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## BALL TEAM SUFFERS DEFEAT AT PEDRO

UNION TOOL COMPANY VS.  
SUBMARINE BASE TEAM

Saturday, Feb. 26.—The Union Tool Company baseball club took another trip out of town today, but they could not duplicate the experience of the other trip. The Fishboat boys took them down the line to the tune of 3 to 2.

It was a good game from start to finish, the weather was fine and a good crowd of supporters made the journey. We like to see that evidence of a regular baseball fan—journeying away from home to see his team play, and pulling for them every minute. In fact, we can think of no greater incentive to a ball club than support from the people of their home town. Nothing puts heart into a team more than that, and it helps win many a game. Let all hands support their home team, even if they are losing. The boys are playing for the entertainment of the spectators as much as they are for their own, and with the U. T. Co., players, knows they are playing only for the sport there is in the game.

The game went along from then on in rather the desultory, though approved, baseball fashion, neither side even coming close to scoring. It was one, two, three, on the one hand and then dittoed by the other, until Peppin hit for two bases in the seventh with two down. Templeton's long fly to center left him anchored there. The Sailors started fine in their half of the seventh too, when their first man up kissed one out for a clean hit. He was too ambitious though, and was caught at second trying to stretch a single into a double.

Then along came the tragic eighth! Rube Henning went off watch, being relieved by a port sider. The Utees' half went in the regular way, one, two, three, each player evidently feeling quite secure in the only two counters showing on the scoreboard. However—Goss, pitching for Torrance, issued a liberty card to the first man for no apparent excuse. The second fouled out to left. Templeton making the prettiest catch of the game. And then Goss thought it safe, or convenient, to issue another liberty card, which he did without further ado. He had figured without his host! The next follower of Paul Jones decided he, too, had only begun to fight, and forthwith cut loose at the first fast one smacking same for two bases and scoring one run. The next batter punted a weak one into the infield, scoring another man. The Blue-jackets went wild. The score was tied, and the U. T. rooters began to look a bit worried. And well they might, because the next batter met a fast one and sent it on its way far two sacks, bringing in the third and winning run.

## RIDES THROUGH WINDOW

Losing control of his motorcycle as he attempted to turn into the alley, J. Leeds, manager of the Hodges' Hardware Store, Lomita, crashed into the large plate glass window of the "News Letter" and "Enterprise" office, at noon Friday.

As Leeds turned into the alley his front wheel struck a pipe projecting from the curb and his machine swerved toward the sidewalk. Seeing that he had lost control of his machine he attempted to shut it off, but probably "stepped" on it as he struck the window with a fearful impact, demolishing \$250 worth of double thick plate glass windows, injuring himself, Ray Jordan and Barney Reiff. Ray saw the motorcycle coming and lunged for Barney, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Reiff, who was standing directly in front of the window. Just as he grabbed the boy, the motorcycle struck him, knocking them both through the window and under the linotype machine. Leeds was half way through the window when picked, and paralyzed from his hips down. First-aid treatment was administered by H. L. Wilson and Mrs. Irwin who were on the job immediately and called Dr. N. A. Leake, who dressed their wounds.

No earthquake ever made a more terrific sound than did this and particles of glass were thrown all over the printing establishment. The chair of the linotype operator was driven into the machine with such force that it had to be pried out by force.

By a peculiar incident of fate C. P. Roberts was not at the machine when the accident occurred.

## SUNDAY BURGLARY OF TORRANCE STORE

HARDWARE STORE ROBBER  
LAST SUNDAY NIGHT

Forcing his way through the basement window of the Torrance Hardware Company last Sunday night, a sneak thief gained entrance and rifled the cash register. \$18.50 was taken, but the cash register was not damaged. The "No Sale" button was punched and the drawer left open. Inspection of the store by Mr. Reeve and his clerks for loss of other articles was made early Monday morning but nothing was found missing except the money. L. A. Wesley, book keeper for Mr. Reeve, discovered the loss upon his arrival at the store, Monday morning.

## HONOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Briney entertained a few friends at dinner in their new home Monday evening, February 28, the occasion being their third wedding anniversary. Pink and white sweet peas and carnations of the same color were used in decorations. The dining table, with covers laid for eleven, was very attractive, the centre piece being a huge bowl of the sweet peas. Those enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Briney's hospitality were, Mr. Briney's father and mother, Mrs. Briney's aunt, Mrs. Nix, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Neelands, Miss Ruth Spreng, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Van Hellen and Mr. W. S. Weatherwax.

## NEW JANITOR FOR SCHOOL

The Torrance Schools has a new janitor, D. W. Dyke having taken the position last Tuesday morning and it is said his new broom is sweeping mighty clean.

## REGISTER TODAY!

If you are not registered in Torrance, or did not vote at the last General Election, register at once, at A. G. Pruitt's Real Estate Office. You must have been a resident of the state one year, the county six months, and precinct thirty days, in order to vote.

## M. L. MAY REPORTS MANY LOT SALES

Excursions From Los Angeles, Long Beach and Redondo Prove Quite Successful

General Sales Manager M. L. May of the Dominguez Land Corporation has extended his operations for the sale of lots and acres into Long Beach and Redondo. For the past week excursions have been conducted from Redondo Beach with the most flattering results. The first day a large crowd came from the beach city and before they returned home had purchased an average of \$100 each in this fine new subdivision just west of the High school.

Last Wednesday forty came from Long Beach under the supervision of a special salesman and several sales were closed. Every day except Monday excursions are conducted from Los Angeles with fine results.

An office has been opened in Long Beach at No. 8 Locust street and the first excursion was conducted from that city Wednesday when forty interested home-buyers visited Torrance. Several sales were made, and it is expected from results obtained from the initial excursion that sales will far exceed what was originally expected from this field.

## SCHOOL BUILDING CONTRACT TO BE LET ON MARCH NINTH

Bids will be opened on March 9 for the construction of the new elementary school building in Torrance, and the contract will be immediately awarded. The contract will call for eight additional classrooms, a small lobby and an office for the principle. The present office and the ladies' rest room will be turned into class rooms. The new building will be joined to the rear of the present structure, with rooms on either side of the hall, which, when completed will partially relieve for a time at least, the present crowded condition of the schools.

The rapid increase in attendance during the past three semesters has been so great that only figures explain the actual growth. On the first day of last year the school opened with an enrollment of 209, and at the beginning of last semester had jumped to 404, an increase of nearly 100% in three semesters.

At present it is necessary to hold six half-day sessions, to accommodate 175 pupils who are obliged to avail themselves of the part time instruction.

The appropriation for the Torrance High School is yet pending but it is expected that definite action of the Los Angeles School Board will also relieve this overcrowded condition and give Torrance what is needed in these branches.

No other one thing in the growth of any community can be cited as a criterion to progress like that of the growth of its schools, and in this particular, Torrance points with pride to the increase in attendance.

## NEW SALESMAN FOR HAMMERTON TRACT

G. E. Townsend Appointed Exclusive Sales Agent For The New Hammerton Tract

Mr. H. H. C. Hammerton, founder of the townsite of "Hammerton," announced yesterday that he has secured the services of G. E. Townsend of Torrance, who will henceforth act as exclusive sales agent for his tract.

Mr. Townsend has proven himself to be a "live-wire" and many look forward to the time in the near future when the new city of "Hammerton" will show the results of his efforts.

Mr. Hammerton has had to divide most of his time to every angle of his proposition, but will from now on devote all of his effort to the improvements and the different industries that are to be developed on the tract.

## GLASS FACTORY TO START BUILDING NEXT MONTH

Reports about town yesterday were that the Western Glass Products Company would start building their large factory some time this month. Their site is on Carson street, East of the Union Tool Company Plant and it is said their equipment, when completely installed, will be one of the most modern and finest in the United States. It is understood that much of the hand work of blowing glass will be dispensed with and machinery of the latest improvement will be used.

## TO ELIMINATE GOPHERS

The Agricultural Extension Service of Los Angeles County held a gopher control demonstration in Torrance last Monday afternoon between four and five o'clock. Mr. W. C. Jacobson, superintendent of State Rodent Control work and L. S. Neville, rodent control inspector for Los Angeles County, conducted the demonstration, which was held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, and arranged by Mr. W. S. Rosecrans, secretary of the Farm Bureau for Los Angeles county.

The habits of the gopher were fully explained and a drawing made on a blackboard, of the subway which the gopher builds underground, showing the two rooms it makes, one to live in and raise the young and one used as a store house to store away roots, bulbs etc. The expert explained how to use various traps, but claimed that poison is the best and quickest way to get them. He told how to bore for the tunnel and use the poison.

The Agricultural Department will furnish poison at cost, which can be bought in room 907 Hall of Records in Los Angeles. The representative had with him a limited quantity which was quickly taken at 30 cents per box. There were circulars distributed which gives the formula and how to use the poison and also how to make and use the boring rod.

The lecture was very instructive and all should make an effort to rid Torrance of the gopher, which multiply very fast and do a great deal of destructive work.

## DISCOVER LEPROY IN TORRANCE

Few, if any, in Torrance, realized that for the past month there was a case of leprosy in our midst. In fact the case was accidentally discovered when a Mexican woman called at the office of a Mexican physician in Los Angeles several days ago for treatment of blotches upon her face and body. The physician recognized her case as that and with the aid of local health officers found the woman, who had been living here for a month with her husband. Upon questioning the woman it was learned that she had been afflicted with the disease for nine years, having crossed the boundary into the United States a year ago and lived in Arizona for nine months, thence to Huntington Beach for three months, finally locating in Torrance where she has resided the past month.

It is thought that the unfortunate woman can be cured, and the same treatment will be administered that has proven successful in a number of previous cases of late. Scientific research among the medical fraternity discovered a plant that gives up an oil which counteracts the ravages of the leprosy bacillus. The remedy is correctly known as "Chaulmooga Oil," compounded by special chemical reduction from certain plant life, and in some of the lesser violent cases has proved to be a success in treating this dreaded disease.

The woman was taken to the County Hospital where she is receiving treatment. Her husband shows no signs of contracting the disease, and perhaps, never will, or, if he has become inoculated it may not appear before a year, or even ten years, according to information of physicians.

## ROBBERS COME THICK AND FAST

THREE BURGLARIES IN WEEK  
RECORD FOR TORRANCE

Following closely the robbery of the Fess Grocery a week ago and that of the Torrance Hardware Co. last Sunday night, came the report Tuesday morning that the Torrance High School had also been burglarized the night before. The front door was jimmied and after inside the thief chiseled off the hinges of all the teacher's desks where locked, and ransacked the desk drawers for valuables. About \$15 in postage stamps, small amounts of money, fountain pens, and some few mechanics tools were in the loot taken. No trace of this "night guest" has been found to date.

## TRUSTEES MEET

The Community Building Company trustees met in the Post Office Building Monday night for their regular bi-monthly meeting and matters of procedure were discussed. A. H. Bartlett, secretary treasurer, stated that over \$70,000 had been subscribed and that the outlook for his company was very bright, indeed. Mr. Bartlett announced that he would devote his entire time to the building company exclusively henceforth, and that within 90 days would have the required money in escrow.

## LANDS CHAIRMANSHIP

Geo. W. Neill, manager of the Dominguez Land Corporation, and cashier of the First National Bank of Torrance, was appointed chairman for the Chinese Relief Fund. Those desiring to subscribe to this fund may leave their donations at the bank until Mr. Neill can appoint a committee to look after the work. Elsewhere in this issue plan is more fully explained.

## BUSINESS MEN HERE PLAY ANTLERS HERD

TORRANCE MERCHANTS VS.  
THE SANTA MONICA ELKS

Sunday, Feb. 27.—The Torrance Baseball Field has always promised to be one of the most popular and interesting playgrounds in Southern California. We can't say that any really freakish games have been played on our diamond, but, the one played today borders close on that. It was a game full of action every minute—that sort of game every fan loves to see now and then, especially when the list in the lopsided score is in our favor. The Santa Monica Elks support a good baseball team and they took their trimming good-naturedly, even if the score wound up 17 to 7 in favor of the Merchants.

Malott was out of the game with a sore hand, and as he had played almost every other position on the team, he was urged to umpire, which he did to the satisfaction of all. Everyone was greatly pleased to see Sanger back in the left garden where he gave an excellent account of himself.

The team from 906 presented a fine appearance when they were warming up and the fans were of the opinion that the game was anybody's—until after it had started. Scholes, pitching for Torrance, threw four times in the first inning, the air-tight support showing that Torrance was going to fight from the start.

The antlered pitcher seemed rather indifferent as to whose ball game it was going to be and passed the first two Torrance batters. Then, all hands got up, one at a time, and took a sneak at the apple; and when the third man was out, the official scorekeeper authorized the chalking up of eight runs.

From then on, it was gravy. A wonderful day for practice. Nine O Six practiced three pitchers, and Torrance two. Both Torrance and the Elks practiced batting and fielding as was evidenced by the number of hits and runs. Everybody tried to steal a base, a number being successful. Home runs, errors, three-baggers, stolen bases, were common and everybody tried 'em all. The spectators enjoyed every minute.

Nine O Six chartered a truck to bring along one of their staunchest supporters, who, by the way, is reputed to be the largest Elk this side of the Yellowstone. He added greatly to the entertainment of the small boys, as well as the grown-ups, and for a time he had some of our canine inhabitants interested.

We trust the Santa Monica Elks team will journey to Torrance again in the near future, and will bring along a regular pitcher, because then we will see a regular game with a regular team, but we hope that Torrance wins.

Drop two-bits in the hat at the ball game.

## NOTICE OF MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held in Steffen Hall, Monday night, the 7th of March, at 8:00 o'clock. All members are earnestly requested to be present, as a matter of importance to be acted upon, will come up at this meeting, and it is desired that a large representation of the Chamber be on hand to vote.

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