



Torrance's Gift to Screen—Sharlie Moore

## Child's Chance for Screen Fame Reads Like Reel Fiction

... But it happens to be true, Torrance residents assert

A boy-and-girl friendship of years ago in old Hungary, recently revived, is the foundation for the entrance of one of the most engaging youngsters ever to crash the gates of screen fame. The story of how this four-year-old charmer, Sharlie Moore, acquired a motion picture contract this week reads like the best product of a publicity agent. But in Sharlie's case it happens to be true.

That delightful little personality came to Torrance a year ago last Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore, her older brother and a sister. Since then, she has acquired another sister and her great-aunt, Mrs. C. T. Berry of the Mayfair apartments, has taken over Sharlie's care and training. The Moores came here from Indiana. Mrs. Moore is only 20 and her mother is but 40.

On Monday, April 18, Sharlie will take her unspoiled winsomeness to the Universal studios, there to start her film career under the direction of famed Joseph Pasternak in Deanna Durbin's new picture, "At a Certain Age."

Scene Changes to U. S. — It was the childhood friendship of Pasternak and Helen Lebovitz, who became Mrs. Joseph G. Koch, wife of the proprietor of the Star Department store, which paved the way for Sharlie's opportunity to extend her charm far beyond the confines of Torrance. Because that little girl, in the opinion of Universal Picture executives, "has everything it takes to match Shirley Temple's career."

Joe Pasternak and Helen Lebovitz lived in the same block in Szilagyi Sonlyo, Hungary. They played together and were inseparable. Then the years rolled on, the Great War split all Europe asunder, Helen came to America and married the rising young merchant, Joe Koch. She never heard of her childhood playmate again until just recently she learned he was manager of Deanna Durbin and one of Hollywood's best-known producers. She called the Universal studio but was unable to reach Pasternak by phone so she left word that "Helen Lebovitz" (Continued on Page 8A)

## Sons of Legion to Install New Officers and Initiate Monday

Next Monday night at the American Legion clubhouse new officers of the Torrance Sons of Legion squadron will be installed and several members initiated during a program that will be open to the public, according to Robert Lowellen, advisor of the boys' group.

Officers of the local Legion post will install the young leaders, each one inducting the boy whose office corresponds to the adult's position. Commander Grant Barkdull will install Captain Gerald Grubb. The other Sons of Legion officers are Dean

## "Rich Air" of Hog Ranches Protested

Ernest Sicker, 1443 West 179th street, Gardena, does not want any more hog ranches in his community. Members of the "panty board" of supervisors concluded this week upon reading his letter.

"Two years ago a fellow started on this street with one hog; now there are two places with bacon on the hoof. 'At times 'now the air is so rich you could pay the national debt with same. 'There's more hogs than humans in the streets. 'For the love of Lulu, don't give out any more hog raising permits here. 'It would be a good idea to send someone out here to see if everything is sanitary. It doesn't smell so good."

## Third Wholesale Clothing Theft Occurs Here

The third major clothing theft to occur here in recent months was the ransacking of Murdock Serrett's room in the Brighton hotel last Monday. The J. C. Snow and William A. Rojo, Jr., homes were looted of clothing several weeks ago, those robberies following others in the Hollywood Riviera district and all of them being still unsolved. Serrett lost clothing valued at \$75, including two suits, an overcoat, pair of brown trousers, two white dress shirts, a suit-case and a half dozen ties. The robbery was accomplished between 6:30 a. m. and 4 p. m., while Serrett was at work, he told police.

## MAY RING 'DUST BOWL' WITH THATCH

What's to be done about this city's own private "Dust Bowl" north of Torrance boulevard and west of Cedar? This question again confronted the city council Tuesday night when Mrs. James Brown of 1014 Cedar asked for a report on her inquiry of two weeks ago concerning how the daily dust and sand storms arising from a tomato field could be abated.

She was joined in her vigorous protests against the nuisance to all residents along Cedar, Beech and as far east as Acacia north of Torrance boulevard by Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Williams of 1012 Cedar. City Attorney John E. McCall repeated the opinion he gave the council last week that there was no legal means that the city could employ to halt planting of the acreage which was leased to some Japanese by the owners, the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil company.

"It will be up to the individual property owners and residents affected by the sand and dust to work out a settlement with the land owner," he said. However, Councilman James Hitchcock, who said that possibly some of the sand arose as far northwest as Hawthorne and 190th, offered to assist the affected residents in "contacting the proper parties of the C. C. M. O." to see if some means might be found to return the land to some form of cover crop in the future.

## Paper Cones Blow Off

Leonard Young, assistant city engineer, suggested that the city might border the tomato patch with a palm thatch fence. As this appeared the most feasible solution to the problem and would offer some immediate barrier to the whirling dust clouds, Young and William Gascon, street superintendent, were instructed to investigate this plan of lining Cedar with the wind-break. Their report will be given the council April 13.

In addition to the fine sand that is penetrating the homes in the affected area, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Williams reported that the paper cones over the young tomato plants set out in the field were blowing into their yards and gardens to cause another nuisance. The regular cultivation of the field constantly keeps the sand loose for broadcasting by the winds.

## HALL BASE ENLARGED

Building engineers directing the excavation for the new \$100,700 high school assembly hall here discovered this week that they must enlarge the footings for the foundation because the earth does not compact as originally estimated. Consequently the excavation is being enlarged to provide a wider base for the structure to arise south of the main high school building. Excavated earth is being transported to the site of the former auditorium building which was demolished following the March, 1935, earthquake.

## Local Man Badly Hurt in Crash

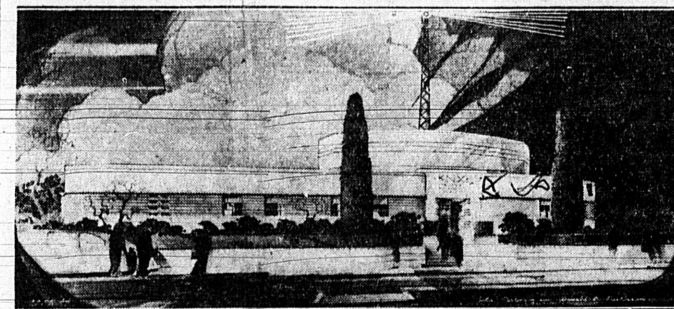
As result of an accident in Wilmington Sunday, Dwight Bartlett of 1720 Cabrillo, is still in a critical condition at the Los Angeles General hospital. Bartlett was riding in a car with Howell E. Wilson of Los Angeles when the machine struck a light standard at Anaheim and Mahar streets. His skull was fractured and his nose broken. Wilson escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

## Attorney's Office Nearly Finished

New office quarters in the city hall (in the room across the 31 Prado corridor from City Judge Robert Lessing's chambers) are nearly completed for City Attorney John E. McCall. As soon as the necessary furniture is installed, McCall plans to institute a regular schedule of office hours devoted to municipal legal affairs.

# Quietest Municipal Campaign in City History Ending With Election Here Next Tuesday

## CBS Station Rising Rapidly Here 'Usual' Fireworks' Missing as 19 Candidates Face Test



## Abramson Elected Rotary President

At a meeting of the newly-elected board of directors of Torrance Rotary club held Monday evening, Harry M. Abramson was chosen president of the service club for the year beginning July 1, 1938. Others officers elected were: Bernard Bunje, vice-president; William H. Bratton, secretary; and David L. Roberts, treasurer.

Other members of the board of directors are William H. Stanger, H. E. Appenzeller, and the retiring president, Grover C. Whyte.

While a comparatively new member of Torrance Rotary, Abramson's election to the presidency parallels his rapid success in the Torrance mercantile field. He is proprietor of the National Home Appliance company, 1312 Sartori avenue. This business was founded by Abramson less than three years ago and has enjoyed a remarkable growth until it now ranks among the leading retail establishments in the city.

The newly-elected club officers and a large delegation of other members are making plans to attend the Rotary International convention in San Francisco, June 19 to 24. Following this convention, Abramson and the other new officers will be installed.

## Take Office July 1



HARRY M. ABRAMSON



WILLIAM H. BRATTON

Photos by Haig & Haig

## P. O. Has Big March Gain

Altho the March gross postal receipts were more than \$1,000 greater than the same month a year ago, the receipts for the first quarter of 1938 were slightly less than the first three months of 1937. Postmaster Earl Conner reported this week. The postoffice transacted \$4,069.11 worth of business, exclusive of money orders and postal savings, last month as compared to \$3,060.89 in March, 1937.

## 5 MORE DEEP SAND WELLS START PRODUCTION HERE

Five more wells went on production in the South Torrance deep sand field this week and at least three more are due to be brought in within the next few days. The past week's activity was the greatest in production since the field shot into second place among southland's oil sectors several months ago. The new producers were:

Doyle Petroleum company's No. 1 on the Bond lease came in flowing yesterday morning at between 165 and 175 barrels dry. This hole, located at 2224 230th street, was shot at 5:018 feet and went to 5,098.

Doyle's No. 2 on the Nell lease at 229th street came thru in fine shape yesterday after a packer was put in. This well was brought in Monday but was carrying a high water content until packed. Now it is reported cutting only about one percent at 4,990 feet. A production test is being made today. It is expected to equal or better the No. 1 flow.

Three are Grassroots Coastline Oil's (Guy Kelly) well on 229th off Narbonne, reported doing well at 160 barrels of 26 gravity cutting about three or four percent.

Patton Oil's Meacham No. 1 was brought in flowing Tuesday and went on the pump yesterday. It is reported to be clearing up well and cutting little water. This hole is located on 229th off Pennsylvania.

Texas Company's Wilson Community lease began producing from 4,996 yesterday morning south of Sepulveda and east of Cedar. No report has been made on quantity or gravity but it is understood to be dry.

Doyle's two producers and the Texas well are grassroots projects.

## CBS ENGINEER PRAISES CITY

High praise for Torrance civic officials was expressed last Thursday evening by J. I. Middlebrooks, chief engineer of the Columbia Broadcasting System, in a talk before the Torrance Rotary club.

"In all my experience erecting broadcasting stations in every part of the United States, I can honestly say that I have never received such hearty cooperation on the part of city officials and chamber of commerce officers as I was given in Torrance," Middlebrooks said. "We did not ask for any special consideration, nor do we expect to, but the helpful attitude and sympathetic understanding of our problems by your city and chamber officials was truly exceptional."

by the International Derrick & Equipment company. The tower will be 500 feet high and illuminated with a 1,000-watt coded beacon, which will be shown on all Department of Aeronautics maps, thus not only providing a conspicuous landmark for Torrance visible for many miles but will gain international publicity on government maps as well.

When the new CBS-KNX transmitter station is put in service early in September, there will be an announcement made several times each day stating that the "transmitter is located in Torrance, California."

## Hospital Begins Group Insurance

Subscriptions in organized groups—such as business firms or industries—are now being taken at Torrance Memorial hospital for the "three-cent-per day" plan of hospitalization insurance, it was learned this week. Thru this low-cost plan (an entire family including all unmarried children under 19 years of age may enroll for \$24 a year), residents of Torrance may assure themselves of excellent hospital care in any one of more than 28 Southland hospitals.

The group-hospitalization offer is made only by members of the Associated Hospital Service of Southern California, a non-profit corporation. Subscribers will receive practically all hospital services without charge; the exception being those services rendered by medical specialists or consultants. Applications for this kind of sickness or accident insurance are accepted in groups because there is no physical examination; subscribers will represent a normal cross-section of the community; to prevent abuse and to equalize risks. Applicants must be in good health, not more than 65 years of age and residents of the area served by member hospitals. Every subscriber, including (Continued on Page 3A)

Next Tuesday morning the polls at 13 precincts here will be open at 6 a. m. to receive the X-ed ballots from those of the 4,376 qualified voters who want to make their selections for two city council, a city clerk and a city treasurer's position from 19 candidates.

The winners will serve four-year terms, drawing \$50 per month as councilman; \$60 as city treasurer and \$225 as city clerk. The polls will close at 7 o'clock Tuesday night and The Herald will gladly give reports on the progress of the count to those who call 444 after 8:30 o'clock.

Just call 444 and ask "How's the election going?" Reports from every precinct will be flashed to The Herald office as the tally progresses. No report is expected before 8:30 o'clock. The information will be given up to 10:30 p. m.

## Where to Vote; Number Qualified

If you want to know where to vote next Tuesday in the municipal election save this list of polling places. Here are the precinct polling places and the number of qualified voters registered in each one:

No. 1—18211 Prairie; 269 voters.	No. 2—1626 Cedar; 351 voters.	No. 3—716 Border; 351 voters.	No. 4—Fire station, 1523 Cravens; 376 voters.
No. 5—1313 Portola; 356 voters.	No. 6—1023 Annapola; 337 voters.	No. 7—1417 Cota; 298 voters.	No. 8—1731 Arlington; 314 voters.
No. 9—1924 Andree; 390 voters.	No. 10—308 Narbonne; 345 voters.	No. 11—2013 Arlington; 336 voters.	No. 12—Recreation Center, 24430 Park St., Walteria; 333 voters.
No. 13—1003 N. Arlington; 320 voters.			

## TO OBSERVE SCHOOL WEEK

With the Torrance Masonic lodge taking an active part in preparing the program, all local schools will observe Public Schools Week, April 25, thru Friday, April 29, to make that event the most outstanding affair of its kind in the city's history.

While the complete program has not been prepared as yet, Principal Thomas Elson said today that the high school will hold "open house" Wednesday, April 27, with the semi-annual Fashion Show scheduled for 8 o'clock that night in the school library.

An all-schools program will be given in the Civic Auditorium Friday night, April 29, with Alfred M. Gourdier of the sponsoring lodge, as chairman. A feature of this entertainment will be short talks by Fern Street, Elementary, Junior high, Senior high and Evening high school students. Each school will also present music, singing or dramatic numbers. The public will be cordially invited to attend this program and also to visit the schools during the entire week.

## Bell Stolen From Campaign Truck

No questions will be asked, Police Chief G. M. Calder said today, if the persons who removed the old Baptist church bell from a decorated campaign truck in the Central garage on Border street last night return the bell by Saturday. Decorations on the truck, which was to be used to publicize Ondus Hill's candidacy for city council, were destroyed by the marauders, police said.

## Four Protestant Churches to Observe Passion Week Here

Passion Week union services will be held at the Central Evangelical church, Marcelina and Arlington avenues, at 7:30 o'clock each evening from Tuesday, April 12, to Friday, April 15, inclusive, under the auspices of the Torrance Ministerial association. The general theme of the evening meetings will be "Jesus Christ in Life Today." The following local ministers will speak on various phases of this subject: Rev. E. W. Matz, Central

Evangelical; Rev. C. M. Northrup, Baptist; Rev. B. C. Brewster, Methodist, and Rev. Frank T. Porter, Christian. Holy communion will be observed Thursday night, April 14. All Christians are invited to participate regardless of denominational affiliations. Special music provided by the participating churches will be a feature of each service and the public is cordially invited to attend for "spiritual preparation to the observance of a joyous Easter in Torrance April 17."

Only one "slate" has developed during the campaign. This is Labor's Non-Partisan League's endorsement of John V. Murray and Howard J. Raymond for council. The League, which is headed by Neil McConlogue, is planning an intensive wind-up to its campaign by installing checkers at all polls and offering free transportation to voters to get them to the precinct ballot headquarters. Those desiring transportation are invited to call 721 and a car will be sent. This offer is open to all voters, League officials said.

All of the candidates who filed nominating petitions were still in the race, none having exercised that unofficial political prerogative of "withdrawing in favor of So-and-So."

Most of the 19 candidates in the municipal election of next Tuesday will be "paying guests" of the Torrance Kiwanis club Monday night. They have been invited to attend the dinner-music, which introduced one-minute talks concerning their political aspirations. Michael Straszer will be program chairman.

The North Torrance Improvement association invites all municipal candidates to a meeting Friday night, April 8, at 8 o'clock in the Perry school auditorium. Residents of that district want to meet the candidates, according to Mrs. Lela Gonner, secretary of the association.

Spring vacation for all Torrance school children will begin with the close of Friday's session and continue until Monday morning, April 18.

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