

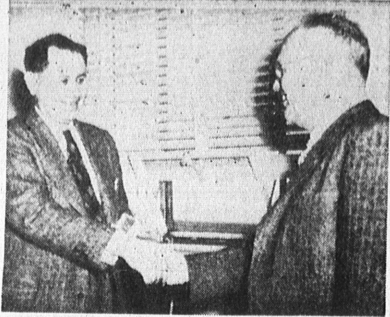
### TEAC Endorses Assembly Bill

Endorsement of Assembly Bill No. 115 was given by the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at a meeting of the group on April 12.

The bill, introduced in the first 1950 Extraordinary Session of the assembly, provides for sites for new schools in proposed new home subdivisions.

The law, if passed, would make it mandatory that subdividers set aside a site satisfactory to the Board of Education for a school to service the new tract of homes.

Recent action taken by the Torrance Board of Education included a request to the City Council that the city not grant approval to new tract maps unless a school site had been considered by the subdivider.



**SAFETY FIRST** . . . D. J. McLaren (left) is shown receiving a coveted 450,000-hour safety award from Paul Sanders, Torrance Refinery superintendent. Sanders is one of the few holders of this distinguished award.

### McLaren Gets Safety Award

D. J. McLaren, of the Torrance Refining department of General Petroleum became the seventh man so honored recently when the company awarded him a 450,000-hour safety award.

His award brought an added distinction to the Torrance plant.

It is the third such award for the plant. Paul Sanders, Refining department, and N. M. Jepsen, Engineering department, are holders of the award.

The award is presented upon completion of 450,000 hours without a time-lost accident in the department.

#### RUSSIAN FARM SIZE

Collective farms in Russia range in size from 250 acres to as much as 2500 acres.

#### BARNACLES ADD WEIGHT

Barnacles can add about 30 tons to the weight of a 10,000-ton ship in one year.

#### CAPITAL CHANGED

Sitka, Alaska, was the seat of government under Russian rule, and capital of the territory under the United States until 1906, when it was replaced by Juneau.



**BRASS SECTION BRUSH-UP** . . . Part of Torrance's prize winning high school band rehearsal. Pictured are: (left to right front row) Dale Whisler, Kenny Roberts, Gerald Johnson, and Don Mitchell. (Back row) Ross Sclarotta, Bob Pickett, and John Meyers.—Herald Photo.

### Torrance High School Band Receives Performance Rating

The Torrance High School band, under the direction of Harold Dunn, fared superior in playing performance at the District Music Contest and Festival at Santa Monica last Saturday. This is the highest rating that is given and qualifies the band to participate in the State contest later in the month at Pomona.

Parents and friends may have the opportunity of hearing the band when they will play in Torrance on April 28 for the annual demonstration and concert of the instrumental music work being done in the Torrance Unified School District. This program will be held in the High School auditorium and will be free to the public.

Solo performers and their ratings were Roy Kato, clarinet, I; Matilde Magana, trumpet, III; Dan Buckley, saxophone, III; and Jack Beeman, clarinet, II, and saxophone, II.

Next public appearance of the band will be Saturday when it marches with the Junior Women's Club Queen parade.

### Stamp Honors Railroaders Of America

To commemorate Casey Jones, famous figure in railroading, a special three-cent stamp will be placed on sale at the Torrance Post Office on April 30, according to Mrs. Clara Conner, postmaster.

Printing of 115,000,000 of the horizontal stamps has been authorized by postal officials. They first will be issued through the Jackson, Tenn., post office on April 29.

Honoring the railroad engineers of America, the maroon colored commemorative will be issued in sheets of 50 subjects.

The central design is a portrait of Casey Jones, superimposed on a locomotive wheel. Just below the portrait appears the name in white Gothic.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancellations of this stamp may send a limited number of addressed envelopes, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Jackson, Tenn., with the postal note or money order remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. Personal checks and postage stamps will not be accepted in payment.

Additional details concerning the new stamp may be had by contacting Mrs. Conner at the local post office.

### Adult Choir To Sing Top Popular Hits

A mixed choir, free to all adults regardless of residence, will be started on Tuesday night, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Torrance Evening High School. Under the direction of Harold Dunn, the choir will meet each Tuesday night.

Keeping in tune with the latest ideas in choral singing Director Dunn will feature "Erec Waring" type music with additional emphasis on popular music and outstanding concert choral music. "Gone are the days," said Dunn, "when people will have to sing the dull, prosaic type number. We aim to sing what everybody wants to hear—what everyone wants to sing—what everyone wants to hear. We hope to add new thrills to the art of choral singing."

Director Dunn has prolific background of successful music work. He was director of the Orange County Festival Choir of 300 mixed voice, and led several high school honor groups. He has studied recently with Howard Swan, now director of the Occidental College Choir.

Enrollees are urged to go directly to class to register, in Room 106 of the High School next Tuesday night at 7 p.m. or telephone Torrance 645 for further information.

### Two Drivers Fined By City Judge Willett

Two men were found guilty of being drunk in an auto and fined a total of \$250 by City Judge Otto B. Willett last Thursday.

Fined \$100 was Jerry E. Lipold, 3537 Senefeld drive. His license was not revoked. A fine of \$150 and a 90-day suspension of driving privileges was handed down to Manuel O. Martinez, 20618 N. Oak street.

### Company Honors Long Service Of Employees

Several Torrance residents were honored recently when officers of the General Petroleum corporation awarded service anniversary pins to long-time employees.

Among those receiving 25-year service pins was S. K. Gumpfer, Jr., of the Refining division.

C. M. Casad, Refining, received a 20-year service pin. A 15-year pin went to Forest Wilson, also of the Refining division.

Seventeen Torrance men were awarded 5-year pins. Those receiving the awards were W. L. Barrett, Engineering; William K. Carder, Engineering; H. E. Collins, Refining; George N. Daugherty, Refining; George H. Home, Refining; R. E. Leslie, Engineering; and C. B. Martin, Refining.

A. J. Matlock, Engineering; Herman Popelar, Refining; P. A. Rymer, Refining; F. B. Sharp, Engineering; Herman B. Sullivan, Refining; M. S. Thornton, Refining; W. M. Vaughan, Refining; John D. Vele, Refining; H. L. White, Refining, and Leonides Yanez, Engineering.

### Burchetts' Son Pays Easter Visit

Easter Sunday was a happy occasion for Mr. and Mrs. James H. Burchett, Sr., of 1507 El Prado, when they welcomed James H. Burchett, Jr., USN, S/K, third class petty officer, who has been stationed in Key West, Fla.

Storekeeper Burchett, on two weeks leave, flew home Sunday for his first visit in almost two years.

### Pupils Enjoy Puppet Show

The pupils of Torrance Elementary, Fern Avenue and Seaside Elementary Schools enjoyed a puppet show recently provided cooperatively by the local school district and the Good Teeth Council for Children, Inc. Professional puppeteers who travel all over the United States with their performance provided a highly entertaining and educational program. The purpose of the project was to help children grow in four areas of a dental health program: 1. Eating the Right Food. 2. Keeping the Teeth Clean. 3. Seeing a Dentist Regularly. 4. Giving Teeth Good Chewing Exercise.

Many follow-up activities, including letters, posters, discussions and dramatizations, were engaged in by the pupils.

#### DAILY MAIL TRAINS

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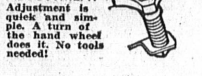
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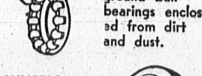
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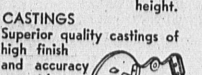
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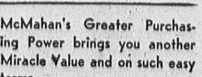
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### Letters To The Editor

Editor, Torrance Herald

Sir: About a week ago, as I was driving through Torrance, one of the officers of the police force had me pull over to the curb.

Though I didn't get the officer's name I do remember his badge number—19. The officer told me I had gone through a signal but I didn't believe him because I didn't see any signal. He could have been awful nasty with me because I was a bit argumentative. Instead he was one of the nicest and most courteous police officers I have ever met. He even offered to take me back and show me the signal. After he left I did go back and sure enough there was the signal right where he said it was.

Getting tickets couldn't be pleasanter. If you could find out the officer's name by his badge number and make mention of it in your paper, it would certainly be worth while.

Sincerely, (Signed) Mrs. Robert Downs Yuma, Arizona.

(Editor's note:—Badge No. 19 belongs to Jim Mitchell, a recent addition to the local force. Nice job of public relationship, Mitchell!)

Torrance, California, April 7, 1950  
Editor, Torrance Herald, Torrance, Calif., Chief of Police, Torrance, Calif. Gentlemen:

The news item appearing in the Herald April 6, 1950 page 2 headlined "Sailor hurt in gang fight here" etc. 3rd paragraph says: according to Captain Wilford Haslam and Patrolman Don Miller, Jackson said: "he and his pals were jumped by seven other fellows who beat the four some and then drove away."

About 12 eye-witnesses told another story of the disgraceful affair. Myself and other people living along Arlington avenue between Sierra street and Sartori avenue were awakened at 11:30 p.m. Saturday night when two autos, eight hoodlums in first car and five in the second car, all of them in different stages of being drunk, pulled to a stop in center of the street; yelling and cursing each other and then engaging in general fist fight.

All 13 of these rioters were around 20 years of age some of them had knives in their hands and threatened to kill each other—one law-breaker was held by two others of the gang and was kicked in the head when lying on the pavement by another ruffian.

At this time the police car was turning the corner of Torrance boulevard and Arlington avenue with the red head light on. The eight delinquents in car No. 1 shouted: "Here comes the cops!" and drove away very fast. Two patrolmen pulled up and got out of the car and made a weak attempt to question the other five standing near car No. 2.

This group of intoxicated youths blamed the first gang

with everything in lots of lies. The police entered their car and dashed toward Sartori avenue... at that moment the second gang of hoodlums jumped into their car, turned around in the street and drove hurriedly away.

The patrolmen failed to do their duty, when not arresting both gangs for being drunk and disturbing the peace and taking these potential criminals to jail. If the citizens who witnessed this brief riot had not phoned the people no doubt some form of murder would have been indulged in. The people are all wondering why the police failed to act!

Any further disturbances of this nature will be written up and the complaint sent to the Attorney General's office at Sacramento, and perhaps they have officers, who are not 'AFRAID to enforce law and order in this community'.

Yours truly, N. A. BROWN 927 Arlington Ave.

April 18, 1950. Editor, Torrance Herald

Sir: I wonder if I might use the columns of your newspaper to express my appreciation to the voters of Torrance.

It is both an honor and flattering to know that the people of this city have seen fit to place their confidence in me for another term.

This is my eighth term as city clerk of Torrance. I promise to serve the people of Torrance with the same enthusiasm as I did when I first took office 28 years ago.

My sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all those who were so helpful. ALBERT H. BARTLETT City Clerk City of Torrance