

WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

Victor L. Berger, veteran leader of the Socialist National Party, died suddenly this week from a skull fracture sustained in an automobile accident, July 16. Born in Austria-Hungary and educated in Vienna and Budapest, Berger came to the United States at the age of 15. He spent his early years in Milwaukee, teaching German in the public schools and later entering the newspaper business. He was elected to Congress on the Socialist ticket and his paper, The Milwaukee Leader, was frequently quoted as an authority on socialist principles.

Forest rangers are hunting a fire fiend who is setting fire pots in California forests, causing untold damage. Ingenious contraptions consisting of candles set in oil soaked rags within cans to prevent wind from extinguishing the flames have been set at wide distances throughout the Sierra National Forest.

Doctor Bokemeier, eyes popping with glee, successfully landed the great Graf Zeppelin at Lakehurst, N. J., completing his fourth trip across the broad Atlantic. It is planned to make the return trip to Friedrichshafen in a few days, which will be the first hop in a round the world flight of the giant dirigible. Stipendous as the great air liner may seem, measuring nearly two city blocks, the two dirigibles now being built for the United States Navy Pacific base will be twenty per cent larger. Those in close touch with Navy authorities state that the Torrance site is looked upon favorably by the investigating committee.

Uncle Sam will start to count noses on April 1. An army of 100,000 census takers will begin their task of gathering statistics on population, unemployment, farm and trade distribution.

A son of a Seattle Episcopal bishop has been picked by Thomas A. Edison as the "brightest boy in America," and by his efforts becomes a national prototype of the "Wizard of Menlo Park." Sixteen year old Wilbur H. Hinton exhibited great modesty after learning that he had been awarded high honors over 48 competing youths picked from all sections of the country. Wilbur has never been a Boy Scout or a member of the Y. M. C. A. His hobby is collecting specimens of marine biology. His sport is fencing; his favorite reading, biography. He has never smoked. He believes in sacrificing comfort for success, but not honor, health, happiness, love, riches nor reputation. He thinks a life is permissible in cases of serious trouble, pain and grief and when one does not benefit himself in any way by the falsehood.

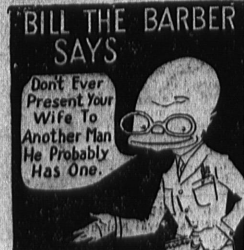
"Lucky" Baldwin's daughter, Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, has left an estate of nearly fifteen million dollars, as was shown by the will probated last week. It is the third largest estate ever probated in Los Angeles county. Henry E. Huntington, railroad magnate, and E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin left estates of large amounts.

POLICE BOOK ATTRACTIVE

Reasons For Relief Work Explained by Chief Calder

The first year-book of the Torrance Police Relief Association was distributed this week and is a credit to Torrance and those in charge of the book. The annual is profusely illustrated with civic buildings, attractive homes, and photographs of all city officials. There is also a brief history of the "Modern Industrial City" and a forecast of the future. The book is beautifully printed and is a product of the Automatic Printing Company of Torrance.

In a foreword by Chief of Police G. M. Calder, it is explained that the proceeds of the book, which carries extensive advertising, will go to the relief work among police officers. To quote Chief Calder: "The publication of the book is deemed necessary due to the fact that a police officer has virtually no protection for himself or his family in the time of sickness or when he may be injured on a motorcycle or in line of duty. The insurance rates for protection to police officers are prohibitive."



BILL THE BARBER SAYS

Don't Ever Present Your Wife To Another Man He Probably Has One.

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COLUMBIA-U. S. STEEL CORP. DEAL IS NEARLY COMPLETED

Representatives of the United States Steel Corporation are expected in Torrance August 15, for the purpose of inspecting and appraising the Columbia Steel properties here.

The consolidation of the Columbia Steel Corporation with the United States Steel Corporation has been virtually completed and it is understood that the terms will be announced shortly, either in New York or in San Francisco by President J. D. Grant of the Columbia. The U. S. Steel has what amounts to a ninety day option on the Columbia, it was pointed out.

In the meantime the United States Steel will undertake a complete inspection of all the various properties of the Columbia and for this purpose, it was stated, that already a party of experts is on its way west. Their journey will take them over the mining properties of the Columbia in Utah and the manufacturing plants in Pittsburg and Torrance in California and in Portland, Oregon.

It is pointed out that it likely will not be until after this inspection has been completed that the announcement referred to by President Grant will be forthcoming.

New Slant On Cabrillo Avenue Parking; Must Keep Off P. E.

Angles of parking on Cabrillo avenue have been narrowed from 45 degrees to 35 degrees, as the result of a long discussion of the Cabrillo avenue parking and traffic problem among members of the City Council at the meeting Tuesday evening.

The discussion was opened by Councilman Steiner, who stated that in his opinion the present ordinance requiring automobiles to keep off the Pacific Electric right-of-way should either be enforced or rescinded.

"I'm not going to sit here on this council as sponsor of the Cabrillo avenue traffic ordinance," said Dr. Steiner, "and then see fifty motorists a day violate that ordinance before my eyes in front of my business office. Every day automobile drivers are turning around in the middle of Cabrillo avenue across the Pacific Electric right-of-way in violation of both our own city ordinance and the State law against trespassing on private property. We should either enforce this ordinance or rescind it," continued Councilman Steiner.

Councilman Nelson suggested that the present narrow roadway caused by angle parking on Cabrillo was a dangerous condition and it was his opinion that the former system of parallel parking should be ordered.

Councilman Steiner stated that when the parallel parking was enforced, it worked a hardship on the merchants and other business firms on Cabrillo avenue, particularly

HARMONICA BAND ASKED TO MEETING

A mass meeting of harmonica players has been called at the American Legion clubhouse Monday, August 12 at 8:30 p.m. The members of the former high school harmonica band are especially urged to attend the meeting and learn about the plans for the Fleeta contest. They include Chas. Kinsinger, leader; Jack Shinn, assistant leader; Sherman Allen, Robert Dawson, John D. Massa, Chikara Kazama, Joe Higgins, Francis Mowry, Leander Milton, John Joyce, Raymond Lewis, Gordon Nelson, Selso Ito, Raphael Orzoco, Carl Spencer, Howard Totten, Warren Sapp, Eugene Walker, Wilfred Tidland, Elwin Wood, John Shroeder, Elster Whitaker, Edgar Reese, and Perry Mendenhall.

YEAR BUDGET COVERS WIDE SERVICE WORK

Chamber of Commerce Directors Plan to Spend \$21,000 in Coming Year

A budget appropriating \$16,710 to be spent in various activities, was adopted by the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Monday afternoon. This leaves a balance of \$4,290 unappropriated and to be allotted during the year as the needs arise.

The chamber expects to spend a thousand dollars in each of the following activities: Industrial promotion, civic promotion and commercial promotion. Another thousand will be spent in equipping the new chamber of commerce offices with lounges, tables, and other items of furniture. Fifteen hundred dollars has been allotted to advertising, publicity literature and other items of an advertising nature. Other interesting work planned for the coming year and for which money has been appropriated include: non-resident campaign, \$750; social service, \$650; Torrance baseball team, \$500; the Torrance educational center work, \$150; industrial exhibits, \$250; taxicab research, \$100; annexation promotion, \$100; electric highway signs, \$240; educational work, \$100; consulting services, \$300; employment bureau, \$35; and the balance of \$615 has been allocated to the various items of salaries, office rent and operation, supplies, and general administration expenses.

It was pointed out by Carl L. Hyde, secretary, that the \$600 already spent this year and the \$600 appropriated for the coming six months toward the support of the Torrance baseball team was included at the suggestion of the City Council.

BISHOP LAND IS PARADISE FOR CAMPERS

Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany Tell of Many Scenic Wonders To Be Found There

Mr. and Mrs. George Tiffany and family returned Friday from the Bishop country, where they spent two weeks vacationing. They are enthusiastic over this wonderful country with its many beautiful mountain lakes. On the way up they passed Red Rock canyon, noted for its gigantic colorful boulders that resemble ruined castles.

They camped part of the time at Rook Creek and part of the time at Twin Lakes. The lakes are an especially fine camping place, because of its nice clean gravel soil of crumbled lava, a relic of volcanic days. Here they found fine big pines for shade, wood for the evening camp fire and good spring water, while across the lake was a lovely waterfall. They often liked to take Mary and Lake George.

The Tiffany family visited the "Earthquake Fault," a deep fissure in the side of a nearby mountain made by an earthquake some twenty years ago. The mountain folks visit in the earthquake crack when they want snow to freeze ice cream. Not far away is Hot Mountain, a volcanic formation where geysers shoot up boiling water. Here the natives declare that they can leave their rice or beans over one of Nature's Stoves, a jet of hot steam, and it will soon be cooked. The Tiffanys report a fine camping trip.

However, the only action taken by the council was to narrow the angle of parking from 45 to 35 degrees, which would allow another foot of space in the roadway, and to instruct the Chief of Police to enforce the ordinance against driving on the Pacific Electric right-of-way.

Do You Expect Any Accidents?

If you have had a bad auto accident, or need any aid from a police officer when outside the city limits of an incorporated city, the place to call is the Sheriff's office, located at 10th and Vermont avenues. Telephone Thornwald 1168 and 1169.

Many auto accidents occur in which an officer is needed, and this office, which is under the command of Captain J. W. Sigmond, is the one to call when outside the city limits of Torrance.

LADIES' AID
The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. Church will have an all day meeting Tuesday, August 13, at the home of Mrs. G. L. Mowrey, 2112 Carson street. Come prepared to sew. Lunch will be served at noon by Circle No. 1, followed by a business session. 2-3-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000



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Would Prevent Termites By Better Ventilation

An ordinance regulating the size of air vents under buildings was introduced at Tuesday evening's session of the Torrance City Council. This action was taken to minimize the possibility of termite infestation and applies to all buildings constructed in the future.

Investigation has proven that the best way of preventing the destructive termites or "white ants" (long under buildings) is to provide for plenty of ventilation under buildings. Under the new ordinance, all buildings including residences must allow 18 inches of space between the lower side of the joist and the ground. Only a 12-inch space was required heretofore, which is in accordance with the State regulation. Buildings 40 feet wide must have an air vent in the foundation at least 18 inches by 18 inches, and larger buildings are required to have additional vents. Where center walls are built, a space at least 20 inches wide must be left near the center of the wall to permit free circulation of air.

Few Termites
An interesting letter from T. Fitzhugh, representing the United States Termite Control Company, and addressed to Councilman Steiner was read at the council meeting. Mr. Fitzhugh stated that a termite infestation in the Garden Moneta district failed to develop a single case of infection, due, he said, to the absence of orchards or wooded areas prior to building. Mr. Fitzhugh also stated that he believed the infestation in Torrance would prove to be comparatively slight for the same reason.

Plant Now For Winter; Best Blooms Produced

Note—Prizes will be delivered to Flower Show winners before the beginning of Mrs. A. Schenbrenner's talk. Please be on hand early. Hall opens at 7 o'clock. The program begins at 8.

Flowers in winter should be grown by every gardener in Southern California. Mrs. Beate M. Schenbrenner will speak to the Torrance District Garden Club on this very important subject Monday evening, August 12th, in the American Legion hall at 2252 Carson street. The public is not only invited to attend, but urged to do so, for the object of these club meetings is not only to gain information for club members but, through increased interest and knowledge of gardening by all, to beautify our whole community, to make it as well known for the beauty of its home places as it now is for its industries.

Right now is the time to start your winter gardens. Most people think they should wait till it is cooler. That will be too late. Hence this talk comes at the most appropriate time possible.

Mrs. Schenbrenner is one of the best known garden authorities in California, living in Covina, where for years she has been connected with Garden Club organizations and does a great deal of real gardening herself. She has been a teacher of garden subjects in the Pomona city schools for six years and has had full charge of the floral section of the Los Angeles county fair the last five years. Mrs. Schenbrenner has long been a writer on her favorite subject and her many practical articles in "Western Homes and Gardens" have been read by most gardeners in our community. All who have read her articles will be glad of the opportunity to meet her personally.

The list of flowers suitable for winter growing here is very large and Mrs. Schenbrenner gives the following list as being the best, all of these will be touched on in her address Monday night:
Alyssum—Lilac Queen.

Annual Chrysanthemums (painted daisies).
Antirrhinum (Snapdragons).
Bellis (English Daisies).
Calendula—Campfire, Orange or Lemon King, etc.
Candytuft—white or colored.
Cinerarias—H. & S. mixed are the best.
Delphinium—Chinensis, Belladonna, Vanderbilt or Gold Medal Hybrids.
Dianthus Pinks.
Diphysanthus—African orange, daisy and hybrids.
Annual Larkspur, blue, carmine, rose, mixed colors.
Linum (Scarlet Flax).
Linnaria—(Like tiny snapdragons).
Lupinus, pink, blue and mixed.
Lycogam Vernum (Giant Snowflake).
Ixias.
Sparaxis.
Daffodils—King Alfred, Emperor, Golden Spur, etc.
Jonquilla.
Scilla Campanulate.
Muscari.
Watsonia.
Dutch Iris.
Spanish Iris.
Rainbow Freesia.
Forget-me-nots.
Nasturtiums.
Festucias—never buy cheap pansy seed.
Sweet Peas, winter flowering. Everyone should have these.
Pentstemon—Giants of California or other ruffled giants or doubles.
Phlox Drummond.
Primula Mallesondii—Lovely for garden or pots.
Polyanthus Primrose.
Shirley Poppies.
Schizanthus (Poor man's orchid).
Stocks—Many good varieties, all extra good winter flowers.
Save this list and bring it with you to the meeting. The different flowers will be discussed in the order in which they are here printed.

For Rent—Furnished apartments, single \$20.00, double \$30. Gas, water, lights included. Sam Levy, Phone 121-W, Torrance—adv.

Announcement

Commencing Thursday, August 22, 1929 there will be added to the regular weekly issue of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News the "News Review" section, containing a complete and comprehensive digest of regional-State news.

Southern California, in its remarkable and intensive growth, has made such advanced strides in co-operative development that its inter-community news has become of vital interest to every resident, either in cities or rural communities.

Stop At The Undertakers Or At Jail

Stop before you leap across the corner at Stone and Myers Funeral Home, or you may land in the city jail. Too many motorists have been taking a short cut to the ambulance headquarters and have been crashing their cars and their heads at the corner of Engracia and Craven. So the City Council Craven. So the City Council Craven. So the City Council Craven.

OLD CARBON PLANT TO BE AUCTIONED

Trustee's Sale Advertised To Satisfy Claim of \$45,000; Is Valuable Property

The property known as the "old carbon plant" on Border avenue is to be sold at auction on Friday, August 16th, by the Title Insurance and Trust Company in Los Angeles, to satisfy a claim of \$45,000 and interest from April 1, 1927.

The property was built by the California Carbon Company early in the industrial history of Torrance, before the oil boom, but has never been operated. Industrial leaders claim there is an active market for the company's products, but through some stock promotion ruse the plans of the organizers were never completed. The factory was partially occupied a few years ago by the Superior Oil Company, but for the past two years has been unoccupied. Although the plant covers a large tract and is equipped with a considerable amount of valuable machinery. The property advertised in the trustee's sale includes lots seven, eight, and nine of block 109 of the Torrance Tract.

Encouraged by the splendid improvement of the old shoe factory at the Alpaugh Engineering company, Torrance citizens are hoping that an active company will acquire the old carbon plant and thus terminate the idle industries of Torrance.

McCAFFERY TO SUB-DIVIDE LOMITA LAND

Plans have been filed by Robert E. McCaffery with the county surveyor for subdividing the McCaffery acreage east of Narbonne avenue between the south boundary of Torrance and Pepper street. The tract will be known as Number 10,691. The law provides that municipalities within three miles of any projected subdivision shall be notified of any contemplated platting. The Torrance City Council was notified of the intention of Mr. McCaffery this week, but registered no protest to the plan.

At present Pepper street does not extend east of Narbonne avenue, and the subdivision of the McCaffery acreage will open up a number of building lots, adjacent to Torrance for building purposes.

Special Election Called To Annex Cement Co. Land

A special election of Torrance voters has been called by the City Council for approving the proposed annexation of uninhabited land in south Torrance, which forms a part of the industrial site of the Paramount-Portland Cement Company. The major portion of the cement plant's holdings are now within the city limits of Torrance, but they have options on additional land which is now in the county. The annexation is desired by the cement company in order that all their holdings may be within the corporate limits of the City of Torrance. The date of the election has been set for Tuesday, September 10.

Let's All Go!

Tomorrow night, East Torrance has its Jubilee, celebrating the opening of Carson street and the improvement of other streets. Let's all go out and make them a neighborhood call—and enjoy the band and dancing. See front page of other section of this paper.

N. A. BECKER RESIGNS POST AT COLUMBIA

Consulting and Efficiency Engineer of Torrance and Pittsburg Plants Praises Torrance People in Letter

N. A. Becker, consulting and efficiency engineer of the Columbia Steel Corporation, announced this week that he had tendered his resignation to take effect immediately. It is understood the resignation will be accepted.

Becker, one of the best known figures in the Pacific coast steel industry, made this decision while negotiations for the sale of the Columbia Steel are still pending. He gave no reason for his action.

Becker, who started his career from the ground up in the east, where he was connected with the United States Steel Corporation, came to California in April of 1919—ten years ago. Previous to that Becker had been interested in steel holdings in Mexico and later was brought to South San Francisco where he was in charge of an iron works plant there.

Becker came to Pittsburg, California at the request of W. E. Creed, then head of the Columbia Steel, and supervised the construction of the rolling mill there. When that was completed, he was made general superintendent of the Pittsburg plant, resigning from that capacity several years ago.

While acting as consulting and efficiency engineer at the Columbia Steel, Becker was in charge of the construction of the new sheet mill in Torrance, as well as the new mill in Pittsburg.

In a letter to the Torrance Herald, Mr. Becker states that he and Mrs. Becker contemplate an extended trip East, which will require about four months. Upon his return to California, he states that he will visit Torrance.

"Torrance in my opinion," writes Becker, "is one of the most outstanding industrial communities in the United States and no doubt has a great future. Your business men, Chamber of Commerce and service corporation are all very active and loyal to the community. This constant pulling together and boosting will certainly go a long way toward making Torrance one of the largest and best industrial centers in the West."

"I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and your organization for the many courtesies extended to me on my various trips to the Columbia plant at Torrance. Every moment spent in your community was enjoyable."

"Kindly remember me to kind inquiring friends. Yours very truly, N. A. Becker."

In this announcement of his resignation, Mr. Becker declared that he had permanently retired from business and probably would not go back into the steel business again. He owns considerable property in Pittsburg, but whether he will return to California after his vacation trip East is not known.

Becker has always played with hunches. He has been a great believer in luck. Whenever one of the important units which he was instrumental in constructing was ready for operation, it would not be started until 11 o'clock on the morning. The new sheet mill in Torrance, as well as the mill in Pittsburg began operations at 11 a. m.

Less than a week remains for motorists to secure their operator's licenses, as the dead line is August 14. Chief of Police Calder has a special force at the Torrance police station examining applicants and issuing licenses.

Constables in the county, under the direction of the Sheriff, have also been instructed to examine motorists who may apply to them.

A recent check of drivers in this district reveals the fact that there are many motorists who have not taken the examination and a last minute rush is expected. Every driver whose license is dated prior to January 1, 1927, must take the examination before August 14, in order to drive an automobile.

R. N. A. REEVE
Regular meeting Royal Neighbors, Friday night, August 9, at E. hall. All Neighbors and visiting Neighbors are cordially invited to attend.