

Reflections

By J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr.

DOCTORS SERVE



For 55 years Dr. D. P. Richardson rode horseback, or in a cranky car to minister to the sick. He braved blizzard and cyclones, floods and burning sun. Days and nights were fused into endless time; he worked until he collapsed. Yet in spite of overwork he was so loved by his fellow-men that he was elected Mayor of Union City, Okla., the Village he called home. The town needed a bank; being civic minded he started one. A drug store was necessary; he opened one. As years took their toll he was chosen postmaster where he dispensed pills and postage stamps. During those fifty-five years pavement reached to the outermost extremities of his bailiwick, electricity and telephones became common but the love for this old doctor never changed. 500 of his former patients joined in a mighty celebration for his 80th birthday. His joy was boundless as babies he had brought into the world showed him their grandchildren.

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lim for each participating employee. The cost to the unmarried employee would be \$2 per month. The cost to the employee obtaining insurance for his dependents would be \$3 per month. The corporation said that the cost to employees "...is less than the present average cost to employees participating in present group-life insurance and employee benefit associations for substantially less benefits."

"Big Steel" figured that the program would cost the company four cents an hour for the average annual hours for each participating employee at about 80 per cent rate of operations.

It is proposed that the detailed provisions such as eligibility, administration, coverage and other details could be worked out in negotiations.

U.S. Steel's proposal on pensions was contained in two brief paragraphs, as follows:

"The companies will join with the union in making a joint study of pensions. This study should be concluded by March 1, 1950. At that time a mutually satisfactory contributory pension plan can be negotiated with the union to become effective when the present labor agreements expire April 30, 1950.

"The union and the companies will agree to share in the cost of such satisfactory contributory pension plan to an average of six cents per hour worked for each participating employee beginning up on the effective date of the plan. The application of this cost, the relation of the new plan to existing pension plans and social security and other features of the new plan are to be negotiated."

The key words in the pension proposal at least so far as union demands are concerned appeared "will agree to share." The union doesn't want it that way. It wants the companies to bear the entire cost.

The proposal that the companies begin paying the six cents "upon the effective date of the plan" also conflicted with union demand. The steelworkers in negotiations with some producers have demanded that the companies start paying into the pension and insurance funds as of last July 16. That date was the original deadline fixed in the opening provisions of the existing contracts.

Phillip Murray, head of the CIO Steelworkers declared yesterday afternoon in Pittsburgh, Pa., that the negotiations between the Union and United

OFFICERS HONORED

Redondo Court 44, Order of Amaranth will hold a reception for grand officers at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, October 5, in Redondo Beach Masonic Temple, 616 Ruby street.

Guest of honor will be Honored Lady Hazel Daggett, assistant grand lecturer.

Honored Lady Eunice Forbes, royal matron, will serve as chairman of arrangements for the reception, which will be open to the public.

States Steel Corporation are "deadlocked." Murray charged the corporation is "deliberately seeking to force a steel strike."

The Steelworkers' chief claim renewed a charge that companies have not engaged in "genuine collective bargaining" and accused steel officials with entering "these conferences with closed minds and with an obvious unwillingness to resolve the present dispute."

"The industry is determined to bring about a nationwide steel strike," added Murray. "On the issue of contributory pension and social insurance. This is a false issue deliberately raised by the industry as a cloak to conceal its determination to force strike action."

"The union has done everything within its power to avert a strike. United States Steel and other companies in the basic steel industry have obstinately refused to accept the recommendations of the (President's Fact-Finding) Board and to conclude a fair and equitable settlement with the union," Murray added.

Murray said the union "will continue its fair offer to accept the Board's recommendations until 12:01 a.m. October 1 in the hope of averting a strike. If the union's offer is not accepted by that time, the union will, of course, be free to strike for its original demands."

Federal Conciliation Director Cyrus S. Ching said today the threat of a steel strike has not been relieved by negotiations this week, and dispatched government mediators to investigate the steel pension dispute, at 45 steel companies.

Ching told the CIO Steelworkers Union and the 45 companies that "the primary responsibility for averting a strike lies with the parties themselves and not with the government. He said a speedy settlement without a strike is required for self interest of the parties and in the public interest."

Ching said he did not know the status of bargaining at all 45 companies but said officials of the mediation service would make themselves available to take part in negotiations at any of the companies where a dispute exists.

The mediation chief said he will stay in Washington and has no plans to call the companies and the unions to a joint session here. "That might retard rather than accelerate negotiation," Ching said.

The conciliation director refused to comment on what, if any, seventh hour solution the government might have for the situation. He refused to say whether an impending steel strike by Friday would constitute a national emergency and justify the use of a strike halting injunction under the Taft-Hartley law.

As for a new presidential request for an extension of the strike deadline, Ching said, "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it."

"The current dispute will be settled sometime—with or without a stoppage," Ching said and added in concluding his message to the parties, "No one ever won a war; no one ever won a strike."

Asked if he was optimistic about the outlook, Ching said with a smile, "Every day brings us closer to a settlement. That's true in any dispute."

Lt. Gov. Knight Will Address Jr. C of C Fete

Lt. Gov. Goodwin J. Knight—who recently declared his interest in being drafted as GOP gubernatorial candidate—will pause in his state-wide stumping spree to deliver an address at the Charter Party of Torrance's New Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The affair will be held Friday evening, October 7, at the Hollywood Riviera Club House. The ladies, wearing furnished corages, will be present.



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Howard Percy, who helped organize the new group, will be installed to the office of Junior Chamber of Commerce president. Other officers who will be honored at the installation are Ralph T. Jakubowski, first vice president; Harry Abramson, second vice president; Leland Franz, secretary; Edwin Karlow, treasurer.

On the group's board of directors are Charles Schultz Jr., and Bob Lewellen. Bill Beckman is sergeant-at-arms.

Chamber of Commerce President Charles V. Jones; Mayor Hugh S. Sherfey Jr.; George W. Stevens, city manager; and Elaine Walker, executive secretary of the Torrance chamber have been invited to attend.

President-elect Percy announced that those who join the junior chamber before next week's affair will be named in the group's original charter.

Lumber Yard Permit Denied

Concurring in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the City Council Tuesday night denied the petition of P. E. Blocker to operate a lumber yard at 24202-06 Hawthorne boulevard.

The commission stated that the location was not suitable for a lumber yard due to traffic and non-conformance to the proposed zoning for that district.

Three tract maps (Nos. 16099, 16195, and 15976), were recommended for approval, subject to the receipt of a letter from the County Flood Control District approving the sites and extension of the service road from 187th street to 185th street on Tracts No. 16099 and 16195.

Tract No. 16099 is located between Crenshaw boulevard and Fern avenue and between 185th and 190th streets.

Tract No. 16195 is located between Crenshaw boulevard and Fern avenue and between 185th place and 186th street.

Tract No. 15976 is located on the northeast corner of Arlington avenue and 190th street.

A letter from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District has been received on each of the tracts, stating that the property had been investigated and it was the opinion of that department that when the lots have been graded so as to drain into the streets, it will be reasonably free from flood hazard, the commissioners stated.

The council also approved two other requests:

That H. K. Reynolds, 1956 Plaza del Amo, be allowed to extend his garage.

That Harvel Gutfenfelder be permitted to improve property at 1618 Crenshaw avenue by building a room 17 feet by 30 feet on the front of the present structure.

Torrance Sailor on Hawaiian Duty

Anthony H. Van Kralingen Jr., seaman apprentice, U.S.N., is now serving as a crew member of the submarine U.S.S. Catfish, which is participating in a large scale amphibious exercise, "Operation Miki," in the Pacific according to a Navy announcement.

Van Kralingen, who several months ago completed the Naval submarine service training course at New London, Conn., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony H. Van Kralingen, of 2304 Gramercy avenue.

The former Torrance High School gymnast entered the Navy in December of 1947 and received his "Boot" training at the San Diego Naval Training Center.

EPHEBIAN MEETING

"Gangsterism—A Local Phenomenon" is the subject of a panel discussion at the regular meeting of the Ephebian Society to be held October 6, 7:45 p.m. in Room 150 City Hall, President Roy Woolsey announced today.

Victor R. Hansen, attorney and past president, will act as moderator of a speakers' panel comprised of Judge William E. McKay, U. S. Attorney James M. Carter; Assistant Attorney General Kenneth E. Lynch; Deputy District Attorney Arthur L. Veitch; and Detective Lieutenant Joe Gaalkens of the Sheriff's Department.

The meeting is open to the public.

"In conducting this panel discussion," said Mr. Hansen, a Brigadier-General of the Western De-



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