



(Typical cartoon being used by Chamber of Commerce to bring new members into the fold is shown above. Dave Morrah, nationally known artist, is the cartoonist.)

Local Chamber Uses Cartoons In Drive For Increased Membership

Prospective members of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce are now receiving a series of cards explaining the functions of the organization, according to John A. Ebbinghouse, president.

The cards carry amusing cartoons by Dave Morrah, nationally known humorist and cartoonist. Morrah's work has appeared in a number of America's leading magazines, including Saturday Evening Post, American Magazine and the American Legion Magazine.

Chairman Pleased
Membership committee chairman Arthur O. Otseas said "We are pleased to obtain this series of cartoons from Morrah." They are amusing but at the same time bring attention to the fact that support will help the Chamber do a better job for Torrance.

Theme of the campaign is "We'll Get More Done If We Get Together." One of the cards points out "Your Chamber of Commerce has a comprehensive program for the betterment of our community. We will be able to do the job better with your support. Let's get together."

Chamber An Investment
"Your Chamber is designed solely to create business activity — and that means more business for you! Membership in the Chamber is an invest-

Vets' Insurance Proves Popular With Ex-GI's

Although Korean GI term insurance for veterans pays no dividends, its premium rates are lower than for any other kind of government life insurance. "By the same token," adds Mrs. Helen K. Dill, director of the Veterans Service Center in Torrance, "the rates are the lowest term life insurance premiums available anywhere."

"Over half a million Korea Veterans," adds Mrs. Dill, have taken out insurance. The 500,000 GI policies now in force have a total value of \$4 1/2 billion. That's an average of better than \$9,000 worth of GI insurance protection for the families of these ex-servicemen. (The maximum one veteran can sign up for is \$10,000.)

"Millions of veterans," Mrs. Dill continued, "have lost their chance to have this protection for their families because it can be obtained only up to 120 days after discharge. The law says 120 days, NOT four months. An ex-GI who decides to apply for this insurance exactly four months after discharge may have waited too long."

"Here are some examples: If the veteran was discharged on Feb. 29—this being Leap Year—he could apply for insurance not later than June 28. If he were discharged February 16 he should apply by June 15. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays do not count."

Other insurance inquiries may also be answered at the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center.

New Supper Club Opens

A new restaurant-supper club, the Gondolier, 3955 W. Imperial Hwy., corner of Prairie Ave., will open Thursday. Owners Mal Catalo, Erminio Rea and Joe Catalo have planned an elaborate floor show to kick off the grand opening. The Doll Dancers, Lord Buckley, recording artist, and The Positives, a musical group, will be featured.

Buckley will be master of ceremonies. Late supper dishes will be presented in addition to regular meal-time dishes. Complete banquet room facilities will be available for groups and organizations.

IN ILLINOIS... Airman Thomas Lee Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stewart, of 1553 W. 26th St., now is stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois. He recently completed basic training at Parks Air Force Base. He enlisted in April. Stewart attended Gardner High School and Harbor JC before entering the service.

Gorbet Named to District Post

Frank Gorbet of the Torrance Toastmasters club has been appointed Public Relations director for the Area 3 of District 51 of Toastmasters International.

Gorbet, who has lived in this area for many years and is employed by General Petroleum, will be assisted by Area Governor Carroll Johnson, of San Pedro, and District Governor Roy Graham, of Bell, in their duties with the Southern Communities Toastmasters Clubs.

According to Gorbet, the Tuesday Evening meeting at Iron's Cottage was a great success. Howard McLeod, of the Palos Verdes club, was in charge.

The Table Topics session directed by Elvin Buck, also of Palos Verdes, was a humorous hit in which each person had to give a two minute speech. Formal speeches of 5 to 7 minutes were delivered by Roger Barto, Gorbet, Joseph Hencel, and Jim Abraham, with Gorbet being judged the best speaker of the evening.

Graduates Of UCSBC Listed

Degrees of bachelor of arts were conferred upon 375 seniors of the University of California, Santa Barbara College, recently. UC President Robert G. Sprout presented the diplomas.

Residents of this area who were candidates for degrees at UCSBC are listed below: Kenneth Duane Mittan, 719 Cota Ave.; Jack V. O'Casey, 1750

FIREMEN TAKE COURSE IN GAS CONTROL

Local firemen last week completed an advanced training program on procedures for the handling of natural gas. Fire Chief J. J. Benner announced Friday.

Jointly sponsored by the Southern California Gas Co. and the fire department, the program stressed cooperation between gasmen and firemen in dealing with situations where natural gas is involved. F. C. Dailey and G. L. Miller of the gas company conducted the training and discussion session.

Chief Benner explained: "More than 28,000 miles of pipelines are required to bring gas to the estimated population of five million in this area. Within this vast network of gas mains and service lines, difficulties are certain to arise at times and with this course with the gas company we worked out control procedures."

Library Here Has Unusual Book Offer

An unusual gift for Torrance youngsters was described Friday by County Librarian John D. Henderson as "a booklet that lists 39 weekly television programs and all the story books in the branch libraries that deal with the same subjects presented on the video shows."

The booklet, available at the Torrance Library, at 1345 Post Ave., was prepared by the County Library's Children's Division, under the direction of Dorothy Hansen. It names the stations on which the programs appear, and beneath each show title the titles of books that have been paired with that particular program appear. Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, local librarian, has a complete listing of books and programs at the Torrance Library.



REIGNING PAIR... Prince Bart Rowland and Princess Joanne Blank were chosen by students to reign over Prom festivities of Torrance High School seniors last week end. The Prom was held at the El Camino Campus Center.



NORTH HIGH ROYALTY... Emperor Gene Dahlmer and Empress Arlene Loeber, ruled over festivities at the first Senior Prom for North High School students last week end. The couple was crowned during the affair.

Optimists Due In Los Angeles For Convention

The first contingents of 2000 Optimists from many parts of the world will arrive in Los Angeles next Sunday for the 38th annual convention of Optimist International to be held in Los Angeles June 20-23.

Preliminary conferences for members of the international board of governors, district governors and district lieutenant governors will open Monday at Hotel Biltmore, headquarters for the convention. Plenary sessions will be held in Embassy auditorium, Grand Ave. and Ninth St., starting Wednesday.

Dr. Donald J. Twiss of Brantford, Ontario, president of the world Optimist organization will head the convention of which Phil D. McHugh, Los Angeles advertising executive and former governor of the Fourteenth District, is organizing chairman.

Charles Compton, of Burbank, district governor for California, Nevada, and Arizona will make the welcome address on behalf of local Optimists.

The general convention program will consist of various business and report sessions, a boy's oratorical contest with contestants from all sections of the Optimist world, the keynote address by President Twiss, various forums, social events, election of officers, and selection of the 1957 convention city.

Shrine Circus Sates Long Beach Showing

The fourth annual El Bekal Shrine-Polack Bros. circus will be presented Friday and Saturday, June 29-30, at the Veterans Memorial Stadium, Lakewood and Carson, Long Beach. Matinees will be given both afternoons at 2:15 and evening performances at 8:15.

Golf Equipment Stolen

More than \$340 in golf equipment was taken Tuesday night when thieves broke into the clubhouse at Alondra Park Golf course, sheriff's deputies have reported.



LAW IN ACTION

CONTEMPT OF COURT
Because the stakes are high — a person's life, his good name, his liberty, or his property — courtrooms sometimes become supercharged with drama and anger.

Despite the excitement, the judge has to be impartial and open-minded as to issues, evidence, parties, witnesses and lawyers. To fail in this may cause a case to be tried again or reversed on appeal.

This makes a judge's job a hard one. For he must first keep order so that the facts go to the jury in a way to lead to sound, unprejudiced verdicts. The judge must also instruct the jury on the law, and decide what testimony goes into evidence.

Meantime lawyers on both sides are duty bound to work with skill and vigor to protect their clients and to advance their cause.

In this tense atmosphere some people break over the line and do things to upset the conditions of a fair trial. When this happens, the judge has "inherent" power — power that grows out of his hard job — to crack down and punish violators for "contempt of court." Within wide limits he can levy fines and give jail sentences on the spot — when the offense takes place before him. He can sometimes do the same for things that take place out-

side the court — like the disobedience of a court order. But such indirect contempt of court calls for hearings to prove that an offense has been committed.

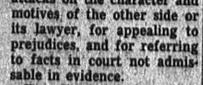
In California judges have fined or given jail sentences to protect the due administration of justice:

For a juror or a lawyer for being tardy, (one judge even fined himself for this).

For impugning the judge's honesty, for a witness refusing to testify, for improper

attempts to influence the jury or the court, for deceiving or taking advantage of the court, making personal attacks on the character and motives of the other side or its lawyer, for appealing to prejudices, and for referring to facts in court not admissible in evidence.

For all of these things judges have punished people for contempt of court.



Reflections

By J. HUGH SHURFEY, JR.

SCHOOL'S OUT

Children are at home — a few are in the street. It is those children who will dash in front of our car — on impulse. That child has no desire to be injured any more than you want to hurt him; however, be cautious, anticipate his actions and protect him in spite of his actions. Where there are children at play, please drive cautiously.

When we see a Play Ground Marker make it a driving-habit to slow down, ready to make a quick stop. Don't be involved in an accident that might re-occur as a vivid mental picture over and over again, during the rest of our lives. We're never in such a hurry that a minute will make the least difference.

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The Salvation Army is observing its 70th year of "Ministry of Mercy" to needy and distressed persons. During this time, the Salvation Army has been instrumental in helping hundreds of thousands of handicapped people and giving them a chance to become useful members of their communities.
"This program of social rehabilitation is made possible by the collection of all kinds of salvage items such as clothing, shoes, furniture, bedding, mattresses, silverware, dishes, radios, stoves, electrical appliances, books, rugs, rags and bric-a-brac which handicapped men reconstruction in the big Army workshops.
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