

Employers Urged To Consider Physically Handicapped Workers

Kenneth E. Bradley, manager of the Torrance office of the United States Employment Service, today urged Torrance employers to meet the challenge of "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week," Oct. 6 to 12.

He was joined by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfy Jr., who issued a proclamation to the people of Torrance so as to promote the full, suitable and gainful employment of the physically disabled.

"The great majority of the handicapped persons are employable," Bradley declared. "All they need is a chance to prove what they can do."

Throughout the nation "Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" in 1945 resulted in placements 34 percent greater than the same period in September, he said. The demobilization of thousands of disabled veterans from the armed forces makes the need for suitable employment opportunities even greater this year. We must exceed 1945's record. This is a responsibility all of us must share.

A physical handicap is not necessarily a vocational handicap, Bradley explained. Many men and women whose physical activities are limited surpass the records set by non-handicapped workers. The blind have proved

outstandingly successful in inspection work requiring a fine sense of touch rather than visual observation. The deaf make excellent machinists where noise is a distraction others have to overcome. Few office jobs require the use of both arms or both legs, and a surprising number of industrial positions can be filled by individuals with physical impairments.

The three million handicapped persons placed by the United States Employment Service during the war years built up splendid records of efficiency, safety and attendance. Peace time industries must offer them the same opportunities as war production. Two hundred and fifty thousand veterans throughout the nation are looking for jobs also, and there are thousands still to be discharged from the service and the hospitals. They need special consideration since many of them will have to change their occupations entirely because of their service connected disabilities.

The United States Employment Service has specially trained interviewers to assist employers in placing handicapped workers in suitable positions, Bradley said. 47 percent of the handicapped persons referred to jobs by the USES are hired.



CLUB CHAIRMAN . . . Freed Dilley, long-time resident of Torrance and a member of the board of directors of Palos Verdes Country Club, has been chosen by President Marshall Petrie to head the club's advisory board for course operation. The board will join the City Council country club committee and lessee Larry Beaulac in planning improvements at the hillside course.

Country Club Membership Limited To 250

Memberships in the Palos Verdes Country Club, now past the 210 mark, will be closed at 250, club officials said today. The current membership campaign, in which 16 have been added in the past three weeks, would be extended until the desired goal is reached.

San Pedro, with seven new members, topped the first report in the drive, while Wilmington and Torrance each contributed three, Palos Verdes Estates two and Los Angeles one. N. Y. Jordahl of Redondo Beach is chairman of the drive and has associates in San Pedro, Wilmington, Torrance, Hermosa and Manhattan Beach and Palos Verdes.

Continued improvement of the golf course was authorized early this week at a meeting of the newly-created operating committee, and appropriations were approved for purchase of new equipment.

New members from Torrance signed by Area Chairman Freed Dilley include William Rojo, George Uhar and Ray Sleppy. Sleppy now is at Pebble Beach for the State Amateur Championship Tournament and will represent Palos Verdes in all future tournaments.

George Fritts of Torrance paired with Mrs. Myrtle Dilley, another local resident, to shoot low gross in the Mixed Four-some Tournament held over the past weekend. Fritts is the only man ever to hold the Palos Verdes Club championship three years, having won it in 1944 and in 1945 to be the only man ever to win it twice in a row. Mrs. Dilley is president of the Woman's Club.

Attack Hearing Opens Tomorrow In City Court

Preliminary hearing will open at 11 o'clock tomorrow in Torrance City Court on the case of Ernest Oganessoff, 38, charged with criminal attack Sunday morning on Mrs. Georgia L. Eaton, 48, of Compton.

Oganessoff, arrested Sunday at his home, 2222 W. 182nd st., where the act is alleged to have occurred, was arraigned Monday morning and is free on \$1,500 bail.

Police meanwhile are seeking John Elston, 18, of Alhambra, suspected as an accessory in the crime.

New Police File System Being Installed

Keeping pace with the growth of his city and increased demands for information service from FBI and other police departments, Torrance Police Chief John R. Stroh last week announced a new filing system for detail reports.

Under the new method of indexing, names of all persons involved in any police report will be made readily available, and information concerning them will not be buried in monthly detail sheets.

Inspiration for the new system was an FBI training course taken during the summer by Chief Stroh, which pointed out its greater efficiency.

In addition to filling all new reports by the advanced method,

325 POUND PRISM

A 325 pound prism—the largest ever made—has been constructed for a Mexican observatory. Ground to a surface tolerance of less than three millionths of an inch, it will record 1,000 stars on a single photograph.

Miss Lucille Stroh, secretary, is now spending her few spare moments bringing into the system the Torrance police department's 5,000 old style criminal files.

Formerly, the only information contained on a name file card was the name, age and file number of the subject of a complaint. Now, Miss Stroh reports, such cards will cross-reference all parties involved, giving many more details on the subject.

Completion of the task is expected to take about a year. It will be hampered, Chief Stroh pointed out, by the lack of space and cramped quarters under which the Torrance police department must operate.

Rites Today For Crash Victim

Funeral services will be held at Dunaway's Funeral Home, at 10 o'clock this morning, for Mrs. Helen Lee Ellis, 37, of 5122 W. 125th st., Hawthorne, who was killed Friday night when a motorcycle on which she was a passenger collided with a car at Main and Moneta sts.

Mrs. Ellis is survived by her widower, Alva Lee Ellis; her father, James Hughes of Plainville, Ill.; a brother, Robert Lee Hughes, of Hawthorne, and three sisters, Mrs. Clara June Coomes of Carlinville, Ill., and Mary Louise and Norma Jean Hughes of Plainville, Ill. Interment will be in Inglewood Park cemetery.

Walter Anderson, resident of the Torrance Hotel and driver of the motorcycle, is convalescing at the home of friends in Torrance.

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