

HAT HISTORY

First straw hats in America were imported from England. Manufacture of straw hats in the U. S. dates back only to the middle of the 19th century.

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Realty Firm Opens New Branch Office

A new branch office has been opened by Alter Realty and Insurance at 802 West Pacific Coast highway in Wilmington, according to Gerald L. Alter, president.

Vincent Ammirato, a salesman for Alter Realty, will manage this latest office, which will handle both real estate and insurance.

The Alter Realty and Insurance main office recently moved into larger quarters, opposite the post office in Torrance.

Although 1950 was the best year to date with nearly half a million dollars worth of sales, the company expects 1951 to be better than ever and is planning still additional expansions.

TOBACCO IMPORT

The tobacco plant was brought to Europe in 1558 by Francisco Fernandez, sent by Philip II of Spain to investigate the products of Mexico.

NORTH TORRANCE TATTLE

The monthly meeting of the Community Church Circle was held at the home of Mrs. Doris Babb, 17209 Ardath. Some 12 women started proceedings for a church bazaar to be held at McMasters Hall some time in February. Handwork of all kinds will go on sale and a potluck dinner will precede the sale. Bring your covered dish. Coffee and cake will be furnished by the ladies. The next meeting will be held February 6 at Mrs. Peggy Sale's home, 17208 Ardath.

The Red Cross will conduct a morning class in first aid at North Torrance School from 9:30 to 11:30 a. m. February 1. Please enroll with Mrs. Delbert Alford, 17330 Atkinson. Recreation and safety chairman of PTA.

Mrs. Peggy Sale, ways and means chairman of PTA, announces a paper drive on Tuesday, January 23. Please call Menlo 45235 for pickup.

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Dave Dyer, ways and means chairman of North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, is still telling us of the on-again informal dance at McMasters Hall Saturday 20. Be there; a grand time is promised.

Little Billie Mack, 17102 Glenburn, is home again—minus his tonsils!

This notice was handed me by a future journalist! "The 'Tawas' Camp Fire Girls held an election of officers Monday evening. They were as follows: President—Beverly Stepp, Vice-president—Barbara Borrelli, Secretary—Carol Gossett, Treasurer—Sandra Caw and Serika—Willa Harris. These girls will hold their office for three months. 'Dolls for Foster Friendship' will be the next project in the group. They will be rag dolls, made to send overseas to girls who have never owned dolls." Carol Ann Gossett, scribe.

Standing room only! Such was the case at the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association Wednesday, January 3. Over 150 homes were represented, warming the hearts of Nick Drale, Bis Berkeley, Bert Johnson, Frank Lush, the mere handful, who started this organization on a successful career. President Bert Johnson announced the slated appearance of Vincent Thomas, Assemblyman of the 86th District, at the next monthly meeting February 7. Ed Collins, membership chairman, is complaining of writer's cramp but loving every minute of it. Mr. Johnson showed a very interesting film, obtained from Public Relations of North American Aviation Corp. Next meeting February 7.

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Mrs. Alex Bates, 17039 Glenburn, spoke on the panel for discussion at the Torrance PTA this week. A comparison of yesterday's and today's school systems proved a very interesting subject.

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MANY FORESTS
Forests cover a larger proportion of New England than any other comparable region in the U. S.



IT MAKES CENTS . . . William Lewis (left) teacher of the sixth grade at Fern Avenue Elementary School explains to School Superintendent, Dr. J. H. Hull, how the "Fern Avenue Bank" helps students learn arithmetic. Students do their own "banking"—depositing money earned from doing well in studies, figuring percentage of interest, and making weekly payments. Pictured are (left to right) Glenn Ray Hale, Richard Bentwood, the bank president, Johnny Muzakis, and Mary Elizabeth Selover. The teller is Donna Barton, the cashier is Jim Bob Patrick. (Herald photo).

Local Hospitals Approved By College of Surgeons

Fully approved by the American College of Surgeons on the "Approved List" of American and Canadian hospitals issued earlier this year are the Torrance Memorial Hospital and the Harbor General Hospital, according to Dr. Paul R. Hawley, director of the college.

The two local hospitals are among the 2980 to receive such approval by the medical society. Standards for hospitals upon which approval is based include the following fundamental principles:

1. Modern physical plant, assuring the patient safety, comfort, and efficient care.
2. Clearly defined organization, duties and responsibilities.
3. Carefully selected governing boards with complete and supreme authority.
4. Competent chief executive officer or administrator, well trained in all phases of hospital administration, with authority and responsibility to interpret and carry out the policies of the hospital.
5. Adequate and efficient personnel.
6. Organized medical staff of ethical, competent physicians and surgeons.
7. Adequate diagnostic and therapeutic facilities under competent medical supervision.
8. Accurate, complete medical records, readily accessible for research and follow-up.
9. Regular group conferences of the administrative staff and of the medical staff for reviewing activities and results so as to maintain a high plane of scientific efficiency.
10. A humanitarian spirit—the primary consideration being the best care of the patient.

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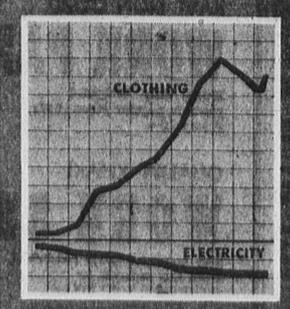
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