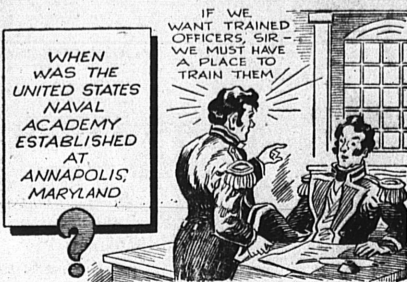


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Christmas Club Torrance Checks Total \$50,000

Five hundred million dollars will be distributed to about seven million Christmas Club members by 4,800 banking and savings institutions and other organizations during Post-War Prosperity Week, starting Monday, Nov. 27, according to an estimate given out yesterday by Herbert F. Rawll, founder and president of Christmas Club, a corporation.

Several hundred Torrance residents will receive about \$50,000 from the Christmas Club operated by the Torrance National Bank, according to Robert J. Deininger, vice president. All will be mailed out by Nov. 23.

The Torrance branch of the Bank of America did not operate a Christmas Club this year, but will start one for 1945 in the near future, according to Dean Sears, manager.

The total distribution is 20% ahead of last year and represents a high since the year of the bank holiday. The average per-member distribution increased to approximately \$70 as compared with \$56 last year. This average check amount represented an all-time record in the 34 years of Christmas Club operation.

The use of Christmas Club checks this year shows a substantial increase in percentages applied to war savings bonds, permanent savings and government urged, anti-inflationary purposes. A recent cross-section survey indicates the estimated fund of \$500,000,000 will be used by the recipients approximately as follows:

Perm. savings	26%	\$130,000,000
War S. bonds	19%	95,000,000
Ins. premiums	11%	55,000,000
Debt retirement	10%	50,000,000
Taxes	8%	40,000,000
Christmas purchases	25%	125,000,000
Unclassified	1%	5,000,000
	100%	\$500,000,000

War Department Unit Citation Badge Is Awarded Major Keefer

With ten months of aerial combat in the Italian campaign, the Air Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters and the Dis-



MAJOR W. E. KEEFER

tinguished Flying Cross to his credit, Maj. William E. Keefer, 25, of Torrance recently topped his combat career when he was authorized to wear the War Department Unit Citation Badge as a member of a 15th Air Force B-24 bomber group that was officially cited "for outstanding performance of duty in armed conflict with the enemy."

Maj. Keefer, bomber pilot who has flown 36 long-range bombing operations over central Europe and the Balkans, is also operations officer of the cited group. Planning and staging of all operations comes within his responsibilities.

Cited primarily for a vital mission over the Daimler-Puch aircraft factory at Steyr, Austria, the commendation also included mention of personnel and equipment shortages that handicapped ground crews in their work of servicing and maintaining the Liberators.

The Steyr mission, potentially abortive because of an intense cloud cover encountered at the target area, was flown into the heart of the German fighter belt, and the American formation was intercepted by approximately 75 enemy fighter planes that flew within suicidal range and used cannon, rockets and machineguns in an effort to scatter the planes.

Despite the running air battle, Col. Kenneth A. Cool, 39, of 2924 Fairmount blvd., Cleveland Heights, Ohio, commander of the group, shifted his bombing objective to the Steyr Walzgerwerke. "Tremendous material damage" was inflicted on the new target, while gunners among the group's air crews destroyed 27 German fighters, probably destroyed 17 more and damaged three.

"By their grim determination, their outstanding skill and unhesitating courage, the officers and enlisted men of this group have upheld the highest traditions of the military service, thereby reflecting great credit upon themselves and the armed forces of the United States of America," concluded the citation.

Maj. Keefer is a graduate of Torrance High school in 1937 and Compton junior college in 1941. He entered the service on July 18, 1941, and received his commission on Feb. 6, 1942, upon completion of advanced pilot cadet training at Luke Field, Ariz.

The major's wife, Mrs. W. E. Keefer, resides at 721 Connelly st., Clovis, N.M.



IN EMERGENCY

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THOMAS WINS OVER HIX BY 15,756 VOTES

Complete returns from the 68th Assembly District today put Assemblyman Vincent Thomas' winning margin over Republican Clifton Hix at 15,756, Registrar of Voters Michael J. Donoghue reported today.

The San Pedro assemblyman received 25,555 votes to start his third term at Sacramento the first of next year while Hix was given 9,799 votes. This is the complete semi-official count from all 130 precincts, with only minor, if any, changes expected in the official canvass of votes.

Vanity Handicap Attraction at Park Saturday

Going into the second full week of racing at beautiful Hollywood Park, and with four major stake races behind them, turf fans are anxiously awaiting the third running of the \$25,000 added Vanity Handicap, to be run Saturday, Nov. 18.

This rich race should involve a thrilling struggle between the fillies and mares of three years and upward over one mile and one-sixteenth, and the outcome of the Vanity will have a large bearing on the championship of the fillies and mares, in addition to serving as an indicator of their chances to cope with the opposite sex in the \$25,000 Argonaut Handicap to be run five days later.

It is expected that this race will bring the first showing of Whirlabout, the exquisite filly in the stable of Louis B. Mayer. Whirlabout has been setting the clockers' timepieces sizzling in her early morning spins, and if her trainer, George Odom, elects to send her out in the Vanity, she will be in line to add to her already heavy bank account which totals \$106,575.

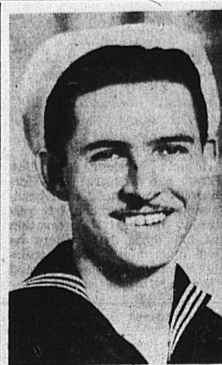
There are others which are eligible for the Vanity that will make the Mayer flyer step if she is to be returned the winner. Happy Issue, the filly in the Happy Stable barn, Regimental Dogone in the Coward and DuPuy string, Browbeat, Barging Lady, All White, Zaca Rosa, Button Hole, Paula's Lulu, Real Sad, Iron Maiden, Biblot, Marada, and half a dozen others in the filly and mare division.

The initial running of the Vanity was taken by Etolla II, in 1940, with Nick Pariso in the pilot house. Etolla II carried 112 pounds and beat out Flying Wild and Augury in the good time of 1:37 1/5 for a flat mile.

The next year saw the Vanity run at one mile and 1/16th and was won by Painted Veil, with Jackie Westrope guiding her home in 1:43 2/5, beating Cute Trick and African Queen. Those two years saw the stake run for \$10,000, but this year it is being contested for \$25,000 added, for the first time.

VISITS IN OHIO

Mrs. J. O. Anderson of 1521 Acadia ave. is enjoying a visit with friends and relatives in Cambridge, Ohio.



AWAITS ORDERS... Howard E. Foster, who upon completion of training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, received his rating as fireman, first class. He is now stationed at Shoemaker, Calif., where he will receive an assignment. Foster is a son of Mrs. Mary M. Foster of 234 Glendora ave., Belmont Shore, Long Beach.

California Oil Producers Hold Parley

Col. Alexander G. Heron, representative of Governor Earl Warren, spoke before the oil men in Bakersfield on the subject of "Planning for Post-War Industrial Activity in California."

This was the headliner of the regular semi-annual meeting of the conservation committee for San Joaquin Valley oil producers, held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the Bakersfield Inn. This meeting is conducted under the auspices of the conservation committee of California oil producers.

Col. Heron was formerly vice president of the Crown Zellerbach Corp., as director of public and industrial relations. He was called into active duty with the U. S. Army in August, 1942, and was subsequently transferred at the request of Governor Warren, to inactive status to take over his present post as director of reconstruction and reemployment, in charge of the post-war planning program for the state of California.

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ENJOY LUNCHEON Mrs. T. J. Adams of this city, accompanied by Mrs. Gilbert Wegner of Palos Verdes. Estates, were luncheon guests Friday at the home of Mrs. Jay Newman of Manhattan Beach.

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