

# NEW CITY DIRECTORY NOW BEING ISSUED

## Hyde Can Thank Politics for Lucrative Counselling Position

By United Press  
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 17.—There is probably no department of state government as important and little understood as the state employment department, controlling agency for the vast unemployment insurance fund.

After federal social security was launched, the state followed suit and the unemployment reserves commission (now renamed the California employ-

ment commission) was formed to make policy. Red tape plagued those early efforts to whip a big organization together and collect the considerable sums from employers and employees.

Chosen to head this work was Carl L. Hyde, former secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who resigned last week after four years of pioneering in jobless benefits. Hyde knew the Olson administration was after

his scalp, in fact, he held on longer than most observers thought he would.

In Lucrative Field  
When payments were inaugurated, the red tape got things so jammed that applications were frozen by the thousands, with criticism coming from all quarters. Aided somewhat by the growing experience of his personnel and some simplifications by the last legislature, Hyde got the unruly machine running smoothly and the department has caught up with itself.

Governor Olson finally got two members on the five-man com-

mission and secured enough votes to elect Richard Sachse, his director of natural resources, as chairman of the board. Sachse revealed the board had contacted Robert Gordon Wagonet, former Californian in charge of unemployment benefit activities of the federal social security board in Washington, to take the \$6,000 job. Hyde could see the handwriting on the wall and resigned, declaring he planned to operate an independent counsel service in social security problems for business firms.

Hyde is credited with doing as good a job as possible under the limitations of confusing

legislation. There is a legitimate place for counseling business in the intricacies of social security and the veteran official may come to thank politics for injecting him into a new and lucrative field in place of the constant headache he had under state service.

### HYDE'S SUCCESSOR TO GET MORE PAY

It was announced Monday in Sacramento that Robert Gordon Wagonet has accepted appointment as executive director of the state employment commission. He will be paid \$10,000 a year, a raise of \$4,000 over the salary paid Carl L. Hyde.

## DR. HARRISON PASSES RIGID A. C. S. EXAM



DR. W. J. HARRISON moves residence to Torrance

Friends of Dr. W. J. Harrison, physician and surgeon, who recently opened offices at 1339 Post avenue, Torrance, are congratulating him upon his success in passing a special examination held during the month of December to determine educational qualifications necessary for application for membership in the American College of Surgeons, recognized as the most skilled physicians and surgeons in the United States.

In 1935, Dr. Harrison took a special six months' course of studies in Vienna, Austria, at the celebrated Bohler's Clinic.

While Dr. Harrison's office has been open in Torrance for several months, it was not until this week that he was able to make satisfactory arrangements for residing here. Last Saturday, he moved from 10620 Ruthellen street, Los Angeles, to 1551 Post avenue, telephone 475. Living with him is his mother, Mrs. J. F. Harrison, and his son, Wayland, who is a sophomore at Torrance High School.

### Girl Scouts Given Bicycle Instruction

"Obey traffic laws. Stop at all corners before crossing the street. Remember the red signal means to stop. And register your bikes at the police station."

Such were the highlights of Motor Officer Percy Bennett's warnings and instructions to cyclists of Girl Scout Troop No. 2 when he spoke to the girls last Thursday. Mrs. Edna Smith is continuing her instruction class in "First Aid" for troop members. All are asked to attend the sessions.

### ENJOY PARTY

The Japanese club of Torrance high recently enjoyed a get-together party and dance with the Japanese alumni of Torrance and other Japanese clubs of other schools.

### Wooldridge Herald Circulation Mgr. Writes

A man all wrapped up in himself makes a mighty small package.

## Every Person Listed in 188-Page Book Will Get Free Copy

In Leigh Hunt's poem, Abou Ben Adhem's name led all the rest in the Book of Life.

In the 1940 Torrance city directory, issued today, George Abbas' name leads all the rest of nearly 9,000 names that make up this very informative publication issued by the Western Directory Company of Long Beach and printed by The Herald.

Lead-off-man Abbas' is a Columbia Steel worker who lives at 706 Sartori avenue. The last name in the 188-page book is that of Gerrit Zwart of the Lomita Home Dairy who lives at 1808 Sepulveda boulevard.

Every resident listed in the directory is to receive a copy free of charge. Distribution begins this week. Nearly three months has been spent in the compilation of the book and it is declared by Grover Inskeep, president of the Western Directory Company, that the work was the most complete of any recently undertaken by the firm.

### Good Old Smiths Lead In Number of City Listings

Mr. and Mrs. Smith — take a bow! Your name appears more frequently in the new 1940 Torrance city directory than any other.

In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, you are in that book exactly 73 times!

Runner-up to the Smiths are the Browns, who have 30 listings. Then follow the Joneses with 29 and the Johnsons with 26.

There are 43 listings for firms doing business under the name of Torrance this-or-that.

## Harbor Chambers Start Year Under Pres. Gilmeister

In the presence of 160 civic leaders, representing most of the communities in southwest Los Angeles county, L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance Harbor District Chamber of Commerce, was installed as president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce here last Thursday night. The installation was part of the dinner program held in the Civic Auditorium.

Following the dinner, which was served by the Torrance Woman's club, guests enjoyed a program of concert piano numbers by Mme. Teala Billini, caricature drawings by Tom Dougherty and talks by R. R. Smith, president of the host chamber, and Kirk Hill, Los Angeles business men. Special guests were Frank Merriam, former governor, and Supervisor Oscar Hauge.

Gilmeister succeeded Louis H. Hamilton of Huntington Park as head of the harbor organization. During the afternoon, directors and committees of the associated chambers met in the city hall. The Harbor body decided to oppose attempts to place municipally-operated ports under jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission or other Federal authorities.

Seek Fed. Drain Project  
In another motion, the group went on record opposing longshore rate differentials such as now prevail at Long Beach under the award last June of a federal arbitrator. Longshoremen receive a minimum of \$1.29 a day for traveling time and car fare from San Pedro to work cargo at Long Beach.

The Long Beach harbor commission which at first paid the travel time charge, last week announced that shippers and stevedoring companies henceforth would have to bear the cost. The question of branch hiring halls is expected to be arbitrated after 1940 longshoremen contract has been negotiated.

Efforts to seek support of cities and civic groups in the Gardena valley in urging federal

approval of the Keystone drainage plan drafted by County Engineer H. E. Hedger will be pressed by the chambers' flood control committee, L. J. Gilmeister of Torrance, said.

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One edition of the directories will go to advertisers and those who have reserved such special copies. This will include a street address directory showing all home owners.

Special Address Edition  
One of the best features of the directory is a classified business directory containing 365 different business listings.

A study of the book reveals that residents in this area—and within the city limits—are served by five different postoffices: Torrance, Lomita, Welteria, Redondo Beach and Gardena; and by four telephone exchanges: Torrance, Lomita, Redondo Beach and Gardena.

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## Statement of Condition

At Close of Business on December 30, 1939

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$278,845.44
Overdrafts	103.99
U. S. Government Bonds	82,912.50
Municipal and Other Bonds	59,757.35
Stock, Federal Reserve Bank	3,600.00
Accrued Interest Paid	7.08
Banking House	41,192.26
OTHER REAL ESTATE	None
Cash and Due from Banks	268,252.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$734,671.19</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock—Common	\$65,000.00
Capital Stock—Preferred	35,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Reserves and Undivided Profits	28,746.11
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$148,746.11</b>
Other Liabilities	2,477.49
REDISCOUNTS	None
BILLS PAYABLE	None
Deposits	583,447.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$734,671.19</b>

The above statement shows **YOUR COMMUNITY BANK** is stronger than at any time since its organization, and is thus in better condition to **SERVE** you and other local citizens and organizations to a greater extent.

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### SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY

By C. KESSLER

