

12th Office Announced by Alter Realty

The office of Paul Binstead, Realtors, has been added as the 12th Alter Realty and Insurance office in the Torrance-Lomita area, officials announced yesterday.

The Binstead office has been located at 24017 Normandie Ave. for the past three years. Binstead will continue to serve customers in that area

and will have the advantage of the backing of the large Alter staff.

Alter Realty Corp. has 12 offices within a five-mile radius of the main offices in downtown Torrance and most of these are connected together with private lines from the main PBX board and can be reached easily. The firm

Scene Stealer Appearing in Accent Show

Appearing in Accent: Theatre's current production of "Light Up the Sky" is a veteran character actor who is making his first appearance in Torrance.

Although he is foreign born, he has spent most of his 50 years here in California. In the comedy, he plays the role of Elvis, with distinction, often completely stealing a scene. There have been times when he has had to be removed from the stage so that he does not capitalize upon someone else's role. Among the properties obtained for this farcical play, this was probably the most difficult one to locate.

Francis Fallon who operates the South Bay Human Society came to the rescue of Accent: Theatre and furnished them with the parrot which goes by the name of Elvis in "Light Up the Sky." He has added charm and reality to this humorous caricature of theatre people which is well presented by this local group.

Also appearing in the cast

are Mal Sagenkahn, Julie O'Neill, Cay Kellogg, Lee Oberholtzer, Warren Deiter, Beverly Dyer, Pat Gray, Curt Mobley, Warren Lavendar, Bob Kelsey, Charles Brannan.

The play is being held over for this week with performances on Friday and Saturday nights at 8:30.

Hod Carriers Settle Strike, Return to Work

Settlement of the strike of hod carriers that has idled the plastering industry since June 27 was announced Friday by James J. Rose, chairman of the negotiation committee for the Contracting Plasterers' Assn. of Southern California.

The strike, which affected some 4000 hod carriers as well as indirectly unemployed 3000 lathers and 5400 plasterers, is brought to an immediate halt with jobs resumed on many building projects Friday.

Work on many Torrance projects, including South High School, still was held up by the continuing strike of the plumbers and the sheet metal workers.

Rose said that the final agreement, reached with hod carrier representatives after an all-night negotiating session, provided for a 16 1/2-cent increase in wages effective immediately. The agreement also provides for another increase on May 1, 1958, which will provide a 2 1/2-cent employer contribution for health and welfare, 10 cents for additional fringe benefits, and 6 1/2 cents for wages.

Five-Year Contract

Rose said that the contract between the employers and the hod carriers is unique in that it extends for a period of five years with all increases after May 1, 1958, based on corresponding increases in the cost-of-living index.

"This is the first time that the cost-of-living index has been used as a yardstick for wage increases," said Rose, "and for the first time in many years, our industry will be able to reasonably predict its cost of operations for an extended period of five years." Rose said that other conditions in the contract will provide for working practices that will allow for increased efficiency and a "minimum of cost reaction to our customers."

City Employees Will Give in AID Program

Mayor Albert Isen has designated this week as "Aid-United Givers Week" in Torrance to encourage more than 400 city employees to participate in the AID-United Givers program.

According to Mrs. Esther Lowen, AID-United Givers chairman for the city of Torrance chapter, the dollar increases among charitable causes when given to AID-United Givers.

Assisting Mayor Isen in laying plans for wider participation in the AID-United Givers program at City Hall were Inspector Robert Lucas of the Torrance Fire Department, Lt. Alex Thompson of the Torrance Police Dept. and Mrs. Lowen.

AID-United Givers, a non-profit organization operated by a voluntary board of directors was organized in 1951 as a result of interest shown by many citizens towards the problem of charitable fund raising. Policies were adopted as a means of eliminating multiple drives and towards providing more money at less overhead cost to the donors. During the last fiscal year operating costs have been reduced to 4.3 per cent.

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