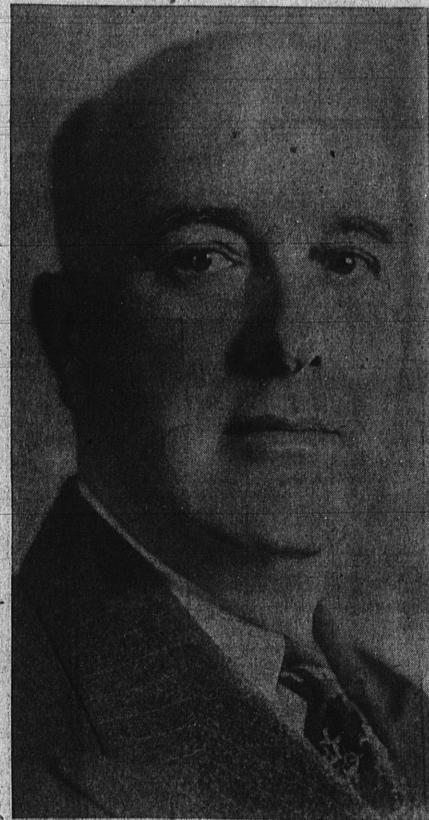


PUBLISHER'S DEATH ENDS 51-YEAR NEWSPAPER CAREER; RITES TODAY



GROVER CLEVELAND WHYTE
Herald Publisher Passes

Heart Attack Fatal To Grover C. Whyte

Grover C. Whyte, an eye-witness to the phenomenal growth of the City of Torrance since he came here in 1923 to become publisher of the Torrance Herald, will be buried this morning shortly after 10 o'clock in Green Hills Memorial Park.

The publisher of the Herald died at 11:30 p.m. March 8 in the Torrance Memorial Hospital, which he had served for 22 years as a member of its volunteer Board of Directors.

He was 61. He died peacefully after suffering a coronary thrombosis Saturday morning. He had weathered a heart attack nearly a year ago and was well on his way to recovery when he was stricken by the coronary complication which doctors stated was unrelated to his earlier heart difficulty.

Survivors requested that in lieu of flowers those so inclined contribute instead to the building fund for a new maternity wing to be erected at the community-owned Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Any eulogy which would link him with the development of Torrance would of necessity be a lengthy one; however, Rev. Arthur E. Bello, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Torrance, will conduct only brief Episcopalian services beginning at 10 this morning in the Chapel of Stone and Myers Mortuary.

His remains will be carried to the graveside by Jay H. DeLany, Reid L. Bundy, Clay B. Carley, William E. King Jr., and Jack O. Baldwin, all heads of departments at the Torrance Herald, and Robert Lowellen Sr., a former superintendent at the Herald for nearly a quarter of a century.

Among the honorary pallbearers will be Don Findley, R. R. Smith, C. T. Rippey Sr., Dean L. Sears, Edgar S. Freinger, Robert Feckham, Henry Creeger, Jacob Koch, I. H. Hawkins, Cecil R. King, Samuel Levy, Otto A. Kresse, Charles Ver Jones, Carl S. Warner, James W. Post, Merwin M. Schwab, and Reed H. Parkin.

Ownership of the Herald will pass to his widow, Phyllis, and an only daughter, Nancy Whyte Work, wife of Robert Work, managing editor of the Los Angeles Daily Journal. Mrs. Whyte lives in a home purchased at 1620 Post Ave. 26 years ago. His daughter and son-in-law live in Westchester.

One of three sisters, Mrs. Earl C. Willey of Flint, Mich., arrived Tuesday by air from Daytona Beach, Fla., where she was vacationing at the time she learned of her brother's death. Two other sisters, Mrs. James

Power Co. Strike Perils Local Users

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TOTS, 2 AND 4, NEAR DEATH IN SMASH-UP

Herald Offices To Be Closed Today, March 12

Due to the death of Publisher Grover C. Whyte, the offices of the Torrance Herald will remain closed all day today, March 12, to enable employees to pay final respects to their late employer. Mr. Whyte will be interred in Green Hills Memorial Park following rites to be conducted at 10 o'clock this morning in the Chapel of Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Power Strike Poses Threat To Industry

A strike called against the Southern California Edison Co. Tuesday threatened service interruptions to Torrance and 254 other communities in Southern California, company officials claimed yesterday.

The 3700-member American Federation of Labor Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 47 struck the company in 10 Southland counties at 6 a.m. Tuesday.

The union called the strike to enforce its demands for a 25-cent hourly pay hike and a union shop, which the company termed impossible.

Three Children Among Six Hurt In Hiway Crash

Two small children were near death yesterday as the result of a grinding two-car collision on Redondo Beach Blvd. east of Hawthorne Ave. Tuesday afternoon.

Unconscious and critical was four-year-old Arthur Banning, who was riding with his father, Arthur J. Banning, of 18727 Prairie Ave. Hospital attendants said he had severe head injuries and a fractured arm and hand.

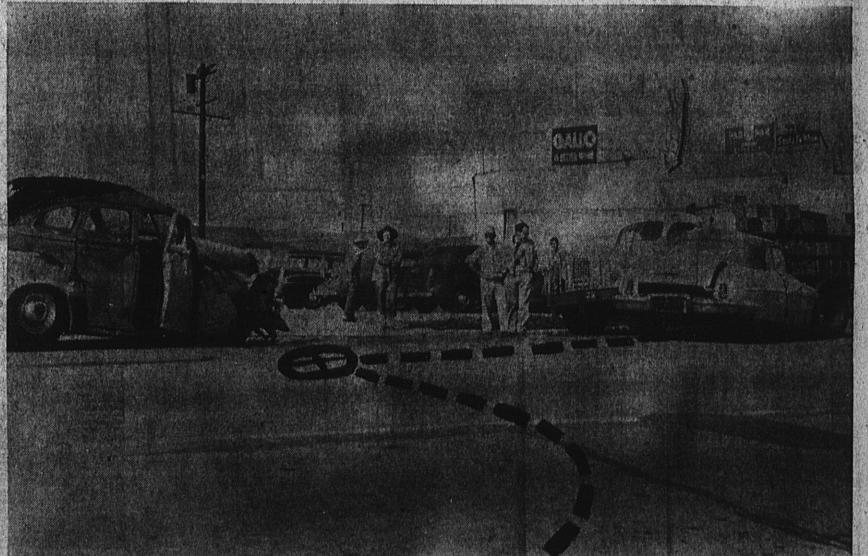
Also on the critical list and only semi-conscious was his two-year-old brother, Teddy, who suffered head injuries. Escaping with less serious injuries was another brother, Jimmy, who is three years old.

The tots were injured when the heavy sedan driven by their father collided with a convertible driven by Rocco Tartaglia, of Hawthorne. Investigating officers said the convertible was apparently making a U-turn on the busy highway when the accident occurred.

Passengers with Tartaglia receiving minor injuries included Arthur Davidson, 49, and Jean Davidson, 29.

The injured were taken to Park Emergency Hospital in Gardena, then the two critically injured tots were transferred to Harbor General Hospital.

California Highway Patrol officers O. L. DeCray and Jack Schumaker are continuing an investigation of the crash, the Patrol said yesterday.



CHILDREN CRITICALLY INJURED . . . Two children were critically injured and a third received minor hurts when

their father's auto, left, collided with another on Redondo Beach Blvd. Tuesday afternoon. Three other persons received injuries in the crash.

Finch Halts Support For Darby's Office

Inglewood attorney, Robert H. Finch, a candidate for Congress

last November, today returned from a week's visit to Washington, D. C., and immediately placed a damper on efforts of his supporters to secure the appointment by Governor Earl Warren to the vacant supervisory post recently created by the death of Ray Darby.

Said Finch, "There are many qualified men whom the Governor should consider for this important position. While I appreciate the interest of my friends, I must ask that they cease any activity, organized or otherwise, that may have started during my absence in Washington. I am not soliciting this position. My immediate plans are to continue the practice of law."

While in Washington, Finch consulted with Vice-President Richard Nixon, Senators William Knowland and Thomas Kuchel and all Southern California Republican Congressmen. He also met with Undersecretary Charles Thomas of the Navy with respect to the move on the part of the Navy to secure a base on Catalina Island.

Bank Official Gets Post With Association

R. J. Deininger, executive vice-president of the Torrance National Bank, has been named a member of the Personnel Committee of the Independent Bankers Assn. of Southern California, an organization composed of more than 65 community-owned and operated banks in the Southland.

HERALD STORY FINDS MISSING STOCKHOLDER

The long search by the U. S. Axle Co., Inc. for a stockholder whom the company had not heard from since 1929 ended this week as the result of a story in the Torrance Herald last Feb. 5.

Charles N. Muder, whose last address the company had was Box 251-A, Torrance, wrote the company's Pennsylvania office this week that someone in Torrance had sent him the clipping from the Torrance Herald. He gave his address as 1220 Oakmont St., Follansbee, W. Va. Name of the sender is unknown to the company.

The hunt for Muder started in 1950 when the company got ready to pay out its first dividend check in 30 years.

Muder was among the 73 stockholders whose addresses could not be found. Arnold Watson, sales manager of replacement parts for the company, said the firm got in touch with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, police, an Inglewood attorney, credit associations and tracing services during the three-year search. All led up blind alleys.

Last month, Watson asked the Herald to help his search. A check which went into the mails Tuesday from Pottstown, Pa., testified that the search was over. Now only five of the original 73 "lost" stockholders remain to be found, Watson said yesterday.

Muder's share of the dividend was \$31.50.

Bride-to-be Keeps Hospital Vigil

Conscious but still on the critical list at Los Angeles County General Hospital today is 25-year-old Robert M. McKinley, who was injured in an auto crash Saturday, the night before he was to have married Miss Anna Svensk of 1825 Marcelina Ave. McKinley's left arm and leg are completely paralyzed.

Doctors operated Monday, searching for a blood clot in the brain which they believed was causing the paralysis. Surgery results, however, showed the loss of the use of his limbs was due to a concussion.

But the outlook is far from hopeful, according to doctors' reports. They believe McKinley will regain use of the arm and leg as the concussion wears off. Still, it may take a year or longer before he is completely well.

In the meantime, his pretty bride-to-be is keeping a daily vigil at his hospital bed.



STUDENT SPEAKERS . . . Lorraine Miller will represent the Torrance Lions Club in Redondo tomorrow in the zone finals of the Lions Student Speakers Contest. She won the local contest here Tuesday in competition with Danny Mayers, left, and Warner Smith, right. Warren Hamilton was the club's contest chairman. Tomorrow's zone finals will be held under the direction of Al Ewalt, zone chairman.