

# Announcement

## The First National Bank of Torrance Announces

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OUR HARDWARE WEARS  
**PAXMAN'S**  
2 STORES  
TORRANCE LOMITA

Mrs. Woodside spent Sunday in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hofland of Los Angeles, were guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Hurum Reeves.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Miller of the El Prado, a son, Sunday the 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hart of Santa Ana were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Zahradnik.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Steadman have purchased property near Moneta, and expect to build a home there.

Mrs. Phoebe Sykes and son William, spent last week-end at Big Bear, but returned to Torrance, glad to get the cool breezes here.

Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber and daughter, Mrs. Grisley and husband and son, returned Thursday from a week's stay at Coronado Beach.

Mrs. Gramley of Cota avenue, left last week Monday, to be operated on in Los Angeles. She is getting along very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Cusick of Cota avenue, spent a very enjoyable day, Saturday, motoring to Santa Fe Springs and Whittier, and were quite surprised at the wonderful oil fields through that territory.

**PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN**



Nothing is too insignificant to escape the Curious Guy. Nobody can Make a Move around this Town but what he sees it and wonders why. As a Collector of Worthless Information he has no Rival, and Small Wonder, for he does Guard Duty on the Streets all Day Long.

**"VAMPS" WHO MADE HISTORY**  
By JAMES C. YOUNG.  
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FROM INN SERVANT TO EMPRESS.

EARLY in the Eighteenth century the Russians captured Marienburg, East Prussia. A squad of drunken soldiers rifled one of the principal inns. In their search for valuables they opened the oven door of the inn's huge stove, made of porcelain, and brought forth two frightened girls. One of them was Catherine, a servant, and the other Marie, who was staying with her.

Both girls were bewitchingly pretty. The soldiers fell to fighting over their possession, when the commander of the invading forces passed the inn. He heard the row, stopped, and commanded order. Catherine saw her chance. She leaned out of the window and gave the general one of her sweetest smiles. He and another officer carried the two girls away.

Soon afterward Prince Menshikov, favorite of the czar, and one of the most powerful men in Russia, came to inspect the army. He saw Catherine and took her away from the general.

Catherine soon had Menshikov under her full control. Then came the czar himself, Peter the Great, absolute master of the empire. He also saw Catherine and claimed her. She was a vampire who always succeeded.

But Catherine was something more than merely a beautiful woman. Her judgment and instinct soon made her Peter's most trusted adviser. He used to meet his ministers at a little house in Moscow where she was placed, and weigh decisions with Catherine's help. At last her domination over Peter became so complete that he married the former inn servant and had her crowned Czarina. Catherine's elevation by no means checked her vampire instincts. She was famous for her infidelities. William Mons, her court chamberlain, was tried on a trumped up charge and hung, really for a much more serious offense. Peter forced Catherine to walk past the place of execution, and crowded her so close to the gallows that she brushed her former lover, hanging there. But she never flinched. Afterward Peter had the man's head sent to her room in a bottle of alcohol.

That incident was typical of the half-mad Peter, who also was something of a genius, and of the period in which Catherine reigned. After Peter's death she ruled alone, the mistress of a court where revels lasted a week at a time, and a man's drinking capacity sometimes won a ministry for him.

Mrs. C. O. Leatherman and Mrs. William Javins of Cota avenue, spent Monday, shopping in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Salomon and baby, Gene Louise, were in Hemet several days last week, returning to Torrance Sunday evening.

**GLASS FACTORIES.**

Of the 371 establishments reported for 1919, 128 manufactured building glass; 130 pressed and blown glass; and 145, bottles and jars, reports the Bureau of the Census. Of the 348 establishments reported for 1914, 102 manufactured building glass; 107 pressed and blown glass; and 150, bottles and jars.

In 1919, 32 per cent of the total value of products represented building glass; 27 per cent, pressed and blown glass; 36.1 per cent, bottles and jars; and 4.9 per cent, other products. The corresponding proportions in 1914 were 29.9, 24.6, 42.4, and 3.3 per cent, respectively.

There was an increase of 127.3 per cent in the total value of building glass reported for the period 1914-1919. The most important product in 1919 in this class was window glass, the value reported being 49.1 per cent of the total for building glass. Window glass also occupied first place at the censuses of 1914 and 1904, but plate glass led in 1909. Pennsylvania ranks first in production; West Virginia, second, Ohio third. Missouri is an important factor in production.

**Sambo's Logic.**

One hot July afternoon a tired and very dusty little colored lad chanced to be passing a reservoir quite a distance from home. The water looked so cool and inviting that Sambo could not resist, and a few moments later found him splashing around to his heart's content.

The keeper, upon discovering him, rushed up and called out, "Hey there! Come out of that! Don't you know that people in town have to drink that water?"

Sambo dived under again, came up, and innocently replied: "Oh, dat's all right, sub, I ain't usin' no soap!"

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