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CITY UNZIPS HEARTS FOR TOWNSEND FAMILY

Don Armstrong Named To Head Chest Drive

Attorney Donald Armstrong has been appointed chairman of Torrance's 1952 Community Chest campaign, it was announced yesterday by Sam Levy, Harbor area chairman.

Armstrong last year served as vice chairman of the Torrance campaign, and headed the fund-raising appeal in Palos Verdes Estates, where he lives at 812 Via Conejo.

The new city chairman will direct the activities of more than 400 volunteers who will raise funds for 160 separate health and welfare services in the greater Los Angeles area.

Torrance First

Last year's highly successful campaign here found Torrance becoming the first city in the Los Angeles Chest area to meet its quota in the residential division. The residential workers went over the top on their first day, becoming the first city in the Los Angeles area to complete a one-day campaign.

Armstrong indicated that he would be able to announce his appointments to handle top positions in the Torrance campaign in the near future.

Dabbs Named

At the same time Levy appointed Armstrong to the Torrance city chairmanship, he also announced that Jack Dabbs this year would act as vice chairman of the entire Harbor area campaign.

Dabbs, manager of the M & M



DONALD ARMSTRONG
... Red Feather Chief

theaters here last year headed the Chest campaign in Torrance. He lives at 1640 Juniper Ave.

Housewife's Kick Thwarts Attacker With Big Knife

Quick thinking and fast kicking by a young housewife beat off a knife-wielding attacker who had followed her from downtown Torrance to her home, Monday night.

Mrs. Tillie Mier, 29, told Harbor Division police the man grabbed her after she had alighted from her car in the garage at her home, 1601 W. 227th St. He held a knife at her throat and warned her not to struggle or yell.

But Mrs. Mier wriggled free from his grip screamed and kicked at the attacker. He fled, leaving his black-handled knife on the garage floor.

A car had followed her home from a shopping trip down town, she reported to investigators.

Aid for Stricken Family Pours In from Every Quarter of City

Torrance folks unzipped their hearts this week to help an ex-GI who lies critically injured in a local hospital with a foot on either side of the threshold of death's door.

Old-fashioned American highheartedness began to make itself apparent early this week following the publication of a story telling of the string of hard luck events that has hit former Sergeant Don Townsend, a veteran of two wars.

"Critical" is the description given 27-year-old Townsend by attendants at the Harbor General Hospital where the former National Guardsman lies in a hospital bed, his left leg dangling from weighed traction gear.

Injured in Crash

Townsend, who lives with his wife, Betty and two-year-old daughter Vicki at 20951 Brighton Ave., was injured in an auto accident one week ago today in a crash at Avalon Blvd. and Carson St. The accident was the climax to a 11-month reign of bad luck for him. While serving in Japan last September he tripped over a communications line during a blackout practice maneuver, fell 42 feet and fractured his right leg. The injured hip left him limping.

He came home from overseas, went to work, and his union went out on a nation-wide strike. He had just bought a GI home. Two weeks ago his wife gave birth to another child. It arrived three months prematurely weighing but two pounds, six ounces. It is still in an incubator.

Vicki is III

Vicki, the two-year-old, has whooping cough. Following the publication of a story of the veteran's plight, a number of developments have occurred.

The American Red Cross guaranteed an immediate supply of blood. Some of his buddies in the 578th Combat Engineers came forward and have already donated or have promised blood.

A group of neighbors, the Woodley Square Homeowners Assn., are staging a social event Saturday night in the American Legion hall. The American Legion has donated the use of the

hall as well as half of the take on any refreshments they serve.

The doctor who delivered the small baby called the Herald to say he was dismissing his customary fee. He started off a "Don Townsend Fund" with a \$50 donation.

The management of the Sports Club Cafe put out a large marmalade jar in front of a clipping of the story.

The Verburg Dairy is replacing empty milk bottles with full ones for the daughter.

One local welfare organization sent over a stock of groceries.

A committee of three women has agreed to handle any funds which may be contributed. The trio, all neighbors, are Mrs. Margaret Rhoades, 20954 Brighton Ave.; Mrs. Marilyn Shivar, 20947 Brighton Ave.; and Mrs. Elizabeth Frederick, 20943 Brighton Ave.

Anyone wishing to contribute a money order, check or cash may send it to the Don Townsend Fund in care of the Torrance Herald. Checks should be made payable to Mrs. Betty Townsend.

Resident 25 years

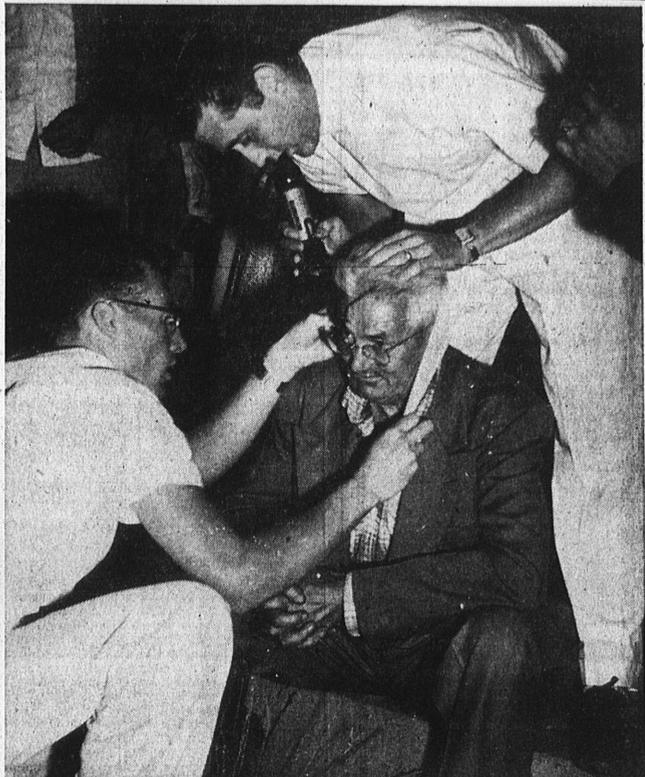
The former Army man has lived in Torrance for 25 years. Until he married he lived with his mother, Mrs. Billie Hastings, at 2203 Gramercy Ave.

Although he is but 27 years old, he has twice donned the insignia of the United States to serve his country. During World War II he spent three years overseas with the 39th Military Police Battalion and took part in several major engagements including the invasion of Lingayen Gulf, as well as other battles on Guadalcanal, Munda and a number of other South Pacific islands hot beds.

When the 578th Engineers were called up with the 40th Infantry Division of the California National Guard, Sergeant Townsend was one of many local boys who swapped civvies for khaki.



TO CROWN QUEEN . . . Lovely Jackie Laugherie, Miss United States of 1953, will crown Miss Torrance — lovely Shirley White — at the Coronation Ball at the Palos Verdes Country Club Saturday evening. Tickets for the affair will be available at the door. Proceeds will go to purchase uniforms for members of the Torrance Area Youth Band.



MURDER MILE VICTIM . . . Ambulance attendants bandage a gash on traffic victim's head following a two-car smash on Pacific Coast Hwy. and Winlock Dr. Sunday evening. Earl Chance, 67, was one of eight who received injuries. He was riding in a car driven by Leonard Benson, of 3502 Cricklewood Dr. Eleven people suffered hurts in week-end traffic mishaps. (Photo by Buddy Baxter)

City to Start With Water Job Immediately

Sale of \$2,000,000 worth of Torrance Municipal Water District No. 3 bonds to a syndicate headed by the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles was approved by the City Council Tuesday evening after bids from two concerns were opened.

Acceptance of the bid of the syndicate over that submitted by Dean Sears for the Bank of America, was made after a comparison of the interest rates by Logan R. Cotton, auditor for the city; and James W. Beebe, representing the firm of O'Melveny and Meyers, bond specialists.

City officials expressed their surprise and pleasure when the bonds were sold with an average interest rate of 2.72 per cent.

A resolution directing City Attorney James Hall to start condemnation proceedings on a reservoir site was adopted by the council, and the resolution authorizing the bond sale was adopted.

City Manager George Stevens said yesterday that the city would probably advertise for bids immediately to begin work on the water system improvements.

Voters approved the \$2,000,000 bond issue last winter in a special election.

Traffic Wrecks Send Eleven To Hospital

Nearly a dozen persons were injured in three week-end crashes, eight in a two-car smashup on busy Pacific Coast Hwy. Sunday evening, according to Torrance traffic officers.

Eight persons returning from a church outing were hurt when the auto in which they were riding crashed into the rear of another car attempting to make a left turn from the highway onto Winlock Dr. in the Waveria district.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment for cuts and bruises were Don Morgan, 15; John Fry, 17; Joyce Morgan, 13; Charles Browning, 16, and driver Mrs. Dorothy Flora. All were of El Segundo, Redondo Beach or Los Angeles.

Others injured

Treated for lacerations of the hands and face were Earl Chance, 67, and Joy Chance, 18, both of Los Angeles. They were passengers in the second auto involved in the crash, driven by Leonard K. Benson, 29, of 3502 Cricklewood Dr. He was uninjured.

Another passenger in Mrs. Flora's car, Maurice Flora, 16, complained of chest pains but was not transported to the hospital.

Two ambulances were summoned by Officer Donald Nash to transport the victims.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burgess, of 1541 W. 216th St., received minor hurts when their car was rammed from the rear while they were stopped at a railway signal near Western Ave. and Sepulveda Blvd., according to police. Driver of the second car, Lydia Hunt, 47, of Canoga Park, was uninjured. Officer Harvey Turrentine reported. The accident occurred Sunday afternoon.

Three-Car Crash

Turning left across Pacific Coast Hwy. near Ave. I at the Redondo Beach-Torrance boundary proved costly for Anthony Ortega, 48, of Venice, Sunday afternoon, as his auto was struck by another, forcing him into a third stopped at the intersection.

Ortega, headed east on the highway, got partly across the center lane when a car driven by Richard Murphy, 18, of Hermosa Beach, collided with him. Ortega's car then proceeded to smash into one driven by Kathleen Blair, 28, of Redondo Beach.

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Military to Honor War Hero Saturday

Military funeral services for Sydney Hatton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Hatton of Whittier, will be held in the Stone and Myers chapel here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Young Hatton, who was killed in action in Korea June 21, 1952, had been in Korea nine months as a member of Company E, 179th Infantry. He was expecting to be returned home the latter part of July, his mother reports.

The young soldier spent most of his youth in the Torrance area. He attended the Carson St. School and Torrance High School. Prior to entering the service, he was well known in the area for his skillful handling of racing cars on the Carroll Speedway programs.

The body of the 21-year-old soldier is being returned to Torrance today from San Francisco.

Surviving Sydney are his parents, now of 11835 Eagan Dr., Whittier; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Stevens and Mrs. Doreen Perry; and two daughters.

M. E. Joslin Service Held

Melvin Eugene Joslin was buried at Inglewood Cemetery Tuesday following funeral services at the Stone and Myers chapel. The Rev. C. M. Northrup of the Torrance Baptist Church officiated.

Mr. Joslin, 71, resided at 1500 W. 220th St. He was a retail lumber dealer for the past 20 years.

Survivors include a brother Stevens and two daughters.

Melloaires to Head Sunday Park Program

Melloaires, young Torrance band recently seen on KTTV's "Your Town's Talent," will be entertainers at Sunday's free band program at Torrance Park. Concert, fourth in a series of Sunday park features, will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Band is composed mainly of Torrance High School students and is directed by Sid Larson.

Leaky Faucet Leads Plumber To Donnybrook

Didja hear about the plumber who arrived at a home to fix a leaky faucet just as the husband was leaving for work? "Before I go," the home-owner said, "I would like to acquaint you with the cause of the trouble." The plumber promptly turned to the missus of the household, politely raised his hat and said, "Please to meet you, ma'am. If you have a troubling problem that's troubling you, solve it quickly and inexpensively by placing a resultful little Torrance Herald Action-Ad. For example:

DINING table, six chairs: \$- piece bedroom set, mattress and springs, all A-1 condition \$35. each, 2417 Andree.

Mrs. R. Nagel, 2417 Andree Ave., Torrance says, "I received over 20 calls on my Torrance Herald ad and I sold the dining room set on Thursday and the bedroom set on Sunday. The results were wonderful."

You too, will be pleased with the results of a Torrance Herald Classified Ad. Phone Torrance 444 NOW.



PARTY TALK . . . Chatting following their appearance before a gathering of 200 at the Torrance High School Auditorium Monday evening are (left to right) Lt. Gov. Goodwin S. Knight, Bob Finch, GOP nominee for the 17th Congressional District, and Charles Schultz Jr., president of the Torrance Republican Club. (Herald Photo)

Finch Predicts Battle for Each Vote in Area

"It's going to be a hard battle for every single vote," Bob Finch, GOP candidate for Congress from the 17th District, told a gathering of 200 at the Torrance High School auditorium Monday evening.

Appearing before the group with Lt. Gov. Goodwin S. Knight, Finch appealed to those in the audience to get out and support the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket for President and Finch for Congress.

Speaking in behalf of the GOP candidate from this district was Lt. Gov. Knight, who told the group that winning of state's rights to the tidelands would indirectly mean money in the pockets of every Californian. He pointed out that \$45,000,000 was tied up in the tidelands revenue.

Following the appearance of the two GOP speakers, the colored motion picture, "The Fallbrook Story," was shown. The film is a documentary of the federal government's attempt to seize water rights in the Fallbrook area.

Where's the Fire?

Torrance Fire Department responded to the following calls:

SUNDAY

No calls.

MONDAY

No calls.

TUESDAY

4:30 p.m., 230th St. and Carillo Ave., grass fire.

5:43 p.m., 171st St. and Yukon Ave., grass fire.

9:18 p.m., 1300 Sartori Ave., wash down gasoline.

WEDNESDAY

No calls.

Mustering Out Payment Blanks Published Today

Because they are not furnished by the Department of Defense, the Torrance Herald today is publishing an application for Veterans Mustering-Out pay available to many veterans of the Korean war.

Complete information regarding the payments as well as the application, which must be clipped and glued onto a piece of 8 x 10 1/2 inch paper, will be found on page 8.