



**FREQUENTLY SEEN TOGETHER** ... Because Romelle Schneider, shown here at a football game with James Roosevelt, is frequently with him, Hollywood reports say the pretty 24-year-old nurse is the new heart interest of the president's oldest son. Young Roosevelt is divorcing his wife, Mrs. Betsy Cushing Roosevelt, mother of his two children.

## Family of Seven in Dire Distress Here; Father Appeals for Work

When Ivan M. Johnson and his family of a wife, three children and his parents came to California and Torrance from Gary, Indiana six weeks ago, he had a job prospect and his oldest youngsters began recovering from asthma.

Today Johnson and his brood are in dire straits and he appealed to the Herald for assistance in finding a job that will keep them from hunger and want.

"We need help badly," he said. "I'm out here with my family of three children — Eleanor, seven; Charlen, four; and Marlin, our nine-months-old baby son and my parents. We are living at 1218 Amapola street. Our rent is up and we haven't anywhere to move. We haven't a bit of furniture to keep house with."

"We haven't any money at all and are just desperate. We aren't asking for charity but would appreciate any kind of work at all. I have been promised jobs at local industries but they aren't putting men on now."

"Can Do Anything"

"If we can just get something — anything — to do until my promised jobs come thru then we will be all right."

Investigation determined that the Johnson family is in a serious predicament. To date they have been helped by the Torrance Relief Society but Johnson and his 54-year-old father want to work. Ivan Johnson is an electric crane-man by trade and was employed in that capacity at the Carnegie-Illinois Steel plant in Gary, Ind. But he says "I can do anything and am a pretty good painter." He is 32 years old.

His father is an expert meat-cutter and is also an experienced boiler-maker.

If anyone has a job for them, the Johnsons can be reached at 1218 Amapola street or thru the Herald office.

## Stolen Car Found Stripped Here

A stripped Plymouth sedan was found Monday morning on a dirt road in the C. C. M. O. lease just off Maple street. It was registered to Joe Gibbons of Los Angeles. When Los Angeles police were notified of the recovery, the motor detail said the car had been reported stolen Sunday.

## School Teachers Judge Entries In Want Ad Rhymes Contest

Mrs. Lillian H. B. Billups, principal, and faculty members of Fern Avenue school in Torrance headed the group of judges who selected the best rhymes for this week for the Torrance Herald and Lomita News Want Ad Rhymes contest. Their selections follow:

**First Prize Winner**  
Mrs. E. G. Delerce of 1808 West 26th St., Lomita, will kindly call at the Herald-News office in Torrance for her prize of \$1. Mr. Allen also invites you to bring an escort with you for a real Virginia Bar-B-Q dinner as his guest.

The Ad:  
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"Where Price & Quality Meet"  
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1333 El Prado, Tor. 715  
The Winning Rhyme:  
"If you are looking for a Bar-B-Q treat

## Officials Seek Federal Project for Slough Drain

Three county officials will go to Washington next month to ask that the Laguna Dominguez drainage project, formerly known as Nigger Slough, and the remainder of the Compton Creek project be included in the list of flood control work to be undertaken by army engineers next fiscal year.

The county officials were advised that hearings on the flood control budget before the present Congress would be held March 12 and 13. They plan to be in the national capital at that time.

Those authorized to make the trip were Supervisor William A. Smith of Whittier, chairman of the board's flood control committee, Chairman Roger Jessup of the board of supervisors, and Chief Engineer Harold E. Hedger of the flood control district.

The supervisors also are to make a special appeal to the national Rivers and Harbors Congress to include the Laguna Dominguez and Compton creek projects in the list of endorsed flood control projects for 1940-41. Compton creek already has been improved from its junction with the Los Angeles river upstream to the outlet of the Hooper avenue storm drain, which is north of the city of Compton, and the unimproved section extends through Watts and along 108th street to Main street.

## Zamperini Cuts Eastern Tour to Re-enter U.S.C.

For details of Louis Zamperini's indoor race in New York when he ran second to Chuck Fenske last Saturday see Page 1-B.

Spiking all rumors and published reports that he would not resume his U.S.C. studies and captain the 1940 Trojan track team, Louis Zamperini wrote his parents in Torrance this week from New York that he would re-enter the university next Tuesday, Feb. 27.

To do this he has definitely decided not to remain in the east, where he has been running for the first time in indoor meets since Feb. 3, for two races early in March. He is scheduled to wind up his eastern tour with the National Indoor Championships at Madison Square Garden in New York Saturday night.

However, in order to compete in that event he would have to fly west, leaving New York early Sunday morning to arrive home in time to resume his studies next Tuesday. If he cannot arrange this flight, he will probably start home by train today.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zamperini of 2028 Gramercy avenue, parents of the fleet-footed miler who has been pushing Chuck Fenske, the year's outstanding indoor runner, to new records in two races, are very pleased that Louie has decided not to give up his university career.

In his letter they received Tuesday, Louie wrote that he has been suffering from tonsillitis and was thinking of undergoing an operation in the east. They wrote him at once to wait until he returns to the Pacific coast.

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## Chamber Refers Chemical Plant Proposal to Council; Site and Buildings Wanted

A proposition to establish an agricultural laboratory to test the advantages of a secret process for restoring fertility to the soil was referred by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Tuesday to the city council.

The request of the Beebe Agricultural Association proposing that the chamber provide without cost the use of ten acres of ground and erect a building for laboratory, class room and storage purposes, estimated to cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000, has been under study by the Chamber's industrial promotion committee headed by T. A. Mitchell for several months.

After a long exchange of correspondence, coupled with thorough investigations, a number of Chamber directors expressed themselves individually at the Tuesday board meeting as being unwilling to make any recommendation to the city for expenditure of public funds to assist the project. However, they did not wish to deny the city council opportunity of reviewing the proposition and for this reason the matter was referred to the council without recommendation.

**Would Enroll Students**

The chemical process to be tested is claimed to restore the fertility of soil to that of the carbonaceous age. Officers of the Beebe Agricultural Association state that they are financially able and willing to erect a processing plant in Torrance to serve the greater part of the West Coast.

It is estimated that 25 employees would be hired the first six months, and 50 or more the second six months after operations are begun. It is also proposed to conduct a school of instruction in the use of the chemicals and that during the first six months 75 to 125 students will be enrolled.

## Truck Driver, Said Drunk, Hits Pedestrian

Booked on suspicion of drunk driving and then turned over to Los Angeles police officers, Clarence Carl Scott, 47, of Gardena was arrested by local police late last Thursday after he assertedly hit and badly injured Mary Anton, 25, of Los Angeles, a pedestrian, near 182nd and Western avenue.

Scott was reported driving a loaded junk truck and after striking Miss Anton, kept on going for another 300 feet before "the car stopped of its own accord." When booked at the police station he said he was in a "stupor" and had been drinking three pints of whiskey during the morning, police said, and there were no brakes on his truck.

Four witnesses to the accident were obtained and the case will be prosecuted in Los Angeles city courts.

## No. Torrance to Study Zoning Again

North Torrance Improvement Association will meet at Perry school auditorium on Friday evening, March 1 at 8 p. m. Property owners interested in zoning are urged to attend. At this time maps and copies of ordinances of proposed city zoning will be available.

## THREE HOMES BEING BUILT

New construction, valued at \$9,130 was begun here during the past week, according to a record of building permits issued from the city engineer's office. Dewey Phipps is building a five-room frame house at 3635 Emerald street for \$2,300; Edwin Morang, Bible classroom at 1317 Cravens, \$1,200; General Petroleum Corp., sulphur oil tank at the refinery, \$280.

N. W. Baum is erecting a frame garage at 2420 Neece avenue, Welteria, for \$200, and other construction jobs are: Mrs. May Smith, two-car frame garage at 3625 Emerald street, \$150; Ralph A. Keller of 918 Portola, a five-room stucco house and garage at 1411 Elm street, \$2,000, and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Fonnannon of Redondo Beach are building a five-room redwood sliding house and attached garage at 916 Acacia street for \$3,000.

## Herald-News Staff Changes Announced By Publisher; Ray Brooks Going North

Two changes in the Torrance Herald and Lomita News staff were announced this week by Grover C. Whyte, publisher of the two papers. Richard Carver has been named display advertising manager, succeeding Ray W. Brooks, resigned. Mrs. Mary Vonderahe has been appointed woman's page editor, replacing Miss Carol Tuller who was forced to give up work on account of ill health.

Carver, although only 25 years old, has had extensive experience in the advertising field, which included work with the Hearst newspapers in the national advertising department, advertising copywriting and publicity for McManus, John and Adams, well known advertising agency which handles Pontiac and Cadillac motor car advertising as well as other nationally famous products. In the newspaper field, Carver was formerly assistant advertising manager of The Tel-

## On Board



HARVEL GUTTENFELDER

To succeed William H. Rojo, resigned, as a director of the Chamber of Commerce, the organization's board Monday appointed Harvel Guttenfelder, well-known service station owner to fill out the unexpired term. Rojo resigned because of the pressure of business and the fact that he is out of the city much of the time.

Dean L. Sears, L. J. Gilmeister and a third member of the chamber to be named by them were appointed delegates to the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce for the remainder of the year.

## FILM BABE'S BIRTH HERE

Life began for the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess M. McCasland of Long Beach in the glare of floodlights yesterday morning while motion picture camera threated with color film recorded his Caesarian birth at Torrance Memorial hospital.

A surgical technician skilled in motion picture photography filmed the successful operation that delivered the seven-pound, 11-ounce baby. Permission of the father had been obtained to take this visual record of the entire operation. Nurses at the hospital will view the films within a few weeks.

Four other babies were born at the hospital during the past week. One, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Walker of 2213 Cabrillo avenue last Friday, was delivered by Caesarian section. Other new arrivals were:

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Holton, Gardena, Sunday; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hoyt, Redondo Beach, last Wednesday, and a son, their fifth to be born at the local institution, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Mochidome, Gardena, last Thursday.

**RAIN 14.05 INCHES**

Light showers that added up to .07 of an inch during the night and this morning advanced the season's rainfall total to 14.05 inches, according to the fire department rain observers. Last year at this time the total was 11.12 inches.

## Driver Impales Taxi on Stump of Power Pole

Escaping with only a badly bumped forehead Sunday morning after his taxicab had sheared off a power pole about three feet from the ground, Jack Edward Smith, 19, of the Erwin hotel, will probably pull off to the side of the road hereafter whenever he gets drowsy.

Young Smith was reported by police to have fallen asleep at the wheel of his taxi while driving out Torrance boulevard about 12:20 p.m. Sunday. His car left the highway about 129 feet from the point of impact with the high-power pole whose stump impaled the machine after the pole was snapped off. The scene of the collision was east of Hawthorne avenue.

One live wire was broken and the rest of the pole was pushed forward about eight feet by the collision, police said. Smith was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital for examination but he was found unharmed except for the bruises on his forehead where he came into abrupt contact with the windshield.

Another power pole was hit near the corner of Sepulveda and Arlington streets last Wednesday by a car driven by P. J. Stahnke of Lomita, who is attached to the U. S. S. Idaho. He told investigating officers another motorist had forced him off the road. Stahnke was unharmed. The impact with the pole knocked down the transmitter.

## Colds, Flu and Chickenpox Hit No. Torrance

Altho the scarlet fever epidemic which caused considerable illness in the North Torrance area earlier this month appears definitely on the wane, colds, influenza and chicken pox are continuing to claim victims in that district, according to Principal C. C. Crawford of the Perry School.

"We have learned of no new cases of scarlet fever for a week or more," he said. "But we still have plenty of colds, influenza and chicken pox. There are between 14 and 16 children absent from our school daily with these diseases."

## Deaf Mute Cyclist Hit by Auto on Vermont in Gardena

When Gardena police officers saw Fred Ray Cowan, 29-year-old deaf mute living at 911 Portola avenue, cut across a service station yard and ride his light-blue bicycle south on Vermont from 141st street last night, they started after him to give warning about traveling on the highway without protective lights.

But before they could reach Cowan he had been struck by a car driven by Robert C. White, 26, of Inglewood. He was rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital and treated for two lacerations on the right side of his head. White said he did not see the cyclist. The motorist was given a citation for having no operator's license.

## IN RACE FOR CITY COUNCIL



CARL D. STEELE

... he has no "platform"

"I have been asked to enter as a candidate for the city council as a representative for the laboring men and women of Torrance," Carl D. Steele of 1320 Cota avenue said yesterday. "I did not seek the candidacy but my friends prevailed upon me to be their voice in the city government. I want it to be clearly understood that I am not a 'C. I. O. candidate' as such but rather a nominee for the working people of our city as a whole."

Steele has been a resident of Torrance for nearly 11 years and came to California in 1913. He is employed as a finisher in the 12-inch mill at the Columbia Steel plant and has followed the steel trade for 27 years. He is now serving his third term as president of the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee-Lodge No. 1414 of this city.

"I have no platform but I have certain well-defined ideas and will let the people know where I stand from time to time during the municipal campaign," he said. "Because Torrance is an industrial city it deserves an administration which can give the ordinary working citizen of all trades, businesses and professions assurance of economical and equitable government."

**Shuns Personalities**

"Our city must give those who work here but live elsewhere an inducement to live and build in Torrance. I am not prepared at this time to say how this can be done but I believe a way can be found to bring this about and thus build up our community."

"I had enough confidence in Torrance to buy my own home here and I believe our workers can become residents if they are assured of proper representation in the affairs of our city government. I am not going to campaign against any other candidate or throw any dirt. I want to be friends with my opponents after the election is over," Steele concluded his opening announcement.

He is a native of Missouri. At the present time his daughter, Maxine, is completing a course at Santa Barbara State Teachers' College and his 10-year-old son, Duane, is attending a local school. He is a vice-president of the state C. I. O. organization. Steele said that he is not and does not intend to be connected with any ticket or slate in the municipal campaign which will conclude with the April 9 election.

## 12 File for City Election

With 12 candidates officially in the race, the Torrance municipal election campaign went into second gear this week. It will "go into high" at noon March 9 when the deadline for filing nominating petitions is reached and the complete entry list for the city council sweepstakes on April 9 is known.

Those who have filed their petitions with City Clerk A. H. Barlett are:

- Vernon Babcock, National Supply worker;
- LeGrande (Grant) Barkdull, meat market owner;
- Lewis M. Fernley, Columbia Steel paymaster;
- Wallace H. Gilbert, insurance broker;
- Joe Hagberg, Walteria longshoreman;
- Tom F. McGuire, incumbent and National Supply personnel office worker;
- James J. O'Toole, dairyman;
- George V. Powell, incumbent;
- Frank Schmidt, steel worker;
- William F. Shields, retired;
- Carl D. Steele, steel worker, and
- William H. Tolson, incumbent and mayor.

A number of others, believed to be many more, are expected to file their nominations within the next week. Residents who are planning on voting in the election April 9 are warned that unless they are already qualified, registration for the election closes next Thursday, Feb. 29.

The three members of the present city council whose terms are expiring — Mayor Tolson, Councilmen Tom McGuire and George Powell have announced their intention to seek re-election for four year terms.

Contrary to reports published in other newspapers, the offices of city clerk and city treasurer are not included in the April election, those office-holders having two more years incumbency.

## Car Hits Tree, Clark Injured

Forced off the road by a truck, David S. Clark of 1731 Andros avenue, ran his car into a tree, on Western avenue near El Segundo boulevard early Sunday morning and suffered concussion, cuts and bruises.

His car turned over two or three times before coming to a rest in a ditch, it was reported by investigating deputy sheriffs. Clark returned home after hospital attention and resumed his profession of Swedish masseur yesterday afternoon at his office, 1334 El Prado.

## Students Given Legion Medals

The American Legion post awarded the Legion's medals for outstanding citizenship, leadership and scholarship to Mildred Ikezo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sake-Ikezo, and Harland Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Johnson of 1820 Arlington avenue, last night at a dinner meeting in the Legion clubhouse. The presentation was made by James H. Scott.

## Officials and City Employees Confer on New Ordinance

Members of the city council, Civil Service Board and a committee representing city employees met Tuesday night at the city hall to consider further details in regard to framing a new civil service ordinance which the employees contend should embrace all salaried city workers as well as those in the hourly pay bracket.

J. O. Bishop, chairman of the Civil Service Board, announced Monday that 31 men took the examinations for fire and police department jobs. Whenever a vacancy exists in those departments and the board is asked for it, Bishop said the board will furnish the heads of the departments with a list of the three highest candidates. Selections will then be made from this and other parts of the eligible list as they come to the attention of the department chiefs.

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