

## May Not Be Legal--3 Miles High



Although they were not able to determine whether such a marriage would be legal, Edward I. v'n Glatte, 32, and Jane Webster, 24, both of Beverly Hills, were married beyond (or rather above) the "three-mile limit" at Los Angeles by the captain of an airliner, United Air Lines Mainliner Capt. Richard Bolman, left, performed the ceremony. Stewardess Gerda Dahlgren, left, looks on as maid of honor. The couple maintained if it's legal for a steamship captain to perform marriages, it's okay, too, for an airliner captain.

## Local Man Seriously Injured in Train-Car Crash Early Monday

While returning to his home on Sonoma avenue, off Cedar, Ellsworth Barkdull, 52-year-old air brake machinist for the Pacific Electric shops, at 2:05 o'clock Monday morning was struck by or collided with a Santa Fe train No. 145 at the Dominguez and Cedar avenue crossing. He is now in St. Vincent's hospital in Los Angeles recovering from a compound fracture of the left leg and arm and from numerous cuts and bruises about his body.

Barkdull (no kin to Commander Grant Barkdull of the local Legion post) was going south on Cedar and the train, in charge of Conductor C. L. Hensley of Los Angeles, was traveling northwest. The collision was followed by Barkdull's Ford coupe being dragged about 100 yards before the train was stopped by Engineer H. M. Miller of Huntington Park, according to police reports.

The motorist was pinned in the wrecked machine. He was rushed to Torrance Memorial hospital in Stone and Myers' ambulance and given emergency treatment. Later he was transferred to the Los Angeles hospital.

The pilot of the engine struck (or was hit by) Barkdull's car in about the middle of the coupe. Other members of the train crew were Fireman A. D. Nolan of Graham and Brakeman J. W. Dodson of Los Angeles. Barkdull has been a P. E. worker for the past 18 years. He is a widower.

**Shop on Bargain Days**  
**Seek to Avoid Traffic Hazard**

Foreseeing the possibility of traffic congestion in the vicinity of Hawthorne avenue and 19th street after the new KNX-CBS transmitter station opens early in September, Director John Stroth of the public safety department, Acting City Engineer Leonard Young and a representative of the state highway commission inspected that area last week.

Tuesday night Engineer Young told the council of their recommendations: A double line to be painted on Hawthorne and installation of warning signs against passing cars over such marker. This double line will be painted on every incline on the avenue. The council authorized the state highway commission to paint such lines on the pavement and install the signs.

## August 30 Ballots Will Rival Colors of Rainbow

Democrats will vote on principle-colored ballots at the forthcoming August 30 primary election, while Republicans will vote on russet-colored paper, according to the order for \$17,058 worth of ballot paper placed with the secretary of state by Register of Voters W. M. Kerr.

There will be 756 different kinds of ballots this year. There are nine parties since the advent of the new Townsend party, and each party has

## Accent is on Values in Torrance Bargain Days!

Nearly every advertisement published today contains announcement of bargains that should make every reader sit up and take notice of what Torrance merchants are doing TOMORROW AND SATURDAY, July 29 and 30.

Planned for weeks, the TORRANCE BARGAIN DAYS are the result of careful selection and judicious purchases by local business men who are determined to show everyone that they can PRODUCE SAV-

INGS in almost every commodity offered for sale here.

From gifts of free rubber or leather heels to the latest household equipment... from lingerie to linens... from spark plugs to fertilizer there are REAL VALUES offered tomorrow and Saturday from stem to stern in the Torrance trade mart.

—And you can shop in comfort in Torrance! No sticky heat, no traffic jams, no dizzy driving around and around looking for a place to park. It's a matter of record

that anyone can PARK WITHIN A BLOCK of any store in Torrance regardless of the crowds!

TORRANCE BARGAIN DAYS, in the opinion of those who have studied the merchandise which local firms will offer as special attractions, are definitely of interest to every man and woman resident in Torrance and vicinity. YOUR DOLLAR will do double and even triple duty when they are put to work for you tomorrow and Saturday in Torrance!

Every effort has been made by your

Torrance merchants to give you what you want at prices CUT TO THE BONE. They have bought new merchandise, arranged for prompt service, staked their integrity on the value of their offerings. All they want is a chance to SHOW YOU their wares!

So read the advertisements in this issue... plan to come downtown tomorrow and Saturday and SHARE in the BIGGEST SAVINGS ever grouped together in one city for TORRANCE BARGAIN DAYS!

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## TIGHTEN UP ON LICENSES IN OIL AREA

Firms offering various services in the South Torrance oil field must have city licenses.

This was the warning that went out from City Clerk A. H. Bartlett and Director John Stroth of the public safety department late last week in response to a number of complaints from established firms here.

The local men pointed out that the booming oil industry has attracted a large number of outsiders to the field and that many of these were doing various jobs there without first obtaining city business licenses. A check-up was made and as result Harry M. Slover was appointed to tour the oil field and investigate cases of non-conformity to the municipal regulations.

Two Neglect Permits

At the same time a survey was made to determine how many oil operators do not have the required firewalls built around oil tanks in the field. This was a new regulation, adopted July 19, for better safety conditions. Most of the operators immediately started work building their firewalls.

In addition to Slover's duties as a deputy city license collector, he will assist the police department in probationary and juvenile cases. Director Stroth also announced this week that the investigations in the oil field showed that two operators had failed to obtain building permits for their derricks and had the structures inspected.

When asked to conform to the building code, the negligent operators obtained permits and had the inspections made at once.

—Shop, Save—Bargain Days—**Delay Adding Fire Hydrants in So. Torrance**

Expressing the hope that no fires start in the South Torrance oil field while the investigation is under way, members of the city council asked the city attorney Tuesday night to investigate the procedure whereby the Municipal Water district may install additional fire plugs at two intersections in that district.

According to Water Superintendent William H. Stanger, it would take about 500 feet of pipe line to connect the proposed new hydrants at Cedar and Sepulveda and Vine and Sepulveda to the city mains. The cost, \$1,163, would come out of the district bond issue, Stanger said.

—Shop, Save—Bargain Days—**Building Total \$213,454 Here for Month**

With but two days remaining until the books are closed for July, building permit total here is \$213,454 to date this month. New construction amounting to \$36,550 in permits was started here this week, including six new oil derricks in the South Torrance field.

Oil derrick construction formed the major portion of the July building total, 28 derricks costing \$140,000 having been erected. Seven oil tanks were installed in the field so far this month and only five homes, totalling \$10,250, were started.

—Shop, Save—Bargain Days—**BUY WATER METERS**

Twenty-four water meters at \$9 each, totalling \$224.48 with sales tax, were ordered, purchased for the municipal water district by the city council Tuesday night.

—Shop, Save—Bargain Days—**BUMPER COTTON CROP**

California's 1937 cotton crop, largest in the state's history, placed ninth in production among 16 major cotton producing states.

## Public Urged to Help Plan Frolic

In their efforts to arrange a community event which will be interesting to every resident of Torrance, members of the Coordinating Council are taking no chances that they might "miss a good thing" in planning the first annual Torrance Factory Frolic. This will be a three-day affair—Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28, 29 and 30, according to President John E. Miller.

Last Thursday night the Coordinators held an open meeting to receive suggestions about the program for the Factory Frolic. Another such meeting is scheduled for Monday night, Aug. 8, at 7:30, at the Chamber of Commerce. Every organization in the city is urged to send at least two representatives to this session and any resident interested in the event is also cordially invited to attend.

A tentative program has been outlined but this will be subject to changes and revisions thru the month of August, according to Dr. O. E. Fossum, secretary of the Council. Some of the features of the Frolic which have received keen attention at previous meetings are special displays in the business district, a comedy parade, distinctive costumes for all participants and the Council would like to include the annual Torrance-Narbonne football game in the program.

This grid fixture is now scheduled to be played at the Narbonne field in Lomita but school authorities will be asked to change the location to the Torrance field because the inter-city game was staged last fall at Lomita.

## Carl Warner Promoted; Goes to Pittsburg Plant

Advancement of Carl S. Warner from the position of chief engineer of the Torrance plant of Columbia Steel Company to the same position at the company's larger plant at Pittsburg, California, was announced yesterday by E. M. Barber, general superintendent of the local steel mill. Warner will be in charge of all engineering and maintenance of equipment at the Pittsburg plant.

Warner came to Torrance in July, 1932, to take charge of the installation of equipment for manufacturing high grade sheets. In November of the same year, he was named plant engineer, a position he has held ever since. His efficient direction of the difficult task of mechanizing the sheet and modernizing the rolling mill at the Torrance plant recently won much favorable comment from company officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Warner and their son, Bobby, have a host of friends here who, while they will regret the loss of their companionship, will rejoice in Warner's promotion. Following a two weeks vacation, the Warners will make their home in Pittsburg, where he begins his new duties Aug. 15.

With U. S. Steel 32 Years  
It was in 1906 that Carl S. Warner first began working for the United States Steel Corporation and he has advanced to his present important executive post in the typical American way of working up from the bottom. His first job was messenger boy for the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company—a U. S. Steel subsidiary—at Monessen, Pa. After a few months as messenger, young Warner began working in the machine shops of the company and his 32 years of devoted service to the corporation was begun in earnest.

Young Warner's ability was soon recognized and in 1909 he was promoted to the position of shop foreman of the Monongahela Works of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company at Pittsburgh, Pa. Four years later he was again advanced, first as shop foreman and later as chief engineer at the company's Pittsburg, California, plant.

The following advancements in rank were announced this week by E. M. Barber, general superintendent of the Torrance plant:

E. R. Kelso will succeed Warner as plant engineer advancing from the position of chief draftsman. Kelso has been associated with the steel industry for approximately 15 years. He joined the staff of the Columbia Steel in Torrance in 1931 as a draftsman and in 1936 was advanced to the position of chief draftsman. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois.

Harlow P. Dotson has been advanced from the position of chief electrician to assistant plant engineer. Dotson was first employed at the local steel mill in 1928 as foreman of the electrical department and the following

## Start Move for \$100,000 Recreation Project Here

### Walteria Fire Set-Up Probed By Delegation

It was "Walteria Night" at city council meeting Tuesday evening as a delegation of about 45 residents of that Torrance community appeared to question councilmen and Director John Stroth of the public safety department regarding the recent change in the status of the Walteria fire station.

After that subject was thoroughly probed, the answers given by councilmen and Stroth apparently removing a number of disturbing rumors which had been hovering over Walterians since July 1, other topics were briefly considered.

Among these were suggestions for improvement of Walteria streets and street lighting, police protection and recreational facilities. On one topic all Walteria speakers agreed—the municipal tax rate they pay (\$1.07 per \$100 assessed valuation) is most satisfactory.

Service Unimpaired

Discussion of the Walteria fire protection matter developed following the reading of a petition, signed by 246 names, protesting the council's action in changing the fire department personnel in that community to a volunteer basis. Mayor William H. Tolson began the open forum by stating that "before the council made any move, we conferred with a representative of the Board of Fire Underwriters and were assured that under the new set-up there would be no increase in your fire insurance rates."

"In making the change the city was saved approximately \$450 a month. If we continued on the old plan we would have had to employ extra firemen to conform with the state law. At the present time," Mayor Tolson continued, "Walteria has two men on duty for fire calls during the daytime and one man sleeps at the fire station at night. Phone connections have been made which permit immediate action any time a fire call comes in. We have thus made an economy without disrupting service."

New Equipment Used

Director Stroth then submitted (Continued on Page 2-A)

## CARD GAMES UNDER BAN

An application for a permit to operate legal card games "at a location to be approved by the council" by Charles C. Franklin of 16931 Arlington avenue, was denied with such emphasis by the city council Tuesday night that it was apparent that the municipal board intends to permit no such forms of amusement to enter Torrance.

Altho Franklin's letter stated that "no liquor will be served, no minors admitted and the place would be operated on high standards," Councilman George V. Powell sounded the city's opposition when he said:

"A number of people have contacted me in regard to legalized gambling—and that's what those card games are and, while I know gambling is a human trait and you can't eliminate it, I don't believe in encouraging it. It is a source of harm to people with small incomes—people who are weak enough to fall for it. I think the police should get rid of all forms of gambling here which are now open."

## CITY ASKS FOR PWA GRANT COVERING \$43,330 OF COST

By adopting four resolutions Tuesday night the city council paved the way toward an ultimate decision by Torrance voters on whether or not this city will attempt to acquire a recreation plant costing approximately \$100,000 with the assistance of PWA grants which would share \$43,330 of that total.

At the same time Mayor William H. Tolson named a committee to confer with Attorney James L. Bann of the law firm of O'Melveny, Tuller and Myer regarding details of a bond election to raise the city's portion of the cost of the recreation project.

Estimates of the costs for the various parts of the proposed recreation facilities were revealed for the first time as City Clerk A. H. Bartlett read the resolutions.

EARLY ACTION ON PROJECT FORESEEN

C. J. Rambo, city auditor, said today that he planned to complete his survey of the city's request for a PWA grant for the construction of the proposed recreation plant tomorrow and submit the project to Federal authorities in Los Angeles Saturday.

The request will then go to San Francisco for study by regional PWA officials and their verdict may be considered final altho the project must be sent to Washington for final action, Rambo said. He expects to receive notice of the San Francisco action within about two weeks.

tions starting the project on its way toward acceptance or rejection by local voters and the Federal government. These are the figures:

Costs are Segregated  
For a swimming pool 50 by 105 feet in size, equipped with complete facilities for water purification and a bath house, \$53,398 which does not include landscaping. A PWA grant of 45 percent toward the cost of this project would mean \$24,029 from the government leaving the city to pay the balance of \$29,369.

For a municipal recreation building and illuminated tennis courts in the city park, \$32,437 plus landscaping. A PWA grant would share \$14,597 of this cost, leaving the city to pay the balance of \$17,840.

And for a recreation building housing library quarters, tennis courts and a playground at Walteria, \$10,455 of which a 45 percent PWA grant would amount to \$4,705, leaving the city to pay the remaining \$5,750. The total cost does not include purchase of land or landscaping.

First of the resolutions adopted (Continued on Page 2-A)

## U. S. Steel Pays Dividends as Usual on Preferred

Despite a deficit of \$5,010,426 for the June quarter compared with a deficit of \$1,291,000 in the previous quarter and net income of \$36,173,682 in the June quarter last year, U. S. Steel Corporation's directors ordered the regular dividend of \$1.75 on the seven percent cumulative preferred stock this week.

The corporation, of which Columbia Steel company of this city is a subsidiary, has been paying the regular dividend on the issue since the summer of 1937. A spokesman for U. S. Steel declared Tuesday that since the middle of July there has been an improving demand for steel products as evidenced both by incoming orders received and the increased production of the steel industry.

Although the deficit for the second quarter was the largest for any similar period since the second quarter of 1935, it did not give effect to any extent to the sharp reduction in finished steel prices this summer as they were not effective until June 25.

The total production for the first half of the year was 3,010,354 tons at a rate of 33.6 percent of capacity, compared with shipments of 7,611,274 tons, a rate of 83.3 percent, in the first six months for 1937.