TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Miss Zona Chapel of Linwood was a guest in the home of Mr. nad Mrs. F. L. Parks of Andreo Avenue this week.

Mrs. A. R. Gerst of Delta, Colorado, who is a guest at the Torrance Hotel, visited with friends in Long Beach, Sunday.

Mrs. Zada Hastings of Andreo Avenue was hostess at a tea party last Monday evening when several of her Torrance friends were invited.

Perrin Johnson returned from the hospital to the home of his sister, Mrs. A. B. Denny of Cota avenue Sunday. He had been a victim in a hold-up accident in the oil fields near Bakersfield and had one finger shot off.

Mrs. F. L. Parks of Andreo ave. has been visiting for the past several days at the home of Mrs. Grace Pillers in Hollywood. Mrs. Zaza Hastings and Mr. Parks drove to Hollywood Wednesday evening, returning with Mrs. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Denny and children, Miss Vivian and Virgil Pratt, motored to San Diego on Saturday via the Beach boulevard, returning Sunday via the Inland boulevard. All had a most enjoyable trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Van Buren of Cota avenue was hostess at a birthday dinner for their son-in-law, F. W. Biebesheimer of Los Angeles, one evening last week. Mr. Biebesheimer entertained the guests with saxaphone music, from a very beautiful instrument he had purchased only a few days before. He was a member of the Torrance band before moving to Los Angeles

On last Thursday afternoon, the Missionary Society of the Baptist church, held their regular meeting and officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: Mrs. N. K. Woods, president; Mrs. E. Tonkins, vice president; Mrs. A. Anderson, second vice president; Mrs. J. C. Garner, secretary; Mrs. E. O. Kirkpatrick, treasurer. Several letters were read from missionaries from foreign fields

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Torrance was held Tuesday afternoon January 11th at the school. The date of the regular meetings was changed to the second Wednesday of the month, so that members may visit other associations and others will have the opportunity to visit them. A social evening was planned for Friday evening, January 28th, fathers as well as mothers may attend. Every one invited.

CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEES

The following have been named by the citizens committee of Torrance to run for office for trustees of the proposed City of Torrance, and whose names will appear on the official ballots, to be voted on February 1 next:

TRUSTEES

A. H. Bartlett.
J. M. Fitzhugh.
G. A. Proctor.
W. H. Gilbert.
J. L. Luck.

OFFICERS

R. J. Deninger, Clerk.
Harry Dolley, Treasurer.

HOME OWNERSHIP

Reviewing the building situation in Torrance, Geo. W. Neill, vice president of the First National Bank, had this to say, yesterday:

"The closing days of the past year found building at a lower ebb than at the beginning of 1920, but with the advent of 1921 the most encouraging progress toward stabilization has been witnessed in Torrance.

"Previous to the war, income from improved property in many localities was too low, and it is noted that a more favorable and apparently readjustment of income from improved real estate investments is taking place. Fundamentally conditions are very favorable for the resumption of building of homes on a large scale.

"The law of supply and demand is the final factor in determining whether more homes are needed and in this respect there is but one answer, and every rightful influence, therefore, that will encourage more building should be exerted.

"Particular impetus should be given to home-ownership which constitutes one of the most substantial exemplifications of thrift."

GOPHERS FLOURISH HERE

Reports that gophers were killing the trees and shrubbery around Torrance, has caused resident to take steps to exterminate these rodents. On one large lot 200 have been killed and attention was brought to the chamber of commer concerning the rapid increase of gophers. Information is being sought from the government experimental stations concerning best methods to eliminate them. Perhaps a bounty of one cent per head would help solve the question.

GRAND STAND FOR BALL TEAM

Manager Frank Hewson of the U. T. Co. Base Ball Team reports that soon a grand stand will be erected on the ball park, having received the support of Torrance merchants sufficient to guarantee the cost of building.

TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

The High School was increased this week by hte addition of three this week by the addition of three Blanche Fix, who come to us from Kansas, and Gordon Webb who comes from Stockton. This addition makes our High School just 100% larger than it was when school ended last June.

We are glad to report that late news from Dale Gipe is encouraging. In spite of his having had an operation for peritonitis, which was followed in turn by pneumonia, he is to return to us soon, according to his physician's statement.

During the Christmas holidays Torrance Elementary teaching force lost a maid and gained a matron when Miss Kennedy became Mrs. Russel. Mr. and Mrs. Russel have established their new home at Spurlin Court.

Miss Florence Felton who substituted in the second grade during the illness of Mrs. Latter has been elected to the position of the Fourth grade teacher left vacant by the resignation of Miss Rotterman. Miss Felton comes to us highly recommended besides having made for herself an enviable reputation by her work done here. She is making her home in the McKinley Inn.

Mr. Barnett moved last week into a new home on Narbonne Ave., and Cherry street, having found that the nearest he could come to finding a house in Torrance.

The first semester of this school year closes January 21. It will be necessary that all kindergarten and beginning first grade pupils not now in attendance at school be entered during the school month commencing January 24 and ending February 18.

Torrance schools are growing rapidly and after the mid-year promotions some additions to the teaching force will be necessitated It is probable that there will then be six half-day sessions because of the present lack of class rooms. The architect reports the drawings for our new elementary building almost completed, thus making it practically certain that we shall have adequate room the coming year.

LIFE'S COMPROMISE

My friend who owns a house on a hillside, surrounded by a some-day-to-be-terraced-garden, assures me that his mole is still as busy as a German submarine in the late war and he is still seeking a means of circumventing the pest, but he is something of a philsopher who is eternally moralizing in his homely way.

One evening last week he came down from his lofty perch and paid me a short visit. I was sympathetic and asked how his plans for ridding himself of the pest progressed. He laughed heartily and replied: "Mr. Mole is still on the job. But I am not worrying about the little fellow. He is simply trying in his unenlightened way to fulfill his destiny, just as I am in my way trying to fulfil mine. If I lived down-town in an apartment house I wouldn't be troubled with moles, but I would be pestered with a thousand and one other things. Life is a series of compromises. When we go to bed we pull up the bed covers to cover our heads and what do we succeed in doing? Why, we uncover our feet. I live out in the hills and get away from the city's noises. I succeed. But I immediately bump into other difficulties. So it goes. It's simply up to me to decide which of the two evils is the lesser—as for me, I'll take the mole."—Exchange.

BATTERIES CUT BY LOCAL FIRM

A bomb shell in the form of an announcement was thrown into Pacific Coast motordom today by the Western Battery Manufacturers, Inc., when The Torrance Battery and Ignition Co., received word, that the new price list on their batteries calls for a cut of about 50 per cent, the most radical reduction yet announced by any battery manufacturing concern in the country.

Western Battery Manufacturers Inc., have been building batteries in their own factory on East Vermont avenue, here, for more than a year, and, according to officials of the corporation, their product has proven highly satisfactory to motor car owners of the Pacific Coast.

"The same high-grade materials which enter into the construction of batteries which are manufactured in other sections of the country are used in the manufacture of Western batteries.—Adv.

TORRANCE CHURCH NEWS

Central Evangelical Church has been the center of interest both in spiritual meetings and in social gatherings recently.

Last Sunday marked the close of an interesting contest between the intermediate young men's class, taught by Mrs. P. G. Briney and the young ladies class, taught by Miss Ruth Spreng. The points were contested for in a very fine and vigorous Sunday School spirit for six weeks. When it closed the young ladies were jubilant in victory. The boys were game so, Friday evening the young ladies class were invited to a luncheon in the basement. It was a surprise and well done. The young men had the table and room tastily decorated for the occasion. Following the luncheon a fine social time consisting of games and contests was enjoyed by all.

Those present were: Miss Ruth Spreng, Katherine Burmaster, Mabel Christapher, Hellen Neill, Marie Patton, Hellen Tiffany, Hellen Reeve, Ida Reeve, Vivian Nelson, Gwendolin Miller, Geraldine Miller, Florence Haynes, Ethel Dent, Ruth McKinzie, Grace McKinzie and Lulie Howe. Perry G. Briney, Wilbert S. Weatherwax, Harold King, Clarence Kipp, Dallace Avery, Raymond Davis, Roy McKinzie, William Hunn, Percy Simonson, Lloyd Brenton, Mr. Bonnett, Ted Reeve.

The Young People's Alliance held its first regular meeting Tuesday evening in the basement of the church. The business meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. P. G. Briney. The pastor led in the devotional service after which the business of the evening was taken up.

The constitution and by-laws were read and adopted and other business received attention. After which Mr. C. H. Van Hellen had charge of the social hour. Light refreshments were then served by the entertainment committee. The evening was enjoyed by all present and it was decided to hold the business and social meetings on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

The Sunday School enjoyed a good normal attendance, and the morning and evening worship was helpful in spiritual things. The pastor outlined a strong church program which in being carried out will make Central Church the spiritual and social factor in Torrance which is needed in the fast growing city.

Next Sunday morning the Sunday School superintendent expects to greet a large attendance at 9:30 He has something new to spring in the opening program.

The opening of the exangelistic campaign will mark the morning and evening services Sunday. Evangelist D. B. Kingsley—the man with a message for men of today—will swing to the front at Central Church.. Mr. Kingsley will speak each evening of the week except Saturday evening. Every person in Torrance should hear these messages. The singing will be a pleasing feature of the meetings throughout. Mr. C. H. Van Hellen will have charge. The general public is invited.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Of Torrance

Did Christ have a fair trial? This question will be answered at the evening service, January 16, at 7:30 at the Baptist Church, Torrance.

Special music is being arranged by the choir. Miss Elsie Woodward and Mrs. R. C. Kite will sing a duet entitled "Christ on Trial." There will be a new chorus for all.

"The Sound of a Going in the Tops of the Mulberry Trees," will be the sermon for the morning service, which commences at 11:00 o'clock.

Commencing with the morning service, January 23, Carl Bassett, the "whirlwind" evangelist, will conduct a campaign lasting for several weeks. Watch for detailed announcement next week.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

HIGH PUBLISHING COST ENDS 25 NEWSPAPERS

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The high cost of publishing has retired from the ranks of journalism some of America's oldest newspapers. The Editor and Publisher's statistical department anniunces that no less than twenty-five daily newspapers discontinued, suspended or were consolidated during the calendar year of 1920.

OIL NEWS

The oil well "bee" has been buzzing lately in the vicinity of Torrance and soon some startling news concerning this venture will be given out.

An unexampled development has sprung full armed into the arena of Torrance in the drilling for oil on the ranch of Mr. Walter Bodger on Amestoy street on the north corner of the ranch toward Hawthorne. The Milwaukee Oil Company has leased 80 acres and have started operations. The company has the latest improved rotary outfit, all new machinery and of the highest grade. Mr. Bodger has given a lease on the remainder of his ranch a tract of 350 acres, to another company and they are to commence drilling within eight months and in the meantime are paying a bonus. On the Milwaukee lease a royalty of one-sixth will be paid on the production.

The Merton Brothers ranch carries a well, now down 2000 feet, where water is being cased off and with every indication of being a good producer. The old Bell ranch is under lease to the Standard Old and the rotary will soon be drilling down to the lake of oil which all geologists who have examined the whole contiguous field as oil-bearing territory.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. A. H. Bartlett of Gramercy avenue returned home the latter part of the week from a private sanitarium in South Pasadena with her infant daughter Polly Janet

JACK FROST PAYS VISIT

Tuesday found early risers in a "humped-up" position when they crawled out of their warm rooms into one of the "crimpiest" mornings yet encountered this season Frost was seen everywhere and icicles were noticed on pools of water left standing by the road side from the day before rains. No damage of a serious nature has been reported.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT NO 1

Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 2, Lomita, County of Los Angeles, California.

Notice is hereby given that, at a meeting of the directors of said corporation, held on the 11th day of January, 1921, an assessment of Three ($3.00) per share was levied upon the Capital stock of said Corporation, payable immediately to the Secretary of this Corporation, at the office of the Company at Lomita, Los Angeles County, California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on February 11, 1921, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on March 14, 1921 at 8:00 o'clock p. m. to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

JAS. FRYER, Secretary.
Pub. Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 1921.

TO STOCKHOLDERS

Please fill out the following and return to the Secretary at Lomita, to complete our records of your Lot, Tract and Certificate numbers:

TRACT NO	LOT NO.	CERT NO.

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

Narbonne Ranch Water Company No. 5, Lomita, County of Los Angeles, California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors of said corporation, held on January 3, 1921, an assessment of One ($1.00) Dollar per share was levied upon the Capital Stock of said Corporation, payable immediately to the Secretary of this Corporation, at the office of the Company, viz., Pump House of said Company, at Lomita, Los Angeles County, California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on February 8, 1921, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on February 28, 1921, at 12 o'clock noon, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs advertising and expenses of sale.

R. GEIST, Secretary.
Pub. Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 1921

WANT --ADS.

Per line ---------- 10c
Minimum charge ---------- 25c

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dry Eucalyptus Wood 12-in. lengths, $5.00 per rick. K. N. Bjorndall, Cherry and Narbonne avenue, Lomita. J-7-14-21-pd

FOR SALE—3-burner oil stove, and large oven, almost new. $10. Large post white enamel iron bed. Good spring and mattress, $25. Telephone 1134-J San Pedro. 1t

alow. Small payment, bal. $30

FOR SALE—5-room modern bungalow, including interest. 1003 Cota Street, Torrance. J-14-21pd.

FOR SALE—Registered ¾ Nubia doe, No. 1734 I.N.B.A., 11 mo. old. One 2-Qt. white doe. A. A. Solomon, 21094 Gramercy Ave., Torrance. J-14

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Harley Davidson motorcycle. Want bicycle. F. F. Snyder, Cypress St., and Redondo Blvd., Lomita. J-14

FOR SALE—Fresh milk, whipping cream, skim milk. We deliver. Quality Dairy, Bill Smith, Cypress street, Lomita. J.-14-21pd.

FOR SALE—Chevrolet, 1919 model in good condition. Will sell cheap. C. Dobrick 21008 Portola Street, Torrance. J-14

FOR SALE—4-room bungalow, bath $500 down, $30 mo. C. Dobrick, 21008 Portola St., Torrance. J-14

FOR SALE—Eastern Black Walnut Trees, year old. 10c and 25c. J. H. Pickering, Lomita. J.14-1.

—USED CARS—USED CARS—

40% Down, Balance 12 Months

1920 Cleveland Roadster	$ 950
1920 Patterson	1750
1919 Ford Touring	475
1918 Buick (4) 5 Passenger	675
1917 Dodge Touring	750
1917 Cole (8) 7 Passenger	995
1916 Stutz Bear Cat	1200
1914 Packard, 5-48	1150
Special Ford Speedster	450

All of the above cars are in excellent running order and are guaranteed to be as represented.

Come In Or Phone
AUTO SALES CO.
1211 Pacific Ave.
San Pedro, Calif. Phone 869

WANTED

WANTED—Team work of all kinds, plowing, etc. J. E. Chandler, Penn. and Blvd., Lomita. J-7-28

WANTED—Clean Cotton Rags, News Letter Office, Lomita. tf

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WANTED—Good Second hand bicycle, Frank Jordan, Palm and Pennsylvania streets, Lomita. J-7-14

WANTED—To buy all kinds of second hand furniture. Jack Levy, Lomita. J-14 F-4

WANTED—Middle aged man to care for elderly man, nights. Inquire at 1811 Gramercy Ave., Torrance. J-14.

WANTED—Sewing, bring your own patterns. Mrs. C. W. Dean, 1312 East Chestnut St., Lomita. J-14

LOST—A fur neck piece for child, between Lomita and Torrance. P. Durant, Narbonne, Lomita. Reward. J-14 pd

WHO HOLDS LIBERTY BONDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Congressmen are trying to find out who holds the $24,000,000,000 of Liberty and Victory bonds.

Whether the bulk of these bonds are still in the banks of the original purchasers, or have been bought up below par by wealthy investors and speculators, will determine these congressmen's attitude on the proposal for a general refunding of these issues into one 50-year tax-exempt issue.

A determined attempt is to be made for the adoption by the republican congress which will meet in March of a radically different financial policy from that adopted by the democrats.

On the surface, the change is declared desirable in order to put Liberty bonds at par. This, many believe, would relieve the credit situation.

The underlying reason, however, is that by extending the maturity of war bonds to 50 years, instead of the less than 20 years they now have to run, a much smaller sum would have to be provided from taxes each year for the sinking fund.

This would make possible immediate relief in taxes, promised by the republicans, which otherwise will be most difficult.