

# ... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

Several times I have mentioned the horrible "art" that adorns the walls of many restaurants, beauty shops, banks and a variety of other business establishments. One can hardly carry on normal daily activities without being confronted with a rash of "frozen" seascapes and 18th Century looking florals.

Restaurants are notorious offenders when it comes to displaying good art. Most of them do not seem to care — or do not even know good art — and will eagerly hang any "original" oil painting, as long as the size is right and the colors are bright. Of course, it is understood that the paintings must be extremely realistic — each leaf on the tree and each hair on the head.

Banks have run a close second in their selection and exhibition of "poor art." In many cases, well-meaning bank managers have been seduced by local artists' descriptions (in glowing terms) of their own paintings — so much so, that more and more banks are now holding monthly and bi-monthly art exhibits. My own particular bank hangs such atrocious things that I honestly dislike going in to do business there. In my mind, this poor taste reflects the bank's attitude.

JUST BY CHANCE it was my good fortune to discover a bank that actually shows good taste in the art that it hangs on its walls. The United California Bank in Hollywood Riviera — called the South Redondo Beach branch — is located on Pacific Coast Highway. Manager Charles H. Toole is the guiding light behind this fine community project. His secretary, Rosalie Meyer, is responsible for the entire job of contacting the artists as well as collecting and hanging the paintings. Her art background, developed in New York and California schools, assures bank customers what they view on the walls will be good serious art.

John M. Burdette, operations officer of the bank, also has a deep interest in art and I am sure his opinion is sought to determine what is hung. The climate in the bank — generated by Rosalie Meyer and carried on by Manager Toole resembles what one might find in a fine art gallery. United California Bank should be commended for allowing the branches so much freedom in exhibiting what they feel is right for the community. Bank customers deserve such treatment — too bad other banks do not have the capacity to exhibit such good taste.

The bank where I do my business (not a United California Bank), in addition to hanging amateurish paintings has instituted a program of good-grooming for all of the female employees. Their idea apparently is that attractive tellers, false-lashed and miniskirted, will promote goodwill and hopefully a contemporary image. It is ridiculously overdone. The tellers all look uncomfortable working — rather as though they should be on their way to the opera or out to dinner.

AT THE PRESENT time the United California Bank is hanging the works of nine artists. Their names should be familiar to many. Marie Bucher, Joan Fey, Henri Francois, Carlos Lopez, Mary Anne Nordhoff, Dale Brent Sexton and Dorre Stogner are seven of these artists. Some of their paintings are for sale and some are just on loan. Manager Toole has just purchased a painting by Francois.

One of my favorite artists, Davis Miller, has two or three of his paintings on the walls. He is a popular and well-known South Bay artist who is highly regarded in Southern art circles. Vincent Price recently purchased several of his works for the Sears Collection. Since 1949 Miller has been an instructor of drawing and painting in the South Bay Adult Education program.

It makes no difference to the bank employees whether you bank there or not — but they would like you to come in and see for yourself the good things that are happening in Mr. Toole's bank. Let them know what you think about their art exhibits — it could be a stimulating factor

in creating better taste in the art that is being hung in private as well as public establishments.

James Drury of Torrance, is a member of the 78-voice Chapel Choir at California Baptist College, which will be making its first public appearance Dec. 1 at the annual "College in Action" day for high school juniors and seniors and junior college students.

Drury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Drury, 5427 Sara Drive, is a graduate of Lompoc High School. He had a starring role in Cal Baptist's first drama production for the fall, "A Sleep of Prisoners."

## Dedicate New Unit At Church

Dedication services for the new \$150,000 educational unit at the First Baptist Church of Torrance, 2118 Carson St., will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, according to Dr. Harold L. Fickett Sr., interim pastor.

Dr. George Downing, executive secretary of the Southern California Baptist Convention, will be the dedication speaker. The Chapel Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ronald Mullins, will sing "Thankful People, Raise Your Song." Ted Carrington will be the soloist.

## Torrance Youth To Join Choir

On hand for the dedication service will be D. Easton Her-

Parents of Lomita Scout Troop 115 will sponsor a rummage sale for the purpose of buying camping equipment. Louis Berard, Scoutmaster, has announced.

The sale will be held next Friday from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lomita VFW Hall, Alliene Street and Lomita Boulevard.

Regular morning worship services will be held at 8:15 a.m. and Sunday School classes will meet at 9:30 a.m.

## Band Battle

Lomita Recreation Center, in association with the Teen Dance Club, will present its second "Battle of the Bands" Friday, Dec. 20.

## Scouts to Hold Rummage Sale

Any band interested in participating in the battle may obtain an entry form from teen activities coordinator Bob Ciborowski at Lomita Recreation Center.

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HANG PAINTING . . . Charles H. Toole, manager of United California Bank's South Redondo Beach branch, and his secretary, Rosalie Meyer, hang a painting by Henri Francois during a recent art show at the bank. The bank's good taste in art is the subject of today's "Let's Go" column by art and travel writer Larry Macaray.

## People . . . On the Move

(Promotions, Assignments, Affiliations)

Albert J. Ranson, of 1809 Harriman Lane, Redondo Beach, has been graduated from the Southern California Edison Co. substation operator's school. Ranson, a veteran of 10 years with the utility, completed an advanced course in switching procedures.

Doris Anderson, of 14828 Halldale Ave., is observing her 20th anniversary with Security First National Bank this month. An administrative assistant in the bank's office at Olympic and Flower streets, she joined the bank in 1947 as a clerk-typist. Mrs. Anderson is a member of the Gardena Business and Professional Women's Club.

Clark M. Dickson, of 24716 Winlock Drive, has been named production metallurgist, rolling mill and inspection, at U. S. Steel's Torrance Works. Dickson, who began work at the Torrance Works in February as a management trainee, holds a degree in metallurgical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

Dr. John A. Aseltine, of Palos Verdes Estates, has been appointed director of civil systems for TRW Systems Group in Redondo Beach.

David M. Curtis of Hawthorne has been named assistant cashier in charge of operations at the Bank of America's Sepulveda-Hawthorne Branch. Curtis moves to his new post from the bank's Inglewood branch.

Edward P. Benson, manager of the bronze and aluminum division of the A. J. trator.

Bayer Co., 2600 Monterey St., has been named chairman of the Tablet and Letter Advertising Committee of the National Association of Architectural Metal Manufacturers.

Two area residents have joined the staff of Los Angeles County District Attorney Evelle J. Younger. They are W. E. Bornhoft of Torrance, an investigator, and James C. Hix of Wilmington, a law clerk. New employees were honored last week at a coffee hour hosted by Younger.

Appointment of Russell P. Tomlinson, of 1527 Helmick St., Dominguez, as assistant vice president, central credit department, by Security First National Bank. Tomlinson joined the bank in 1951.

Stewart W. Phillips, manager of public affairs programs for General Telephone and Electronics Service Corp. in New York City, has been named director of public relations for General Telephone Co. of California.

Allen R. McGinnis, creative director of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, Inc., will retire the end of the year after 23 years with BBDO. McGinnis joined the firm in 1945 and served as copy chief prior to his election as a vice president.

Appointment of Thomas G. Pollock as general sales manager for the General Telephone Company has been announced by Don L. Schumacher, marketing director of the utility. Pollock formerly was area marketing administrator.

## Diabetes Clinic Set For Today

Two free diabetes detection clinics will be in operation this afternoon at the Torrance and Wilmington health centers.

Hours for the special clinics are from 1 to 4 p.m., according to Mrs. Humphrey Owen, chairman of the local chapter of the Diabetes Association of Southern California.

Mayor Albert Isen has issued a proclamation designating the current week as "Diabetes Detection Week" in Torrance.

The Torrance Health Center is located at 2300 W. Carson St. The Wilmington Health Center is at 612 W. 'E' St.

Mrs. Owens said at least 20,000 persons in this area have diabetes and many of those persons are unaware of their diabetic condition.

## Cargo Jet Certified For Use

The Federal Aviation Administration has certified the convertible passenger-cargo version of the DC-8 Super 62 for operation as a cargo carrier.

It was the first of Douglas Aircraft Co.'s Super Sixty Series of advanced jetliners to be approved for cargo operations. The passenger configuration of the convertible DC-8 Super 62F was certified last month.

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