Buddies Start Fund for Train Victim

FOR A BUDDY . . . Six boys who were with Bill Gray when he lost his arm last Wednesday were prepared to open a bank account with $25 the sextette collected among themselves. Money will be used to buy an artificial arm for the 15-year-old Torrance High School athlete. Pictured are, (left to right): Jim Leech, Cal Browning, Jo Sales (bank teller), Dave Coleville Jr., Bob Carroll, Billy Kuddlemyer, and Johnny Spiller. —Herald Photo.

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L. DEININGER NAMED ACTING POSTMASTER

Injured Youth's Mother Praises Buddy's Heroism

Six boys who were with Bill Gray last week when he lost his arm in a train accident banded together this week and quietly offered to bank $25 to start a fund to purchase an artificial arm for their school buddy and teammate.

One of the six, Calvin Browning, was commended by Mrs. Don H. Bunge, mother of the injured boy, as being responsible for saving the life of her son and sought recognition for Browning's heroism.

Young Gray, a 15-year-old athlete at Torrance High School, lost his left arm above the elbow last Wednesday afternoon when he fell from a freight train he and the other boys were trying to "hop" as it rolled along the Santa Fe tracks west of the Crenshaw boulevard crossing.

He was given first aid by Browning before being taken to the County Harbor General Hospital. Officials at the hospital appealed to Mrs. Bunge this week for her help in obtaining blood donors who would be able to replace the plasma given to the injured athlete.

Mrs. Velora Murphy, 1407 Greenwood avenue, and Mrs. Beverly Long, 1222 Date avenue, two local mothers who have been

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LEND MORAL SUPPORT . . . Jerry Leavy (left) who lost both arms after he fell from a tree when he was 14 years old, and Lonnie Carberry, who lost both arms in France during World War II, dropped in to see 15-year-old Bill Gray, at the Harbor General Hospital this week. With her son Billy, is Mrs. Don H. Bunge.—Herald Photo.

Optimist Club Will Install New Officers

Optimist Club members and their wives will attend the installation of recently elected officers at a dinner-dance to be held in the Hollywood Riviera Country Club on Saturday night, it was revealed following a meeting of the club last night.

Among those who will be installed are: Delbert Vaughn, president; Cliff Graybehl, vice-president; Harry Watkins, second vice-president; Vern Lovelady, secretary; and Edward "Wink" Winkelbauer, treasurer.

The officers will be installed by Lt. Governor Raleigh Nall.

Dancing will follow the installing ceremonies.

Dr. Jose Fernando Trigo, outstanding speaker from South America will be the chief speaker of the evening.

Informal dress is in order for the event.

Watch Out Who You're Calling A 'Dumb Cop', Now

Tired of hearing the non-too-flattering phrase, "Oh, he's just a dumb cop" eleven members of the Torrance Police Department have taken it upon themselves to do something about it.

They have gone back to school!

The group of officers have enrolled in an 18-week course at El Camino College. Their three-R's" of study will include courses in narcotics, ballistics, explosives, microscope usage,

Jolley Elected as Top Toastmaster

Tweed Jolley, local insurance broker, was elected president of the newly-formed Toastmasters Club at a meeting held in Vurp's Cafe last Monday night.

Other officers include: Walt Schaefer, vice-president; Harry Watkins, secretary treasurer; Delbert Vaughn, deputy-governor; and Ray Staver, sergeant-at-arms.

The new president of the club said that applications for charter memberships in the organization would close February 28th. There are five charter memberships open, Jolley said. He urged those who wished to become charter members to contact the club's secretary, Harry Watkins, at Torrance 219R.

The "Charter Party" will be held April 11th, the president stated.

'Cycle Rider Lucky after Long Spill

Despite being dragged 145 feet by his careening motorcycle, Keith I. Richter, 17, of Van Nuys, sustained only minor injuries Sunday afternoon. He told police he was riding his 'cycle on Crenshaw Boulevard north of 203rd St. when it struck a rut and zoomed out of control.

The mishap brings the year's total accident figures for the city to:

Accidents	46
Injured	19
Killed	0

RANGE RIDERS? . . . Familiar to many is the type of round-up in which these members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce are engaged. The ten-gallon-hat-passing event took place to gather the last requests for table reservations for the Chamber's Annual Round-Up Dinner in the Civic Auditorium Monday evening March 7th. Pictured are, left to right, front row; Blaine Walker, chamber secretary; Grover Whyte, a director; Charles V. Jones, chamber president; Reed H. Parkin, vice-president, and C. T. Rippy, a director. Back row: Bob Haggard, a director; A. B. Smith, manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.; W. T. Tillotson, a director; and Dean Sears, a director.

'No-Toll' Phone Service Seen as Only Solution

Utilization of the "extended service" telephone facilities seems the only present solution of the problem of bringing areas lying within the city limits but served by outside exchanges closer to Torrance. This was the opinion expressed this week by directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce following a lengthy conference with Floyd Y. Snyder, district manager, and A. B. Smith, local manager, of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

The discussion was prompted by an effort to have residents of Kettler Knolls served by the Torrance telephone exchange. They are now served by the Lomita exchange. Telephone officials explained that practically all telephone subscribers in the Kettler Knolls tract have "extended service," which enables them to call Torrance without a toll charge.

Boundaries of the various telephone exchanges are set by the California State Railroad Commission, Snyder stated, and are not subject to change to conform to shifting municipal boundaries. He said that the telephone company has found by long experience that the best solution of the problem is thru the use of extended service, which is now subscribed to by 91 per cent of Lomita telephone users and 75 per cent of Torrance subscribers.

Final Community Concert Features Violinist Eidus

Arnold Eidus, violinist, will be the next artist in the Community Concert Series, and will be heard next Tuesday evening, Mar. 1, at the Torrance High School Auditorium, according to Mrs. Robert S. Sleeth, secretary of the local organization.

This is the last of the concerts in the 1948-49 series, it is explained, and a capacity audience is expected to hear this exceptional artist.

HERALD STILL SERVES DESPITE PICKET LINE

At 6:30 last evening (Wednesday), — an hour before press-time for this Dollar Days edition, — pickets appeared at the office and employees entrances of the Torrance Herald carrying signs imprinted "Torrance Herald Unfair, Union Printers Locked Out."

The action apparently was a move on the part of the International Typographical Union, San Pedro local, to force the rehiring of four union printers who had walked off the job on Friday, Feb. 11, and had noti

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WALTERIA'S PRETTIEST . . . Maxine Coats was chosen over a bevy of other beauties as the prettiest and most popular girl in Walteria by the local business men's club.

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Mass Offered for John V. Murray

Several hundred persons gathered Monday morning in Church of Nativity to attend solemn high mass offered for John Victor Murray, 60, of 1912 Andreo avenue, whose death occurred Friday night following a lengthy illness.

A native of Nova Scotia, Mr. Murray arrived in Torrance 30 years ago. Since that time, both he and Mrs. Murray have been active in church, social, and civic life in the community.

A former Torrance city councilman, he also served as president of the Holy Name Society, as a Grand Knight and district deputy of the Knights of Columbus and until his death had been an active member of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

In recent years he had been engaged in real estate business and held a membership in the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board.

Two members of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus in full regalia stood guard at the Murray residence Sunday evening and again at the solemn obsequies in the church Monday morning.

His memory also was honored at both services by the presence

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Oath to be Given To Assistant PM Within Few Days

Assistant Postmaster Louis H. Deininger will be appointed acting postmaster at Torrance within a few days, according to word received yesterday from Washington.

The surprise announcement came in response to an inquiry made by this newspaper as to when Mrs. Margaret O'Toole, rural mail carrier, was to be sworn in as temporary postmaster to succeed the late Postmaster C. Earl Comer, whose sudden death on Feb. 3, left the office vacant.

Mrs. O'Toole last week stated that she had received word from Congressman Cecil R. King that he had recommended her for the post. It is assumed that Mrs. O'Toole did not meet the civil service requirements, which prompted the elevation of Deininger from assistant to acting postmaster "until the position can be filled permanently by an open competitive civil service examination as required by law," according to Washington authorities.

The Washington release to The Herald stated that the action was being taken at the "suggestion of the Postmaster General in view of civil service requirements and continuity of service to the area served by the Torrance post office."

Deininger will be sworn-in within the next few days, it was learned.

According to federal civil service requirements, the open competitive examination will be held within six months unless there is reason for a postponement.

Deininger's selection as acting postmaster comes as a reward for his 24 years service on the Torrance post office staff, beginning as a clerk in January, 1924. He first entered the postal service in 1917 at Owatonna, Minn., and has been in postal service continuously, excepting for 16 months military service in World War I. He was assigned to the infantry and spent 13 months overseas.

Always active in veteran affairs, Louis H. Deininger was commander of the Torrance post, American Legion, in 1932-33. His wife, Maude, has also been active in Legion Auxiliary affairs. She is on the auditing staff of the city clerk's office. The Deiningers reside at 1337 Engracia ave.

Firm Planning New City Directory Starts Survey

Torrance may have a 1949 City Directory.

Survey of the city is being made this week by the Civic Directory Company of Santa Ana, publishers of the last city directory in 1946, to determine whether to issue a 1949 edition.

BULLETIN

Three high school students, two from Torrance and one from Narbonne, were in the Torrance city jail last night after they confessed to burglarizing a cafe on three separate occasions. Another youth, implicated by th ethreesome, was said to have "skipped" school and has disappeared.

The youths were apprehended when police officers followed footprints leading from the Deep Sand Cafe, 23219 Narbonne avenue to the home of one of the quartet—a well-known athlete at Torrance High School.

The boys confessed to entering the cafe and obtaining approximately $80. They denied taking part in a series of other burglaries which have harassed police and sheriffs in the area for the past two weeks.