

Steel Pact Ups Pay 8½ Cents

WEATHER

Early morning low clouds were predicted for the Torrance area today, with the temperature expected to rise to 78. Yesterday's high was 77, the low 51, according to the official weather station at the Torrance Fire Station.

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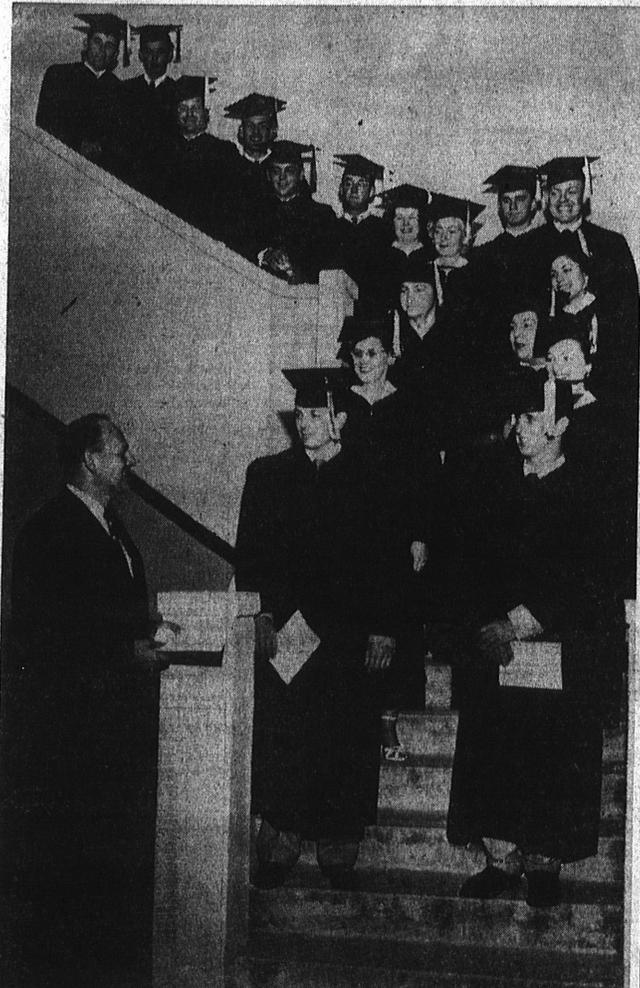
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Heart Attacks Take Lives of 2 Men Here

Heart attacks claimed the lives of two persons here yesterday, according to reports of the Torrance Police Department. Dying at a rest room at 2834 Pacific Coast Hwy. was 94-year-old Charles Daniel Cook, who suffered a heart attack shortly after eating breakfast at 7:15 o'clock Saturday morning. His remains were taken to Gamby's Mortuary in Lomita.

A heart attack proved fatal also for Morris Robat, 47, of 1308 W. Florence Ave., Los Angeles, who was repairing a stove at the home of Mrs. Thelma Jobs, 17003 Glenburn Ave., when the attack hit. Efforts of a Torrance Fire Department rescuitor squad proved fruitless. He was pronounced dead on arrival at the Harbor General Hospital.

Robat was employed by the Western Stove and Repair Co. of Los Angeles.

Thirsty Lawns Can Be Watered, McVicar Reports

You can water that thirsty lawn or wash that dirty car now. Water Superintendent Angus McVicar reported yesterday afternoon.

Installation of new valves at the tie-in of city water lines with those of the Metropolitan was completed yesterday permitting the flow of MWD water into Torrance mains again after being cut off for several days.

McVicar said the public cooperated well with the request to use water sparingly and that no areas had suffered because of water shortages during the critical days.

Tips On Flying Flag Offered

Today, June 14, is Flag Day.

If you will be flying Old Glory today here's a reminder that there is a right and a wrong way that the colors should be flown.

If you hang the flag make certain the blue field points toward the north or toward the east.

If you display the flag from a staff with another flag, Old Glory should be uppermost on the staff. If two flags are crossed, the American flag should cross over the staff of any other flag and should be so placed that the American flag is displayed on its own right—to your left as you look at them.

Red Cross Thanks All Groups For Blood Donations

The Torrance branch of American National Red Cross and its volunteers this week extended a grateful "thank you" to residents of Torrance and participating groups who attended the bloodmobile unit at the Civic Auditorium last Monday.

Mrs. Gordon Jones, blood recruitment chairman, reported that the Torrance Postal Employees brought over the biggest number of employees to donate. Doak or Domanco Aircraft is the newest unit to participate at the blood bank. Other groups who attended were Felker Manufacturing, First Baptist Church, Cal-Metal Corporation, Daniels Cafe, Mayfair Service Club, Torrance City Employees, Torrance Lions Club, Torrance Kiwanis Club, Torrance Rotary Club and the Walteria Businessmen's Association.

Plans are being drawn up for a bloodmobile unit to once again visit the city of Torrance on Oct. 12. All residents wishing to donate and groups who wish to participate in October may contact the Red Cross office, 1754 Torrance Blvd., or telephone FAirfax 8-0510, or Mrs. Jones at Davenport 6-1617.

Persons donating through groups may now draw from their account when the need arises. Persons who do not belong to groups can still obtain the blood by calling the local office for information.

USC Grad Joins El Camino Staff

Edward L. Schwartz, of 2467 Carson St., has been appointed a member of the faculty at El Camino College for the next school year, President Forrest G. Murdock announced recently.

Schwartz, the son-in-law of Sam Levy, prominent local business man, was graduated yesterday from the University of Southern California, where he majored in mathematics.



NIGHT OF FUN . . . Having a Coke between reels of a movie shown to graduates of Torrance High School at an all-night party in the Student Union at El Camino College Thursday night are Dwight Hanna and his date, Janice Crabtree. The graduates wound up the party with a breakfast at daylight. This party was the third all-night graduation affair sponsored by the PTA. Other pictures Page 7.

To Seek Pension For City Clerk Bartlett

A petition will soon be circulated seeking a pension for City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, who has served the City of Torrance as an elected official for the past 32 years, according to Irvin J. Hallanger, acting city clerk.

Hallanger stated he would publish a notice of intention to circulate the petition which, if signed by enough voters, would enable Bartlett to be paid a pension of \$301.21 a month for the rest of his natural life. Because he is an elected official, Bartlett is not entitled to participate in the city's pension program.

Said Hallanger about the long-time city official: "Albert H. Bartlett has so efficiently and satisfactorily served the people of Torrance as City Clerk in such careful, capable, efficient, and impartial manner they have returned him to the office each four years for 32 consecutive years. His knowledge and competence in administration of the office, progressively increased by virtue of continuous service, has saved our city many thousands of dollars. His salary has never been commensurate with the effort and importance and value of his service in the city clerk's office."

Bartlett's current term of office will terminate in April of 1954. At the time he was sworn in four years ago he indicated that he was beginning his last term of office. He has been ill for the past several months.

It is presumed that his proposed pension would start at the end of this term of office.

Steelworkers Get 8½ Cent Wage Increase

Approximately 1800 Columbia Steel employees were among the 200,000 U. S. Steel Corp. workers who will benefit from an 8½-cent-an-hour wage increase which became effective Friday, June 12, according to an announcement by C. F. Hood, president of the U. S. Steel firm.

The wage increase became effective as officials trooped to the conference table to sign the wage agreement with officers of the United Steelworkers of America in Pittsburgh, Penn. The increase covers the production and maintenance employees of the steel-producing divisions of United States Steel and will be applied uniformly to each of the rates in the 32-job class rate scale now in effect.

Recalling last year's wage settlement, which averaged 16 cents per hour and provided other substantial benefits, such as vacations and paid holidays, Hood declared that two factors nevertheless required an adjustment in steel wages this year. The first of these stressed by Hood is the desire of the corporation to have employees of United States Steel feel that they are fairly treated. The second and related factor, is the wage increases which have been occurring throughout the year, particularly those announced in recent weeks in other industries.

This increase will mean that the starting rate in the corporation's steel plants will become \$1.52 per hour and the common labor rate \$1.57. The present spread of 5½ cents between job classes would be retained under the terms of the new agreement.

The corporation agreed also to cut in half the existing five cents differential between its northern plants and those of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Division in Alabama, effective January 1, 1954, and to eliminate the balance on July 1, 1954. With respect to the union's proposal that United States Steel enter into a joint study of insurance and pensions, the corporation agreed to participate in such a study in anticipation of bargaining next year. The Aug. 15, 1952 labor agreement, under which the present wage rates were set, will continue with changes above indicated, to its termination date, June 30, 1954.

474 Unemployed Seeking Work

Seeking work in the Torrance area this month are 474 residents who have applied to the California Employment Service office for jobs, according to a news release signed by Mrs. Winona Ellis, manager of the Torrance office.

Of this number, 249 are women and 225 are men, of which 84 per cent are veterans, including a few disabled veterans.

The available applicants for the preceding three months in the various classifications are:

	April	May	June
Professional	15	25	29
Clerical	90	85	74
Sales	16	19	20
Service	78	69	55
Agricultural	30	38	17
Skilled	116	117	78
Semi-skilled	91	86	90
Labor	118	126	111
Totals	554	568	474

Warren Bennett Named El Camino AMS Prexy

Warren Bennett, of 24651 Hawthorne Blvd., was recently elected president of the Associated Men Students at El Camino College.

Bennett is president of the Mayans' Circle "K" organization at the school, a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma fraternity, and is on the college track team.

First Adult Class Receives Diplomas

Lining up for diplomas along with the 218 graduating high school seniors here Thursday evening were 24 adults, members of the first graduating class at the Torrance Evening High School.

The 24 adults received high school diplomas from Dr. Vernon Sheblak, director of Adult Education for Torrance. It was the first commencement exercise held by the evening school.

According to Dr. Sheblak, nine of the graduating adults were former Torrance High School students who had returned to get their diplomas.

Fifteen of the students were veterans of World War II or the Korean War, Dr. Sheblak said. All of the seven women in the graduating class are married and they have a total of 17 children.

Class Praised

"These adult students deserve a great deal of credit for completing their high school work at night," Dr. Sheblak said. "It takes a lot of courage and determination to come back to school two or three nights a week," he added.

Members of the first adult graduating class included Richard S. Bidwell, James W. Blackwell, Ernestine Pina Carrasco, Joseph E. Carman, Joan Dandoy, Phillip R. Falkenstein, Alice J. Galindo, Walter I. Holloway, Patrick J. Hurley, Consuelo Katsky, William A. Kruger, Carl Massie, Jesse J. Nichols, Raymond D. Roberts, Lynn Florence Smith, Phyllis M. Smith, Bette Jo Street, William Datis Truitt, Robert R. Taylor, Milton A. Youngken, Earnest E. Hostick, George B. Bray, Garrett J. Rustace IV, Robert W. Hitchcock.

El Camino Holds Baccalaureate Services Today

"What on Earth Are You Doing?" will be the theme of the Rev. John L. Taylor of the First Methodist Church in Torrance as he addresses the El Camino College Baccalaureate Services at the college today in the campus center.

The Rev. Paul C. Wenske of the First Lutheran Church, Torrance, will give the invocation. Musical selections will be presented by the college A Cappella Choir under the direction of Neil Hill, and Russ Arwine will sing a solo.

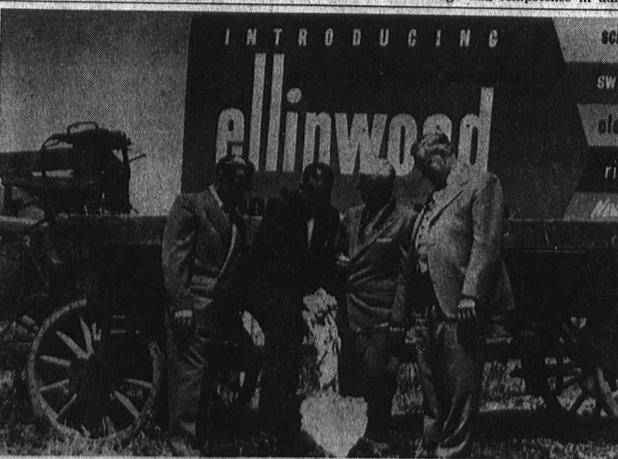
All members of the El Camino College community, students, relatives and friends, were invited to attend the religious services. Graduation will be held on Friday, June 19 in the college stadium.

Speaker for the commencement ceremony will be Provost Gordon S. Watkins of the University of California, Riverside. He will speak on "Education and Self-Realization."

The Rev. Jesse Powers will pronounce the invocation and benediction.

Presentation of diplomas will be made by Ernest E. Lyder, president of the college board of trustees. Presiding over the commencement exercises will be President Forrest G. Murdock.

Also on the agenda of activities for members of the graduating class is the traditional sophomore brunch. All graduates were invited to attend the affair, which will be held in the campus center at 10 a.m. Friday, June 19.



HOMES PROJECT STARTED . . . With a floral shovel as a prop and an old horse-drawn wagon as a background, officials Friday morning broke ground for the \$20,000,000 new homes project located on the historic Ellinwood ranch west of Walleria on Pacific Coast Hwy. Participating in the ceremony were (l. to r.) Mayor Mervyn Schwab of Torrance; Harry Kissell, president of the Ellinwood Corporation, developers of the project; Supervisor Burton W. Chace; and Dr. Lathrop Ellinwood, former owner of the ranch property. Approximately 150 persons witnessed the ceremony, which was followed by a luncheon at the Fish Shanty in Walleria. Construction is to begin immediately on the first unit of 190 three-bedroom, two bath homes, to be priced from \$12,500 and offered to veterans on terms of no down payment, except costs and impounds.