

## Two Die In Fall From Scaffold

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treatment to the three victims, it was reported.

### Cite Negligence

Testimony presented by seven witnesses at the joint inquest for Mr. Wood and Mr. Dolan, held yesterday morning at Stone and Myers chapel, led the jury to ascribe the deaths as accidental and due to the negligence of Mr. Wood, who as foreman of the job, failed to take proper safety precautions in the erection of the scaffold. The jury was composed of L. James Jenkins, C. A. Drury, R. F. Howard, John E. Miller, Charles H. Law and John C. Husbands. Deputy Coroner Kane officiated.

That the scaffold was faulty in construction was asserted by Sergeant Ashton and J. O. Bishop, master mechanic at the National Supply, who introduced a drawing of the structure on which the men were working and described its construction. A. R. Townsend, Glendale, owner of the company employing the three men, asserted that while he could not say who was at fault, the men did not rig up the safety belts he said were always urged upon workers.

Mr. Woods is survived by a wife and daughter. His funeral services were to be held at Pierce Brothers in Los Angeles. Mr. Dolan, who his brother testified was the sole support of his parents, four brothers and two sisters, will be buried from Cunningham and O'Conner, Los Angeles morticians.

### MEET HERE

A regular monthly meeting of the County Branch Librarians was held this morning at 9:30 o'clock, at the Torrance library, according to Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, local librarian.

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## National Leaders Plan Gigantic Ball to Honor President and Raise Infantile Paralysis Fund



The nation's biggest social event, the celebration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's fifty-fifth birthday anniversary, is set for January 30, with more than 5,000 communities throughout the country planning parties to raise funds for the philanthropy closest to the Chief Executive's heart, and for infantile paralysis sufferers.

Colonel Henry L. Doherty, for the fourth year chairman of the national celebration, is being assisted by many of the country's foremost leaders in plans for the events. Among those on his committee are: Vincent Astor, Postmaster General James A. Farley, Ambassador Joseph E. Davies, Will H. Hays, Carl Byoir, general director, Colonel Edward M. House, Edsel B. Ford, Walter P. Chrysler, Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Bishop

A group of proteges of the Warm Springs, Ga., Foundation, where infantile paralysis sufferers are treated. Below, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose birthday January 30 is inspiration for the nation-wide parties to raise funds for the fight against infantile paralysis, and Colonel Henry L. Doherty, national chairman of the ball for the fourth year.

William T. Manning, Harvey S. Firestone, Keith Morgan, General John J. Pershing, Owen D. Young, Howard Chandler Christy, Charles G. Dawes and Admiral Cary T. Grayson.

Society leaders, radio, motion picture and theatrical stars are joining forces to make the cele-

brations, the greatest series of parties ever staged. Meantime in cities, towns and hamlets throughout the nation millions of Americans are making preparations for parties that will eclipse in size and colorful entertainment those of any previous year.

## Court Dates Set For Car Thief

Following preliminary hearing Monday morning in Judge Frank H. Carrell's Gardenia justice court, Eugene Cooper, 41, was bound over to superior court for arraignment Jan. 27 on a charge of hit-and-run driving. Cooper, former resident and Columbia Steel worker here, will be arraigned in superior court Jan. 20 for allegedly stealing C. W. Parks' sedan, parked near the steel plant, on Dec. 29.

The defendant, who has not yet engaged counsel, was returned to the county jail to await his court appearances. He has admitted the theft of Parks' car but denies the hit-and-run count. Cooper also insists that he did not take \$90 in cash and a revolver belonging to Parks which were on the back seat of the car when it was taken here.

## Publisher's Mother Succumbs Sunday

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Whyte, 82, of Flint, Mich., mother of Grover C. Whyte, editor-publisher of the Torrance Herald, passed away last Sunday afternoon at her home in Flint. Another son, Walter, of Washington, D. C., and three daughters, all of Flint, survive.

While his mother has not been in good health for several years, the immediate cause of her death was due to a heart attack, following a severe cold and bronchial illness, Whyte states.

### LOMITAN SELLS HOME

Romily Harvey, clerk at the Lomita post office, sold his home on Lomita Drive this week to A. Sonnichsen, butcher at the Central market. Harvey is suffering from a severe cold and has had to take sick leave from his postal duties.

## SHOP TALK

By  
RAY BROOKS

### THE BUST OF A RESOLUTION

Says I to myself says I (as the old year turneth into 1937). "Several times of late I have, what for one reason and another, missed writing this bloomin' column but just wait until January the first and from then on . . . well, there just won't be any more misses."

And with that I make me a swell, super-super resolution and what happens . . . ??? Why with the first issue of 1937 my pillar is nowhere to be found; to the naked eye I have folded. BUT . . . where's the column there? A reason . . . and mine is a runny nose, a crick in the back and a code in the head. This deplorable condition is often referred to as the pip, grut, etc., etc. But whatever it was I had it, and from my sick bed I pondered on the woes of a columnless world that had been denied the better things in journalistic literature, a world left as bleak and colorless as the street of Torrance after 7 p. m.

Now ain't that sumpin! However, I hereby resolve to keep, hold and cherish Resolution No. 2 (the which I resolved to resolve only a few minutes ago) and from now on I'm here to stay!

### RAZOR WINDFALL

George Morton, of the American Barber Shop, one dreary day before Xmas, seated in his chair an EXECUTIVE from one of the local industries. The man called for an electric shave (which George sells at two-bits a shock) and he liked it so well he ordered five (5) DOZEN of them at 15 bucks the throw. Seems he had some mighty good & great friends to whom must go the Christmas presents.

George forthwith called into conference Alden W. Smith, of Howard's Jewelers, who ordered the clippers. Then they split the loot.

There is no moral in this story; only that it is rumored that George is going to put his barber shop in the front of Alden's jewelry emporium . . . or "make" it's the other way around.

### COLD STORIES

The recent cold blast we've been struggling through (and it ain't over yet!) brought out some "different" tales:

Dave Jacobs, plumber, received his first call since he started forgetting his plumber's tools in Torrance to hustle out and replace TWO split water faucets!

Bob Lowellen, of our plant, vowed he was right off going to buy some anti-freeze for his chariot.

Hammond's Filling Station reported that a frozen radiator steamed into their front yard early on the coldest morn and when they attempted to put water in it the pipes were frozen solid.

The atmosphere was so befogged with smudge that a good and deserving Democrat lost his way enroute to the postoffice to talk over the 1940 political situation with Earl Conner.

And what poor housewife didn't have her poor, pet pants friz right down to the ground.

### LOCAL CUT-UP

Observing Jake Lepkin the other day as he neatly swished the shears through a big chunk of cloth, I asked him how he always knew just where to snip. Said Jake, "I don't know. When I see a mark I just start cutting!"

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Sam Kennedy, the Torrance Renbrandt, while singing in the bathtub last week, inflicted on his person a grievous wound. "It seems that in his musical ecstasy he grasped the porcelain turner-off faucet with too much of THAT and the blasted thing came apart in his hand. . . . yea, AWAY in his hand. He had to pull pieces out with his other mitt. And it WOULD be the one he paints with!"

### MISFORTUNE WHEEL

The Exalted Supreme Royal Brothers of the Noble and Ancient Order of the Kiwanis have a tidy little gadget that saves the Worthy President much wear and tear on the vocal cords when the latter serves notice on some erring member that he is to pay a fine for this or that. At the suggestion of newly-installed president Bob Deininger Sam Kennedy (there's that man again) painted up a wheel such as is used at country fairs and on which you DON'T win Kew-

## Evangelist Party To Lead Services

Christian Church Schedules Series of Meetings

The Kellems evangelistic party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Kellems and their daughter Vivian, will conduct a series of revival services at the Torrance Christian church beginning Sunday, Jan. 7. Speaking of the members of the party, Rev. George Elder said today that Homer Flint Kellems is an untiring worker, a clear forceful preacher of the gospel and his sermons are masterpieces.

Mrs. Faye Kellems is an excellent crayon artist. Each evening of the revival she will draw and present a beautiful picture to the person fortunate enough to win it. Vivian Kellems is an accomplished pianist, singer and young people's worker. She also plays the marimba.

Dr. Jesse R. Kellems and wife, former members of the party, now residing in Los Angeles, have promised to help in the meetings also. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

## Six Babies Arrive Here During Week

Three girls and three boys arrived this week at Jared Sidner Torrance Memorial hospital. One of the girls was a Caesarian baby born last night to Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Simpson, 231 S. Srena street, Redondo Beach. The newcomer, a first child, and her mother are reported making good progress, as are the following infants and their mothers:

A girl, their first child, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Weatherly, 1711 Dalton avenue, Gardena, born this morning. A boy to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Micheau, 316 Garnet street, Redondo Beach, arriving yesterday afternoon.

A girl to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Buckley, 120 South Redondo boulevard, Redondo Beach, born Jan. 9. She is their fifth child. A son, their first child, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McIntyre, 830 Cypress street, Hermosa Beach, on Jan. 8. A son, another first baby, to Mr. and Mrs. Renaldo Berduzo, 1522 Cedar street, on Jan. 10.

ple Dolls. If a brother needs fining Bob just says go spin the wheel. Maybe the payer kicks in 10c, maybe 50c, and MAYBE the arrow stops on a Free Ride or it may even stop on the spot marked "All pay 10c."

## Values of Land Are Advancing Realtors Assert

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King: Sale of two courts of six and eight units, two homes and a lot that will shortly be occupied by a new home. This business amounted to about \$20,000, according to the young agent. He reports a good demand for property here and joins other realtors in pointing out the need for more listings. King has found but few rentals. He predicts there will be a great deal of "building to sell" here in the next few months.

B. C. Buxton of the Torrance Development Company reports the following sales: To Fred Erick King, lot at Acacia and Sonoma avenues, which will bear a new home soon; to Harry Boynton, lot at the corner of Maricopa and Acacia avenues. He also intends to build in the near future. E. H. Grubbs has purchased two lots at the intersection of El Dorado, Arlington and Engracia for development, and Attorney Albert Isen's purchase of a lot and early start on a new six-room home at Manuel and Engracia avenues. He plans to erect a \$4,500 residence there.

Hotel Reported Sold  
Outstanding among deals reported by J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company was the sale of the Ro-Tan hotel to the Associated Hotels, Inc., of Los Angeles. The purchase price, it was learned today, was in the neighborhood of \$15,000 and the seller was the Capital company, affiliate of the Bank of America. The new owners took possession of the Ro-Tan Tuesday.

Other sales reported by the Torrance Investment Company included the following homes: Five-room dwelling at 1015 Amapola to Bert Lindberg for \$3,000; five-room home at 820 Cota to C. N. Emerson, \$2,500; 1222 Amapola to John P. Higgins, \$1,750; 1011 Amapola to R. Monon, \$2,100; 1009 Arlington to James R. Vandergriff, \$800; and the duplex at 2313-15 West Carson to a Mr. Mitchell for \$3,250.

Isen to Build Home  
Lloyd Rusk has purchased the home at 644 Sartori for \$2,250 through Smith from the Mortgage Guaranty. Ed Thomson bought the place at 917 Amapola for \$3,250 from Western Service corporation. Other purchasers dealing through this firm during the past quarter were Ralph R. Perry, First National Bank trustee (for a Long Beach home valued at \$5,000), George Turner, and William Madison.

Other real estate transactions

## Congress Record On File At Chamber

Thru the courtesy of Rep. Charles J. Cadden, the Chamber of Commerce will again be supplied with copies of the Congressional Record during the present term. These will be kept on file and will be available to the public at any time. Congressman Cadden has put the chamber on the Record's mailing list again this year.

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