### ELSON RECOVERING

Principal Thomas Elson of Torrance high school is reported resting comfortably and making a slow recovery at a Los Angeles hospital where he has been confined since Jan. 4 as result of a heart ailment.

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# Local Reader Finds Error in City Names in Satevepost Article; Gets Apology from Author

Huntington Beach may like its screen entertainment in gushers but Huntington Park reads its periodicals with only casual interest.

It remained for a Torrance resident, Charles A. Curtiss, secretary of the Dominguez Land Corporation, to point out an error involving those two cities that appeared in one of the series of "Letters" by Catherine Hayes Brown, mother of Helen Hayes, that appeared in the Saturday Evening Post of Dec. 30.

So far as it is known, up to Jan. 9, no resident of Huntington Park, victim of the error, had protested or sought a correction from the author. Mrs. Brown had stated in the Dec. 30 installment of her absorbing "Letters" that when Miss Hayes' motion picture of Barrie's "What Every Woman Knows" was previewed "in Huntington Park" the "oil workers who comprised most of the audience" jeered it.

The companion feature on the bill was a Jean Harlow "gusher" which received great applause. But the more reserved offering by Miss Hayes was greeted by catcalls, feet stampings and Bronx cheers.

**Catches Mistake in Names**

Writing Dec. 27, 1939 to the editors of the Satevepost, Curtiss stated:

"Dear Sir: I have just finished reading the Helen Hayes articles and have enjoyed them immensely as I always enjoyed Helen Hayes' stage performance.

"At this time I wish to call your attention to the Dec. 30 article in which the authoress states 'What Every Woman Knows' was previewed at Huntington Park, Calif., and further states the audiences there are made up mostly of oil workers. She evidently intended to refer to Huntington Beach as the residents of Huntington Park will resent this confusion of names with the implication of the type of audience and no doubt have already expressed themselves.

"Yours very truly,
"CHARLES A. GURTISS
"Dominguez Land Corp.
Torrance."

**Admits Apology Due**

He received this reply: "Dear Mr. Curtiss: When an author's facts are challenged it is our custom to give him first chance to reply. Accordingly we are forwarding your letter to Catherine Hayes Brown with the request that she answer it. Meanwhile, allow us to thank you on her behalf for your compliments on her series.

"Yours very truly
"THE EDITORS."

And a few days later, Curtiss opened this cordial letter from Mrs. Brown, dated Jan. 9:

"My dear Mr. Curtiss: Your letter to the editor to the Saturday Evening Post has just been forwarded to me. Indeed, indeed, I do owe Huntington Park a sincere apology. Of course it was Huntington Beach where this humiliating thing happened to Helen Hayes.

**Too Late Even for Book**

"I must explain to you that when I started these 'Letters' they were never intended for any other eyes but my grand-daughter's, when I was gone from this world. Therefore, while I was as accurate as I possibly could be about dates and places, I still wasn't as careful as I might have been had I expected them to be seen by other eyes.

"Strangely enough, even when the galley proofs were sent to me I did not notice my error. Would it be possible to have this apology appear in a Huntington Park paper? This is the only way I can make amends for my mistake.

"Most sincerely,
"CATHERINE HAYES BROWN

P. S. Your letter came too late for me to correct the error even in the book. I am sorry.

"C. H. B."

THE EYES HAVE IT! . . . Melvyn Douglass and Joan Blondell are co-starred in the comedy-mystery, "The Amazing Mr. Williams" which opens Sunday at the Grand theatre with "Intermezzo," starring Leslie Howard, as the second feature.

## Seven Patients Enter Hospital

Seven patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Mrs. Florence Cauthard, 2253 Highway 101, Lomita, last Thursday for medical care; H. E. Graham, Wilmington, Saturday for medical treatment; Mrs. Lavieta Hatfield, Hermosa Beach, last Wednesdy for surgery; Alfred Moore, Redondo Beach, Tuesday for surgery; Fred Sellin, 2366 246th street, Lomita, Saturday for medical care; Mrs. Helen Somer, Gardena, Tuesday for medical treatment, and Marcus Vertin, Redondo Beach, Saturday for medical care.

## *Young Democrats Resolve Against U. S. War Loans*

The Torrance Young Democrats met Monday night at the Social hall, 2171 Torrance boulevard for a regular monthly business meeting. Resolutions passed included one asking Congress not to loan any U. S. money to any countries at war, and one approving the decision of Dean Landis in the Harry Bridges deportation case.

The Young Democrats feel that any moral support that this country might give any country at war, by loaning it money, might lead to our being drawn into the conflict. They also believe Dean Landis rendered a just decision in the Harry Bridges case.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 29, at 8 p. m. There will be a speaker and a social meeting will follow his talk.

## *Totten Wins Honor Medal*

Clifford Totten, treasurer of the Sons of Legion squadron here, became the second local member of that organization to receive the coveted five-star award medal Tuesday night when he was presented with the emblem by Commander B. F. Peterson at the American Legion meeting. David Babcock was the first Torrance boy to win the honorary badge.

## *Forum Discusses Transit Tonight*

"Our Transportation Problem" will be the subject discussed at the first Men's Forum meeting to be held in the Methodist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Mayor William H. Tolson will give the latest developments of the bus situation and Rev. Harry G. Banks will preside. All men interested in this community problem are invited to attend and participate.



## Parent Teacher • Activities

**TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL** P. T. A. members attending parliamentary law class in Lomita last week were Mrs. Charles E. Woodcock, president, and Mrs. I. C. Rous, Mrs. J. O. Bishop, and Mrs. William Jolley.

**FERN AVENUE** members and their friends are invited to attend the Radio Listening Group tomorrow at the home of Mrs. Mark McIlvaine, Cottage 10, C. C. M. O. district, on the subject, "Can We Live Beautifully?" A sewing circle will also be conducted.

James Yoshinobu was voted chairman of the next regular business session of Fern Avenue, at 7:30 o'clock next Tuesday night, when he will present an interesting program of Japanese folk songs and Oriental interpretative dances. Special guest speaker for the event will be Masao Satow, executive secretary of the Japanese Y. M. C. A. Japanese members of the association will serve refreshments.

At the executive board meeting of the association held last Wednesday in the library of the school, Mrs. Mark McIlvaine was elected first vice-president, to fill the vacancy recently created by the resignation of Mrs. Derald Smith. Those present were Mesdames George Fisher, C. W. Stevens, John Garner, Mark McIlvaine, Fred Fischer, W. J. Bowers, A. C. Turner, Irene Davis, W. C. Silence, Claude Pickett, Millie Andrews, Lillian Billups, Roy Meyers, Harry Pierson and L. F. Watson.

**TORRANCE ELEMENTARY** members are sponsoring a paper drive to help defray expense of a Life Membership in the association which is to come up at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. M. R. Gallimore, radio chairman, and Mrs. V. C. Viellenave, motion picture chairman, are to present the subject, "Radio and Motion Pictures — A Form of Recreation and Character Building." They will be assisted by Miss Murphy who will also present some of her own films. Principal Leonard Dykes will also present pictures showing "Student's Day at Carmelita."

From 9 to 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, the Home Nursing Class will be devoted to short talks by members of the class. Mrs. Irene Davis will speak on "Measles and Scarlet Fever," Mrs. H. L. Hardin's topic is "Immunization — Hot and Cold;" Mrs. R. H. McCulloch, "Application;" Mrs. Annie Peterson, "Counter Irritants;" and Mrs. V. C. Viellenave, "Personal Health."

Mrs. H. R. Lee, Mrs. H. Smith and Mrs. W. Tolson attended the last parliamentary law class last Friday. Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Berry and Principal Dykes attended the Principals' Cabinet meeting held last week at Torrance Elementary school.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Van Gorder of Chesaning, Mich., and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Van Gorder of Tucson, Arizona, arrived in California this week and are the houseguests of **Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Dale** on Eldorado. The Guy Van Gorders plan on remaining in California for a month's visit during which time they will also visit with relatives in Van Nuys.

**Mrs. Mina Shidler** has returned to her Post avenue home following an enjoyable visit with friends in La Jolla.

The Camp Fire Girls have a membership of 250,000.

## SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS

**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

**That Jack Boos, hair snipper** of vast repute, has done so well out at his new place on Torrance Blvd. that he may be forced to put on another barber to handle the crowds? The shop, for years a one-man set-up, has been much improved since Jack took it over, will, Shop Talk is sure, continue to improve as long as Jack is there.

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**That a yarn in the Times** several mornings ago stated that State Attorney-General Warren had ruled that the many airplanes & airplane parts now being shipped to belligerent nations from Calif. mfgs. are not subject to the state's 3% sales tax. Now why is that? Perhaps if Shop Talk went to war with Chevrolet Dealer Ed Thompson he could buy one of those new Chevies less that 3%! But we doubt it somehow.

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**That Les Prince, Beacon Drug's** maestro, last night filled prescriptions No. 39,254! That's a lot of prescriptions and represents the number filled since the Beacon Drug came into existence 15 years ago. It also represents a lot of sick people, who, by the way, have shown their faith in Les's ability to compound by this enormous number of prescriptions they have brought to him. Congrats, Les.

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**That A. Van Kralingen, prop,** of Van's Window Cleaning Service (and with the hardest name to pronounce & spell in town!) said the other day that after he put a polish on the new Safeway windows somebody walked right thru one, not suspecting a window there! Now, Van, we think you're bragging!

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**That Arnold Berg, mgr. of the** A & P store, is back at work after a month or more out of harness. Arnold had a small touch of the pip, came out of it fine after a few weeks rest.

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**That the Ideal Mkt. out on** Torrance Blvd., just this week hung out a beer and wine sign, having finally received their state license. The Ideal, incidentally is going great guns, had to have the carpenter out to enlarge the grocery dept. In the meat dept. Mgr. Frank Tiscareno says business is wonderful but that he has to spend too much time watching the delicatessen mgr. Dale Simmons, who in two months picked up two black eyes. Keep that left up, Dale!

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**That Firestone's Don Miller** announces this week the appointment of Vernon Yates as Royal Keeper of the Hoist and Exalted Grand Marshal of the Grease Gun. In more simple terms, Yates becomes the lubrication man following old timer Ray Shuart. Yates is brother to the Firestone mgr. in Inglewood, has been Keeper of Many Hoists for many years, knows the lube business inside & out. Yates will soon move to Torrance, if he can find a suitable house for his two kids & wife.

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**That the Silver Grill, with "Big** Bill" Shally behind the bar, has opened a very cheree cocktail lounge in the rear of the restaurant, will serve good bar liquors at the popular rate of 25c per each. Hunter B. J. Scott has donated a stuffed puma and several mounted deer heads for the walls, Frank & Lou Thobois the streamlined new bar with its indirect lighting etc. Good luck to you Frank & Lou!

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**That it looks to Shop Talk as** if a large and unsavory chunk of state graft lurks somewhere behind the manufacture of the new 1940 auto license plates. After many years of cutting them square on the corners, suddenly this year they come out with round corners. What happened to all the metal stamping machinery that cut the old square-cornered plates? Why should it be necessary to change? Certainly the new dies cost plenty. Why spend this unnecessary coin? Surely, but the ways of political graft move in a mysterious manner.

# 'CAT AND CANARY' PROMISES BUMPER GOOSE PIMPLE CROP

Moviegoers who dare moviemakers to thrill them and at the same time amuse them will meet the cinematic answer to challenge in "The Cat and the Canary," co-starring Bob Hope and lovely Paulette Goddard, which opens tonight at the Lomita Theatre. And, for the record, they are warned to take along any anti-goose pimple remedies known to man, as well as the latest devices for keeping the ribs from cracking and rattling too violently.

The reasons for the paraphernalia just mentioned are many. In the first place, Bob has never had better material; for as many may be aware already, this picture is based on the famous stage play by John Willard, the play which thrilled and chilled Broadway audiences for years. Then there is gorgeous Miss Goddard, and it hardly seems credible that there breathes a man who wouldn't itch to protect her when she is menaced by "The Cat." And for another factor, consider the supporting cast: John Beal, Douglass Montgomery, Gale Sondergard, Elizabeth Patterson and George Zucco — a roster of players especially selected by Director Elliott Nugent for laugh-and-chill provoking proclivities.

THE CANARY . . . Paulette Goddard is the potential prey of the bestial murderer in the mystery-thriller, "The Cat and the Canary," opening tonight at the Lomita theatre.

BEGINNING OF ROMANCE . . . Paul Muni and Jane Bryan are shown here in a scene from the tenderest screen romance of many years, "We Are Not Alone," which opens Sunday at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne.

## Hit-Run Truck Driver Injures Two Pedestrians

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took them to a Hermosa hospital.

Local police on learning the last three numbers of the suspect's car license obtained information from the Department of Motor Vehicles that the truck was registered to M. E. Taylor and Sons of Long Beach.

Police in that city were asked to check with the Taylor firm but before a patrol officer reached the address, two special police officers in that city reported they saw the truck pull up on the car lot used to store the Taylor's machines. The driver jumped from the truck and ran.

**Three Suspects Released**

They tried to catch him but he again eluded capture. A black sweater was found in the cab of the machine and a headlight was shattered. The broken lens corresponded with pieces of glass found where Miss Buckley and Leslie were run down, police said.

Investigation by Long Beach officers centered around three suspects but they were all released later after giving satisfactory alibis. Police Chief Stroh said today that his department is working on several other angles of the hit-and-run case and also that the Long Beach and sheriff's departments were cooperating.

**RESIDENT HURT IN TRUCK-CAR COLLISION**

Mrs. S. Tolson, 930 Arlington avenue, suffered head injuries yesterday afternoon when the car she was riding in, driven by Sada Foss Doll of Wilmington, and a bread truck, driven by William Balbach, Long Beach, collided in the alley near the Ideal Ranch Market, police reported. Mrs. Tolbert was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital.

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## *Torrance Pair Battle Storms on Eastern Trip*

California's sunshine and somewhat premature though none the less welcome springtime looked mighty good to Mrs. O. Carter and her brother, M. C. Miller of Torrance boulevard, when they arrived in Torrance this week following a hurried motor trek to Kansas City, Mo., where they went Christmas day following word that Mrs. Carter's mother, Mrs. Lulu Miller, had suffered a stroke, and probably would not live through the week.

In Arizona the Torrance travelers encountered heavy snow and sleet storms, and from then on they traveled nearly all the way on icy roads. In some places, Mrs. Carter said, trans-continental buses were stalled for five and six hours at a time. Mrs. Carter's mother who is now greatly improved, is waiting for her doctor to release her before starting for California and Torrance. But if he doesn't do it pretty soon, she threatens to come anyway.

## Four Babies Born At Hospital Here

Four babies were born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were:

A son to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Blakeley, Carpenteria, Tuesday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Osborne, Jr., Hermosa Beach, last Thursday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Jackson, Redondo Beach, Monday, and

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Puetz, Redondo Beach, Friday.



## Students Hear Aircraft Talk at Conference

Opportunities in the aircraft industry formed the topic for the second of a series of Vocational Guidance conferences for Torrance high school students arranged by the Youth Service committee of the Rotary club Tuesday afternoon. The speaker was C. T. Reed, educational director for Douglas Aircraft Corporation of Santa Monica. He was introduced by Helen Thompson.

The audience was composed of a most enthusiastic and interested group of boys who listened intently to the speaker and then bombarded him with many questions. The next conference will be on "Civil Service," to be held next month.

**International Interested**

The conference series is arranged by the Rotary committee, composed of James Howe, chairman; Dr. John W. Beeman, B. C. Buxton and Hugh Sherfey. In addition to the vocational meetings, the committee has established and maintains a "Rotary Bookshelf" in the high school library. Books, pamphlets, catalogues and other printed matter are furnished by Rotarians pertaining to their own lines of work for the information of the students.

The Rotary club has been called upon for a report on this library project at the district conference and Rotary International has lately asked for complete information on the whole Vocational Guidance project, according to Chairman Howe.

## Car, Garages and Shack Destroyed by Fire Here

Nineteen forty's first fire occurred late Monday night when a small frame shack, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bandilio Chavez and their three children, burned to the ground on Huntington Road west of Valerie street. The loss was estimated at $15 and the cause is unknown, according to the fire department.

Last night three garages and a coupe automobile burned at 802 Sartori. The car, which was owned by H. L. Wagner, Jr., of Apartment 3 at that address, was fully covered by insurance, it is reported. Cause of this blaze has not been fully determined, firemen said.



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