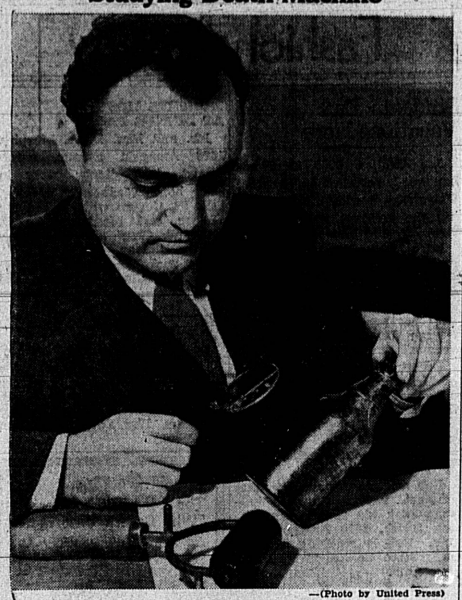
Studying Death Machine



—(Photo by United Press)

L. E. Meyers, police expert, is shown examining the crude bomb which this week was tossed in front of the San Diego mansion of General Plutarco Elias Calles, exiled "strong man" of Mexico. The plot was foiled when a member of the household discovered the lighted bomb and chased the assassin away.

LINKS MAYANS TO MAORIS

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Walterian Studying Strange Peoples

Who were the Mayans whose fabulous temples continue to mystify archeologists and anthropologists prowling in Yucatan, Central America? This question has puzzled researchers for a generation or more since the Yucatan region first gave evidence of being the center of a highly-developed race.

A Walteria resident, Captain S. Fargo believes that the Maoris, civilized tribesmen of New Zealand, may be related to the mysterious Mayans. He has visited New Zealand and Central America a number of times and has seen resemblances between the living Maoris and the relics of the Mayans which convince him that such a link existed.

Capt. Fargo found the first striking evidence of this theory in the wood carving and statuary of the Maoris. A protruding tongue, a detail noted in the art work of both peoples, was the original clue that sent him, an amateur anthropologist on a search which he has casually followed through the years.

Quotes Old Legends

An old Maori legend, he says, tells how the island people came from a country which is described much like Yucatan. Their legends may also explain Easter Island's strange statuary. Lying some 2,000 miles off the coast of Chile, this island has a great many gigantic stone images, grotesque figures which have remained unsolved by scientists since they were first discovered by white explorers of the lonely, wind-swept spot.

The captain has a set of carved book-ends, fashioned by him from memory of tribal symbols which he saw in New Zealand. Most unusual, however, is their resemblance to Egyptian carvings. This may be explained in a still older Maori legend, Capt. Fargo says, which gives an account of a race migration from Africa to the South Pacific. With theories based in his discoveries, he has spent a great deal of hs time studying the symbology of the ancient peoples.

Continuing Research

The Maoris are classified by anthropologists as aborigines of New Zealand, a Polynesian people with some Melanesian blood. Formerly cannibals, they have become largely civilized and they are said to be the most advanced of the Polynesians in the art of wood-carving.

It has been several years since Capt. Fargo followed his profession of skippering ocean steamers. He is now employed on a tug at San Pedro harbor. He and his wife and their daughter are in a snug little home on Neece street in Walteria, where he continues his research work during his leisure hours.

FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN LOS ANGELES TUESDAY

Mrs. J. H. Kocker died at her home in Los Angeles Tuesday morning after having been ill for some time. She is survived by her husband and one son, Vincent. Funeral services will be held at Delmar Smith Funeral parlors, West Washington street, Friday at 2:30 p. m. Interment at Roosevelt Memorial park. Mrs. Kocker with her family resided for a time in Torrance.

TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS . . . by Vida Jones

Alums At Home . . .

Christmas vacation saw quite a number of alumni back in Torrance. Jimmy Grubbs enjoyed the holidays after a successful semester at Stanford, and Bob Carson returned from Colorado where he is attending the School of Mines, for Yule festivities. Bill Acree and John McFadden, Loyola students, also came home.

Bruno Bungles . . .

All our sympathy this week goes to Bruno Giacomi who ushered in the new year by shooting himself thru the foot while hunting ducks New Year's Day. Fortunately the wound was not a serious one and Bruno will soon be up and about.

Grads Make Good . . .

One of the special activities of the California Scholarship Federation, of which Torrance high school is a member, is a survey of the progress made by life members of the organization in colleges and universities. The report which reached Torrance high this week showed exceptionally good records made by Eugene Stegelmeyer and Julian Isen at U. C. L. A. Records of Ruth Granger at Pomona and Margaret Condon at Chapman College also reflect glory on the local high school.

Students' Choice . . .

Sometime during next week blank forms will be sent to all homerooms in order to find out from each student study subjects he desires in which classes are not available at present. These requests will be forwarded to Miss Parks who will then schedule classes in all subjects which 15 or more students requested. Two classes which did not have a large enough enrollment last year but are now in great demand are journalism and dramatics.

Prodigal Returns . . .

Joe Palazzola, wandering B-9 boy, has returned from his ten-week jaunt to Detroit. Joe, modern version of the prodigal son, says, "After ten weeks in the midst of snow and slush, home looks mighty good."

Dial Their Okay . . .

Members of the Radio Club held a short meeting Wednesday noon, Dec. 30, in order to approve a constitution for their organization.

Caught In Blizzard . . .

Mildred Higgins was one of a party of two girls and three boys who were marooned at Pine Knot over the week-end. Caught in a blizzard, the group stayed at Pine Knot from Saturday night until Monday. The two girls reached home before the boys did by hiding under a blanket in the back of a ranger's car.

Want More Talent . . .

The Key Club's annual amateur show is scheduled for Jan. 13. According to Jimmy Herlett, president of the organization, there is still time for students to enter their names in the contest.

Wizard Entertains . . .

A pay aud call presented Thursday, Dec. 31, offered "The Great Hoskins," electrical wizard, as the entertainer. The audience greatly enjoyed his explanation and demonstration of the electric eye and other uses to which electricity has been put.

Seek Candidates . . .

One student has been selected from each homeroom in the senior high to act on a student body nominating committee. The committee met Tuesday morning, Jan. 5, in order to select candidates for offices. These candidates will be voted on by the student body at the beginning of next semester.

DETOUR

Col'm Under Construction

By BETSY BYRNES

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing."

The great power of those words has been said to lie in the fact that they are written in the first person, singular, making both singer and hearer feel the direct, personal message.

QUESTIONS:

How many of you can tell, right off hand, without peeking at a song book, who wrote those noble words of "America"?

Here's a good one for you native Californians—How long has the orange been under cultivation?

Now, this is for you who know your current world affairs—What is Mrs. Mussolini's given name?

TODAY'S PROVERB:

"Say well and do well, end with one letter,
Say well is good, but do well is better."—Scotch.

We think that's a very fine motto to use for the year 1937. Don't you?

ANSWERS:

The words of "America" were written by an American clergyman, Rev. S. F. Smith. They were first sung in public in Boston on Fourth of July, 1832. Parts of the melody date back as far as the 16th century but the present form is credited by many people to an Englishman, Henry Carey. This is sometimes disputed. At any rate, the man who wrote our words is definitely Rev. Smith.

Now for that luscious golden ball, whose proper name is Citrus Aurantium! The orange, of which all Californians are so justly proud, has been under cultivation for more than 1,500 years. It originated in China and first came to the United States via Florida, where it was planted by Spaniards in the year 1562.

Mrs. Mussolini's name is Rachele. (Pronounced Rah-kay-lay.) Donna Rachele Mussolini is very retiring and is almost never photographed. You can't say that about her husband, Il Duce!

ADIOS

Here's hoping you didn't know all of the answers. More questions next week.

"A good new year to one and all
And many may you see;
And during all the years to come,
Oh happy may you be!"
—P. Livingstone.

Southland FHA Business Reaches 100 Million Mark

"The total of modernization and repair credit notes insured for lending institutions in the Southern California district and the dollar volume of insured mortgage home financing applications reached the total of $100,000,000 Dec. 31," according to W. G. Bingham, associate director, Southern California Federal Housing Administration.

"Applications are being received at the rate of 56 per day, totaling approximately a quarter of a million dollars," said Bingham. The volume of Title I loans is expected to increase very materially because, under the terms of the National Housing Act, Mar. 31, 1937, is the last day that such advances of credit will be insured by the FHA.

Two Die in 1936's Final Auto Wreck

—Photo by Haig & Haig

Police Blame Excessive Speed for This

. . . Careened, Side-swiped, Struck, Turned Turtle and Pinned Young Wife to Her Death

Prolonged blasts from industrial plant whistles as a new year was born also provided a requiem as the 48th automobile accident in Torrance during 1936 snuffed out the lives of two persons near 190th street and Western avenue.

The joyful whistle reception for the 1937 was a somber overtone for the police officers and passers-by as they lifted a smashed and battered coupe from the body of Mrs. Edith M. Lightsey, 29-year-old wife of James C. Lightsey, Columbia Steel worker who lives at 4542 169th street, Lawndale.

Her companion on the tragic ride that started out to pick up Lightsey at the end of his shift, Al Palach, 23, of Detroit, Mich., was found dead a short distance from the wreckage. He had been thrown out of the machine after it sideswiped an electric power pole.

Wreck Grim Memorial

The above photo, taken the morning after the accident, graphically shows what was left of the car. The wreckage attracted scores of grave-faced spectators as it stood, a mute symbol of speed-destruction on Mullin's garage grounds. To many it was a grim memorial to the 49 killed, 838 injured in the harbor district during 1936.

While the new year was being ushered in, police officers blamed excessive speed as the cause of the dual deaths. The accident, they learned from witnesses Ted Lambert, Spurlin court, and Clay Thomas, Los Angeles, occurred about 11:55 p. m. No one knows who was driving the car which was registered to the Lightseys.

Mrs. Lightsey and Mr. Palach, a friend of the family, were believed traveling south on Western avenue. Evidently the driver failed to negotiate the curve at the intersection of 190th because tire marks showed the car left the paved portion of the street 97 feet south of the center line of 190th on the west side of Western. Then the machine careened along the embankment for 40 feet and sideswiped the power pole which stands 11 feet from the westerly edge of the pavement.

Rites Held Tuesday

It struck a guy wire 46 feet further on in the same direction and turned turtle with the front pointing north. Mrs. Lightsey was pinned underneath. Mr. Palach was dead when Sergeant Schumacher and Officer Haslam arrived at 12:06 a. m., and Mrs. Lightsey succumbed to her injuries about three minutes after being removed from the wreckage.

Mrs. Lightsey was born in Los Angeles and she is survived, in addition to her grief-stricken husband who was a Torrance resident for about seven years, by her parents and a sister who reside in Gardena. Funeral services were conducted at the Christian church Tuesday afternoon, followed by interment in Roosevelt Memorial park.

The body of Mr. Palach, who is survived by his mother, brother and sister in Detroit, was sent back there for interment Tuesday. He was a close friend of Lightsey for about four years and continued his acquaintance during the two years Mr. and Mrs. Lightsey were married.

Lomita P.O. Gains Over 1935 Returns

Gross receipts at the Lomita post office amounted to nearly $11,000 in 1936, while money order business gained 25 percent, according to Postmaster Birda Paddock. However, the shipping strike which has affected the community greatly, curtailed postal business considerably below Miss Paddock's earlier expectations.

The final quarter of 1936 showed a substantial gain over the corresponding period in 1935 and 60 more sacks of parcel post were dispatched from Lomita at Christmas time than were shipped in 1935.

One Toll That Never Stops . . .

But it can be cut by SAFER DRIVING

With the last breath of his time-worn body, Old 1936 claimed two more traffic fatalities to make the year's toll here six persons.

According to police records, 83 other people were injured in automobile accidents within the city limits last year.

There were a total of 48 accidents here which claimed deaths or injuries. Thirteen others were reported to police but no one was hurt in these smash-ups.

The year claimed 49 automobile accident victims, 838 injured in smash-ups within the Harbor district.

Soldiers Learn Shorthand

HONOLULU (U.P.)—Practice in shorthand has supplanted bayonet drill for 75 U. S. Army privates.

Legal Advertisement

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
No. D150163

Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, and Complaint filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County.

SUMMONS

JUDITH WASHBURN, Plaintiff, vs. IRA B. WASHBURN, Defendant.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO: IRA B. WASHBURN, Defendant.

You are directed to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, and to answer the complaint therein within ten days after the service on you of this Summons, if served within the County of Los Angeles, or within thirty days if served elsewhere, and you are notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, this 18th day of November, 1936.

L. E. LAMPTON,
County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.
By W. L. GREENE, Deputy.
(SEAL SUPERIOR COURT LOS ANGELES COUNTY)

NOTICE

APPEARANCE: "A defendant appears in an action when he answers, demurs, or gives the plaintiff written notice of his appearance, or when an attorney gives notice of appearance for him." (Sec. 1014, C. C. P.)

Answers or demurrers must be in writing, in form pursuant to rule of court, accompanied with the necessary fee, and filed with the Clerk.

Chas. T. Rippy.
Atty. for Plaintiff,
1335 Post Ave.,
Torrance, Calif.
Dec. 3, 1936-Feb. 4, 1937, inc.

Aged Pair Meet Death In Night

Years Only Bond Between Two Torrance Men

In the darkness of the night, last week and this, death came to two aged Torrance residents in widely separated walks of night. Their age was the only thing they had in common.

While Adolph K. Haase, 71 years of age, slept at his home, 5459 182nd street, Wednesday night, he succumbed to a heart attack, according to a report made by Sergeant E. H. Ashton who investigated the death for the police department. The body was removed to Allens' Funeral parlors in Redondo for interment.

Harry Schnaze, 72, came to his end some time Monday night. His lifeless body was found in a eucalyptus grove in the unimproved portion of Western avenue at the edge of a pool of rain water. Mr. Schnaze lived in a shack below the Dominguez Water Company sheds on 218th street for about 15 years.

There were no indications that he met with foul play, according to Officer Fred Speheger. Mr. Schnaze, a former elephant trainer, toured the nation with circuses in his younger days but of recent years he had been dependent upon charity. The body was removed to Stone and Myers mortuary and efforts are being made to locate relatives.

Legal Advertisement

CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS
FICTITIOUS FIRM NAME

The Undersigned do hereby certify that we are conducting a job printing business at 1601 Gramercy Ave., Torrance, Los Angeles County, California, under the fictitious firm name of Automatic Printing Company, and that said firm is composed of the following persons, whose names and addresses are as follows, to-wit:

Henry F. Ulbright (General Partner), 1434 El Prado, Torrance, California.
Frank Dalton (Limited Partner), 1519 Post Ave., Torrance, California.

Witness our hands this 7th day of January, 1937.

HENRY F. ULBRIGHT,
FRANK DALTON.

State of California,)
County of Los Angeles) ss.

On this 7th day of January, A. D., 1937, before me, Chas. T. Rippy, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Henry F. Ulbright and Frank Dalton known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within Instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(Notarial Seal)
CHAS. T. RIPPY,
Notary Public in and for said County and State.

Jan. 7-14-21-28.

CLASSIFIED ADS

1. Announcements

Torrance Upholstering Co., 1513 Border Ave. Overstuffed furniture repaired and remodeled. Rugs cleaned and sized. Free estimate. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 225.

6. Business Directory

OFFICIAL BRAKE SERVICE
Wheel and Axle Alignment
J. M. RICHARDSON
500 South Catalina Phone 3552
Redondo Beach

FOR EVERY KIND OF INSURANCE, including Life Insurance in the A. O. U. W. with membership in Torrance Lodge No. 33. Call Wallace H. Gilbert, phone 420.

REST home, convalescent and aged. Battle Creek treatments. 2666 W. Carson. Phone 130-W.

7. Personal

Violin Lessons

Course at terms to suit your purse. Home or studio.

2122 Gramercy
Phone 329

NOT responsible for debts contracted by any person except myself. Clifford E. King.

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$10 to $100
CASH LOANS

ARRANGED FOR SALARIED PEOPLE ON THEIR
SIGNATURE ONLY

NO Co-signers, Security, Wage Assignments, Mortgages

Quick, Courteous Service Available Without Embarrassing Investigations

Money in 30 MINUTES

Thrifty Loan Service
ROOM 200
INGLEWOOD THEATRE BLDG.
105 N. Commercial
PHONE TH 9167
INGLEWOOD 3380

11. For Rent: Houses, Furnished

5-ROOM home on Martina, completely furnished, elec. refrigeration, radio, $40. REMCO, 1315 Post. Phone 5.

12. For Rent: Houses, Unfurnished

HOUSE, 2 bedrooms, chicken yard, garage; 2 blocks from Fern Ave. school; $25. Phone 217-W.

FOUR-ROOM HOUSE with acre ground, 3042 W. 235th street, So. Torrance.

15. For Rent: Rooms, Furnished

SLEEPING rooms, private bath. Inquire 1423 Post Ave.

COMPLETE COVERAGE—All Torrance Herald ads run in the Tri-City Shopping News without extra charge.

24 For Sale: Poultry and Pet Stock

WILL give away Lewellyn male puppy, 4 months old. 2322 El Dorado.

25. For Sale: Miscellaneous

DIAMOND D bricquettes for fireplace or stove, $16.50 ton delivered. Torrance Poultry and Feed Market, 1963 Carson St. Phone 407.

FOR SALE: Used Radios, reconditioned and guaranteed, $5.95 up. Modern Appliances, 1279 Sartori. Phone 888.

27. Help Wanted: Female

WANTED young woman experienced in handling car to drive for convalescent. Box 28, Torrance Herald.

MOTHER'S helper; good pay, board and room. Call at 1669 220th street between 4 and 5 p. m.

29. Employment Wanted

Van's Window Cleaning
House Cleaning
Floor Waxing
2304 Gramercy - Phone 667-W

DRESSMAKING and alterations at reasonable rate. 2071 Torrance Blvd.

30. Wanted to Buy

PRIVATE party will pay $100 for good used baby grand. Owner only, no dealers. Box G, Torrance Herald.

33. Real Estate: Improved

An Old Established Firm
with
A New Direct Lending Plan
NO BROKERS
A friendly loan service to you
Loans Up to $500.00
As long as twenty months to repay

You Receive	You Repay	
$100	$ 7.02	for 20 months
160	10.87	for 20 months
260	16.88	for 20 months
320	20.53	for 20 months
500	32.08	for 20 months

Other amounts at proportionate rates.
Pay Only for the Time the Money Is In Use
See Us Today
Call, Write or Phone
Gulf Finance Service
615 S. Mesa San Pedro 2440
San Pedro, California

FIVE-ROOM stucco house in Gardena. Best restricted district. $3,250; terms. Harry L. Gilbert, Realtor. Phone Michigan 3621.

$2000 buys 4-room frame house, 2 bedrooms, reconditioned inside and outside; near school. Terms.

$2800—buys 2 furnished houses on one lot; a real buy; rent for $20 and $25. Terms.
O. R. SOMMER
2122 Gramercy Ave.
Phone 329

FOR SALE
Two Bedroom Home
Newly refinished inside and out; 2516 El Dorado. Bargain for cash, but terms available.
Phone 95-J

34. Real Estate: Unimproved

FOR SALE TWO LOTS
Each 50x130; southwest corner Cedar and El Dorado; cash price.
Inside Lot, $450
Corner Lot, $575
Phone 95-J

35. For Lease

FOR LEASE—8-room home, garages, chicken houses, market building, 1 acre grapes, school bus, gas, elec. Halfway between Torrance and Redondo. Inquire 10501 Buford Ave., Lennox.

36. Moving and Storage

M & M Transfer, 1513 Cabrillo. Phone 545. We haul anything, anywhere, anytime. Loads insured. Also storage and packing.

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39. Musical Instruments

PIANO FOR SALE: Would like responsible party near Torrance to take immediate possession of small bungalow piano and finish out balance on contract on rental terms. Write F. Gutcher, care of Baldwin Piano Co., Box 625, Bakersfield, Calif.