

OPTIMIST INSTALLATION

Printers

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 at our doors in an attempt to halt publication of last week's Herald. As a newspaper we reported the story—faithfully and without bias. However, to eliminate any possible criticism the Herald asked the printers to report the story as they see it—so that our readers might judge for themselves who is "unfair."
 "Thomas was advised of the deadline for today's issue of the Herald. Up until three hours past that deadline yesterday we received no acknowledgment of our invitation to present 'their side of the story.'"
 Whyte's letter to Thomas read:

March 1, 1949
 Franklin A. Thomas, president
 San Pedro Typographical
 Union No. 862,
 115 S. Walker Avenue,
 San Pedro, Calif.

Dear Mr. Thomas:
 In keeping with the Torrance Herald's traditional policy of presenting ALL sides of controversial issues of public interest, we invite you to present your views of the current trade dispute between the former members of the Torrance Herald's printers' staff who are members of the Typographical Union and the management of the Torrance Herald.

Your reply will be given equal prominence with the presentation of our report. Both stories will run in normal columns in the same size type. Your report will be published WITHOUT ALTERATION, excepting for the deletion of libelous statements, which we do not anticipate will be made.

It is requested that the stories be limited to a maximum of 500 words, and that you submit your copy not later than our closing deadline, at 12 noon, Wednesday, March 2, 1949.

Yours truly
 TORRANCE HERALD
 (Signed) Grover C. Whyte,
 publisher

GCW:mtd
 "The walkout by the printers was entirely unnecessary, as there were two other procedures open to them, both within the rigid rules of the Typographical Union," said Publisher Whyte. They were:

(1) "The printers who quit simply could have requested permission from the shop superintendent to lay off Fridays, (and make up the lost day by working two or three hours' overtime) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays). This has been common practice in the past whenever individual employees desired a day off for purely personal reasons. In this case, there would have been no change whatsoever in the seniority or security status of the printers, or their take-home pay; or,

(2) "As was admitted by the union chairman, the individual printers could have accepted the offer of the management to be 'suspended' in this case, also, the seniority standings would have been maintained and the take-home pay unchanged.

"However there apparently was no desire to cooperate with the management in its efforts to operate without loss and thus keep their well-paying jobs," Whyte concluded.

Returns from So. America

Jack Koch, owner of the Star Furniture Company, returned last night from a six week's tour of South America.

Restaurant Man Offers to Build, Run Bus Depot

An offer to construct and operate a \$50,000 bus terminal is being prepared this week by James Baudin, local restaurant owner, for submission to the city council.

Tuesday morning at a meeting with members of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce and City Manager George Stevens, Baudin outlined his plan to build a waiting-room with public rest rooms and a restaurant to seat 50 persons on the triangular plot of ground to the rear of the Bank of America building on Cabrillo and Engracia avenues.

Stevens asked Baldwin to prepare a written proposal stating specifically and in detail what he "had to offer" the city in exchange for a franchise to operate the terminal.

Parked Auto Blamed for Accident

An auto, parked too close to the intersection of 174th Street and Arlington Avenue, was blamed by Torrance police for an accident last Sunday, that resulted in minor injuries to one person.

Local police reported Bonnie Wieggers of Inglewood, injured woman, was the passenger in a car reported to have been driven by Bonnie Peter Wieggers, 42 years, also of Inglewood. Wieggers' auto is said to have crashed with one being driven by Richard Carl Ball, 36, 2903 West 174th Street.

Both drivers told police officer Larry Benton they did not see the other car until too late to avoid a crash due to the "blinding" effect of an auto parked near the intersection.

Closing

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 chairman of the Veterans Service Committee.

The closing of the center will make it necessary for veterans to travel to San Pedro, Long Beach, or Los Angeles for assistance with their service difficulties.

Caldwell stated, however, he will continue to serve as Service Officer for Post 3251 the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

School

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 was not accepted by the owners and that condemnation proceedings would start at a trial to be held on March 8th.

4. Advised the board that Dr. L. N. Ellinwood, owner of the ten acre site in the Hollywood-Riviera section, was conferring with heirs to the Ellinwood estate about the price offered by the board for the site and that an affirmative answer was expected momentarily.



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OPTIMISTS INSTALL... Among the many local people who attended the Torrance Optimists Club installation and dinner dance last Saturday night at the Hollywood-Riviera Country Club were those pictured above. In the photo at top left are: President Delbert Vaughn, Mrs. Vaughn, and Mr. Harry Watkins. In middle photo left: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, Miss Margaret Vail, and Past-president Boris Woolley. Lower left: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Darow, Mrs. and Mr. Ray Richhart. Top right: George Paltridge, Mrs. Cliff Graybehl, Mrs. Paltridge, and Cliff Graybehl. Lower right: Mrs. and Mr. Art Woodcock, Mrs. and Mr. E. V. Winklebauer.—Herald Photos.

BEAUTY IS ON WAY TO HEALTH AFTER ACCIDENT

Beautiful Dorothy Ruth O'Brien, who lay unconscious in the hospital for 45 days after she was spilled from a horse last November 28th, has "improved remarkably" and is expected to return home in two weeks.

However, the 20-year-old former Narbonne student and Torrance High graduate will not be able to receive visitors in the near future, according to her sister, Mrs. Robert Wilson of 24717 Cypress street.

The girl suffered head injuries in the horseback riding accident which took place on Crenshaw

boulevard some 300 yards north of Palos Verdes drive, north. A witness, Llewellyn Phillips said that Miss O'Brien's horse left the road and ran into a fence.

A former El Camino College student, Miss O'Brien was employed at Towne's Smart Shop, of San Pedro where she lives. Her mother is Mrs. Lola O'Brien, formerly of Lomita.

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Red Cross Sets Kick-off Today

Today at 1:30 p.m. is the time set for the 1949 Red Cross fund campaign kick-off ceremony in Torrance, according to Harry Greenwood, volunteer chairman for the community.

The meeting, which 50 persons are expected to attend, will be held in the Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado.

OBITUARY

EDWARD R. BUCKLEY
 Edward Ross Buckley, 76, died Monday at his home, 1611 Date avenue, following an illness. Services were held yesterday afternoon in Stone & Myers Chapel, Rev. Leonard D. Babcock officiating. Interment followed at Inglewood Park Cemetery. A native of Tennessee, Mr. Buckley had made his home here for the past nine years. He is survived by his widow, Lottie S., of the home address; two sons, Loton B. and Forrest Lee Buckley, Torrance; a daughter, Dora Mae Aitchison, Wilmar. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Tommy Lee Aitchison, Wilmar; Claudette Buckley and William E. Buckley, both of Torrance.

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MASONIC RITES HELD FOR ERNEST TOMKINS

Masonic Services were held Saturday afternoon in Stone & Myers Chapel for Ernest N. Tomkins, 81, of 1811 Gramercy avenue, whose death occurred Wednesday morning of last week in Palm Springs where he was stricken while visiting his son Raymond.

Officiating at the services in addition to members of Torrance Lodge No. 447, F.&A.M., were Rev. Clyde E. Ruckman, pastor of First Methodist Church and Rev. Harry Branton, former pastor. Interment followed at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mr. Tomkins, a native of London, England, had lived in the United States for 56 years. Arriving in Torrance in 1918, he engaged in the painting contracting business and for many years maintained a wallpaper and paint store on Marcelina avenue.

Keenly interested in civic and church life of the early days here, his interest and that of Mrs. Tomkins, centered in Masonic and Eastern Star work.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lola Mae Tomkins, of the home address; a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Richhart, 1811 Gramercy avenue; a son, Raymond G. Tomkins, Palm Springs; four grandsons, George and Ernest Tomkins, Palm Springs; Glenwood Tomkins, New York; and Richard Richhart, Torrance. Also surviving are his great grandchildren, Raylene Tomkins, Banning; and Tom Tomkins, New York.

'Time Saver' Suggested by Veterans Aid

A time-saving hint for veterans of the Torrance Area as offered by J. G. Caldwell, director of the Veterans Service Center: "BRING ALONG YOUR PAPERS."

Caldwell explained that many veterans come to the VSC office for assistance with various problems involving state or federal benefits, only to find that they have to make an extra trip to bring in such documents as a copy of discharge, veterans administration correspondence, National Service Life Insurance premium receipts, or various certificates of eligibility.

It is particularly important for a veteran to bring papers bearing his VA claim number, Caldwell added.



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