared that he did not know Koors, never had seen him, but that the city should "get a good operator with money enough to operate and be very happy and satisfied," rather than going on and on until \$800,000 or \$400,000 is spent on the lines.

Jack Miller said that past statistics on the bus lines should be known before any action is taken. "The public should know the ins and outs," he said. "This is a serious thing." He asked for an audit up to date of operation of the lines.

J. Elder said that he protested any action at this time, declaring that the lines were serving the people. He said he did not know the lines were for sale until he read of the offer made for them.

Hits "Petty Politics" Lester Stanley said that no one was ready to grab at the line when feelers were sent out for operators years ago after the P.E. gave up operations here. "If we maintain a good bus system and throw out the petty politics and put it on a business basis, it will pay and pay big," Stanley said. Hillman E. Lee, manager of J. C. Penney Co. and local vice leader, expressed his appreciation for the way the council was weighing the action on this and other civic matters, and Harry B. Lewis, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, later declared that increased and improved transportation is all that the chamber is interested in "no matter who owns the lines."

Councilman Powell declared that while he is convinced that the Torrance lines are operating with inferior equipment, he is "not here to give this bus system away. I am taking everything into consideration. The bus system is not to be given away but if we get the price, I'm for selling it." Councilman J. E. Hitchcock insisted that the auditor act as an appraiser and determine the actual worth to the city of the lines.

Councilman C. M. Gilbert indicated his opposition to the sale, but did not make any public remarks. Councilman Cucci always has been opposed to the sale, and with Gilbert and Powell have been advising with Bus Manager C. Z. Ward on the operation of the system.

Howard Foster Completes Navy Training Course Among those graduating from an intensive course of basic engineering training at recent Navy service schools exercises at Great Lakes was Howard E. Foster, 22, 1024 1/2 Amapola ave., Torrance.

This Bluejacket was selected for his specialized training on the basis of his recruit training aptitude test scores. Graduates from the 20 specialized courses taught here at the service schools are sent to sea, to shore stations, or to advanced schools for further duty.

LT. NUNN IS KILLED ON WEST FRONT

Lt. William Nunn, husband of Enid Weis Nunn, 1746 Manuel ave., Torrance, previously reported missing, was killed in action over Belgium, according to word from the War Department, as of Sept. 7.

Lt. Nunn and the former Enid Weis were married on May 27, 1944, and he left for overseas duty on June 15. A resident of Willowbrook, he was the pilot of a B-24 bomber and was well known in Torrance. He received his wings at Marfa, Texas, in December, 1943.

Cpl. Fyfe Is Given Good Conduct Medal

Cpl. Maurice B. Fyfe, son of Mr. Robert Fyfe, of Torrance, Calif., and former employee of International Derrick & Equipment Co., has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity" at an Eighth Fighter Command station in Britain.

The station to which he is assigned is the base for long-range P-51 Mustangs engaged in escorting heavy bombers to their targets and ground strafing and divebombing enemy air fields, supply and transportation facilities and military installations behind German lines.

Cpl. Fyfe, a graduate of Torrance High school, is now a radio mechanic in a fighter squadron.

MICHAEL DONISH . . . a sergeant, arrived this week from his base at Camp Rucker, La., for a week's furlough with his wife at their home, 735 Carson st.

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