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**Peter Wertz Passes  
Away While On Visit**

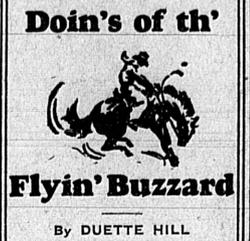
While visiting his mother at Shawnee, Kansas, Peter J. Wertz, brother of Ted L. Wertz, post-office employee, passed away this week. Mr. Wertz, who was 64 years old, had lived in California for the past 18 years, and for the last several years had resided on 218th street in the Shoenberg strip. He is survived by his parents, six other brothers and two sisters. Funeral services and interment were held at the Kansas city.

**TELEPHONE COMPANY TELLS  
OF '32 EXPANSION PROGRAM**

Telephone service improvement and expansion will continue in 1932 on fully as large a scale as in 1931, according to an announcement this week by the Southern California Telephone Company in which a \$14,510,000 program for the year was reported. Normal additions and replacements to the local plant will be made and the exchange will benefit also from more than \$1,000,000 to be expended in improving long distance facilities throughout Southern California, according to O. V. Peitzke, manager.

Of the 1932 telephone appropriation, more than \$410,000 will provide new land and buildings; \$2,720,000 will be used for new central office equipment; \$6,850,000 is for new and replaced equipment upon subscribers' premises, and in excess of \$3,300,000 has been allotted for various outside plant projects, including laying of underground cables and conduit systems. More than \$260,000 will go toward new tools and general equipment.

Faith in development of the exchanges, both small and large, was expressed in the announcement of the extensive program for the year by telephone officials. The company now serves an area connecting more than 525,000 telephones. The extent of the work to be completed in 1932 was indicated by the quantities of some of the materials to be placed. These include 186,000 miles of telephone wire in cable, 220 tons of other copper wire, 10,000 poles for open-wire routes and more than 73 miles of underground conduit. The bulk of the work will be done in connection with comparatively small projects in all parts of the company's territory, although more than \$1,000,000 represents 100 outside plant jobs involving \$3,000 or more each.



By DUETTE HILL

"Ride 'em, cowboy," says Buss as he wrapped his old blacksnake around his saddle horn.

Tenderfoot just couldn't get his horse to leave camp this mornin'. It was freezin' cold 'n ice wuz ever where.

We can't fool good time away out here on this ranch, ya know, so Buss unfolded that blacksnake around that horse's heels. It was just like watchin' Dogie Cy a tryin' to stand up on one of them Blossom room dance hall floors, only the horse wuz more graceful.

As for Tenderfoot—he took the prize for all around an all over "stunt" ridin'.

It was hard on the horse, but outside uv a black eye, broken finger, cracked back, 'n skinned shins, Tenderfoot's in good shape.

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**CHAMBERS  
OF HARBOR  
LIKE VISIT**

Last year the Harbor District Chambers' installation meeting here was "outstanding," in the opinion of President A. E. Henning. This year, the Los Angeles councilman and retiring leader of the Harbor Federation characterized the Torrance meeting held Thursday night as "more outstanding." If Henning sends a laudatory letter next year to the local chamber, the mayor and council—as he has done in the past two years—it is expected that he will reach the ultimate in compliments to this city and term that 1931 session "most outstanding."

Anyway, the installation banquet Thursday was a big success. W. Rufus Page assumed the presidency of the organization as 180 diners rose to pay him tribute. After the excellent dinner served by the Woman's club, a number of local people came in to add to the representation of the host city. Lieut. Gov. Frank Merriam in his response to Mayor Dennis and De-Kalb Spurlin's welcome, paid high tribute to this city and complimented the Torrance Herald for its evident spirit of cooperation in all moves for civic welfare.

At the business meeting prior to the banquet, it was voted by the delegates to defer action on joining in a court battle against the proposed San Gabriel flood control dam, as proposed by the city of Pasadena. The matter was put over until next month's meeting.

Charles A. Gurneys and Barr McIntosh, radio philosopher, shared the speaking honors, both giving an attentive audience unusually good talks.

**Narbonne High Gets  
\$84,000 Addition**

Allocation of \$84,000 for a building addition of 16 units to the Narbonne High school at Lomita was made by the Board of Education at a meeting late last week.

This was part of a \$475,000 building program ordered by the school authorities which will provide badly-wanted facilities for education of the district's school children.

**Local Schools  
Status Under  
Charter Told**

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"I do not think that teachers should be worried about their positions under the Tenure Act," said Clifton, "as there is a general tendency by boards of education throughout the State to retain the services of competent teachers."

The County Superintendent explained that under the Tenure Act teachers who have served in a district of over 850 pupils for a period of three years could not be discharged without cause. Prior to the three-year probation period, teachers may be removed without cause. Incompetency or immoral conduct are considered sufficient reasons for discharge under the Tenure Act, but such infractions must be proven and appeals may be taken to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Over-Payment Discussed

The fact that taxpayers in Torrance were contributing about \$130,000 each year to the Los Angeles city school district in excess of the cost of operating and maintaining Torrance schools was repeatedly brought out by citizens at the meeting. It was shown that Torrance has a very large assessed valuation and a relatively small school enrollment, and for this reason, it could operate its schools for considerably less money than it is now contributing to the Los Angeles city system. Asked whether he thought Torrance could efficiently operate its own school system, the County Superintendent stated that he saw no reason why this city with an assessed valuation of \$25,000,000 should not be able to conduct its own school affairs.

Ellsworth Bowen stated that he had been informed by the auditor of the Los Angeles school system that Torrance taxpayers are helping to pay off over \$15,000,000 in bonds which were voted in 1909, before this city was in existence, as Torrance was not subdivided until 1912.

Live In Torrance

Clifton stated that he thought it was better for school teachers in smaller cities such as Torrance to live in the city in which they teach.

Should Torrance organize its own school district, it could select its own courses of study, choose its own teachers and set their salaries, levy its own school tax, and otherwise control its own school affairs in conformity with the State law, according to the County Superintendent.

Among those who attended the meeting Tuesday evening were: members of the City Council, directors of the Chamber of Commerce, school officials and teachers, officers of the P. T. A., W. T. Klusman, and other representative citizens.

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**SMITH'S Food Market**  
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**Fruit Stand  
Crash Victim**

Accident Throws Car Into Wayside Market

The Jones' fruit stand on Narbonne avenue near Chestnut street welcomes customers when no other stand is open, right into the wayside market in their cars and smash things up pretty badly.

That's what happened Sunday afternoon. Ross Laria, of the U. S. S. Saratoga, driving north on Narbonne attempted to pass a car driven by E. H. James, Inglewood, who was going south on Narbonne. Laria, according to Motor Officer Malin, didn't have enough clearance over James' car and attempted to drive completely off the highway on the left hand side. James gave way to the left and collided with Laria's machine, which crashed into the Jones' fruit stand. Both cars and the stand were badly damaged, but neither driver was hurt, according to Malin's report.

**STOREKEEPER  
SLUGGED AND  
ROBBED SAT.**

C. A. Smith Victim of Two Thugs As He Opens Market

Ten minutes after he opened his market at 1314 Sartori avenue Saturday morning, Claude A. Smith found himself recovering consciousness, tied hand and foot, and robbed of \$128.62.

He had been slugged by one of two men, carried from the front of the market to a back room, bound up and ordered to "be quiet or you'll be plugged." Coming to, Smith managed to squirm over to the telephone and knock that instrument off its stand but beyond reach of his voice. A milkman, making his customary morning delivery at Smith's market, found the storekeeper and, instead of releasing him, bounded out of the store and gave the alarm.

Mark Wright, salesman in the store, was the second person to find the merchant and he stripped off Smith's ropes.

No Clues Found

"I don't know what the fellow hit me with—but my right temple is still very sore," Smith, who has been in business here about two years, said Monday. "I can't give any description of the men—although I believe there were two of them—other than that one had on overalls, a slip-on sweater with a greenish color, and a cap. I think he was the man I saw loitering in the Woolworth door way across the street as I opened up."

The merchant was struck from behind as he walked toward the rear of the store. The \$128 was taken from his pocket and represented part of his Friday's receipts; the 62 cents was rifled from the cash register and was in his pocket. Local police admitted Monday that they had little hope of apprehending either or both of the two men as no clues of any kind were available. The men made their escape from the rear door of the market.

Smith does not think that the robbers were connected with a year-old robbery of the MacMarr store, which was located then on Sartori avenue, and in which he figured.

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| <b>WORK GLOVES</b><br>Oil Workers, close out <b>\$1.25</b><br>"Red Apple" Mill <b>29c</b><br>2 for ..... <b>50c</b><br>Leather Palm <b>25c</b><br>2 for ..... <b>45c</b>   | <b>WORK SHIRTS</b><br>BIG YANK<br>Best grade, full cut, double re-inforced.<br>Blue Flyer, were 85c, now <b>63c</b><br>2 for ..... <b>\$1.20</b><br>Khaki, were \$1.00, now <b>74c</b><br>2 for ..... <b>\$1.45</b>   |  |   |
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<b>Total Quick Assets</b>	<b>\$414,159.41</b>
Loans and Discounts	369,139.52
Building, Vaults, Furniture and Fixtures	56,500.00
Other Real Estate owned	5,015.00
Redemption Fund	2,500.00
Other Assets	2,568.13
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$849,882.06</b>

Liabilities

Capital Stock	50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	76,438.44
Circulation	50,000.00
Deposits	673,443.62
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