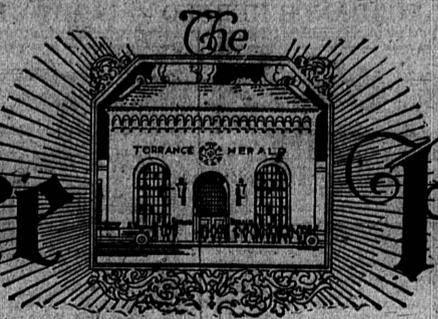


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PROGRESS OF NATION NOTED BY CLAGSTONE

U. S. Chamber Manager Is
Speaker at Small
Forum Meet

Speaking before a lunch-
eon audience of only nine
members of the Torrance
Chamber of Commerce Tues-
day noon, Paul Clagstone,
manager of the Western Div-
ision of the United States
Chamber of Commerce point-
ed out salient facts concern-
ing the immediate recovery
of world, national and local
business from the depression
following the stock market
crash late in 1929.

Undated by the meager audi-
ence, Mr. Clagstone reported that
business of all kinds was making a
rapid recovery and that the nation
as a whole was apparently making
a remarkable comeback following
the stock debacle.

No More Guesswork

W. Rufus Page, vice president
of the local chamber, was in charge
of the meeting. He introduced the
speaker, who presented a compre-
hensive report of world and national
business in an informal manner.
At the close of his talk, Mr. Clag-
stone called the chamber's attention
to a number of interesting
pamphlets and publications which
could be obtained from the United
States Chamber of Commerce. It
is expected that the Torrance or-
ganization will obtain copies of
them for distribution among its
members or for the local office.

"We used to do a lot of guess
work about our unemployment,
business conditions, world markets
but now we have the services of
expert observers, statisticians to scan
and actual facts at our fingertips
to lead us in the right direction,"
Mr. Clagstone declared in opening
his talk.

Makes Comparative Report

From then on he delved into
actual figures of the nation's business
as compared with 1929, which is
considered as one of the banner
years in this country. By compar-
ing the United States in today
not far behind the best periods of
that year, he said, Mr. Clagstone
outlined the plan put forth by the
United States Chamber of Com-
merce and endorsed by President
Hoover, for the formation of a Na-
tional Business Survey, whereby
some evidence could be gathered
to assist the country out of the de-
pression.

Step by step, the speaker under-
took to present comparative reports
on various items of national affairs
such as money conditions, credit
standings, savings deposits, install-
ment buying, insurance, consti-
tution, public works and utilities, real
estate, employment, retail trade and
the recent tariff.

"Many people do not realize," he
said, "that we are passing through
not only a period of national de-
pression but that the entire world
condition. Our world markets are
hit, European nations are making
an exceptionally slow recovery and
consequently we feel the pinch."

Endorse Flexible Tariff

In speaking of the recent new
tariff regulations, Mr. Clagstone
said, "We, of the United States
Chamber of Commerce, took no
particular action on individual
items of the tariff as we had de-
clared ourselves for an adequate
protective tariff for all commodi-
ties produced in this country in
order to protect our industries
against destructive foreign in-
vasions."

"That is the reason we are satis-
fied with the flexible tariff which
offers great insurance to business,
although, personally, some of us
believe that in many cases the tar-
iff is too high."

In closing, Mr. Clagstone urged
the local chamber to take advan-
tage of the tariff.

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DANDELIONS MAY WIN PRIZE AT GARDEN CLUB

Even if its just dandelions,
the most artistic basket pres-
ent will win a prize at the
meeting of the Torrance Dis-
trict Garden club next
Monday evening at the Legion
clubhouse. It was announced to-
day.

Displays ranging from the

most simple of flowers to the
more rare varieties are ex-
pected to be included in the
displays and competition is
open to all members of the
club.

C. B. Bell is offering the

award which will possibly be
a healthy plant of the gorgeous
yellow lupin, which make such
a stunning display in the
springtime.

Peppers Prominent

Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Bradford,
instructors, assisted the pupils in
making the map. The various trees
to be found on the map are the
pepper, acacia, eucalyptus, palm,
evergreen, oak, silver oak, carob,
cannapha, magnolia, she-oak, jacar-
anda and sycamore.

According to the students' map,

the pepper tree is the more promi-
nent in the part of the city laid
out for the exhibit, with the acacia
and eucalypt following in quantity.

Announcement of the first and

second prize winners in the three
classes of the Better Yards and
Gardens Contest will be made Mon-
day night at 8 o'clock when the
Torrance Garden club meets at the
American Legion clubhouse.

The contest, which has been car- ried on here for the past four

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results, according to Carlston B.
Bell, president of the club. Three
times during the contest the five
judges made thorough inspections
of the front, back and whole yards
of the entrants and sealed their
estimates of the yards and gardens.

Judges to Speak

Robert B. DeWinger, who is
chairman of the contest committee,
will have charge of the meeting
Monday night. Following the an-
nouncement of the winners, the
judges are expected to comment on
the condition of the various lots as
noted during the course of the con-
test.

NO AUXILIARY MEET

Regular meeting of the American
Legion Auxiliary, which was sched-
uled for Tuesday evening, July 16,
has been postponed. The next
meeting date will be announced
later.

Teachers Listed

Mr. Bell stated that Mrs. Mabel
Peterson, fourth grade instructor,
has gone for a trip to Sweden with
her husband and will not return
until the middle of October. A
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TREE MAP OF CITY IS MADE BY STUDENTS

Fourth Grade Pupils Give
Handiwork to
Chamber

An interesting map of trees in
the original townsite of Torrance,
made by pupils of the Fourth grade
of the Torrance Elementary school,
has been presented to the Cham-
ber of Commerce and is now on
exhibition there.

Various colored pins are used to
designate the tree species bordering
the first city site. The background
of black, with the streets outlined
in white ink makes the pins stand
out in bold relief on the map.

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City Charter

What Are the Advantages? Why Is Action at This Time
Advisable? Come to Tuesday's Council Meeting
and Hear the Discussion

AN EDITORIAL
By GROVER C. WHYTE

Should Torrance graduate from the group of smaller
sixth class cities operating under the general laws of the
state and draft a charter which will fit its particular
requirements as a modern industrial city? What provisions
should be included in such a charter for a freeholder city,
and what are the advantages of adopting a charter? These
are some of the questions that citizens are asking mem-
bers of the City Council which body is expected to take the
first steps Tuesday evening toward submitting the charter
proposition to the people.

We believe every constructively minded person familiar
with civic affairs realizes the need for a new charter, pro-
viding that charter is written by people of intelligence who
have an unselfish and sincere desire to draft a legal vehicle
which will carry this city forward in its development and
will be fair to all people and all interests. To say, one is
"for" or "against" a charter depends entirely WHAT PRO-
VISIONS ARE INCORPORATED IN THE CHARTER. Among the
provisions which would seem wise to include are:

1. Ward system for election of councilmen with
the election of a mayor by the city at large. Districts
of approximately equal population would be formed,
and provision should be made for changing the bound-
aries of these districts or wards, as centers of popu-
lation fluctuate, so that at all times each councilman
would represent approximately the same number of
people.

2. To prevent the shouldering of taxpayers with
bonded indebtedness should this city vote to consoli-
date with Los Angeles or some other heavily bonded
municipality, a provision should be included which
would require a two-thirds vote on any such consoli-
dation. No local bond issues can be passed without a
two-thirds majority, and we would most certainly not
want to agree to pay off a part of the Los Angeles
bonds without at least a two-thirds vote. Of course,
the possibility of consolidation with Los Angeles is very
remote at this time, but we never can predict what
the future holds in store.

The advantages of the ward system of electing coun-
cilmembers are manifold. It affords each district a voice in
its city's government. The boundaries of Torrance are
ever widening, and in the interests of civic harmony, such
district representation is only fair to the outlying portions
of the city. Recent annexations have been in territory
relatively sparsely populated, but suppose some more thickly
settled area contiguous to Torrance should vote to annex?
There would be a possibility of the new area electing a ma-
jority of members to the council. If the majority of resi-
dents in the newly annexed district were progressive and
caught the spirit of this modern industrial city, all would
be well. But if they were antagonistic to the growth and
development of this city, we would have the embarrassing
situation of the "tail wagging the dog."

Under the charter form of city government, amend-
ments and changes may be made as they become appar-
ent and upon the approval of the voters. Under the present
system, it is necessary to go to the State Legislature
to effect any change in the basic laws of municipal govern-
ment. This is many times impossible to accomplish, as
what may be advantageous to Torrance would not be ben-
eficial to other sixth class cities in the state.

The whole proposition of a freeholder city charter may
be summed up in the advantages of being able to "write
your own ticket," without regard to other municipalities
as long as you stay within the state law.

The subject of salary for councilmen is not a major
issue in connection with drafting a city charter. Free-
holders may or may not provide a salary for councilmen.
We believe it would be wise to leave the situation as it now
stands. Voters at the last election expressed themselves
unfavorably on the proposition of paying councilmen, and
it would seem unwise to risk the adoption of the entire
charter for the sake of including the one item of salary
for councilmen. If at some future time, it seems wise to
again submit the salary proposition to the people, it can
be done in an amendment to the charter. But for fear
that the real purposes of the city charter be confused with
the councilmanic salary issue, we believe the charter
should provide for councilmen serving without monetary
compensation, for the present at least.

The first step in drafting a new charter is the election
of fifteen representative citizens as freeholders, who will
write the proposed charter, for submission to the elector-
ate. Too much emphasis cannot be laid on the import-
ance of this step.

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WELCOME IS PLANNED FOR MRS. FLOOD

Gold Star Mother Will Be
Honored Here
Sunday

An open air community service
to greet Mrs. Ella M. Flood, Gold
Star mother of this city, who re-
turned to Torrance yesterday from
a pilgrimage to France, will be
held in front of the First Metho-
dist Episcopal church, on El Prado,
at 7 o'clock Sunday evening.

Mayor John Dennis will make the
welcome address and Mrs. Bodes,
president of the American Legion
Auxiliary, and many of the mem-
bers will be present to greet the
Gold Star mother who represented
them across the sea.

Will Speak on Trip

Mrs. Flood is expected to give
some of the high lights of her trip
to the last resting place of her son,
Captain William Flood, Commend-
er Bailey and many of the Ameri-
can Legion members will be pres-
ent.

A message on "National Integri-
ty" will be given by R. A. Young,
pastor of the church. Music will
be given by the church orchestra,
chorus choir and Torrance quartet.
All residents of Torrance are cor-
dially invited to the program.

Organizations Meet Tonight for Program

Harbor District Chambers
Gather for Regular
Monthly Session

Proceeding the general dinner
meeting at 6:30 p. m., a business
session of the Harbor District
Chambers of Commerce will be held
tonight at the regular monthly
gathering of the 50 affiliated or-
ganizations in the K. of C. Hall,
131 West Main street, Los Ange-
les. The executive session is
scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

At this meeting the delegates
from the communities in the First
and Fourth Supervisorial Districts
of Los Angeles County will discuss
subjects of regional interest. The
dinner will be served by the South-
side Ethel club. A delightful pro-
gram of entertainment has been
arranged by the Southwest
Chamber of Commerce which will
be host on this occasion.

John Quinn to Speak

The address of welcome will be
given by the host, President Fred
E. Mayhew, the response being
made by Samuel M. Dudley, im-
mediate past president of the Har-
bor District body.

Program chairman, Ernest M.
Mansure, has secured Mr. George
W. Buntin as speaker for the even-
ing. Mr. Buntin has been identi-
fied in the civic and commercial
development of the county for
many years and is an entertaining
and inspirational speaker on econ-
omic subjects. Supervisor John R.
Quinn will address the assembly on
the subject of "Responsibilities in
County Government." Mr. Quinn
has never appeared before the Har-
bor District group before and his
discussion of this subject is antici-
pated with eager interest.

A. E. Henning, councilman of the
15th district and president of the
Harbor District Federation, will
preside. Interested citizens theough-
out the district are cordially in-
vited to attend.

ATTENDANCE RECORD SET AT SCHOOL

278 Students Attending Ele-
mentary; 130 at
Playground

Setting a new record for sum-
mer school attendance, 278 pupils
were registered at the Torrance
Elementary school last week, ac-
cording to William M. Bell Jr.,
principal. Eight teachers are en-
gaged in directing the vacation
school work.

The playground is also drawing
a number of children. Mr. Bell
said, as 125 were on the grounds
Monday participating in the vari-
ous activities. Mrs. Hilda Powell
conducts the playground work from
noon until 6 p. m. This week the
children are interested in puppet
work and other handiwork projects
which are being stressed in con-
nection with the regular games and
sports.

Legion Men to Go to Hawthorne Meet

A number of Torrance Legion-
naires are planning to attend the
July meeting of the 19th district
American Legion at Hawthorne,
Wednesday, July 16. From 500 to
1000 Legion men and their friends
are expected to attend the event
of the 27 posts in the district.

Plans for the evening call for a
grand parade with all posts, bugle
and drum corps and shot-gun
squads in the line of march; a busi-
ness session in the Centinela
building; a smoker with boxing and
wrestling bouts and refreshments
for everyone.

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UNSIGNING POEM NEEDS POET'S NAME FOR PRINT

The Torrance Herald ac-
knowledge receipt of a poem
deprecating the trimming of
eucalyptus trees on El Prado,
but the writer neglected to
sign his name.

In line with the policy of
nearly all newspapers, the
Herald does not print anony-
mous articles, and if the writ-
er of the El Prado verses will
identify himself, this newspa-
per will be glad to publish the
contribution.

Rotarians Ready For Big Time at Johnston Ranch

Installation of Officers to Be
Held During
Weekend

With a typical "Warren Johnston
party" promised them, members of
the Torrance Rotary club are mak-
ing intense preparations for a week-
end of real pleasure, which will
begin at Mr. and Mrs. Johnston's
ranch near Escondido at 4:30
o'clock Saturday afternoon.

During the course of the fun and
frivolity, Sam Levy will be in-
stalled as president of the club to
succeed Dr. J. S. Lancaster, retir-
ing president. Don Finley will
become vice president and E. C.
Nelson will again take over the du-
ties of secretary and treasurer.

Full Program Promised

The clubmen and their wives will
leave Torrance in their Saturday
morning automobiles. All arrange-
ments for the entertainment of the
visitors have been made by Mr. and
Mrs. Johnston. The ladies in the
party will find accommodations in
the ranch house and the men will
have tents to live in during the
visit. Those having camp equip-
ment of their own have been urged
to bring it along.

A barbecue, baseball games, cro-
quet matches, races, the installa-
tion of officers, dancing and excep-
tional night club entertainment is
in store for the Rotarians, Mr.
Johnston has promised.

Solution Seen For Extension Of Coast Road

Visit of State Officials Spurs
Highway Men to
Action

Plans for the proposed routing
of the Roosevelt Coast highway
through Wilmington and Long
Beach received impetus this week
because of the visit of B. B. Meek,
chairman of the State Highway
Commission, to Southern California.
Mr. Meek is expected to announce
the attitude of the state commis-
sion on the project and efforts will
be made to learn from him what
amount of financial aid the state
would give toward the work.

According to George E. Preston,
president of the Harbor District
Highway association, the organiza-
tion will put their inquiries to Mr.
Meek.

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"Coyote" Turns Out to Be Valuable Silver-Tip Fox

You've heard the story of the
man who killed the coon that laid
the golden eggs—he was pretty
dumb.

But the man who killed a "coyote"
that was really a valuable sil-
ver-tip fox—well, just ask Mrs. Ar-
thur J. Hodge, of 2117 Wilmington-
Redondo boulevard, what a won-
derful man her husband is!

Mrs. Hodge now owns a beauti-
ful fur neckpiece, worth more than
\$250, just because her husband
killed a "coyote" which had de-
stroyed almost 15 of her little chick-
ens recently. Mr. Hodge is em-
ployed at the National Supply com-
pany in Torrance.

"We thought a coyote was caus-
ing us all the trouble," she said
this week. "Our chickens were be-
ing almost exterminated by the
animal. We had seen it prowling
around our garden a few times.

Has Pelt Appraised

"One night Mr. Hodge saw it
close to a rose bush in our yard
so he got his gun and shot it.
When we brought it into the house
we noticed that it was not a coy-
ote at all but a very pretty animal

WALTERIA BOY BADLY INJURED IN AUTO CRASH

Car Is Assorted to Have Been
Parked on Road With-
out Lights

Seriously injured as a re-
sult of an automobile ac-
cident on Hawthorne boule-
vard about one-half mile
north of Walteria Monday
night, Irving Abbott, 14-year-
old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mun-
ing of Walteria, was removed
from the Jared Sidney Tor-
rance Memorial hospital
Tuesday morning to the Los
Angeles County hospital.

Young Abbott's skull was frac-
tured, it was reported, when a
small car in which he and his
riding was struck while parked
on the boulevard without lights,
according to police. The car was
operated by Nell Whitney of Al-
hambra and Park streets, Walteria.

It is not known if the injured
boy, whose chances for recovery
are said to be doubtful, was in the
car or standing beside it when the
machine was struck by a car driv-
ing on from the east on Santa
Monica.

In his report to Police Chief G.
M. Calder, Davis stated that the
accident was unavoidable as the
boy's car was without lights of any
kind and he was temporarily blind-
ed by the lights of a third car ap-
proaching in the opposite direction.
Chief Calder said that he learned
that the boys had been warned by
an officer on the boulevard to
either put some lights on their
parked vehicle or move it off the
pavement just 15 minutes before
the accident.

The injured boy was rushed to
the local hospital by Mr. White
and his mother, Mrs. L. White of
Santa Monica, who happened to
pass the scene of the accident
shortly after it occurred. Mr. and
Mrs. Muning and their son live at
the corner of Alhambra and Main
streets, Walteria.

Local Man Arrested by Los Angeles Cops

A police report published in a
Los Angeles newspaper yesterday
stated that Buna A. Brittain, 39,
of 1387 El Prado avenue, Torrance,
was arrested on a charge of suspi-
cion of drunken driving after a
spectacular automobile chase along
Figueras street early yesterday.

Officers from the Georgia divi-
sion are reported to have declared
they saw Brittain driving on the
intersection at Venice boule-
vard at a high rate of speed. As
Pico street Brittain is alleged to
have smashed into a whole lot of
traffic buttons. He was overtake
at Hope street, the officers report-
ed.

Mrs. Whyte's Father Passes Away Today

A. L. Clemons, father of Mrs.
Grover C. Whyte, 1620 Post avenue,
passed away suddenly this morn-
ing at his home in Long Beach.
Mr. Clemons had been ill for a
short time, suffering from heart
trouble.

**BUILD THE BARBER
SAYS**

THE REAL
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OUS THAT HE'D
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