Rites Conducted For Wife of Columbia Worker

Last rites for Maude Irwin, 50, of 2316 Hill lane, North Redondo Beach, wife of John H. Irwin, Columbia Steel employee, were held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Stone and Myers Chapel. Rev. H. H. Richardson of North Redondo Beach Chapel, officiated.

Surviving the native of Minerva, Ohio, are her husband; a daughter, Stella Holland, Redondo Beach; another daughter, Louise Thorne, of Hawthorne, her father and four brothers, and two sisters, all of Hawthorne and Inglewood.

She had been ill for two years. Interment was in Inglewood Park.
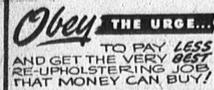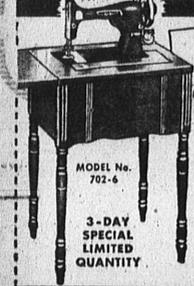
Letters To The Editor

Editor Torrance Herald
Sir:

For quite some time I have had a yearning to attempt an expression of my admiration and keen enjoyment of what I feel to be a very fine contribution to your paper and to the many people who read it each Thursday.

I speak of what I think Mr. Hugh Sherfey has achieved in his very individual style of ad writing. His very wholesome thoughts which he expresses, his timely bits of information, along with his occasional analysis of things. All of this to be appreciated far more in years hence—by his sons.

Sincerely,
MRS. J. R. WINTERS
1204 El Prado

Editor Torrance Herald:

Enclosed find check for $1.50 to pay for the Torrance Herald for six months, which I believe is due. I do not wish to miss the little old home paper.

Give our best regards to all our Torrance friends as we have many of them there. As you will remember, we put in and ran the Grand Sweet Shop there for so long.

Kindest regards,
MR. AND MRS. C. B. GLICK
1470 Jay street,
Lakewood 15, Colo.

Local Attorney To Head Panel

James M. Hall, local attorney, will serve as moderator of a panel discussion on Oil and Gas at the forthcoming State Bar convention in Los Angeles.

The four-day confab, October 2 to 6, will feature 18 other panels of direct practical importance to members of the bench and bar.

Other members of the Oil and Gas Panel are Frank P. Barton, Los Angeles; Adolph H. Levy, Los Angeles; William L. Holloway, San Francisco; and Turner H. McBaine, San Francisco.

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

Corner of Plaza del Amo and Border avenue, 6:04 p.m. August 12, grass.

City dump, 8:35 a.m. August 12, scrap lumber.

Ding How Cafe, 1652 Cabrillo avenue, 3:28 p.m. August 10, linen touching light bulb in closet.

Furniture factory, 1904 Abalone avenue, 1:12 p.m., August 10, smoldering sawdust from earlier fire.

RALPH STANDRIDGE

Mother of Army Man Declares Rumors Untrue

... Hale, Hearty, and Alive

Rumors that Ralph Standridge, 18, former Torrance High School football star, was "missing in action in Korea" were declared untrue this week by his mother, Mrs. Ruth Standridge, 1214 Beech avenue.

"In fact," said Mrs. Standridge "he isn't even in Korea." The ex-Tartar Varsity end is now with the Military Police in Tokyo.

His mother could give no explanation as how the rumors, ranging from "wounded" to "killed in action," started.

She said she had received a letter from her son last week in which he said it was doubtful that M.P.'s would be sent to Korea.

Pvt. Standridge played with the 1948 Varsity. He joined the Army in August of last year.

New Bank Construction Under Way in Lomita

Construction of new and larger quarters for California Bank's Lomita Office is under way at 2173 West Lomita boulevard.

Of conventional modern design, the bank's facade will be of concrete and red brick with its large windows and plate glass main entrance trimmed in white metal.

Interior plans call for a commodious lobby, fluorescent lighting and added operating facilities. John R. Stanton is manager in charge of the Lomita branch.

Reflections

BUILDING CASTLES.

By J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr.
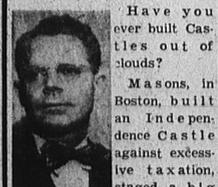
Have you ever built Castles out of clouds?

Masons, in Boston, built an Independence Castle against excessive taxation, staged a big tea party and gave us The United States of America. A youth builds a Castle; through industry it materializes into a home. Our forefathers looked to the West and built Castles; privation, rugged stick-to-it-ness built a Nation. A man built a Castle, saw an explosion with steel wails and gave us automobiles. Another man built a Castle out of that explosion, dynamos and motors and gave us Diesel locomotives. An Italian immigrant built a Castle out of money and honor; he gave us the largest Chain Banking System in the world—The Bank of America. Torrance would have mud in her streets, would get our water from a town pump and use oil lamps if men and women hadn't built Castles. Progress follows Castles.

"WE HAVE SERVED THIS COMMUNITY FOR 28 YEARS"

YOUTH BAND INVITED TO L.A. COUNTY FAIR

An invitation to participate in an all-day musical program at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona on Sunday, Sept. 24, has been extended to the Torrance Area Youth Band, according to James Van Dyck, director of the band.

The band will appear in concert as part of the day's program, he said. The concert will be broadcast and televised.

Following the concert, the band and the Torrance All-Girl Baton Corps will march in a parade at the fair grounds.

One week from today, Aug. 24, the band will go to Santa Barbara where they will take part in the annual Fiesta. The Baton Corps will not accompany the band; Van Dyck said, because the band has been requested to play Spanish music in keeping with the Fiesta theme.

The group will leave here by bus at 7 a.m. next Thursday. The bus will leave from the Civic Auditorium. Forrest Meyers, president and Ernie Goff, secretary of the band, will accompany the musicians on the trip.

Drale Elected Head of Demos

Councilman Nicklas Drale was elected chairman of the Torrance Democrats Inc., at a breakfast meeting held Sunday morning in the VFW hall.

Also elected were Tex Bradford, who will be vice-chairman; Jess Dean, treasurer; and Judge John Shidler, parliamentarian. George Downing was re-elected to the post of secretary.

Directors named were Mrs. Jess Dean, Beverly Smith, and Mrs. Tex Bradford.

BIRD BEAK COUNT

The U. S. bird population has been estimated at at least five billion.

SEA GUIDEPOST

First lighthouse erected in the United States was on the north side of Boston harbor in 1716.

AN ENGRAVER TOO

Plates from which was printed the first paper money used in the U. S. were engraved by Paul Revere in 1775.

Nature Students Visit Aquarium

Celebrating Nature Week, a group of 20 participants from Perry Playground last week journeyed to the Hermosa Aquarium.

After inspecting the aquarium, the group saw a seal show, waded in the ocean, went out on the Hermosa pier, and visited the boardwalk.

Feature attractions were sharks, octopi, stingerees, sea horses, giant turtles, and other deep sea denizens, according to Jean Lancaster and Leonard Lifton, playground supervisors.

Those who enjoyed the excursion were Kenny Deshler, Billy Hembree, Brian and Terry Blair, Billy Knocke, Reggie and Shera Hill, Judy, Duke, Beverly and Tommy Bingham, Joe, Dick, and Tommy Hedgecock, Beverly Horst, Sam Edwards, Gary, David and Darrell Ferguson, and Kenny Brown.