

## City Insurance Up for Action

Because the fire insurance on city buildings expires on January 31, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett read a list of comparative rates to the city council Tuesday night to prepare the board members for the annual "insurance caucus." The matter was taken under advisement and a decision will be made at an adjourned meeting to be held next Tuesday night, Jan. 19.

J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment company wrote that he would like to be considered for the insurance on the proposed new civic administration building. His letter was filed for future reference.

Cleveland Models Organize

CLEVELAND, O. (U.P.)—To combat modeling by society girls who appear in fashion shows without pay, the first organization of professional models between New York and Chicago has been formed here.

## 1937 WILL BE KNOWN AS "The Winter of the Black Frost"

With the sun almost defeated in its attempt to pierce the smudge cloud that embattled citrus growers of the interior raised to battle killing frost, these scenes were enacted here during this week's cold snap:

**IN BITTER STRESS**—Perhaps the hardest-hit family of any in Torrance by the sudden freezing temperature was a group living in a shack east of Hawthorne boulevard. The father, afflicted with sciatica rheumatism of the hip, has been out of work for three months. There are two children and a third is expected in March. Without fuel except what mother and children could gather, the family huddled under thin blankets and gunny-sacks. Police learned they are now receiving aid.

**COMMON QUESTION**—Was "How low did it actually get here last Friday night?" Because, so far as it could be known, Torrance has no certified thermometer gauge, that question cannot be accurately

answered. Home and business mercury readings ranged from 26 to 29 degrees, however.

**SLIPS BRING BUMPS**—It is news when Torrance residents see friends slip, slide, slither and shudder as they skid on icy pavements and sidewalks and fall. Several such mishaps occurred Saturday morning. No serious injuries resulted from this phase of winter weather woes.

**LIKE BACK EAST**—Many standpipes in exposed yards were frozen solid by the wintry weather and some wags reported seeing some unfortunate ducks frozen in ponds here.

**THERMOMETER TAKEN**—From the Herald office door added another chill note to those

## Street Improvement Asked In Oil Area

Two requests were received by the city council Tuesday night for opening and grading Martha street, south of Sepulveda boulevard to 226th street, and 228th street from Martha to Ocean avenue. Both requests reported that those streets were needed to accommodate oil activity in that district. They were referred to the city engineer for investigation and report.

**SLIPPING DAYS**—Lute Fraser, Herald secretary, put out the mercury gauge Monday morning. A few minutes later it was gone. "Must have froze up and blew away," Miss Fraser opines.

**RAINS BREAK SNAP**—Then came the Tuesday downpour and yesterday's sun dispelled any continuance of the icy weather. Those rains and that sun were most welcome to residents and gardeners who sadly observed the frost damage to cherished plants and shrubs.

## Sport Shots

By Bob Wellen

### Torrance Loses Great Baseball Player

When the night ball season starts this year, fans of the sport will miss a familiar face in Torrance and vicinity, Billy Wiedner, the greatest baseball catcher to ever don a glove in this city.

Billy Wiedner first came to Torrance in 1914, and played on the old Union Tool baseball team; making good, he tried out and played with some of the great teams of the nation: Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh Pirates and also Canadian League. Returning to Torrance Wiedner was one of the mainstays for the Union Tool team, helping them win many beautiful trophies, which are now in the National Supply office.

Wiedner played several years for Ed Tansey's baseball and soft-ball teams, which were considered top-notch teams in the Southland, bringing much publicity to the city.

When the Torrance Bluebirds were organized Wiedner signed with them and was one of the main factors in the winning of the State title for the Torrance Bluebirds, under the leadership of Spud Murphy. After leaving the Bluebirds Wiedner played in Corona, Riverside and Hawthorne, helping win the sectional titles for all of these teams. He returned last year to the Star Department Store's team, trying to help Torrance put over their first city league night ball tournament.

Wiedner resigned his position with the National Supply last week after 21 years of faithful service, and accepts a position February 1 in a Hollywood studio, and will be seen in action behind the plate in the cinema city this spring.

Good luck Billy Wiedner. The city of Torrance and fans of baseball will miss you and your clean sportsmanship, but wish you all the success in the world in your new business venture.

**A Few Shorts of Interest to Athletes and Athletic Fans**

Bobby (Red) Teague, star quarterback of the Torrance Tartars and Marine League may enter either the College of the Pacific or Loyola U. after graduating from the local school in June. Teague is the finest punter ever developed on the local farm. Ted (Slav) Adzovich plans to re-enter New Mexico State Teachers' College, in Silver City, N.M. in a few weeks. Ted earned his varsity letter on the gridiron in 1936, and hopes to repeat the act again this year. Sport Shots picks Leo Rossetti, star guard for the Tartars, as the most valuable man on the football team. Bert Merrill's casaba squad redeemed themselves to the followers of basketball, locally, by beating their arch-rivals, Narbonne, last week in a close game. It was the first game that the Red and Grey of Torrance had won in two years (league games). Louie Zamperini, Torrance's No. 1 bid for athletic fame has taken up skiing, and is fast developing into near championship form. He plans to some day enter into competition for cross-country skiing, and spends nearly every weekend in the near-by mountains. Louie says that it is great fun, and is using this method of building up his stamina for the coming track season. Jack Javens former halfback of Torrance may enter Loyola in September. Jack has been attending Salinas J. C., along with Hubert Luck, former Tartar 440-yard star.

**High Schools of Iowa May Use Wrestling as Major Sport**—The state high school athletic association of Iowa has gone on record as favoring the development of wrestling as a major sport in prep schools. According to information, coaches of the "Hawkeye" state reported that "wrestling develops better mental activity, self-control, morality, citizenship, and physical fitness."

High schools of Iowa are to be commended for teaching the sport in their school system. I believe that every high school in the nation should teach the art of self defense, both in boxing and wrestling, and use these sports as major inter-school competition, along with football, basketball, track, baseball, and many other phases of athletics that are now in use as developers of physical strength. Certainly boxing and wrestling could not injure any more young men than football and basketball.

## READY FOR A LONG DRIVE



"Lighthouse Harry" Cooper, winner of the Los Angeles open golf tournament with a record score of 69, 70, 69, 66, a total of 274, which is 10 strokes better than par, pictured as he drives a long one from the all-steel top of a 1937 Ford V-8. This trick golf shot is made possible by the extra strength built into new Ford bodies. In the 1937 V-8's, the all-steel top is welded to the internal construction, the body being a single, solid unit of steel throughout.

## Townsend Club Activities

As Reported By Beth Paige

Considering the inclement weather, our last meeting had a very good attendance. Frances Clark presided in the absence of President Mrs. Minnie Collier. The latter obtained one of our favorite speakers from headquarters for the evening, Edgar Dix.

Dix brought down the house in a riotous description of the man and his reactions, who, in some year or other, wakes up some morning to find the Townsend Plan has become law.

There will be one or more speakers at tonight's meeting. Members are urged to be present as matters of importance will be talked over.

## \$30,000 in Bonds Consigned to Fire by City Officials

Thirty thousand dollars worth of unused water bonds went up in smoke Tuesday morning while a group of present and former city officials watched the consuming fire with grins of pleasure. The bonds represented the amount that was not used of the issue passed here in 1930 for the acquisition of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company.

Former Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, who is now city treasurer, was given the honor of handing the engraved and signed negotiable paper to Former Fire Chief Ben Hannebrink, who flung them in the furnace at the National Supply company. In the group were

## Pipe Concerns Consolidate

Certificate of agreement of consolidation of the United Concrete Pipe company and the United Pipe corporation, the surviving corporation, both of Torrance, was filed with the county clerk in Los Angeles this week.

**Cat Spurns Meat**—SANTA ROSA, Cal. (U.P.)—Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Smallwood of this city are convinced they have the only vegetarian cat in the world.

Mayor W. H. Stanger, City Clerk Bartlett, Former Treasurer Harry Dole and Superintendent Bob Garbe of the National Supply. The bonds were burned to prevent any chance that they might get out of the city hall safe and get on the market—a circumstance which might cost the city their face value—\$30,000.

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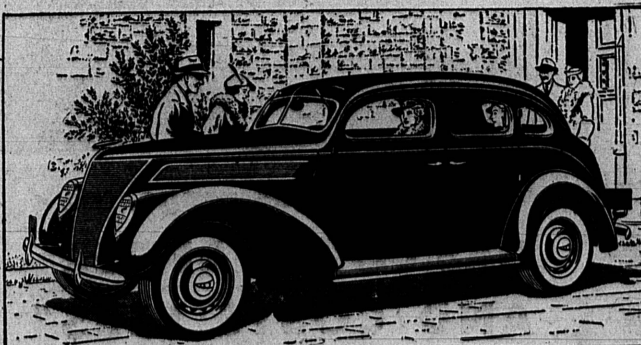
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