



BY GEORGE, HE MADE IT says the congratulatory card presented to George Stevens at a testimonial luncheon honoring his ten years service as city manager. The luncheon, sponsored by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, was attended by 325 civic and city leaders who

lauded Stevens' work in directing the progress of the city. The card, signed by all who attended the luncheon at the Plush Horse Wednesday afternoon, was framed and hung in a prominent place in Stevens' office.

City Lauds Stevens for 10 Years Service as Manager

The city paid tribute to City Manager George Stevens last week, and Stevens returned the compliments.

"The tributes paid here," Stevens told a group of 325 civic and city leaders who came to a testimonial luncheon to honor the city manager's ten years of service to the city, "should be tributes to all those who worked so hard for Torrance."

The luncheon was arranged by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and brought political leaders from the area, former mayors and city councilmen together at the Plush Horse to laud Stevens' work in directing the progress of the city.

Messages of congratulations from President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon and Governor Knight were among the tributes read off and voiced to the capacity crowd.

Present city officials and city employees took the podium to speak briefly of the achievements directed by Stevens in his ten years as city manager.

But Stevens turned the eyes of the crowd ahead when he said: "The past ten years have been dynamic, but as bright as the past has been, we believe the future was never brighter."

He predicted the future growth of Torrance which, he said, was rapidly becoming a commercial trade center, and would soon develop into a city of medical and hospital centers. He estimated that between 4,000 and 5,000 more jobs in the area would be created when vast building projects now under construction are completed.

Presiding over the luncheon was George Bradford, chairman of the chamber committee that organized the affair. Chamber President-Elect O. R. Trueblood presented a boxful of gifts, including a plaques, scrolls, clock, watch and barometer, to Stevens.

MOTHER ASKS AID IN FINDING CAT

A Torrance mother asked the aid of her neighbors in finding a yellow and white cat that bit her 15-year-old son last week.

Mrs. Dorothy Phillips, of 2005 W. 177 st., said her son, Jerry, would have to undergo a series of painful anti-rabies treatments in a few days if the cat is not found and tested for rabies.

Mrs. Phillips may be reached at her home every day after 4:30 p.m.

City Resident Dies In Auto Collision

Mrs. Geola Stewart, 35, of 504 E. 220 st., died this week as a result of injuries suffered in a two-car collision at 220 and Dolores sts.

Mrs. Stewart succumbed shortly after she was taken to Harbor General Hospital where doctors tried vainly to save her life.

Two others involved in the accident suffered minor injuries. They were Mrs. Dorothy Keyes, 34, of Wilmington, a passenger in the car driven by Mrs. Stewart, and Leavie Collins, 27, of 23641 Madison st., driver of the second vehicle.

\$421,500 Low Bid on New School

A low bid of \$421,500 to construct the Calle Mayor Elementary school will be presented to the Torrance Unified District school board Tuesday night.

The bid by Stiglbauer Brothers Construction Co., of Downey, was the lowest of 13 received by the district and opened Friday.

The new school, with a capacity of 600, will contain 14 classrooms, a multi-purpose room, one shop, and one home economics room, two kindergarten and an administrative unit.

Award of the contract is expected to be made by the school board at its meeting Tuesday evening. Construction is slated to start within a few weeks in order to meet the timetable for a September opening set by the board.

Leveling of the site and other preparatory work has already been done under contract awarded two months ago by the school board.

Boosters Club Names Officers

Don Fulton, of 2265-A Carson st., was balloted into the Boosters Club presidency at the annual election held Monday night. Lee Wilson of 1312 Cordary was elected vice-president and treasurer, while Rex Day of 208 Paseo de Gracia, got the job of executive secretary.

A fund raising program has been outlined for the current year of 1958, as well as membership drive. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact Fulton. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Retiring officers were Carol Bertolet, president, Larry Benton, vice-president, and Harry Theodosios, secretary.

Protest Brings Traffic Signs

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week that boulevard stop signs are to be posted within 15 days at three intersections on Gramercy place, which serves as the boundary line between Gardena and Torrance, with only the street being unincorporated territory.

Signs will be placed on Gramercy at 166 str., and on 169 and 171 where they intersect Gramercy.

Increased traffic in this rapidly growing area made the additional traffic control necessary, Supervisor Hahn said. Need for the boulevard stops was brought to his attention by Robert Dailey, 17110 Illinois court, Torrance.

KICKOFF DRIVE TO PUT PLAY BONDS ON BALLOT

Little League Sets off Southwood Tug-of-War

The hassle over conversion of a portion of Paradise Park into a Little League baseball field became a tug-of-war this week.

Residents of the Southwood Tract homes around the park at Lee st. and Ellinwood drive, aroused over city council action permitting the little league to use one and half acres of the four and a half acre park site, planned to converge on the council in force Tuesday evening.

The council had authorized a lease with little league officials in the Southwood area over the earlier protests of another group of tract residents.

An emergency meeting of Southwood residents Thursday night brought 50 people to the home of Mrs. Mary Ackerman, 5215 Ruby st., to organize a wider protest. Mrs. Ackerman said petitions with over 300 signatures will be presented to the council Tuesday evening when the group asks the council to reconsider its decision.

"We're not against little league activities," Mrs. Ackerman declared. "We feel that the council should make every attempt to make the park site available to all children, of all ages, and not merely to a group of boys of a certain age group."

Residents of the area opposed to the use of the park site for little league games feared that league activities would forestall development of the park for wider community use, Mrs. Ackerman explained.

5000 CHILDREN

Named chairman of the protesting group, Mrs. Ackerman said the tract contained 2700 homes and estimated that 5000 children were in the area. "The little league will only take care of 200 boys," she said.

Only 15 protesters were at the January 8 meeting of the Torrance Park and Recreation Commission which recommended the granting of a lease to the little leaguers. About 60 supporters of league baseball, turned out for the park commission's meeting.

A smaller number of each group attended the city council meeting last week to argue their position. Speaking for the league, Ray Tibben, of 21617 Linda drive, agreed to serve on a committee with Walter Wiacek, of 4807 Lee st., a member of the first group of protesters, to iron out the differences between the two groups.

City Council members, in agreeing to the lease arrangement with the league, said the lease could be cancelled on 30 days written notice at any time development of the park site was undertaken.

House Trailer Goes Through Classified Ad

A Redondo Beach housewife found out that the easy way to sell something is through a classified ad in the Torrance Press.

Mrs. Robert Poh, of 2012 Perry Ave., had a 14 foot masonite house trailer to sell. The trailer, equipped with stove, sink and ice box, was offered for \$300.

The day after Mrs. Poh's ad appeared in the Torrance Press, she sold the trailer on the third phone call.

Now, Mrs. Poh, like hundreds of other area residents, is sold on Torrance Press classified ads: They always work. Try one yourself. Just call FA 8-2345 and ask for the classified advertising department.

Sgt. Qualifies as Expert in Firing

Army Sergeant First Class Charles W. Reese, whose wife, Virginia, and mother, Mrs. Frieda Cantrell, lives at 2270 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, recently qualified as expert in firing the carbine at Fort Mao Arthur.

Sergeant Reese entered the Army in October 1955 and is assigned to Battery C of the 554th Antiaircraft Artillery Missile Battalion. This sergeant is a 1948 graduate of Willis High School, Delaware, Ohio.

Open Nominations for 'Citizens of 1957' Award

Nominations for Torrance's "Distinguished Citizen of 1957" are now in order, the Chamber of Commerce announced today.

The award has been given each year since 1953 by the Chamber to the citizen of Torrance whose achievements have been significant to the community and to the general welfare of the people of Torrance.

The program is sponsored in the memory of two departed civic leaders—Dr. William I. Laughan and Grover C. Whyte, and will be presented as a highlight of the Chamber's Annual Banquet, February 25. Sam Levy, the 1956 winner, will present the award and serve as chairman.

The project is designed to arouse public awareness in civic activity and to illustrate the opportunities available for dedicated community action.

Nominations are open to all fields, and the nomination blanks will be mailed soon to all chamber members and Torrance organizations. Additional blanks may be secured at the offices of local newspapers and at the Chamber Office, 1345 El Prado. Any individual or organization may place in nomination one or more persons.

Past winners, in addition to Levy, include Mervin M. Schwab (1953), Paul D. Lorange (1954) and Dean L. Sears (1955).



KEN ANDERSON

Ken Anderson Named Head Of Kiwanis

Ken Anderson, Torrance freight agent for the Pacific Electric Co., was installed as president of the Torrance Kiwanis club at a dinner-dance at the Alondra Club last week.

More than 140 Kiwanians, their wives and guests, attended the installation ceremony officiated by past Lieutenant Governor Clyde Walker and Dr. Howard Wood, who acted as master of ceremonies.

Anderson succeeded J. A. Barrington as president. Named to office with Anderson were John Johnson, first vice president; Ray Noel, second vice president; Angus McVicar, secretary; Clint Meadway, treasurer; and directors, Dr. Philip Halloran, Dr. Alden Smith, Dr. Gerald Eastham, James Post, Thomas Wilkes, Stuart Avera, Kenneth Miller, Steve Stevens and William Laster.

Manufacturing employment in the Los Angeles-Long Beach Metropolitan Area in December dropped to the lowest level in almost two years, Ernest B. Webb, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced this week.

New Library In Gardena Approved

Greatly enlarged and expanded library facilities are soon to be made available for Gardena and adjacent communities, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week, as the Board of Supervisors approved a 10-year lease for a new branch library to be located at 15709 Crenshaw Blvd.

The building which the branch library will occupy is now under construction as part of a shopping center north of El Camino college. The lease will become effective when the building is ready for occupancy in about 60 days, Supervisor Hahn said.

The new county library building is to be a one-story structure containing 4000 square feet. It will be specially finished and equipped to provide efficient library services. Ample public parking will be available in conjunction with the shopping center.

Supervisor Hahn stated that special modern library lighting will be provided as well as asphalt tile floors, acoustic ceiling, and heating and ventilation.

It will be used to replace the Moneta branch library, located in cramped, inadequate quarters at 16432 Western ave.

Located a block north of El Camino college, the new library will be of assistance to the students there as well as serving the residents of Gardena, El Camino area, North Torrance, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and adjacent communities, Supervisor Hahn said.

Group To Issue Petitions, Seeks 2000 Signatures

The \$3,000,000 park and recreation bond issue, defeated by 149 votes in the special election three months ago, was revived today with the announcement of the start of a petition drive to put the proposition on the ballot in the April elections.

The formation of a committee of civic leaders who will hold their organizing meeting today at 9 a.m. was the first step in the petition campaign. Organized by Darwin Parrish, former member of the Torrance Unified District school board, and Dr. Warren Hamilton, of the Torrance School district and a leading member of the Lions Club, the meeting was to be held in the City Hall conference room.

Invited to the meeting, Parrish said, were leaders of 15 organizations. These civic leaders were expected to carry petitions back to their organizations which, in turn, will spread the campaign through the city.

Slightly more than 2,000 valid signatures of registered voters are required to place the park and recreation bond issue on the ballot in the April 8 election, Parrish explained. He said he had hopes that the drive would result in the collection of several thousand more signatures than necessary.

A whirlwind campaign for the signatures was to be undertaken by the organizing committee since the petitions must be delivered to the city clerk's office by February 25, Parrish said.

In the special October election, the park and recreation bond issue was opposed by 2410 voters and supported by 4372 voters, 149 less than the two thirds required for adoption of the measure.

The proposal would have authorized the city to sell \$3,000,000 in bonds to purchase ten park sites and improve the recreational facilities in older city parks.

"We just have to have the money to buy new park sites before all the available land is grabbed off for other purposes," Parrish maintained.

Australian Officer Joins Local Guard

Capt. Douglas J. (Dutch) Horlander, Commander of the local National Guard Unit, announced that First Lieutenant Geoffrey P. Yelland, 27, an Australian Officer in the Citizen Military Forces, the Australian version of our National Guard, has been assigned to duty with the Torrance Unit.

Lt. Geoffrey, in America for a study of Public Utility Engineering, is presently serving an internship with the Southern California Edison Company. He will, by his assignment from the Australian Army, train with the National Guard as a Platoon Commander, and now is actively engaged in training, and instructing the Torrance troops.

Capt. Horlander said that Torrance was picked for this assignment because of the outstanding example of National Guard-community relationship in Australia.

Lt. Geoffrey is particularly interested in the role the Guard plays in Civil Defense, and in the community.

"Torrance is repeatedly referred to as the leader or pace setter on National Guard activities. We are indeed proud that our community and our unit was chosen for this officer's study of the American National Guard system," Capt. Horlander stated.

Lt. Geoffrey has expressed the desire to meet the officials and people of Torrance, and find out first hand why Torrance was selected the All-America City, and the reason for the outstanding community relationship with the Guard.

Lt. Geoffrey will be with the Torrance unit through the next summer field training period in August and will then return to Australia.



FEAR fills the eyes of Marge Dunning while roguish Tony Castano awaits her reactions. Miss Dunning plays Emilie in the El Camino College production of "My Three Angels" which shows January 24 and 25 in the Campus Theater. Castano stars in the role of Jules, one of the three "angels."



CONSOLATION is offered Ernest M. Wordley, 38, of 19418 Anza ave., by an unidentified nurse as Wordley lies stretched on the stretcher awaiting an ambulance. Wordley fell from, or was struck by a car, driven by his 16-year old

stepson on Anza ave., Wednesday night. Police were investigating the cause of the accident. The nurse, who refused to identify herself, was passing along Anza ave. and assisted the injured man.