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THE EDITORIAL CIRCUIT RIDER

(A Symposium of Editorial Comment of California Newspapers)

The day is gone when aviation may boast that there were more persons killed to death by miles in Missouri last year than were killed in airplane accidents.
The recent shocking tragedy at Santa Monica, in which 19 people were killed, and at San Clemente, in which 16 passengers in a T.A.T.-Meadow transportation plane met death, have stirred editorial comment throughout the length and breadth of California.

Commenting on the proposal for a commission regulating aviation, the Fresno Morning Republican says: "Of all the suggested plans, where a censorship would have standing time, this is the most foolish possible. Why a salary, or even a waste of time over this matter? The law of gravitation works ahead of any law forbidding stunting."
There never was, and probably never will be, a law to prevent persons from committing suicide if they want to. But Jim Dole, wealthy Hawaiian who concocted the ill-fated publicity stunt that turned the Dole races into a carnival of death, showed good judgment in not posting a similar amount toward the proposed \$50,000 prize for an airplane flight from Dallas to Hongkong, believes the Long Beach Sun.

That speaking of foolproof airplanes, the biggest disappointment aviation has felt in years was the recently-ended \$100,000 Guggenheim Safe Aircraft competition, insists the San Diego Sun. "The winner, a Curtiss Tanager biplane, differed little from the first plane that flew 26 years ago," wrote the Sun. "Its safety features were in the form of slots, flaps, and floating ailerons—merely added attachments to the regular airplane. The ending of the contest leads to the rather startling assumption that airplanes are about as safe right now as they will be for some time to come."
The one thing needed to give aviation the same sort of development the automobile has had is the removal of the lingering, subconscious fear in the mind of the general public," comments the Napa Register. "When the fear goes, aviation will expand beyond our wildest dreams."

Reckless pilots must be eliminated if aviation is not to become as great a menace to cities as war time air raids, says the Los Angeles Times. "But to the lay viewpoint," adds the Chico Enterprise, "it would seem that no pilot has any right to leave an air field, and sail over houses knowing that his machine has insufficient power to keep aloft."

Louis Meyer in the Pittsburgh Press applauds the announcement by the Main Aeromarine corporation of Pittsburgh that its airport employees absolutely abstain from intoxicating liquor, not merely while on duty but for 24 hours a day.
"There are a great many drinking people who stoutly argue that their drinking doesn't do them any harm," argues the Press. "But even they won't go up in the air with a 'hit-up' pilot any more; they would take a drive with a drunken chauffeur."

Despite the recent accidents, aviation can't be classed as dangerous in the same sense as motoring, says the Siskiyou News, pointing out the fact that a recent survey of American commercial flying companies showed but two fatalities to passengers in 5,000,000 miles of flight—more than 200 times around the earth at the equator.
Real flying will continue to overcome its handicaps and continue steadily, predicts Ed Schorn in the Willows Journal. "It seems incredible," he says, "that during the last year our commercial and observation planes carried 3,500,000 passengers and that 2,000,000 letters were delivered by the plane-mail service. Think of these figures and you will realize that we are going some—in fact we are flying."

Hawkins Co. Has Banquet

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Suggestions for the betterment of the company's policies and public service.

New Policy
The company's new policy of buying fresh new merchandise direct from the manufacturers, as the larger chain organizations do, was explained by Mr. Hawkins. He stated that the former custom of buying discontinued stocks of goods, bankrupt and job lot stocks, has been discontinued, as he has found that much better values are now available for cash when bought direct from the manufacturer. This newer policy enables the L. H. Hawkins Company stores to offer freshly made and up-to-the-minute merchandise at considerable savings to the customer, declared Mr. Hawkins.

"THAT LITTLE GAME" --- Beaten at His Own Game



ATTENTION CENTERED ON GRADUATES

P-T. A. Members Hear Principal Herbert Wood Talk on Midwinter Promotions

Attention at this month's meeting of the Parent-Teachers association, centered chiefly upon the prospective elementary school graduates, who, next week will rank as junior high school students. Especially do the mid-term graduates sense the confidence which is placed in them upon entering the high school and the acknowledgment of their ability to assume the older students' responsibility is gratefully noted by these newcomers who, contrary to their customary class-room regime, are free to go from room to room for recitations. But Mr. Herbert Wood, in his address to the parents of this group, stated that as in the elementary grades a list of subjects selected by the faculty, will be given in the seventh grade, with cooking and sewing for the girls and work shop for the boys.

For the last several terms the elementary school grades, upon entering junior high school, have made excellent headway from the very start. The reason for this rises from the growing tactics of the teachers in governing promotions. Only the child who is thoroughly prepared is promoted, and under this rule, many otherwise lagging students are spared embarrassment, stated Mr. Wood. So, on promotion day next week, sensible parents will be consoled by this. As a word of advice to the parent who is ambitious for her child, Professor Wood says: "Reading should be regarded as foremost among all subjects because especially so."

So, help your boys and girls to acquire the reading habit."
"Alfred S. Lorenz, statistician in the psychology and research division, talked on the subject of "Education in Europe," describing in detail the new plan of education mapped out for Austria since the war by educational authorities of Vienna. Mr. Guy Holiday, explained future building plans for Fern Street school. A new bungalow is to be started soon and sidewalks and plumbing fixtures also will be arranged for.

The entertainment program was led by the Girls' Glee club under Mrs. Julia Young's direction. Many of this club's members as well as many in the orchestra, which opened the meeting with several numbers, were A6 pupils. Miss Crummins' sewing class of A6 girls appeared in printed tracks of pretty design, made by themselves.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN TORRANCE

As Told by the Files of This Paper

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce will stand its proportionate share in the fund being raised to conduct the campaign for the selection of the Palos Verdes site for the Southern Branch of the University of California.

Legion Men Have Feed at George's.

School Cafeteria Operated in 1924 Almost at Cost.

J. C. Smith is building three houses in Torrance.

Boom Torrance for New Factory. \$4500 is Voted by Board. End "One-Job" Town.

L. H. Deininger Sets a Bowling Record of 287.

The city hall will soon be located at Post and Saripori avenues.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harder, 1314 Amapola avenue, Monday, a son, Dr. Stevenson and Dr. Shidler performed a Caesarian operation.

EIGHT YEARS AGO IN TORRANCE As Told by the Files of This Paper

With such famous speakers as Dr. Geo. P. Taubman of Long Beach; the Chairman of the Industrial Section of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and with the promise of Judge Bledsoe, the first Torrance town meeting to be held in the Torrance theatre next Monday night bids fair to be the greatest civic event in the history of Torrance.

The Torrance Window Glass Works is running full blast with complete force of about 300 and the roar of flames at the different ports around the great "tank" is music as sweet as siren to the big force of men employed.

New Chamber Will Have Working Budget of \$6000.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen of Portland, Oregon, have purchased the Castle apartments.

Washington, D. C. and Torrance are only two cities in the United States planned rightly. (Editorial comment.)

130 men sign up as workers in Chamber of Commerce membership drive.

C. A. R. Steiner has sold his interest in the Day and Night Garage.

GEO. PRIEST INJURED ON OIL DERRICK

The Standard Oil Company, received a painful injury Tuesday while working in one of the derricks in the Inglewood field. The men on the rig were repairing a steam pipe and while making the connection Mr. Priest's right hand was caught in such a way that the second finger of his right hand was nearly severed at the knuckle joint, tearing the muscles and flesh badly. He was taken to a hospital in Inglewood. Mr. Priest recently purchased a home at 2555 Sonoma avenue, Torrance.

CHURCH NOTES

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Engracia at Arlington, Phone 115-J.

George C. Elder, pastor, Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. 200 present. Talk and Decision Service by Evangelist G. B. Kellems.

Morning service, 10:30 o'clock. Evangelist Kellems will preach his first sermon at this hour.

Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. The first evangelistic service of the campaign. This service will be conducted by the evangelist. A great chorus will sing.

6:30, Young People's Christian Endeavor. Topic, "How Many Endeavors Crusade with Christ?" Francis Granger, leader.

Revival services every night, 7:30, except Saturday. Led by Evangelist Kellems. Public invited to hear this master teacher.

STEEL PLANT ORGANIZES NEW BAND

PITTSBURGH, Calif.—The Columbia Steel—it will be the United States Steel after this—is organizing a band and concert orchestra. They will be under the leadership of Mr. Morse of the engineering department and will meet Monday nights for practice in the guild hall of St. David's Episcopal church.

No Brotherhood Meeting in Feb.

There will be no M. E. Brotherhood dinner during the month of February, announced G. L. Morris, president, early this week. The meeting was scheduled for next Monday night, but was postponed because of so many other activities in the Methodist and other Torrance churches.

Legion Votes 5% Dividend

A five percent dividend was voted Monday to stockholders in the Legion Building association at the meeting of the directors. This is the first dividend to be paid the stockholders since the American Legion building was erected in Torrance.

LQMITA BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laski of Weston street spent the weekend at their ranch at Bonsall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buckham of Carlsbad and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Francis of Los Angeles were guests Sunday at the M. A. Kerber home on Poppy street.

P-T.A. PLANS TO PURCHASE NEW BOOKS

Film Play Proceeds Will Add Many Volumes to School Library

New books for the library at the Torrance Elementary school are to be purchased with the proceeds of the moving picture show given by the P-T. A. tomorrow night, Jan. 31.

The school library is now equipped with a small number of books, most of which are old and worn, secured principally by donation. To enlarge the usefulness of the library it became necessary to add to its supply of reading matter.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Torrance Elementary has decided to have but one money-making enterprise this year. Instead of a tag day, the association chose to put on a film play.

Two shows will be given, at 8:30 and 9:30. A small admission fee will be charged. The production will be given at the school auditorium.

School Notes

EVENING HIGH
Mrs. Morse, who has been in charge of physical education classes for women at the evening high school in Torrance has been transferred to Belmont, evening high school in Los Angeles.

Miss Katherine Klein, physical education instructor at the Torrance high school, will take over Mrs. Morse's work in addition to her own daytime classes, and will be in charge next week.

The classes will meet as usual on Tuesday and Thursday night.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE AT CENTRALEVAN.

Dr. E. H. Brunner, M.D., of Hunan, China, will be the speaker at the Central Evangelical church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Brunner will illustrate his lecture with stereoscopic views and his lecture is reported to be of exceptional interest.

Dr. Brunner's lecture was arranged by the Missionary Society of the church in observance of the church's day of prayer for the missions. In the morning service, Rev. G. B. Schmidt has chosen for his sermon the "Challenge" of the "Missionary Task," in further observance of the prayer day.

THAT CAR OF YOURS

Black exhaust smoke from your car indicates too rich a mixture and the remedy is adjustment of the carburetor. White or blue smoke indicates an excess of oil in the crankcase or worn rings, while grey smoke may indicate too much oil as well as fuel.

When a "spark knock" develops in your car, the more the spark is advanced, the more pronounced the knock will be. If timing is correct, valves should be ground and carbon removed.

The speedometer on your car should not suffer for lack of lubrication. Disconnect at the top coupling and force soft grease into the housing, turning the cable to distribute the grease.

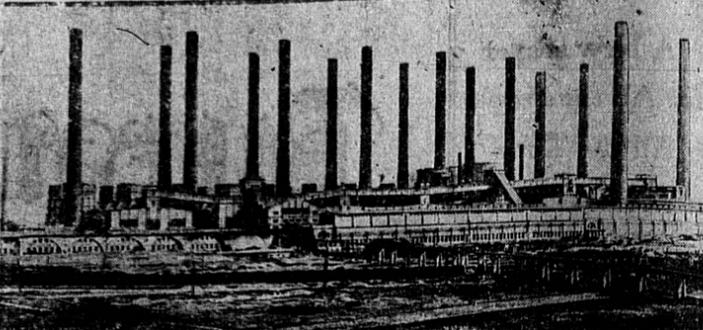
It is advisable to remove the front wheels on your car once a year and clean the bearings thoroughly with gasoline, then pack with fresh grease and adjust the bearings.

Low air pressure in front tires on your car causes difficult steering while low pressure in rear tires will cause swaying.

If the engine of your car overheats, it may be caused by loose fan belt, too rich a gas mixture, or leaky radiator.

When lubricating the brake mechanism on your car, don't forget that the most inaccessible parts usually need the most attention.

World's Largest Power Plant Opened in Germany



This lignite burning power plant, the largest in the world, has just been opened at Bitterfeld, Germany, to supply power for a large section of eastern and central Germany. It has two of the biggest turbogenerators in Europe.

YOUTH SICK, SHOOT'S SELF, DIES LATER

Gerald Wenzel, 14, of Redondo, Dies in Torrance Hospital of Wounds

REDONDO—Despondent over ill health, Gerald Wenzel, 14 years of age, a pupil in the Grant school, ended his life late Saturday night. He shot himself with a .22 target gun.

The boy's father, Mitt S. Wenzel, entered his home at 1732 Redondo-Riverside boulevard, just a minute before the boy shot himself. When Mr. Wenzel ran into the living room he found his son lying on the floor.

An ambulance was called and the youth was taken to the Torrance Memorial hospital where he died at 2:30 Sunday morning.

In spite of his ill health Gerald was active in the Boy Scout troop and was popular among his fellow scouts, as well as among his classmates at the Grant school.

Before he shot himself, Gerald wrote a note asking his father to pay his dues in the Boy Scout organization.

Department Sends Local Office New Delivery Truck

The postoffice department at Washington has provided the local postoffice with a new Ford truck to be used in the delivery of postal packages.

The new truck was brought down from Los Angeles this week and is already in service.

Aggie Teams Win Honors

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Jefferson, third.

Orange judging, high teams—Torrance, first; Venice, second; San Pedro, third.

Individual scores—Harriet Kenney, Torrance, first; Kenneth Pess, Torrance, second; Bill Shales, Venice, third.

Grapefruit judging, high teams—Venice, first; Torrance, second; Jefferson, third.

Individual scores—Roger Stevens, Jefferson, first; Virginia Cargill, Venice, second; Margaret Cletcher, Fremont, third.

Luncheon and Party at School for Elementary Graduating Class

Graduating class of Torrance Elementary school was feted at a graduation luncheon and party today at the school. A luncheon was given in the kindergarten room by Mr. William Bell, principal and the faculty.

Class members furnished a program during the luncheon, and the school orchestra gave several selections. Mr. W. C. Conrad, district superintendent, was the speaker of the day.

High school seniors were in charge of the playground activities during the affair, to enable all of the teachers to be present at the luncheon. Afterwards the A6 teachers, Miss Louise Huston and Miss Lillian Thomas, took the class to the auditorium for an afternoon of games. This party was given to take the place of formal graduation exercises.

In the graduating group are: Frank Austin, Benjamin Chaires, Robert Elder, Hitoshi Hitada.

COLUMBIA SALE

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thorough audit. I have been in transactions involving an equal amount of money in the purchase of properties, but I doubt whether I have seen anything more comprehensive than the inspection made by the United States Steel Corporation of the property they bought. It is unquestionably one of the reasons for their success.

The first thing that suggests itself, of course, in the enlarged operation of a steel company is whether this presages a large amount of construction, but, curiously enough, the demand for structural steel on the Pacific Coast is still not large enough to warrant mills for that specific purpose. It has been calculated that all the structural steel requirements could be met in thirty days and that it is much cheaper to ship by water through the Panama Canal all the girders necessary for buildings. But the by-products of steel are numerous—they go all the way from tin cans to rods for concrete construction and wire fences. And some day when Minnesota has less iron ore available, the United States Steel Corporation can reach out to its iron deposits in China and bring the ore by water to California. Not long after the United States Steel acquired the Columbia Steel Corporation there came another Eastern giant—the Bethlehem Steel Corporation—which took over the Pacific Coast Steel Company in California, so that competition thrives on the Coast in the steel business in anticipation of the industrial expansion that moves slowly but surely abreast of an increasing population.

Gardena Gardens advertisement with text: 'It will pay you to drive out Saturday afternoon or Sunday and see the Beautiful Modern Homes at prices and terms that will astound you. You can Own Your Own Home in a pleasant residence district close to the factories and work. Pay For It Like Rent'.