



THE WHITTLESEY BROTHERS this week officially became the owners of the Thatcher Ott DeSoto-Plymouth dealership. The picture above shows John Ott as he turns over papers to George Whittlesey, officially closing the deal. Looking on is Dick Brown, District Manager for the Chrysler Corporation.

### Whittlesey's Buy Out Ott

Two brothers, George and Matthew B. Whittlesey this week bought out the DeSoto-Plymouth dealership owned by Thatcher and Ott. The firm is located at 1600 Gramercy in Torrance.

George, 40 years of age, is a resident of Palos Verdes. He is the father of four children. Matthew, aged 39, is a resident of Michigan. He plans to make his home in California in November. He has three children.

The Whittleseys are changing the name of the dealership from Thatcher and Ott to Whittlesey Motors, George Whittlesey disclosed today.

"We will make every effort to give honest, courteous, and efficient service," Whittlesey said. He also pointed out that he and his brother will make every effort to meet the service needs of new car buyers.

This is the first time that the two brothers have operated a business together, it was revealed.

Prior to the present venture, George sold cars for McCollum in Hermosa Beach. His brother, Matthew, is with the Great Lakes Tractor and Equipment Company which distributes Ford Tractors in Michigan.

### Clubs Hold Meeting at Legion Hall

A joint meeting of all four service clubs took place at the American Legion Hall in Torrance, Monday evening. Represented at the get-together were 125 members from Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Optimist Clubs. The Lions Club of which Paul Diamond is President served as the host for the other clubs.

The Torrance Service Clubs hold two joint meetings a year. The next affair is scheduled for next March or April, it was disclosed.

Chester Gruber, better known as Tony Cabochon on radio, and television, entertained the gathering by impersonating Ambassador Triago from South America.

Before and after dinner, Donna Roach played the accordion. Community singing was led by Al Ewalt of the Lions Club.

Paul Wenske of the Kiwanis Club was asked to give the invocation. The pledge to the flag was led by Forest Myers of the Optimist Club.

John Steinbaugh of the Rotary Club served as Master of Ceremonies.

### Group Holds Auction Sale

Mrs. William Sale, assisted by members of the Finance and Budget Committee, Mesdames Sherwood, Babb, Bronson and Van Bellehem, of the North Torrance Elementary P. T. A., was hostess to a benefit breakfast of coffee and rolls Oct. 5, 1951 in her backyard.

A White Elephant sale was held after the breakfast with Mrs. H. Van Bellehem as Auctioneer. Thirty-two guests participated in the event which proved to be a huge success.

### Television Drawing Lasts 3 More Days

If you want to win a free television set, you've only got three more days to register at Lawson's Jewelers, A. Robinson, vice president of the organization announced this week.

Lawson's located at 1317 El Prado avenue is celebrating the store's first anniversary in Torrance this month.

"There's no obligation to register," Robinson said, "The drawing will be held at 9 p. m. Saturday evening to climax the event."

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## OBITUARIES

Bera Looney, age 54, of 2075 Torrance Blvd., died October 13th at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. The body was prepared for interment at Augusta Arkansas by the Stone and Myers Morticians where funeral service was held. Mr. Looney was an employee of the National Supply Company for the past year. Survivors are: the widow, Altha Looney of the above address, mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Looney, brothers, Marvin Node, and a sister, Mrs. Fanny Burns all of Augusta, and a sister, Mrs. Ida Grail of Memphis, Tennessee. 3 nephews and 3 nieces. Mr. Looney was a member of the American Legion of Blytheville, Arkansas.

John Anthony Eisenbraut, age 61, of 18095 Prairie avenue, died October 10 at the Harbor General Hospital. Funeral services were held at the Stone and Myers Funeral Chapel October 12th with Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Torrance, officiating. Interment was made in the Roosevelt Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers were Stanley Hall, Charles Blackwell, Henry Specht, Floyd Perry, G. D. McGuire, and William Weaver. Survivors are: Cousin Mrs. Bertha Trombly of 18095 Prairie avenue, Torrance.

Lawrence M. Olivas, age 49, of 4901 10th avenue, Los Angeles, died in Los Angeles October 9th. Rosary services were held at the Stone and Myers Funeral Chapel October 13th with Rev. P. J. McGuinness officiating. Funeral Mass was held at the church of the Nativity, October 13th with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery.

### Parental Group Holds Meeting

Mrs. Claude Hill, new president of 186th Street P. T. A., conducted the first general meeting of the year, held last Thursday. The 1951-52 budget was presented and adopted and Mrs. Bill Davis was ratified as the new magazine chairman.

Parents were welcomed and the new faculty was introduced by the principal, Mrs. Mary Hawks.

A Community Chest film was shown and a featured attraction was the Fashion Show presented by Mrs. Harold Sprankle, program chairman. Many mothers and children modeled clothes made during the summer.

The attendance prize was won by Mrs. Conkling's morning kindergarten room in the lower grades and Mrs. Morton's and Mr. Baker's rooms tied in the upper grades.

Story book dolls portraying a miniature Fashion Show were used as the table decorations when coffee and cake were served by the hostesses at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Harold Sprankle, program chairman announced that the annual programs were in the hands of the printer and would soon be ready for distribution.

### Brown Visits Local Friends

Douglas Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil W. Brown, 2086 Middlebrook Road, is visiting friends in Torrance this week. He has been in the Transportation Service of the Army for the past 22 months.

Brown became a Pfc five months ago. He spent some time in the Marshall Islands. Brown attended Torrance High School. His interests were swimming and the school glee club.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodosia are the happy parents of a nine pound boy born Friday, October 12th at the Torrance Memorial Hospital. The new baby has been named Philip Martin and he has a sister Judy, age 18 months. Mr. Theodosia is well known in baseball circles as he was with the St. Louis Browns the past season.

### Gerald Alter Appears in Who's Who

The latest volume of Who's Who on the Pacific Coast, just released by the A. N. Marquis Co. of Chicago, the original publishers of the National Who's Who, included the name of Gerald L. Alter, president of Alter Realty Insurance on page 21 of the 832 page book.

Alter, although born in Rensselaer, Indiana on Aug. 24, 1910, might just as well claim Torrance as his native city. He was married here Sept. 15, 1939. He and his wife Margaret have an eight-year-old son, John Edward.

### Club Attends Conference

North Torrance Elementary P. T. A. Members who attended the First District Fall Conference at Compton Junior College, Oct. 11, 1951, included Mesdames Davidson, Van Bellehem, Sherwood Sale, Ross, Blumfield and McBee. Highlighting the session was the speech presented by Mrs. Edward T. Walker, State President of the C. C. P. T.

His success story reads like a story book. Until 1946, Alter was a carpenter, builder and contractor except for a year which he spent with the Calif. State Guard and one and one-half years spent in the U. S. Army.

Alter became a broker in 1946 and established the Alter Realty and Insurance in 1948. On Sept. 6, 1949, his organization became a corporation.

Alter has approximately 20 salesmen. He maintains a main office across the street from the post office in Torrance, two branch offices: one in WALTERIA and one in WILMINGTON.

At the present time he is negotiating for one or two more branch offices, he revealed.

While Alter has been successful in his business, he has at the same time been active in civic

### Weekend Visitor

Mrs. Ruth Deems of 1828 Ardeno avenue over the last weekend was visited by Mrs. George Elwell of Cleveland, Ohio.

He is a charter member of the Torrance Optimists and Torrance Toastmasters. He is also a director of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board and a member of the American Legion.

The Pacific Coast volume of Who's Who also revealed that Alter is President of the Alter Building Company and the Alter Realty and Insurance Organization.

### Church Holds Building Bee

Progress is being made toward the completion of the new chapel for the Hammetton Tract Community Church on the corner of Milton Street and Elliott Avenue. A building bee was held Saturday at the church, at which time the framing for the new chapel was erected. At noon a dinner was furnished by the women of the church for the men assisting in the construction.

### Narbonne Plans Play

Narbonne High School's seniors has selected the play "Whatta Life," as their production. Drama Instructor John Bastone revealed this week.

The play will be given two times. A matinee is scheduled for Nov. 29 and an evening production Nov. 30.

Among the students trying out for leading roles are Jo Ann Durant, Don Bruton, Eldridge Walker, Annabelle Emmerly, Bill Young, Jimmy Rhineheart, John Mitchell and Marilyn Spain, student body president.

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