WALTERIA CIVIC MEETING

The Walteria Civic Organization will meet at 7 p.m. instead of at 8 p.m., in the church at 24404 Hawthorne blvd., in order that its members may attend the installation of the Walteria Parent-Teacher Association officers.

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Tartar Town Food Collection Dance Success

Tartar Town's food famine relief dance, under the chairmanship of Recreation Commissioners Loren Smith and Norma Biggs, was a huge success. Admission price to the dance was the payment of two cans of food.

A wide variety of foods were secured: Meat and fish, 81 cans; milk, 19 cans; soups, 164 cans; vegetables, 239 cans, and fruit, 21 cans, a total of 524 cans. These canned foods will be sent through YMCA channels to New York where chartered ships will take them directly to famine areas.

PROPOSE DUMPING OF AFFLUENT IN LOS ANGELES RIVER

Supervisor Raymond V. Darby brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors the matter of the use of the Los Angeles river for the purpose of dumping affluent. It was Supervisor Darby's motion that the city officials of Los Angeles be notified that the Board of Supervisors is opposed to the dumping of affluent in the Los Angeles river regardles of its treatment and condition of its purity at the time of such dumping and that the City of Los Angeles and the County Sanitation Districts, try to work out an arrangement to handle this affluent through sanitation district lines.

TO NEW HOME

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Serrano, formerly of 2321 El Dorado, have moved to a new home at 2553 El Grove ave., Los Angeles.

Unsanitary Conditions At Lumina Trailer Camp Disclaimed By Vets

Numerous complaints of leaking roofs, unsanitary conditions and insufficient toilet facilities at the Veterans Housing center in the Lumina Park trailer camp north of 203rd st. on Western ave., have caused a great deal of heated comment as to why these conditions still exist after many months of occupancy by the vets and their families, officials declare.

The trailers, which formerly housed war workers of the Bohn and Alcoa plants here, were vacated last September shortly following plant shutdown in the area, and were left vacant until November 7.

At this time, according to J. G. Caldwell, Veteran Service Center head, he and two Torrance veterans organization commanders investigated the project and found some of the 125 trailers there in livable condition. Caldwell said that the urgent need for veteran housing at that time was most acute and arrangements were made to accommodate 40 veterans and their families at the park.

erans would accept the trailers as they stood and an appropriation would be forthcoming for needed painting and repairs, Caldwell said. "The urgent need for housing is no news to any of us," Caldwell declared yesterday, "and at the present time all but four trailers at Lumina Park are filled."

Painting and repair started recently, but Mrs. R. J. Emmons, former nurse who with her veteran husband lives in one of the trailers there, said, "I'm afraid that next winter's rains will again drown us out. Hardly a family escaped being drenched by last season's offering of water."

"Unsanitary conditions along with very limited toilet facilities present the most serious hazard," the veteran's wife declared. "Families with children suffer the most under these conditions, and it doesn't take a medical doctor to figure out why. Can you imagine 40 people or more using one toilet and one shower?" Mrs. Emmons asked the investigating reporter.

Weldon Wilson, manager of the trailer project, who is himself a veteran, explained that he sympathized with many of the complaints, but the veterans themselves forced the Los Angeles Bureau of Public Housing to open the camp to them and their families and agreed to await the needed repairs.

Caldwell said that several attempts to secure recreational equipment for the trailer park had met with no success. The Los Angeles City Recreational Department, in answer to his letter requesting equipment, stated that they "didn't believe it would be legal," and nothing was done about it. Another letter to the County Board of Supervisors was never answered, Caldwell revealed.

Wilson said that the recreational room there was being adapted for the use of the children. Tenants of the trailer camp report that such is just a stock answer, as the building intended for recreation is still piled full of storage.

Meanwhile, veterans and their wives and children continue to wait for the repairs and added facilities so necessary to their health, while those in authority promise better living conditions for the vets.

Fern Avenue Graduates To Enjoy Party

On Friday afternoon the pupils of Miss Laura Thomas will join in a treasure hunt at the home of their teacher and Miss Irene Mills at Lomita. The "Pirate Party" is an annual event for Fern avenue sixth graders.

Next Thursday at 1:45 p. m. the closing exercises of the class passing to junior high school will be held in the kindergarten room. Singing and instrumental numbers will combine with poetry to make up the program to which the parents are invited.

Members of the class are Adeline Ascencio, Jimmy Bardin, Joe Bell, Calvin Browning, Claudette Buckley, Bob Casman, John Cox, Jack Fees, Jane Fischer, Donna Galli, Richard Gilbert, Carol Haefli, Esther Hernandez, Beth Ann Jenkins, Barbara Ludwig, Paul Mata, Marian McDonald, Barbara Mondor, Thomas Motto, Jay Ostrom, Shirley Pagel, Della Sue Phipps, Charles Reese, Patsy Thomas, Jack Vega and Shirley Ann York.

ENJOYABLE EVENING

Mr. and Mrs. William Diesel recently entertained at a spaghetti dinner at home for Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith and Mrs. P. J. Colombo.

Lions Win Praise For 'Eat Soup' Food Saving Plan

Torrance Lions club, meeting its promise to "eat soup" for lunch once a month until the war-born food famine is brought to an end, enjoyed a meal of bean soup Tuesday noon in the Civic auditorium, and won the praise of the speaker, Clarence S. Gillett, representative for Work with Japanese Evacuees for the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches, who spoke there.

Remarking that he makes many luncheon and service club talks each week, Gillett said that "this is the first club where I have seen them doing something about the world food shortage, and I want to congratulate you." The Lions club initiated the "eat soup once a month" program two months ago, and suggested it to the International organizations of Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis and other service clubs. President H. B. Lewis reasoned that if all clubs would do this, it would mean the saving of 10,000,000 meals a month in the United States alone, to feed as many starving refugees of war-torn nations.

George P. Thatcher introduced the speaker, who is leaving tomorrow for a speaking tour of the east, following a series of meetings in California.

CAP Cadets Get Free Ride Here In Transport Ship

More than 100 Civil Air Patrol cadets Sunday were hopped off the local flight strip in an army C-47 twin-engine transport plane. The big army troopship landed at the air field around noon and was kept busy for the remainder of the day giving many of the cadets their first thrill in a big ship.

The occasion, according to the local group, was in recognition of recent work done by the cadets. The plane was flown in from March Field by air corps pilots.

LAWRENCE PANKEY RETURNS HERE AFTER 20 MONTHS OVERSEAS

Lawrence L. Pankey, EM 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pankey, 1662 W. 215th st., was discharged at the San Pedro separation center Friday following 20 months in the Pacific theater of operations. A former student of Torrance high school, Pankey was employed by the National Supply Co. here prior to enlisting in the navy nearly two years ago.

The 19-year-old youth received the Navy Unit Commendation for servicing aircraft and carriers at Guam, by order of Marine Commander Major Gen. Larson. He also served aboard the USS Nicollet AVS-6 during the early part of this year.

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Mechanical Goods Rubber Industry To Require Torrance Plant's Output

New marketing possibilities for Southern California's growing mechanical goods rubber industry was seen with the disclosure today that sales in this field, second only to tire making, will reach a record peak of $92,000,000, almost 40% greater than the previous record of $68,320,718 in 1941.

Figures compiled by W. S. Long, Pacific Coast manager of the United States Rubber Company, Mechanical Goods Division, showed that both in rubber making and in fabricating, the West Coast industry will play an important part.

The amount of rubber to be used will exceed production of the California synthetic rubber plant, located at Torrance, according to Long who pointed out that 90,000 tons of synthetic and natural rubber will be consumed, or about 18,400 tons more this year than in 1941.

Listed in this phase of the rubber industry production by the rubber executive are transmission belts, conveyor belts, rubber hose, newspaper press rolls, railway car parts, farm implements, household appliances, electrical wire, plumbing specialties and other engineered items.

Three hundred items, aside from tires, are supplied for the automotive industry alone, with the average car carrying 50 pounds or more of extra rubber parts, Long said.

Industrial expansion on the Pacific Coast accounts for a great proportion of the estimated national $92,000,000 sales for this year, the rubber man said. An example given was the construction industry where in one plant in Southern California, a mile and a half of rubber conveyor belts are being used to move the gravel from the pits to the crushers.

Another reason given by Long for the burgeoning sales possibilities was the war-perfected technique of lining steel tanks with rubber to protect them from the chemical action of acids which nowadays are used almost universally in industry. Five hundred thousand pounds of rubber, he said, were used for this purpose in the Pasco, Washington Atomic Bomb Project alone.

Long explained that mechanical rubber products were becoming increasingly useful in industrial plants. Belting and hose sales have more than doubled on the Pacific Coast since 1940 and the demand for conveyor belts has been particularly heavy here since the end of the war.

Conveyor belts of rubber, capable of moving heavy loads great distances, are revolutionizing the movement of materials, Mr. Long said.

"This is where the chemist's art comes to the fore as against the tree type of rubber," he explained. "The chemist has learned to rearrange the rubber molecule and make almost any type of material you want. He tailor-makes his goods to fit any shape and condition.

"For instance, take the newsprint making process. Metal rolls used in the process literally were eaten up by acidic materials inherent in the woodstock. Natural rubber coverings were tried but soon swelled and disintegrated. Rubber engineers, working on the problem, teamed up with chemists to devise a special synthetic rubber compound that proved entirely indigestible to the woodstock chemicals."

Referring to the use of synthetic rubber in the manufacture of mechanical goods, Long said that wartime research had resulted in a rubber that was in many cases superior to natural rubber.

The spurt in dam building on the Pacific Coast calls attention to the comparative efficiency of "rubber highways," according to the rubber executive. Mining of coal and copper have already proven that rubber conveyor belts are more economical and efficient than other methods, he said.

SUNDAY DINNER PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. Loton B. Buckley were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gray, of San Pedro.

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AT DEROUIN HOME

Mrs. George Moore and George Jr., of Balboa and formerly of Palos Verdes, spent Monday as guest of Mrs. G. J. Derouin, here.

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KENNETH ROSSBOTTOM

Kenneth Rossbottom, S 1/c, was discharged from the Navy recently at Shoemaker separation center. He is now a resident of Harbor Hills.

More Forest Fire Equipment Urged By Governor

Purchase of additional equipment for the state division of forestry's fire fighting crews was proposed today by Governor Earl Warren.

Warren T. Hannum, director of natural resources, told the governor the division has replenished its staff of trained men for the first time since the war, but lacked a sufficient number of trucks and other machinery to cope with a potentially bad fire season.

Already, because of lack of rainfall, more than twice as many fires have occurred in timber and grass areas this year than in the first five months of 1945, Hannum reported.

The natural resources director was instructed by the governor to negotiate with the federal government for surplus equipment.

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Letters to Editor

Editor, Torrance Herald:

The Torrance Branch, American Red Cross, wishes to thank you for your fine publicity which has aided us so much in our recent annual fund campaign. You are so generous with space allotted to us, I don't know what we would do without publicity in the Torrance Herald and the kind assistance of your Woman's Page Editor, Mary Vonderahe. We wish to thank all those who during the drive canvassed the town collecting contributions from door to door. Our very special thanks go to I. J. Haliangar, fund chairman, and his many faithful assistants.

Very sincerely,
Helen Miller,
Branch chairman

Building Permits

Building permits issued in Torrance during the past week took a swing upward with more than $30,000 being reported by the local building department. Permits were issued to the following:

U. G. Mott, 18176 Hawthorne blvd., neon border lighting, $200.

George Thatcher, 3908 Newton st., addition to residence, $400.

H. C. Callihan, 24232 Ocean ave., residence and garage, $5,800.

Del Amo Estates Co., 21401 Madrona ave., two steel oil derricks, $10,000.

General Petroleum Corp., 1256 Sartori ave., two 1,000-gallon gas tanks, $500.

Paul Shinoda, 1215 Fern ave., addition to garage, $250.

William Ward, 18127 Prairie ave., foundation under existing residence, $200.

J. F. Dalton and E. Bubar, 2104 Gramercy ave., garage and storage building, $1,000.

General Petroleum Corp, 190th st. and Crenshaw blvd., carpenter shop, 30x66 feet, $9,000.

M. D. Jones, 24208 Ocean ave., garage house, $2,000.

Forest Wilson, 3820 Newton st., moved-in railway street car remodeled into residence, $1,000.

Robert Shears, 2271 Torrance blvd., remodeling, $20.

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