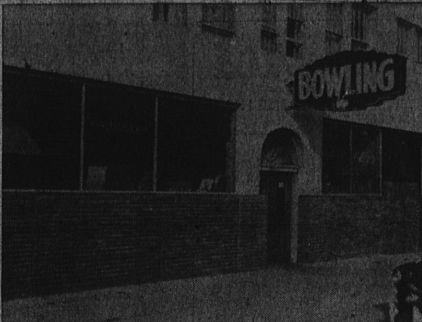


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Friday the 19th was a lucky day for Charles B. Dunham, owner of Dunham's Auto Parts, 1407 West Carson, who opened his business on that day in 1931 with a gas station and supplies. In 1947 he built a new building, and he now has a complete stock of auto parts and mill supplies. He has a machine shop where he rebuilds motors and does miscellaneous machine work. He has built a fine reputation and his business is now 100 times his original size.



Torrance Bowl, 1953 Carson, is "The House of Action," owned and operated for the past 1 1/2 years by Ernie Slabotky, a bowling enthusiast who made a business of it. He has 8 all-maple lanes and open bowling every night. There is also a snack bar where you can get the best hamburger in town. Instructions in bowling every afternoon.



Mrs. Lucy Mirt Besthears, owner of Mirt's Cafe, 535 W. B St. and the Cork Cafe, 909 W. Anaheim, has been in the cafe business in Southern California since 1942. She resides in Wilmington and has raised six children who are testimonials for her good cooking. Picture shows Mary E. Porter, daughter, on the right and Eleanor Boddie on the left. Cork Cafe is open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. serving lunch, coffee, and beer.



Always feel welcome to come in and browse all you want to in the invitation of Neta Mann and Ida Rife, owners of Neta's Toys to Teens which has been located at 1273 Sartori Ave. for the past 2 years. Neta was manager of Benson's Dress Shop for 8 years and both Neta and Ida have approximately 18 years experience in this line of work. They offer attractive fashions for little ones "from Heaven to Eleven" with toys, furniture and gifts for the same age group.

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