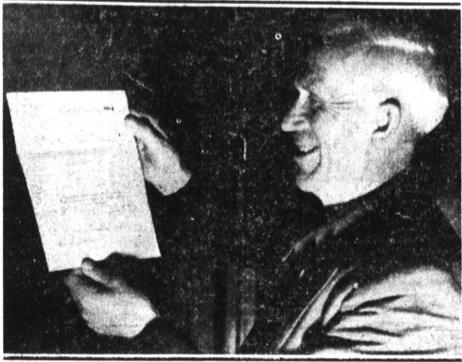


# Hannebrink Takes Senior Driver Title from Tolson



BEN HANNEBRINK and LICENSE allowed him to drive a Flanders

In exhibiting a 1914 California driver's license, Ben Hannebrink, Sr., this week snatched the title of Torrance's senior motorist from John S. Tolson, who had been awarded that distinction in this space last week.

Hannebrink's permit to operate a motor vehicle in the Golden State is a formidable red and black document, 10 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches in size. It was issued to him by W. R. Ormsby, then superintendent of the state motor vehicle department. The number is 127899.

Hannebrink's motoring permit precedes Tolson's by four years. The latter possessing a license dated 1918.

"I was driving a Flanders car then," Hannebrink, who has lived at 1819 Andree since December, 1912, recalled. "You don't remember the Flanders? Well, that was some car. It was a progressive gear machine with high, low and reverse gears. When you wanted to back up you had to come out of high into low and then into reverse.

"She was some buggy," he grinned. "She had a real leather top, acetylene lamps and lots of brass work. Fast? Well, I guess she could do about 35 miles an hour—down hill!"

Hannebrink's license gives his address as 21819 Andree, the original number for that block. Later the 2 was eliminated. A native of St. Louis, Mo., where he worked as a farmer and carpenter until he was 25 and succumbed to Horace Greeley's advice to come west in 1908. He got a job as a blacksmith's helper with the Union Tool Company when R. R. Smith, now head of the National Supply Company's personnel department here, was superintendent.

Chief for 17 Years He has been with the National Supply since Jan. 4, 1909 and has been in charge of the forge shops since that year. Hannebrink joined the Torrance Volunteer Fire department in 1913 when the late Harry McManus was chief and a hand-drawn hose cart was the only fire equipment.

When the city got its first motor truck—a Ford hose wagon in 1916, he became chief and held that position for 17 years.

His son, Ben, Jr., is a volunteer man today. The Hannebrinks have a daughter, Mrs. Helen Tavan of this city.

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## Uncle Sam Begins Counting 132 Million Nephews, Nieces

### Women Drivers Crash at Corner; One is Injured

Two women motorists were involved in a collision early Monday morning at the intersection of Cravens and Gramercy avenues which resulted in minor injuries to one of the drivers. She was Miss Bertha M. Clark, 43, of Redondo Beach, who suffered from shock and fainted when her forehead crashed the windshield of her car.

Miss Clark was driving south on Cravens when her machine was struck by an east bound sedan, driven on Gramercy by Mrs. Florence Kenney of Rolling Hills. According to police, Miss Clark's car was hit on its right side, the impact spinning the machine around and showing it 15 feet from the point of collision.

Mrs. Kenney's car skidded 42 feet, police reported. She told investigating officers she did not see Miss Clark's machine until the collision occurred. Miss Clark was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital to recover from shock and the bruise on her forehead.

James Ridge, 1021 Ocean avenue, Torrance, escaped injury last Thursday when his parked car, on which he was repairing a punctured tire, was struck by a machine drunkenly driven by E. J. Bickley, 42, of Hawthorne, at Torrance boulevard and Maple street.

Bickley was arrested for driving while intoxicated and pleaded guilty. He was released on \$100 bail to appear Friday for sentence. Ridge's car was badly damaged by the impact, police said.

On horse and foot, by boat and plane, by auto and bicycle, the Federal census enumerators began calling on Mr. and Mrs. America Monday morning.

Some 120,000 strong, the legion of "nose-counters" set out on the long trek which will take them a total of 25 million miles, produce the answers to more than two billion questions and tell the nation, several months hence, how far it has come since leisurely census men in colonial dress made the first tabulation in 1790.

No one is too fine nor too mean for the enumerators, Uncle Sam promised them four cents apiece for a little more inspection.

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### Postoffice Has Record-Breaking March Quarter

An all-time record March quarter for postal revenue was reported this week by Postmaster Earl Comer.

"Our business has been booming for the past three months," he said. "We have done \$10,725.29 worth of postal business which sets a new record."

During the same quarter in 1939, postal revenues here amounted to \$8,884.93. The nearest March quarter to the past three months period was in 1937 when the Torrance post-office revenue amounted to \$9,441.92.

### Soccer and Ball Games on Sunday at Torrance Park

When the "Benny Markham benefit ball game" was rained out last Sunday at the Torrance city park diamond, plans were started at once to make the postponed event bigger and better than ever.

Arrangements were completed last night for a double-feature sports event at the park next Sunday afternoon, all of the proceeds going to Markham who incurred heavy doctor bills when he suffered a broken foot recently.

Starting at 1 o'clock, a regulation soccer game will be played on the field between the L. A. Scots and the Magyars, two outstanding teams.

This will be followed by a ball game between the Torrance-Lomita Indians and the Dr. Ross club. Admission to both sports events will be 25 cents for adults with children admitted free of charge.

### Night School Plans Music Variety Show

The vocal music department of the Torrance adult evening school, under direction of Nelle Gothold, is now rehearsing for a musical variety show to be given in May at the school assembly hall. Selections from the operas Carmen, Florida, Il Trovatore and Madame Butterfly will be given in costume. A few more voices can be used in small parts and in the choruses.

Singers who are interested in participating in this program may see Miss Gothold for an audition on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 o'clock at the school in room 106.

### Founders of Large Smith Clan Are Accident Victims

An automobile collision near Cordell, Okla., last Friday took the lives of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Smith of Alfalfa, Okla., parents of Wade, Cecil and Paul Smith of this city. Mr. Smith was 78 and his wife was 74 years of age.

While Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith, Wade and Paul Smith, Mrs. Audrey Brooks (a daughter) of Oakland and Roy Willis of this city attended the funeral service Monday in Oklahoma, memorial service was held at the Paul Smith home here yesterday for other members of the large family.

In addition to their three local sons and daughter, who flew to Los Angeles to join her brothers and made the Oklahoma trip, the accident victims were survived by another son and three other daughters, residing in Oklahoma, 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The grandchildren who live in Torrance are Thomas and Benjamin Smith, Fern Davis, Roberts Benjamin, Paul, Bruce and Kay Francis Smith, Bert and Connie Smith, and Roy Willis. Great-grandchildren residing here are Myrtle Davis, Barbara Smith and Diana Willis.

### Nine Working In This Area

Nine enumerators are canvassing Torrance and Lomita for the Federal population census, according to Cornelius Kelly, 17th Congressional district supervisor. More may be added during the two weeks the "nose counting" is in progress.

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### March Building Totals \$36,900; Year \$84,9865

New construction here during March amounted to \$36,900, according to a report compiled at the city engineer's office this week. The construction total for the first three months this year was \$84,986.50 as compared to \$280,320 for the same quarter in 1939. The March 1939 building total was \$90,690.

During the past month nine new residences were built at a cost of \$22,050, one double apartment over a four-car garage for \$3,500, seven private garages, \$1,250; two oil derricks, \$6,000; two oil tanks, \$300; alterations and additions to six residences, \$1,400, and alterations to three non-residential structures, \$2,400.

Building permits issued during the past week were: C. C. M. O., a bobtailed oil derrick at 22050 Madrona, \$1,000; Goode and Merrill, two 500 barrel oil tanks at 2438 23rd street, \$300, and Rome Brannum, single frame garage at 2225 Park street, Waverly, \$100.

A. B. Stagner and Joseph Sake of Long Beach, four-room frame stucco residence at 3880 Newton street, \$3,000; Howard H. Cowan, five-room frame stucco residence with garage attached at 2283 Torrance, built v. r. d., \$3,200, and M. L. Darling, 2302 Maricopa Place, five-room frame residence at 2364 Maricopa Place, \$2,000.

### Ten Patients Enter Hospital

Ten patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: C. C. Bartsch, 1538 Marcellina, National Supply worker, Tuesday for medical care; Mrs. Beatrice Reddo, Los Angeles, Monday for an appendectomy; Norman R. Cloude, 722 Portola, Columbia Steel worker, Friday for an appendectomy.

Mrs. Leona Dugally, Los Angeles, Tuesday for medical care; Barbara Evans, 15, daughter of F. R. Evans of 807 Portola, yesterday for an emergency appendectomy; Roy W. Heath, Redondo Beach, Monday for medical care; Ruth McMillan, 10, North Long Beach, Tuesday for surgery; Mrs. Lillian Nelson, Hermosa Beach, Tuesday for surgery; Mrs. Julia Offield, El Segundo, Saturday for surgery; Mrs. Alwilda Santalucia, Hermosa Beach, Friday for medical care.

Because the next regular meeting falls on Tuesday, April 9, municipal election holiday, the city council has postponed its session to Wednesday night, April 10, at 7:45 p. m.

## Facts You Should Know About April 9 Election

All details in connection with the Torrance municipal election next week are given here so that voters and residents of Torrance may be fully informed:

Election day, Tuesday, April 9. Number of qualified voters, 4,866 a gain of 237 since November, 1939.

Polls open at 6 a. m., and close at 7 p. m. All those standing in line at that hour will be entitled to cast ballots.

Number of candidates, 15; Mayor William H. Tolson, City Councilmen Tom McGuire and George V. Powell, incumbents seeking re-election; Lawrence V. (Vern) Babcock, LeGrand (Grant) Barkuld, Lewis M. Fernley, Wallace H. Gilbert, Joel Hagberg, William T. Klusman, William J. Loughridge, Gordon L. Mann, James J. O'Toole, Frank Schmidt, William F. Shields and Carl D. Steele.

Number of city council positions open, three.

Term of office for successful candidates, four years.

City council will canvass returns and count absentee ballots either on April 15 or 16. Three winning candidates will take office April 16.

The re-organized council will elect a mayor on or shortly after that date.

## City Asks Delay in Bus Ruling by L.A. Board

HEARINGS END After H. A. Periman, director of research for the L. A. Railway, had admitted that his company would suffer no percentage loss of revenue by the operation of Asbury or city buses in Los Angeles, the Railroad Commission took under submission this morning the application of Asbury and the city for a permit to operate buses. This ended a series of five hearings and an early decision is awaited.

If the Asbury Rapid Transit System is granted a permit by the State Railroad Commission to operate bus service between Waverly, Lomita, Torrance and Los Angeles, the city of Torrance will step out of the transportation business. Until that time the municipal buses will continue to run between here and 945 South Hill street and the Los Angeles Board of Public Utilities and Transportation is requested to defer action on the city's application for a permit to travel over Los Angeles city streets until after the Railroad Commission announces its decision.

This was the substance of a reply sent the Los Angeles board yesterday following and adjourned meeting of the Torrance city council Tuesday afternoon. The bus matter was the only subject to come before the council at that brief session.

A 15-day extension was granted the city of Torrance in which to amend, if it desired, its application to include this restriction. However, city councilmen were unanimous in their opinion that such a restriction should not be recognized. They pointed out that the municipal bus line would incur a greater deficit than the average \$10 to \$15 per day loss now being taken if fares were thus limited.

## Liquor Fees Net Torrance \$906

The city of Torrance will receive \$906.25 as its share of the alcoholic beverage license fees for the last six months of 1939, according to an announcement this week by the State Board of Equalization.

A total of \$1,425,045.24 was allocated to cities and counties of the state, which \$438,489.49—the largest individual allotment—will go to Los Angeles county and its cities.

The distribution of this fund represents 50 percent of the total liquor license fees earned during the last half of the year amounting to \$2,850,090.48. The state's half of these collections goes into the general fund.

### CALDER ON DUTY

After an absence of three weeks, Police Captain G. M. Calder returned to duty Monday morning. He had suffered a severe attack of influenza but appears fully recovered now.

## Voters Still Trying to Decide Choices As Race Nears End

With the municipal election only five days away, few voters appear to have made up their minds regarding their choice of which three among the field of 15 candidates for whom they will cast their ballots.

Seldom in the history of Torrance has there been such an array of "acceptable" citizens offering their services to the public. Many voters can name up at least six candidates whom they consider "top flight men."

In spite of the abundance of campaign material that has been distributed, many citizens who sincerely desire to cast their votes for the best men to serve the community are still puzzled, if not almost embarrassed, by the necessity of having to narrow down their favorites to three.

### Campaign Devoid of 'Mud'

While there are a number of so-called "tickets" in the field, there seems to be no general inclination on the part of the electorate to stay with these voluntary groupings, and it is quite probable that Mr. and Mrs. Torrance Voter will make up their own "ticket" which may include candidates from two or more of the campaign selections as well as those candidates who are running independently.

The campaign up to this point has been unusually clean and promises to continue that way. Aside from a few weak and futile efforts on the part of the "Isen" forces to create "issues" by digging up old and, in most cases, imaginary skeletons, pre-election work of candidates and their workers has been a credit to all and a splendid example of the proper way to choose community leaders in a democratic form of government.

Judging from general comment, the propaganda that has been spread by Albert Isen has done more harm to his own candidates than anyone else.

Call Details for Results Full details regarding voting polls, the complete list of candidates and other election information are published in an adjoining column—but the important thing to remember is to VOTE NEXT TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

The Herald office will be open until 10:30 Tuesday night and all telephone calls will be gladly answered. Telephone 444 for election results or watch for The Herald's election bulletins at convenient places about town Wednesday morning.

## "Raid" Principals Fail to Appear at Council Session

Altho City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said he had notified them to be present at the adjourned meeting if they desired a hearing on their charges that Police Chief John Stroh had "raided" their cafe on Cabrillo avenue, neither Clifford King nor Inez Hunt, proprietors of the eating place, appeared at the city council session Tuesday afternoon.

If they had been present a hearing was to have been held on the asserted disturbance with Chief Stroh present to give his version of his "visit" at King's Cafe with two deputy sheriffs several weeks ago after he had received reports alleging that a menu was being used as a "bookie" headquarters.

## Furniture Opening Specials . . .

If you are the least interested in furniture, see classification 53c on the classified page, and note there the many opportunities to buy at big savings, not the least of which is the ad partially reproduced herewith:

Furniture —53c

FURNITURE  
New Store Opening  
S-P-E-C-I-A-L-S

Read—Use Our  
Want Ads Regularly  
for Profit

## People and what they are doing.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kelley, 1522 Amapola avenue, spent the weekend at Bakersfield where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Griffiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Henry entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bellah of Whittier at dinner Sunday at their home, 1750 Martina avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter, 1307 Acacia avenue, entertained as their house guest last week Miss Kay Kempton of Syracuse, N. Y., who is a student at the University of Colorado.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hannebrink, Sr., are their niece, Mrs. Kenneth Rose, and her son Kent of Lomita. They will leave California within a few months to join Mr. Rose at Potosi, Bolivia.

Mrs. Theresa Condeley returned last week to her home, 1538 Post avenue, from Hollywood where she had been visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Archer Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Allen at Walnut Park.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lowen, 904 Beech, entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Payne and son Gordon of Arlington, Va., at dinner Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Severin, 1508 Amapola, were among those from Torrance who enjoyed the desert wild flowers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pierson and family, 1319 Plaza del Amo, motored to Tehachapi to see the wild flowers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Condeley, Mrs. Theresa Condeley and Mrs. Anna Vonderahe attended the picture, "Gone With the Wind," at Los Angeles Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Darnell and daughter Sondra of Glendale visited friends in Torrance Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle McManus spent the weekend in Hollywood where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall.

Mrs. Edythe Woodington was called to Santa Rosa last week because of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. H. Housinger.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lee, 1023 Cota avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Roberts of Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gorrell and children, Shirley and Walter, of Covina.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown (Ruby Brown) of 2117 Cabrillo avenue left Monday for an extended visit at the home of Mrs. Brown's mother at Anamosa, Iowa.