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KOGER IS 'CITIZEN OF THE YEAR'

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think the same anti-trust laws that apply to Big Business should apply to Big Unions?"

That was the question the HERALD's photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below.

Mrs. Eugene Tussey, 1020 Elm Ave.:
"No. I believe unions are absolutely necessary and deserve all the freedom they have at present. I do not believe they are a threat to the public."

W. J. Brown, 228 W. 223rd St., Navy:
"Yes. Unions are good and they are necessary, but there should be certain limits. I feel that they are getting a little too big for their pants' so to speak."

Peggy Norris, 20819 Halldale, housewife:
"Yes. I'm all for the unions as long as they stop short of the abuse of freedom displayed by Mr. Beck. There has to be a limit somewhere. When it comes to forming policies, the union members should do the voting and decision-making, not the bosses."

Barbara Olson, 20836 S. Halldale, housewife:
"Yes. I think the union members should have more say - so when it comes to strikes. They are the ones who feel it when the paycheck stops coming in during a strike."

Mrs. F. M. Daigneault, 20912 Halldale, housewife:
"I have never been interested in unions—pro or con. They never had them where I worked so I never really got to know much about them. I don't know whether it would have made any difference if they'd have had them at my place of employment."

Rotary Selects Eight Directors

Torrance Rotary yesterday selected eight members to make up a board of directors for 1959-60 at their regular weekly luncheon meeting in the Crystal room of The Palms.

Selected from a group of 16 nominees were Leonard A. Jamincher, Attorney John Foley, Wallace L. Haas, Bruce Jones, Glen Koger, George W. Post, John A. Tweedy and John M. Watt.

ANNEXING FEVER HITS

Legal Description To Be Filed Today

Descriptions of legal boundaries of an area slightly less than a square mile lying north of El Camino were scheduled to be filed with the County boundary commission this morning as a first step in annexation of the area to Torrance.

Slated for approval at last night's short planning commission meeting and hastily called special council meeting, the annexation would include the area south of Compton Blvd. with the exception of the Alondra Park and El Camino College areas between Prairie Ave. and Van Ness.

Court Dedication Scheduled Monday

Dedication ceremonies for the new, and already occupied, South Bay District Municipal Courthouse in Torrance will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, according to County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Participating in the inauguration of the new facility, located in the new Torrance Civic Center, will be mayors and councilmen of the eight cities served by the South Bay District, as well as various county officials, including Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess, District Attorney William B. McKesson, and Marshal Joe Bookman.

The \$300,000 building contains, in addition to one courtroom, branch offices of the sheriff's department, district attorney, marshal, and clerk of court.

FEATURED on the program will be Supervisor Chace who will give the principal dedication message. Judge Donald Armstrong, presiding Judge of the South Bay Judicial District, will also speak. Master of ceremonies will be Boris S. Woolley, president of the South Bay Bar Assn.

The new court, a branch of the South Bay Municipal Court in Redondo Beach, will handle all police and small claims cases originating in Torrance and California Highway Patrol citations from the adjacent unincorporated areas.

DETENTION and first aid facilities are provided in the new building which replaces the Branch Court Office which has been located in the Torrance City Hall for the past year. The air-conditioned structure has brick exterior walls and contains 10,000 square feet of floor space.

Music for the dedication will be provided by the Torrance Area Youth Band. The Rev. Joseph K. McArdle of Nativity Church will deliver the benediction.

The public is invited to attend the civic ceremonies and inspect the new facility at the conclusion of the program.



RINGS DOORBELLS . . . Paying an early call to a neighbor is Mrs. William Crocker, Red Cross volunteer, who will be one of 400 residential workers who will canvass Torrance homes Monday in an effort to meet a quota of \$4500.

Included in the area are several recently constructed home tracts and businesses fronting on Compton Blvd., Crenshaw Blvd., and Manhattan Beach Blvd.

THE COUNCIL earlier had discussed annexation of the area along with other portions of the Lawndale area after hearing reports from individuals and members of the council that residents of the area favored such an annexation. The city manager was instructed recently to investigate the advantages and disadvantages of annexation of several areas to the city.

Temper flared Tuesday night as the council revived a long-smoldering feud with Mayor Albert Isen over appointments of commissions, and as a result, the city's planning commission is currently operating with six members instead of the authorized seven.

DEBATE erupted as Isen nominated Bert Lynn and Kenneth Uyeda for reappointment to the board which had been reduced from nine to seven members by an ordinance effective the day before.

Lynn's reappointment was confirmed by a narrow margin after heated discussions of the mayor's insistence on making all nominations. Nick Draie asked that each councilman be given an opportunity to appoint a commissioner.

"This would lead to a spoils system," Isen shot back.

AT ONE POINT, Victor Benstead challenged Draie's stand saying Draie never gave him a chance to make an appointment when he was mayor.

"That's a lie," Draie shouted. He apologized a few minutes later and asked that his remark be stricken from the record.

Attempts to confirm the nomination of Uyeda for reappointment failed when Benstead declined to vote and Councilmen Willys Blount, George Bradford, and Draie opposed it. Opposition to Uyeda's appointment was not personal but was opposition to the system employed by Isen, it was stated several times.

ANOTHER sharp outbreak (Concluded on Page 2)



GLENN KOGER
Torrance's Man of the Year

Youth Sentenced

Henderson Sent To CYA Custody

Sixteen-year-old Wilburn A. Henderson, convicted last December of shooting and raping a local high school girl, has been remanded to the custody of the California Youth Authority.

Superior Judge Joseph M. Maltby sentenced the Colorado Springs youth in his Long Beach court Monday.

HENDERSON was arrested by Redondo Beach Officer Charles Tolles shortly after he criminally attacked and shot the 15-year-old Seaside Heights girl last August. The Colorado youth had met the girl on a previous trip to California, it was reported.

Also figuring in the case was a boyfriend of the girl who was pistol-whipped and robbed when he rushed into the house after hearing the girl's screams.

Bandit Gets \$100, Clerk Beaten

A bandit and his companion escaped with about \$100 and a bottle of whisky Sunday night after holding up clerk Steve Saracco, 21, at a Lomita liquor store. Saracco was pistol-whipped by one of the gunmen.

The clerk was treated by a private physician for a head cut after being struck with a .45 caliber automatic at the Western Liquor Store, 26125 S. Western Ave.

Bandit Duo Sentenced; Go to CYA

Two of four youths who admitted taking large quantities of morphine and demerol at gunpoint at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Harbor City in January have been committed to the California Youth Authority.

Remanded to the CYA by Superior Judge Maurice C. Sparling on armed robbery counts were Terry Roger Fuette, 19, of 2321 W. 249th St., Lomita, and Gary Raymond Bell, 19, of 21312 Caroidale Ave.

The two men were arrested in Barstow with others a few hours after they took the narcotics from a hospital employee at gunpoint on Jan. 7. Others have been taken into custody for the robbery.

Interest In Area Cited

Glenn Koger, vice president of the Rome Cable Corp. and manager of the firm's Torrance plant, was named "Citizen of the Year" last night in a highlight of the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Contributions of the executive to the community during the past year on a wide scale of activities were cited in the selection. Koger received the Laughon-White Memorial Award before a capacity crowd at the annual event.

The trophy, presented as a memorial to Grover C. Whyte, long-time HERALD publisher, and Dr. William I. Laughon, pioneer Torrance physician, is a perpetual honor made available by the widows of the two distinguished Torrance leaders.

Previous winners have included Mervin M. Schwab, the late Paul D. Loranger, Dean L. Sears, Sam Levy, and Dr. Howard Wood.

KOGER was honored for his all-around community leadership during 1958 including Harbor Area chairmanship of the Community Chest; treasurer of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; member of the Chamber's education committee; vice president of the Torrance Rotary Club; vice chairman and chairman of the Harbor Area Welfare Federation, and co-chairman of the industrial division of the Torrance YMCA's current support campaign.

He is also a member of the Torrance Industries Tax Committee, member of the advisory board of the Little Company of Mary Hospital, member of the vestry of St. Frances Episcopal Church, and member of the board of governors of the Welfare Federation.

KOGER CAME to Torrance in 1954 after nearly 25 years in fields associated with insulated wire and conduits. He was with General Electric for 19 years, and served them as design engineer for eight years. He was graduated from Kansas State College in 1929 with a degree in electrical engineering.

During the Korean war he was a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Insulated Wire Industry, working with the National Production Authority and the Office of Price Stabilization.

PRIOR to that he was vice president and director of Walker Brothers, manufacturers of electrical construction materials. He joined Rome Cable in 1954 prior to his assignment as manager of the Torrance plant. He was made a vice president of the company in May, 1955.

Also honored at the annual meeting last evening was Fred Brunner, chairman of the Chamber's education committee.

CHAMBER President Fred W. Mill congratulated Brunner (Concluded on Page 2)

Bible Beats Sin

Booze-Binge Bandit Blabs

Confession of a liquor-store bandit Tuesday night, who had raided a string of motels and liquor stores in Torrance, Lomita, Hermosa Beach, and Bellflower during a drunken binge, was attributed to a Bible-school teacher.

Navy man John A. Martin, 21, absent without leave from the destroyer USS Cowell, went to his religious instructor following the crime and told her of the robberies he had committed while on his intoxicated spree. Upon her advice he turned himself over to the Los Angeles Police Dept.

Red Cross to Canvass Torrance Homes Monday

"Your Neighbor Will be Calling on You" will be the slogan Monday when 400 volunteers ring Torrance doorbells in a one-day effort to wind up the residential phase of the 1959 Red Cross Fund appeal. Goal is \$4500, according to Stanley Remelmeyer, chairman.

Torrance volunteers will attend a kickoff meeting at the YWCA at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, at which time Remelmeyer will emphasize the increasing demand in this community for Red Cross services.

AMONG THE areas of demand which he will explain are blood, military, family assistance, disaster aid, and services to hospitalized veterans.

According to Remelmeyer, Red Cross now provides a yearly minimum of 150,000 pints to hospitalized patients in the Los Angeles area in addition to providing all the blood required for open-heart surgery now being performed in eight hospitals.

HE POINTED out that the three local hospitals—Torrance Memorial, Kaiser, and the Riviera—used a total of 2934 pints last year at a cost to the Red Cross of \$16,166.

Remelmeyer stated that the home service case load last year included more than 30,000 military families in the Los Angeles area.