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SECTION B

## First of 5 Censuses Starts Here January 2

### BUSINESS, MANUFACTURES SURVEY TO TAKE 5 MONTHS

L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has received an announcement from the Bureau of the Census at Washington regarding the census of business and the census of manufactures which will be taken in Torrance beginning Jan. 2, 1940. The census population, farms and housing will start April 1, 1940.

The survey of business concerns of Torrance will be part of the most complete nationwide survey of American business that has ever been made. The information, as required by law, will include the volume of business for the year 1939; how much was done on credit; stocks on hand at the beginning and end of the year; accounts receivable; number of employees; total payroll; extent of self-employment (proprietor-owners and unpaid family members); and other information essential to measure the extent and volume of American business.

Gilmeister was informed that he would receive shortly samples of the schedules or forms to be used in the census of business. The sample schedules to be employed in the manufacturers' census will be available a little later.

Word from the bureau of census indicates that the United States is being divided into 100 areas, for purposes of taking the census, and that branch offices will be set up in convenient cities. The business and manufacturing censuses will require about five months and enumerators with schedules will call on all Torrance businesses beginning Jan. 2.

It is announced that the basic facts, as shown by the census, will be available by areas—states, counties, cities and towns—during 1940. The final statistics will include breakdowns for the 48 states; 3,072 counties and approximately 3,150 cities and towns of more than 2,500 population.

As in all census undertakings, the law protects those enumerated by keeping all answers confidential. They are available only to sworn census employees and are not available except in broad statistical form to any other agency in or out of the Government.

### No Free Dates for Auditorium

Application of the Torrance Conservatory of Music to use the Civic Auditorium on the night of Nov. 8 for a free community entertainment was turned down by the city council Tuesday night.

"We have had so many requests for the free use of the Auditorium by individuals, firms and groups that we had to make a hard and fast rule against it," Mayor William H. Tolson said.

"We will have to follow that policy or else we'll be swamped with similar applications and the Auditorium will become an unbearable expense to the city."

**COMMUNITY CHEST**  
The Narbonne high school Community Chest publicity campaign has begun, although the drive will not begin until Nov. 6 and end on Nov. 17.

### That Word "Census"

What does it mean?... what's its derivative?

We're going to hear a lot more about it next year so—let's look at Webster:

"Census, n. (L., from *censere*, to enroll, tax, assess.) 1. In ancient Rome, an authentic enumeration of the people, with special reference to the value of their property and estates, for the purpose of determining the rate of taxation; usually made every five years."

"2. An official enumeration of the people of a nation, state, district or city, together with the collecting of statistics concerning their property, nativity, age, sex, occupation, etc. In the United States, a general or federal census has been taken at the end of every ten years since 1790, an intermediate census being taken by some of the states and cities."

The first U. S. census of Torrance population was taken in 1930 and showed the city had 7,271 inhabitants then. No mention was made of Torrance in 1920 and the 1910 survey was taken before the city was founded.

Today the local Chamber of Commerce estimates the city has a population in excess of 11,000—a figure based on a tried and proven formula of multiplying the last registration total by two and three-eighths.

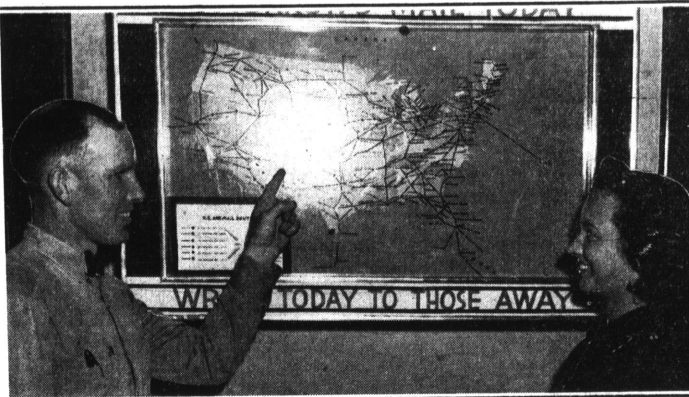
### Council Thanked for Frolic Aid

Expressing his committee's thanks and appreciation for the city's assistance in staging the community celebration, Fay L. Parks, general chairman of the second annual Factory Frolic held Sept. 28-30, told members of the city council Tuesday night that the event was a signal success.

"We are very grateful to all city officials and employees who assisted in staging the event," he said. Jack Miller, member of the committee and chairman of the Frolic in 1938, asked the council if the city would store the open-air dance platform. He offered to transport the flooring any place chosen for the storage.

Miller's offer was accepted. The platform will be used for the 1940 Frolic dances.

**WALTERIANS MEET**  
A meeting of the Walter's Civic Association was held last night at the recreation hall to consider civic improvements and future entertainments for Walter's residents. President Jim Wooldridge presided.



PUTS SPARE TIME TO USE... George A. Hannan, city mail carrier No. 1, is shown here explaining his electric card-

ograph of U. S. airmail routes to Miss Korena Carlin. The unique display is now a fixture in the postoffice lobby.

You've heard the story about the mail carrier who always went for a "nice, long walk" on his day off... well, George A. Hannan is not that kind of a mailman.

Instead, he put in his spare time for a period of more than two months, planning, constructing, painting and equipping a novel display which was a feature of the recent Factory Frolic Hobby show and is now attracting attention in the post-office lobby.

This is an electric cardograph of U. S. airmail routes showing just how many hours it takes for a letter or package to be flown from Torrance to almost any point in this nation. Hannan, who has been connected with the postal service here since 1925, has evolved an exceptionally fine piece of work and he was highly complimented by Postmaster Earl Conner for the contribution toward better understanding of the airmail service. Hannan lives at 1020 Acadia street.

The various routes extending in a spider-web network over every state are outlined in color, illuminated from electric globes behind the map of the United States. Each color denotes so many hours from Torrance to other American cities via airmail—the eastern lines extending to the Bermuda Islands.

Hannan said this week that his cardograph was an original idea. He drew the map and carved the routes on plywood. The whole display is attractively framed and labeled "Tomorrow's Mail Today."

Very few second class post-offices have such an interesting presentation of airmail service, Postmaster Conner said.

### Torrance Boy Makes Good At College... Gulps Worm

Take Dale Howe's word for it—gulping angleworms is not what it's reported to be.

Howe, a student at California Agricultural College at Davis, this week wrote The Herald (1) his appreciation of the hometown contact this paper gives him; (2) a correction and (3) an experience.

In a recent issue, Howe read a United Press news brief to the effect that a Turlock high school student offered to swallow an angleworm for 50 cents. The story continued: "Ten schoolmates quickly financed the affair by chipping in 10 cents each and the worm went down."

Howe's comment was this: "I have been reading the

Torrance Herald religiously and find many bits of news that bring Torrance close to me. I especially enjoy 'Shop Talk' and numerous other features of the paper. I must say it makes me fairly bubble over when The Herald arrives."

"But even out at Davis they still hold to the 'arithmetical larkin' that 10 times 10 equal 100. Of course the boy might have received a bonus. I am referring to a story titled 'Worm Gulped for 50 Cents.'"

"In closing I might say that I ate a half a worm the other day for nothing but it came up and so did the apple."

Dale Howe is residing at 1331 L street, Sacramento.

### Sleeping Motorist Hurt in Crash With Palm Tree

There's nothing that so rudely awakens a sleeper—particularly a snoozing motorist—as a head-on collision with a palm tree.

That was John Dempsey's idea, expressed at Torrance Memorial hospital when he was being treated early Sunday morning for a large cut on his forehead and two badly skinned knees.

Driving into Torrance he had dropped off to sleep and his car had swerved into the center of Torrance boulevard, smashing into a palm tree near Date street. Dempsey lives in Hollywood. His car was badly damaged.

### NEW GRADE SYSTEM

Narbonne high school's grading system has gone back to the A-B-C method. This system seems to be favored by teachers and students alike because the students are better able to know just where they stand and it's much simpler for the teachers to grade.

### Wooldridge Writes

Learn to admire good qualities in those whom you dislike and you will have improved yourself.

### Classified Highlights

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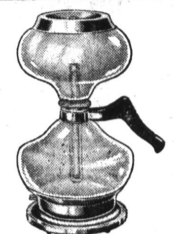
### Two Seek Permits for Poolhall, Cards

Two applications for combined cafe-and-poolhall, cigar-store-and-card-games business licenses were received by the city council Tuesday night and were promptly referred to John H. Stron, head of the department of public safety, for investigation and recommendation.

George A. Mort, 1210 El Prado, asked for a permit to operate a cafe and pool-hall at 1515 Catalina and R. L. Stubblefield wanted a license to operate a cigar store, pinocchio and rummy games at 1222 El Prado.



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**FOOD HAVEN FOR HUNGARY . . .** As the Nazi military machine rolled into Poland, hundreds of Polish soldiers fled across the border and into Hungary. Picture shows weary soldiers obtaining food at a field kitchen established by the Hungarian government at a railway depot in Budapest.

### "Trailer Vagabond" Tours Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin

By WARREN BAYLEY

During the past few years many states and even cities have found it very profitable to exploit their state and civic wonders for the benefit of tourist dollars. No doubt but that the advertising results obtained by California and Florida had much to do with the decision.

Many of the so called "wonders" are often found sadly lacking, both in scenic and historic value, when checked into for a possible story. Such, however, is not the case here in Prairie du Chien where the city, together with the heirs of the Dousman family, have restored the historic home of Hercules L. Dousman.

The city itself lies at the confluence of the Mississippi and Wisconsin rivers, where Marquette discovered the "Father of Waters" in 1673. At this center of the great water route from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, "Indians, French explorers, missionaries, voyageurs, Spaniards and Americans struggled for furs and lead and homes," making Prairie du Chien the first and most important settlement of white men in the Upper Mississippi Valley for over a hundred years. Sixty-five years after the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock it was a thriving fur-trading center.

**Home on Fort Site**  
Naturally, in such a setting, there had to be a leader. In 1826 he arrived in the person of Hercules L. Dousman, an associate in the fur business with John Jacob Astor. The story of his life, from the time of his coming to the upper Mississippi, almost coincides with the history of the formation of the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

During the War of 1812 an American expedition was sent to Prairie du Chien to select the site for a fort to protect their interests. On the bank of the Mississippi they found an elevation, 20 feet high on a 200-foot base, built by a prehistoric race known as the "mound-builders" and subsequently used by the Fox Indians as a tribal burial ground. On this spot they erected a log stockade which was the first of two forts built on the mound by white men. It was from this stockade that the American flag was raised for the first time over any building in what is now Wisconsin.

In 1843 Colonel Dousman acquired the land forming the site of the first fort and built what he described as the "house on

the mound"—in reality a "baronial mansion in which he lived the life of a country gentleman."

In 1935 this mansion was deeded, by the Dousman heirs, to the city of Prairie du Chien. Immediate restoration was begun and, as most of the original furnishings had been stored, it was possible to bring back its original splendor. Among the furnishings are the first piano and the first bath tub ever to enter this portion of our country.

The entire estate presents an interesting picture of the manner and elegance in which a pioneer lived side by side with the Indians in the early days of the Northwest frontier.

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### CRASH CLAIMS TWO LIVES

A Lomitan was involved in an automobile accident Monday when a San Pedro and his wife were killed and their daughter and two friends injured when the automobile, in which they were riding, collided with a machine driven by William McCann, 40, 2106 Lomita boulevard, at the Figueroa street intersection of Roosevelt highway.

McCann is in a Long Beach hospital in a serious condition with internal and head injuries. Pete Kyriax, 52, and his wife, Mrs. Amerigo Kyriax, 52, were killed; their daughter, Fanny, 13, is in a San Pedro hospital with possible internal injuries and a fractured pelvis; Mrs. Martha Platts, 50, also of San Pedro, received a fractured forearm, and Mrs. Penelope Samaris, 30, of San Pedro, escaped with minor injuries.

### Puncture Vines Said on Rampage

Another aftermath of the "unusual" September weather was reported this week by Harold J. Ryan, county agricultural commissioner. Heavy germination of puncture vine seeds has followed the 3 1/2-inch rain, with seeds sprouting an unseasonal growth. Plans are being made to destroy the new plants before they mature seed. Later the frost will kill many of the vines.