

Charley's Corner

One of the most unusual gifts a fellow can receive is a barometer. I got one for Christmas and it's hanging on the wall back of the cash register here at Daniels. Since everyone has been looking and praying for rain, I've been watching the thing pretty carefully. It forecast rain last Tuesday and Sunday it was acting up again. I got out the book of instructions to decipher what the thing was trying to tell me: it was indicating rain. You know, maybe I'll become a weather man too.

Speaking of weather — A fellow came into the bar on one of those very warm days before it rained. He asked the bartender for a glass of ice water. He drank half of it, took off his hat, wiped his brow, and calmly poured the other half of the ice water over his head. The bartender looked down his face, he remarked, "Sure is hot, ain't it?"

Next Thursday, January 28th at 7 P.M. is a date for you to remember. My good friend and neighbor, Paul Lorange, your Chevrolet salesman, will be installed as the new President of the Chamber of Commerce. 400 are expected to be present at the Civic Auditorium. Don't forget to buy your tickets. No speeches—plenty of good food (chuck wagon style)—seconds, too. I understand the Chamber of Commerce started about 1913 with approximately 25 members. At that time Columbia Steel and National Supply were just getting started. Our fire department was made up of volunteers and they were called by the clanging of a sledge hammer on a locomotive wheel hung in front of a shed which housed a wheel hose cart that the firemen pulled to the fire. Thought you would be interested in these few items of days gone by in Torrance.

During the 35 years I watched a fellow pour 8 teaspoons of sugar into his coffee and start drinking it without stirring it. "Why don't you stir the coffee?" I asked. The guy looked at me with disgust and he said, "I don't stir it because it's sweet?" "Who likes it sweet?" Jack and Bonnie Hardigan of St. Paul Minnesota came to Torrance to visit Bonnie's mother, Mrs. Della Murphy, 1417 1/2 Marcellina. Jack, while looking for Torrance, thought of the "Lost City of the Inca." He wondered if maybe Torrance was the "Lost City of California." Although he saw road signs pointing to Long Beach, Gardena, Redondo, Hermosa and Malibu, none of them could be found in Torrance. (Paul Lorange, please note!) Daniels isn't so hard to find. It's right near the corner of Carson and Cabrillo and you'll also find the service is good. Bring the family tonight.

OUR GUESTS THIS WEEK

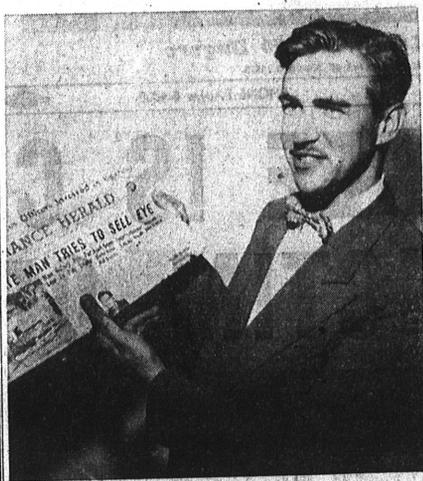
- THURSDAY, JAN. 21—Miss Josephine Hunt & Guest 2216 W. 255th St.
- FRIDAY, JAN. 22—Sharlene Trussell 2216 W. 255th St.
- SATURDAY, JAN. 23—Dick "Peaches" Pullman & Family 1225 Coria Bring Margaret & Doris
- SUNDAY, JAN. 24—Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bennett 24651 Hawthorne
- MONDAY, JAN. 25—William C. Coats & Guest 3132 W. 185th St.
- TUESDAY, JAN. 26—Mr. & Mrs. Richard Peterson 1449 W. 215th St.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27—Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh 1331 W. 222nd St.

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FERRY BOATS . . . Autos served as ferry boats through the Carson-Cabrillo intersection for a while Tuesday afternoon during the heavy downpour of rain. The intersection was flooded from curb to curb for several hours. Torrance received 2.35 inches of rain during the storm.



ON THE NOSE . . . G. Edward Eversole, who based a Lions Club program on his assertion that he could predict a Torrance Herald headline, hit it on the nose. A Manhattan Beach school teacher, Eversole deposited his prediction with Torrance police on Jan. 8. It was opened at the meeting Tuesday and, to the accompaniment of "oohs" and "aahs," it read "Man Attempts to Sell Eye," and "Police Chief Denies Beating Charge." Those were Herald headlines nine days after his prediction. He was introduced by Program Chairman Albert Isen.

Adult School Sets Open House

Open House to display work done by Torrance Evening School students will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow at Torrance High School. An interesting program has been arranged, including a Fashion Show to demonstrate the skills taught in the dressmaking, tailoring and knitting classes. This is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the boys gym. The gym also will be the location for displays of ceramics, leather goods, rugs, lampshades and other articles made by the Evening School students.

Guides will be available to take guests to displays held in some of the classrooms including cake decorating, woodshop and machine shop. Motion pictures will be shown in the high school auditorium all evening for children and adults. Anyone interested in joining one or more of these evening classes may obtain a schedule of classes to be held next semester which will begin Feb. 1.

Joint Leaders To Visit Local US Steel Plant

Benjamin F. Fairless, chairman of the board of United States Steel Corp., and David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America, will visit the Torrance Works of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division on Wednesday morning, Feb. 3, to "look over mutual problems."

The plan for such joint visits to various U. S. Steel plants was advanced by Fairless at the end of the '52 steel strike. Fairless and McDonald have agreed that "there is no better way to look over our mutual problems in hopes of developing a better relationship and a better understanding of each other than in just this way." Accompanying the labor and management heads will be C. F. Hood, president of United States Steel, and other top company and union officials. Company and union representatives from the local plants to be visited on the western tour, will also join the group.

Christian Stewardship Film Scheduled Jan. 31

A feature length film entitled "All That I Have" will be shown Sunday evening, Jan. 31, at the First Lutheran Church, it was announced yesterday. The film, which will be shown beginning at 6:30 p.m., deals with Christian Stewardship. Rev. Paul Wensky, pastor of the church, said all are welcome to attend the showing.



DEALER HONORED . . . MIT Isbell, left, of Liberty Home Appliances, 1623 Cravens, is congratulated by Harry Pottle, division sales manager of the Southern California Gas Co. for being the top gas-clothes dryer dealer in the district during January.

Torrance Fourth in SoCal. in '53 Building Value

Torrance stood fourth in Southern California in building permit valuation during 1953 and second, outside of the city of Los Angeles, in building value during the month of December, official figures revealed this week.

The only incorporated cities out of 74 Southern California communities that topped Torrance in building in '53 were Los Angeles, San Diego and Long Beach. Los Angeles County, unincorporated, also topped the local area. In December, Long Beach led in valuation in the county, excluding the Los Angeles area, with a \$7,806,505 value and Torrance was next with \$3,035,235. In the 12-month total, Long Beach registered \$54,732,420 to take third place, and Torrance followed with \$29,315,265. Milton J. Brock, chairman of the construction industries committee of the Los Angeles Cham-

Donaldson Is Graduated From Korean Army School

Cpl. Donald R. Donaldson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Donaldson, 1844 W. 222nd St., recently was graduated from the Second Infantry Division non-commissioned officer academy in Korea. Donaldson, who entered the army in November, 1952, successfully completed a four-week course emphasizing leadership of small units, public speaking, map reading and other military subjects.

January Offers Your Best Bet

January Clearance Sales come once a year . . . a hint to the wise is sufficient. Take advantage of reduced prices now, and stock up on much-needed articles of clothing for the coming months. Check the Classified columns of the Herald for the best buys in Torrance. Call FA 8-4000. The Classified Department is always glad to be of assistance.

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