

## STEEL IS LAID ON SANTA FE HARBOR LINE

The laying of the first steel on the new Santa Fe line to the harbor, which will give the railroad system through service to the port terminals via Torrance, was started from El Segundo Monday, Oct. 1. The Santa Fe standard will be followed in every respect. W. K. Etter, acting general manager, announced, and 90-pound steel rails will be put down over the 12 miles extending into Wilmington, where connection will be made with the harbor belt line.

The engineers already have put in several of the large concrete and steel viaducts used in separating the grades at the principal crossings. The grading has been done on a long stretch of the line and the company only awaited the approval of the state railway commission to start the steel. The line will cost \$2,000,000.

### PURCHASE SERVICE STATION

J. S. Stevens, Charles L. Blandin and Sam Fields have purchased the service part of the Lomita filling station from C. M. Smith. Mr. Smith will continue the sale of all tires and accessories with his other lines.

The new owners are old hands in the serving of gas, oils, greases and service to the trade, as they own service stations in East Long Beach and Anaheim.

### PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Parent-Teachers' association of Torrance will hold its first meeting Wednesday, Oct. 10, promptly at 2:30 p. m. in the assembly rooms of the Torrance high school. The object of this association is to study the welfare of the child in the home, school and community, and to co-operate with the teachers of the public schools of Torrance.

Questions to be discussed at this meeting are:

1. Shall we have a separate P-T. A. for the high school, and one for the grammar school? Could we serve the interests of the pupil and school better by doing so?
2. Shall the P-T. A. of the southern part of the state withdraw from the northern part and elect their own state president?
3. Of what benefit to the children is a cafeteria, milk fund, home teacher?

After the business meeting tea and wafers will be served and a social hour enjoyed, to enable parents and teachers to become better acquainted.

Every parent who has a child enrolled in either school should be interested enough in the welfare of the school to become a member of the P-T. A. and attend the meetings.

The public school is the cornerstone of the nation. All that this greatest of countries is destined to be is now growing in the public schools. What your children are to you and your household, the public school is to the nation. And the single-minded care that you give to your children is the care that we as a nation should give the public schools. MRS. CHAS. STOCK, President.

### HONOR MRS. FINNEGAN

A number of friends gave Mrs. Augusta Finnegan of 903 Portola avenue a surprise recently in honor of her seventy-ninth birthday. The guests had prepared a delicious dinner, during the course of which Mrs. Finnegan was presented with a waffle iron. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Mrs. Ed Brennan, Mrs. H. R. Richards, Mrs. Burkholder, Mrs. Ed Carter, Mrs. Will Grice, Mrs. H. R. Postle, Mrs. P. H. Coogan and Mrs. L. Padula, of Redondo; Mrs. H. G. Hess of Los Angeles, and the honoree's son, Ernest Finnegan.

### GETS TAXI PERMIT

The board of trustees Tuesday night granted a permit to D. E. Raymond to conduct a taxicab business in Torrance.

### SCHOOL NOTES

A census is being taken this week of children from 2 to 18 years of age. Those parents whose children are in attendance at school will receive blanks, and they are requested to answer all questions fully and return same to school promptly. Other parents will register their children at the nearest school.

The Girls' Swimming club has reorganized, with about forty members. Ted Coombs is the instructor from whom the girls receive lessons once a week at the Redondo plunge.

The first issue of the T. N. T. comes off the press Friday—a full-size four-page paper. George Hannan is the wide-awake editor.

Plans are in the making for the dedication of the new auditorium, which will be ready about the first of the year.

The art students are looking forward eagerly to the completion of the new studio with its increased opportunities.

The day classes have taken up designing and its application in hand work.

The night school class, at which 15 were present Monday evening, has taken up lamp shades, polychrome work, and jesso.

### First Baptist Church

J. Whitfield Green, pastor. Sunday morning at 11; subject, "The Whole Man or No Man." Evening at 7:30, pastor will preach on "The Cry of the Blind." Our 20-minute spirited song service is the main feature of this happy hour of fellowship and worship. It's growing.

Wednesday night is also one of our helpful services. It's prayer meeting night.

B. Y. P. U at 6:45 Sunday evening.

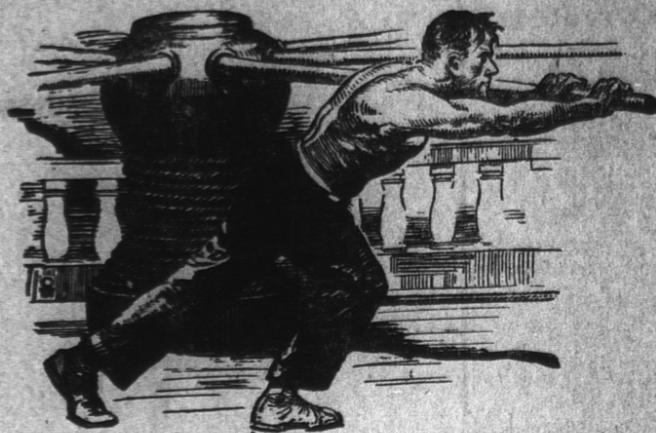
Sunday school at 9:45 Sunday morning.

### "BETTER BABIES DAY"

Plans are going forward for a "Better Babies Day" to be held October 29 at the Torrance high school building under the auspices of the child welfare department of the Woman's club and the Parent-Teachers' association.

The course in cartooning appeals chiefly to the boys, who have taken up the work with enthusiasm.

The musical department, under Mrs. Margery Elschen, is proving one of the most popular in the schools. Classes have been formed in musical history and appreciation, harmony, chorus work, and orchestra. Glee clubs have been formed and tentative plans made for entertainments in the near future.



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