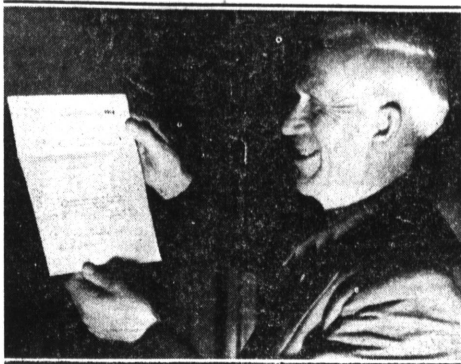


Hannebrink Takes Senior Driver Title from Tolson



BEN HANNEBRINK and LICENSE allowed him to drive a Flanders

In exhibiting a 1914 California driver's license, Ben Hannebrink, Sr., this week snatched the title of Torrance's senior motorist from John S. Tolson, who had been awarded that distinction in this space last week.

Hannebrink's permit to operate a motor vehicle in the Golden State is a formidable red and black document, 10 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches in size. It was issued to him by W. R. Ormsby, then superintendent of the state motor vehicle department. The number is 127899.

Hannebrink's motorist permit precedes Tolson's by four years. The latter possessing a license dated 1918.

Remember the Flanders?

"I was driving a Flanders car then," Hannebrink, who has lived at 1819 Andree since December, 1912, recalled. "You don't remember the Flanders? Well, that was some car. It was a progressive gear machine with high, low and reverse gears. When you wanted to back up you had to come out of high into low and then into reverse."

"She was some buggy," he grinned. "She had a real leather top, acetylene lamps and lots of brass work. Fast? Well, I guess she could do about 35 miles an hour—down hill!"

Hannebrink's license gives his address as 21819 Andree, the original number for that block. Later the 2 was eliminated. A native of St. Louis, Mo., where he worked as a farmer and carpenter until he was 25 and succumbed to Horace Greeley's advice to come west in 1908. He got a job as a blacksmith's helper with the Union Tool Company when E. R. Smith, now head of the National Supply Company's personnel department here, was superintendent.

Chief for 17 Years

He has been with the National Supply since Jan. 4, 1909 and has been in charge of the force shops since that year. Hannebrink joined the Torrance Volunteer Fire department in 1913 when the late Harry McManus was chief and a hand-drawn hose cart was the only fire equipment.

When the city got its first motor truck—a Ford hose wagon in 1916, he became chief and held that position for 17 years.

His son, Ben, Jr., is a volunteer fireman today. The Hannebrinks have a daughter, Mrs. Helen Tavan of this city.

Isen's Liquor Store Scene of Accident

Merchants who display their wares on the sidewalks should carry public liability insurance or else make certain that the stands offer no chance for such accidents as that suffered by Max Pons, well-known local novelty manufacturer, Monday in front of Isen's liquor store on Cabrillo avenue.

While walking along the sidewalk, Pons' foot caught in a wire stand jutting out on the sidewalk and he fell, badly spraining his wrist. Since the accident, Pons said he has paid particular attention to similar obstructions on local sidewalks and noted that many stands offer bases for possible damage suits against merchants.

Chamber Calls Frolic Meeting

Having decided to sponsor the third annual Torrance Factory Frolic this fall, the Chamber of Commerce this week sent out a notice to all city organizations requesting their support of the three-day community festival.

At a meeting scheduled for Monday night, April 15, at 8 o'clock, a general committee to take charge of the Frolic will be organized. All organizations are requested to have representatives at this session.

Among the first matters to be discussed will be the dates for the Frolic, parade features, floats, concessions, exhibits, entertainment and funds to defray expenses of the celebration. Early contact with possible exhibitors is essential. President R. H. Smith pointed out, in order to assure a representative display of Torrance-made and sold products in the Civic Auditorium.

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Uncle Sam Begins Counting 132 Million Nephews, Nieces

Women Drivers Crash at Corner; One is Injured

Two women motorists were involved in a collision early Monday morning at the intersection of Cravens and Graneray avenues which resulted in minor injuries to one of the drivers. She was Miss Bertha M. Clark, 43, of Redondo Beach, who suffered from shock and fainted when her forehead crashed the windshield of her car.

Miss Clark was driving south on Cravens when her machine was struck by an east bound sedan, driven on Graneray by Mrs. Florence Kenney of Rolling Hills. According to police, Miss Clark's car was hit on its right side, the impact spinning the machine around and shoving it 15 feet from the point of collision.

Mrs. Kenney's car skidded 42 feet, police reported. She told investigating officers she did not see Miss Clark's machine until the collision occurred. Miss Clark was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital to recover from shock and the bruise on her forehead.

James Ridge, 1031 Ocean avenue, Torrance, escaped injury last Thursday when his parked car, on which he was repairing a punctured tire, was struck by a machine drunkenly driven by E. J. Bickley, 42, of Hawthorne, at Torrance boulevard and Maple street.

Bickley was arrested for driving while intoxicated and pleaded guilty. He was released on \$100 bail to appear Friday for sentence. Ridge's car was badly damaged by the impact, police said.

Soccer and Ball Games on Sunday at Torrance Park

When the "Benny Markham benefit ball game" was rained out last Sunday at the Torrance city park diamond, plans were started at once to make the postponed event bigger and better than ever. Arrangements were completed last night for a double-featured sports event at the park next Sunday afternoon, all of the proceeds going to Markham who incurred heavy doctor bills when he suffered a broken foot recently.

Starting at 1 o'clock, a regulation soccer game will be played on the field between the L. A. Scots and the Maygars, two outstanding teams.

This will be followed by a ball game between the Torrance Indians and the Dr. Ross club. Admission to both sports events will be 25 cents for adults with children admitted free of charge.

Night School Plans Music Variety Show

The vocal music department of the Torrance adult evening school, under direction of Nelle Gothold, is now rehearsing for a musical variety show to be given in May at the school assembly hall. Selections from the operas Carmen, Floradora, Il Trovatore and Madame Butterfly will be given in costume. A few more voices can be used in small parts and in the choruses. Singers who are interested in participating in this program may see Miss Gothold for an audition on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 o'clock at the school in room 106.

SENT TO CO. JAIL

One hundred and fifty days of his 180-day county jail sentence was suspended for Ralph Asencio, drunk driver, by City Judge Robert Lessing Monday morning when the local Mexican appeared for sentence following his trial the previous week. He was taken to the county jail to begin his month term.

AVIATION TOPIC

Rotarians and guests attending tonight's dinner-meeting will hear W. Rem Thigthen of the United Air Lines discuss "Aviation's Place in Modern Commerce." John Shlider will be program chairman.

On horse and foot, by boat and plane, by auto and bicycle, the Federal census enumerators began calling on Mr. and Mrs. America Monday morning.

Some 120,000 strong, the legion of "nose-counters" set out on the long trek which will take them a total of 25 million miles, produce the answers to more than two billion questions and tell the nation, several months hence, how far it has come since leisurely census men in colonial dress made the first tabulation in 1790.

No home is too fine nor too mean for the enumerators. Uncle Sam promised them four cents apiece for a little more inspection.

Nine Working In This Area

Nine enumerators are canvassing Torrance and Lomita for the Federal population census, according to Cornelius Kelly, 17th Congressional district supervisor. More may be added during the two weeks the "nose counting" is in progress.

The enumerators working in this area are: Frances Hathaway, Frank A. Anderson, Thomas J. Bezich, Mary Helen Scallen, H. M. Bailey, Robert A. Owens, Bula Ardaziz, Florence M. Hart and T. B. Nishimura, the latter working among the Japanese population.

In view of the name and vital statistics on every one of his estimated 132 million nephews and nieces.

Only One Objection

In view of the str created by some rugged individualists over a few of the queries which the enumerators are instructed to ask, the report received today from the 17th Congressional district headquarters is rather surprising. To date, it was authoritatively reported, only one person—a woman—has positively refused to answer the census questions.

Overshadowing all popular quiz games of the moment, the census had, legally, the one central purpose of finding out exactly how many Americans there were, so that the states could be allotted their fair share of the seats in the House of Representatives.

Postoffice Has Record-Breaking March Quarter

An all-time record March quarter for postal revenue was reported this week by Postmaster Earl Comer.

"Our business has been booming for the past three months," he said. "We have done \$10,725.29 worth of postal business which sets a new record."

During the same quarter in 1939, postal revenues here amounted to \$8,884.93. The nearest March quarter to the past three months period was in 1937 when the Torrance post-office revenue amounted to \$9,441.92.

Founders of Large Smith Clan Are Accident Victims

An automobile collision near Cordell, Okla., last Friday took the lives of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Smith of Alfalfa, Okla., parents of Wade, Cecil and Paul Smith of this city. Mr. Smith was 78 and his wife was 74 years of age. While Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smith, Wade and Paul Smith, Mrs. Audrey Brooks (a daughter) of Oakland and Roy Willis of this city attended the funeral service Monday in Oklahoma, memorial service was held at the Paul Smith home here yesterday for other members of the large family.

In addition to their three local sons and daughter, who flew to Los Angeles to join her brothers and made the Oklahoma trip, the accident victims were survived by another son and three other daughters, residing in Oklahoma, 22 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The grandchildren who live in Torrance are Thomas and Benjamin Smith, Fern Davis, Robert Benjamin, Paul, Bruce and Kay Francis Smith, Bert and Connie Smith, and Roy Willis. Great-grandchildren residing here are Myrtle Davis, Barbara Smith and Diana Willis.

March Building Totals \$36,900; Year \$84,9865

New construction here during March amounted to \$36,900, according to a report compiled at the city engineer's office this week. The construction total for the first three months this year was \$84,986.50 as compared to \$280,320 for the same quarter in 1939. The March 1939 building total was \$90,690.

During the past month nine new residences were built at a cost of \$22,050, one double apartment over a four-car garage for \$3,500, seven private garages, \$1,250; two oil derricks, \$6,000; two oil tanks, \$300; alterations and additions to six residences, \$1,400, and alterations to three non-residential structures, \$2,400.

Building permits issued during the past week were: C. C. M. O., a bobtailed oil derrick at 22050 Madrona, \$1,000; Goode and Merrill, two 500 barrel bolted oil tanks at 2438 233rd street, \$300, and Rome Brannum, single frame garage at 22265 Park street, Waverly, \$100.

A. B. Stagner and Joseph Sake of Long Beach, four-room frame stucco residence at 3880 Newton street, \$3,000; Howard H. Cowan, five-room frame stucco residence with garage attached at 2283 Torrance boulevard, \$3,200, and M. L. Darling, 2302 Maricopa Place, five-room frame residence at 2364 Maricopa Place, \$2,000.

Ten Patients Enter Hospital

Ten patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: C. C. Bartsch, 1533 Marcellina, National Supply worker, Tuesday for medical care; Mrs. Beedee Reddo, Los Angeles, Monday for an appendectomy; Norman R. Cloude, 722 Portola, Columbia Steel worker, Friday for an appendectomy.

Mrs. Leona Dugally, Los Angeles, Tuesday for medical care; Barbara Evans, 15, daughter of F. R. Evans of 807 Portola, yesterday for an emergency appendectomy; Roy W. Heath, Redondo Beach, Monday for medical care; Ruth McMillan, 10, North Long Beach, Tuesday for surgery; Mrs. Lillian N. Nelson, Hermosa Beach, Tuesday for surgery; Mrs. Julia Offield, El Segundo, Saturday for surgery; Mrs. Alvidra Santalucia, Hermosa Beach, Friday for medical care.

Because the next regular meeting falls on Tuesday, April 9, municipal election holiday, the city council has postponed its session to Wednesday night, April 10, at 7:45 p. m.

City Asks Delay in Bus Ruling by L.A. Board

HEARINGS END
After H. A. Periman, director of research for the L. A. Railway, had admitted that his company would suffer no percentage loss of revenue by the operation of Ashbury or city buses in Los Angeles, the Railroad Commission took under submission this morning the application of Ashbury and the city for a permit to operate buses. This ended a series of five hearings and an early decision is awaited.

If the Ashbury Rapid Transit System is granted a permit by the State Railroad Commission to operate bus service between Waverly, Lomita, Torrance and Los Angeles, the city of Torrance will step out of the transportation business. Until that time the municipal buses will continue to run between here and 945 South Hill street and the Los Angeles Board of Public Utilities and Transportation is requested to defer action on the city's application for a permit to travel over Los Angeles city streets until after the Railroad Commission announces its decision.

This was the substance of a reply sent the Los Angeles board yesterday following and adjourned meeting of the Torrance city council Tuesday afternoon. The bus matter was the only subject to come before the council at that brief session.

A 15 day extension was granted the city of Torrance in which to amend, if it desired, its application to include this restriction. However, city councilmen were unanimous in their opinion that such a restriction should not be recognized. They pointed out that the municipal bus line would incur a greater deficit than the average \$10 to \$15 per day loss now being taken if fares were thus limited.

Liquor Fees Net Torrance \$906

The city of Torrance will receive \$906.25 as its share of the alcoholic beverage license fees for the last six months of 1939, according to an announcement this week by the State Board of Equalization.

A total of \$1,425,045.24 was allocated to cities and counties of the state, of which \$438,489.49—the largest individual apportionment—will go to Los Angeles county and its cities. The distribution of this fund represents 50 percent of the total liquor license fees earned during the last half of the year amounting to \$2,850,090.48. The state's half of these collections goes into the general fund.

CALDER ON DUTY

After an absence of three weeks, Police Captain G. M. Calder returned to duty Monday morning. He had suffered a severe attack of influenza but appears fully recovered now.

Voters Still Trying to Decide Choices As Race Nears End

With the municipal election only five days away, few voters appear to have made up their minds regarding their choice of which three among the field of 15 candidates for whom they will cast their ballots.

Seldom in the history of Torrance has there been

*such an array of "acceptable" citizens offering their services to the public. Many voters can name up at least six candidates whom they consider "top flight men."

In spite of the abundance of campaign material that has been distributed, many citizens who sincerely desire to cast their votes for the best men to serve the community are still puzzled, if not almost embarrassed, by the necessity of having to narrow down their favorites to three.

Campaign Devoid of 'Mud'

While there are a number of so-called "tickets" in the field, there seems to be no general inclination on the part of the electorate to stay with these voluntary groupings, and it is quite probable that Mr. and Mrs. Torrance Voter will make up their own "ticket" which may include candidates from two or more of the campaign selections as well as those candidates who are running independently.

The campaign up to this point has been unusually clean and promises to continue that way. Aside from a few weak and futile efforts on the part of the "Isen" forces to create "issues" by digging up old and, in most cases, imaginary skeletons, pre-election work of candidates and their workers has been a credit to all and a splendid example of the proper way to choose community leaders in a democratic form of government.

Judging from general comment, the propaganda that has been spread by Albert Isen has created little interest and has done more harm to his own candidates than anyone else.

Call Herald for Results

Full details regarding voting polls, the complete list of candidates and other election information are published in an adjoining column—but the important thing to remember is to VOTE NEXT TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

The Herald office will be open until 10:30 Tuesday night and all telephone calls will be gladly answered. Telephone 444 for election results or watch for The Herald's election bulletins at convenient places about town Wednesday morning.

"Raid" Principals Fail to Appear at Council Session

Altho City Clerk A. H. Bartlett said he had notified them to be present at the adjourned meeting if they desired a hearing on their charges that Police Chief John Stroth had "raided" their cafe on Cabrillo avenue, neither Clifford King nor Inez Hunt, proprietors of the eating place, appeared at the city council session Tuesday afternoon.

If they had been present a hearing was to have been held on the asserted disturbance with Chief Stroth present to give his version of his "visit" at King's Cafe with two deputy sheriffs several weeks ago after he had received reports alleging that it was being used as a "bookie" headquarters.

School Children Get Nutrition Aid in Class

A body-building diet of maltine and food from Federal surplus stores is being provided for children enrolled in a special nutrition class at Torrance Elementary school.

The newly-formed group meets at 10 a. m. each school morning. Each child is given a periodic checkup and his progress recorded on charts. Hot cereal is also served daily to selected students who need the nutrition at the opening of school each morning.

Sunday Rains Up Total to 16 Inches

Not since Feb. 3 did Torrance receive such a drenching as the city soaked up last Sunday when .76 of an inch moisture was recorded by city firemen manning the weather gauge atop the city fire department garage. The intermittent showers raised the season's rainfall total to 16.26 inches. The Feb. 3 storm gauged 1.03 inches.

SEARS IN HOSPITAL

Dean Sears, manager of the Torrance Bank of America, underwent an emergency appendectomy operation yesterday afternoon at Torrance Memorial hospital. He is reported making a good recovery today.

Furniture Opening Specials . . .

If you are the least interested in furniture, see classification 53c on the classified page, and note there the many opportunities to buy at big savings, not the least of which is the ad partially reproduced herewith:

Furniture —53c

FURNITURE
New Store Opening
S-P-E-C-I-A-L-S

Read—Use Our
Want Ads Regularly
for Profit

People and what they are doing.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kelley, 1522 Anapola avenue, spent the weekend at Bakersfield where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Griffiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Henry entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bellah of Whittier at dinner Sunday at their home, 1750 Martina avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter, 1307 Acacia avenue, entertained as their house guest last week Miss Kay Kempton of Syracuse, N. Y., who is a student at the University of Colorado.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hannebrink, Sr., are their niece, Mrs. Kenneth Rose, and her son Kent of Lomita. They will leave California within a few months to join Mr. Rose at Potosi, Bolivia.

Mrs. Theresa Condley returned last week to her home, 1538 Post avenue, from Hollywood where she had been visiting her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Archer Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Allen at Walnut Park.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lowen, 904 Beech, entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Payne and son Gordon of Arlington, Va., at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Severin, 1508 Anapola, were among those from Torrance who enjoyed the desert wild flowers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pierson and family, 1319 Plaza del Amo, motored to Tehachapi to see the wild flowers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Condley, Mrs. Theresa Condley and Mrs. Anna Vonderahe attended the picture, "Gone With the Wind," at Los Angeles Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Darnell and daughter Sondra of Glendale visited friends in Torrance Sunday.

Mrs. Myrtle McManus spent the weekend in Hollywood where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall.

Mrs. Edythe Woodington was called to Santa Rosa last week because of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. H. Housinger.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lee, 1023 Cota avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Roberts of Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gorrell and children, Shirley and Walter, of Jovina.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown (Rubye Brown) of 2117 Cabrillo avenue left Monday for an extended visit at the home of Mrs. Brown's mother at Anamosa, Iowa.