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## BIG STEEL ORDERS HELP COLUMBIA

### UNEMPLOYED RATIO HERE IS SAME AS L. A.

Only 3.6 Persons in Torrance and 2.7 Persons in Lomita Out of Every 100 Out of Work

Unemployment in Torrance and Lomita is considerably less than is commonly thought, according to official data given out this week by Field Supervisor Jennings of the United States Census Bureau. Final population figures give Torrance 7271 residents, of which 263 were classified as unemployed, or 3.6 persons out of every 100. Closing figures of the census bureau give Lomita a population of 5916, with 160 unemployed, or 2.7 persons out of every 100.

The unemployment figures are of April 1, and since then a large number of local workers have found employment through the increased activity in Torrance industries.

The percentage of unemployed in Torrance is identical with that of the City of Los Angeles, which also has 3.6 persons out of every 100 out of work on April 1. In Cleveland, a typical middle western city, the ratio was 4.5 unemployed.

The Union Tool plant of the National Supply Company is now back on a full time basis, and a number of other Torrance factories are employing more men than they were on April 1. This increased industrial activity will be augmented shortly by vigorous drilling operations in the Torrance-Lomita oil field due to the discovery of the deeper sand, making the outlook for this summer considerably brighter than it was a few months ago.

Members of the Torrance Kiwanis and Rotary clubs will hold a joint meeting at noon today at the Women's club. Frank M. Huntington, Rotarian, is in charge of the meeting and announced that he has secured Nick B. Harris, well known detective and radio lecturer, to present the program.

"All Kiwanis" night was celebrated here last Monday evening with Senator Frank C. Merriam, of Long Beach as principal speaker. The event was observed all over the nation in conjunction with the national convention at Atlanta City.

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### YOUNG CITIZEN CLAIMS HE IS AING TORRANCE

Insisting that he was a "public benefactor," Yung Dale Howe, of 1308 Amapolistreet, called at the Herald office this week and demanded recognition of his work.

Dale, who going to start his sophomore year in high school next fall, claims that his summer work of civic importance to Torrance. He is canvassing residential districts to lend his services to property owners of small lots.

Dale painted the house numbers on the curb in front of the residence using his own paint, stencil and ability.

### Two-Gun Bandit Robs Oil Station Attendant Here

Employe taken for a Ride After Holdup

After being robbed of \$13 and five gallons gasoline early Monday morning, Justin Smith, service station employe for E. W. Erwin at 1013 Poplar street, was "taken for a ride" in San Pedro by a two-gun bandit according to police reports.

Smith, who reported from the station, said he and the attendant did not look into an endeavor to ascertain the license number of the automobile used by the bandit. Smith located a telephone, Smith informed the San Pedro police the robbery. Both Erwin and San Pedro police departments are now working on the case.

### Boys Outnumber Girls in Arrivals at Hospital Here

Most of Surgical Cases Are Reported Making Good Recovery

Four boys and one girl arrived at United States Memorial hospital during the week ending July 2, according to reports at the institution today.

### BURBANK MAN JOINS STAFF HERALD - NEWS

Michael Strasser Takes Position As City Editor of Torrance Herald and Lomita News

Grover C. Whyte, editor-publisher of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News announces today that Michael Strasser, formerly of Burbank and now a resident of this city, will be city editor of the publication beginning this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Strasser moved to Torrance early this week and are now located in the new court at the corner of Arlington and Marcella avenues. Mrs. Strasser, who has been employed as kindergarten instructor in the Los Angeles city schools for the past four years, has applied for a transfer to this city.

### Council Discusses Weed Abatement

No action was taken by the council this week on establishing an ordinance for the abatement of weeds on vacant lots although the subject was given considerable discussion. It is believed that the lots can be cleared by the city with the cost being placed against the property. The council will meet on August 1, 1930, to discuss the ordinance.

### BUILDING FOR JUNE TOTALS \$20,300 HERE

First Half of Year Brings \$307,834 in New Construction

New building in Torrance during June totaled \$20,300, according to figures released this week by Frank Leonard, city engineer. There were 12 permits issued for new construction. The largest permit was for the erection of a two-story hotel building and five-unit garage at 1913 Cabrillo street by Edward L. Girth of Inglewood. The structure will cost \$10,000.

### Has New Position With C.-C. M. O.

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### CIVIC CHARTER BROUGHT UP IN COUNCIL MEET

Members Ask for More Time to Study Proposal

The proposition of a charter form of government for Torrance came up for considerable discussion at council meeting this week when Mayor John Dennis broached the subject at the suggestion of Councilman Ed. C. Nelson.

### Local Gold Star Mother Writes of Trip to France

A member of the sixth group of Gold Star mothers and widows who are making the pilgrimage to France as guests of this nation, Mrs. Ella M. Flood, 2311 Gramercy avenue, arrived in Paris June 13, according to an interesting letter received by her husband, A. L. Flood, here this week.

### C. T. Rippy Given Leave of Absence

At his request the city council granted Judge C. T. Rippy leave of absence from his duties here from July 1 to August 15. Judge Rippy's suggestion that W. E. Bowen be appointed acting police judge during his absence was approved.

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### CITY ENJOYS GOOD HEALTH INDEX SHOWS

Single Case of Infantile Paralysis in District Is Reported

Definitely setting at rest fears that infantile paralysis was spreading to a serious extent, the County Health Index for the week ending June 21, states that there is a "fall in the present outbreak" and that only one case has been discovered in this district during the past week.

### ORGANIZATION OF NEW UNIT OPENS WAY FOR MORE WORK

U. S. Steel Pacific Coast Properties Taken Over by Columbia Steel Company, a Subsidiary. Big Orders Held Up Pending Organization of New Unit Are Now Ready To Be Released

With the legal technicalities incident to the acquisition of the local steel mills by the United States Steel Corporation fully accomplished July 1, the way is now open for increased activities at the Columbia steel mills here.

### WRS. ANDERSON REGISTERS VOTERS HERE TILL JULY 28

For the convenience of eligible voters who have changed precincts, failed to register or desire to change their registration to a definite party affiliation in order to cast their ballot at the primaries, Mrs. J. Forbes Anderson, of 1510 Engstrom avenue, will again be on the job as deputy registrar.

### Postoffice Gains Over 1929 Figure, Mid-year Report

Postmaster Receives New Regulations for Foreign Mail

Although the Torrance postoffice showed a slight decrease for the quarter ending June 30, a gain of slightly more than \$1000 is recorded for the first half of 1930 over the same period in 1929, according to Postmaster Alfred Gouder.

### Next Baby Health Clinic, August 1st

Only one new baby registered at the Mothers' Education Center last Friday, but thirteen former members of the health clinic were there to welcome the newest arrival, Dorothy Sandstrom.

### "Little Links" Will Have Golf Tourneys

Miniature golf enthusiasts are planning hard this week in order to qualify for the two tournaments that are coming up soon. Bob Lessing of the "Wee Bobbie" course, announced that he will hold a tournament on Saturday evening.

### Tax Rolls Open to Public at Chamber Office

Inspection of the tax rolls covering property in Torrance reveals that there is an average cut of 12 per cent in the local assessments on land and improvement, according to the Chamber of Commerce office where the rolls are available to the public.

### ON TRIP TO DENVER

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Whalen and their children, Mary and Roy, of 1242 Andreo avenue, left last Saturday for an automobile trip to Denver, Colo. They expect to be gone about four weeks.

### ALL STORES CLOSED FOURTH

Torrance will observe Independence Day Friday with all places of business being closed the entire day.

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