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## Board Votes Unanimously On Physician

Kurt T. Shery, M.D., who was runnerup in the race for Board of Education last April, has been selected to fill out the term of Clinton B. Cooke on the board, it was announced Tuesday by Board President William Hanson.

Selection of Shery to complete Cooke's term was unanimous, Hanson told the HERALD.

"Dr. Shery campaigned vigorously for election last April and the fact that he polled more votes than the incumbents indicate to us that a large number of Torrance people supported his views on education," Hanson said after Monday's personnel meeting.

FORMAL appointment of Shery will be made Monday, it was indicated. He will assume the post immediately.

Cooke was forced to resign from the board last week with the announcement that he had been named manager of the Houston, Tex., plant for his company, the National Supply

per grades, in order to group students according to learning ability "and cut down instances of disturbances and frustrations."

He asked for report cards in all grades, a proper discipline of study and relegation of "social adjustment" to its proper perspective.

WHEN SEATED Monday, Dr. Shery will join Hanson, Bert M. Lynn, Albert Charles, and William Boswell on the city's school board. Boswell and Shery will serve until 1963, the other three have terms running until 1965.



DR. KURT T. SHERY Selected for Board

Co. Cooke will move from Torrance to Houston to accept the new assignment.

COOKE WAS appointed to the board in 1956 and was elected to a full term in 1958. With the extension of terms granted by the legislature recently, his term was due to expire in 1963.

During last spring's election campaign, Dr. Shery emphasized his belief in the need to stress basic learning skills in the elementary grades, including reading, writing, spelling, and basic arithmetic.

HE CALLED for "sectional" teaching, especially in the up-

## Council Orders Fences

Fencing of bridges in the city which cross the Dominguez flood control channel was ordered by the City Council Tuesday evening after it was determined by City Attorney Stanley Remeimyer that such action probably would not change the status of the city in the matter of liability.

On motion of Councilman Nick Draie, the city manager was authorized to spend a sum estimated at \$4,000 to erect fencing along the bridges as an "emergency measure." The councilmen made it clear they were not assuming liability for the recent death of a 4-year-old on the Arlington bridge, but were acting for the "peace of mind of nearby residents."

In other action, the council referred recommendations of a citizens committee on municipal bus service to its transportation committee, received a report from Airport Manager Jack Egan that the new control tower was nearly completed and would probably be put in operation by the FAA on Jan. 1, and granted a change of zone and variance for multiple-family dwellings in the area of 230th Street and Madison Avenue.

## Chace Names Mill to County Charter Body

The committee will be asked to study and recommend on the extent of political participation county employees should be permitted. Each board member is entitled to name five members to the 25-member committee.

Charter sections 42 and 43 which pertain to political activities of civil servants will be the center of the committee's studies, Chace said.

Five Southland civic leaders, including a Torrance industrial executive, have been named to the Citizens County Charter Study Committee by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, he reported yesterday.

Chace named Fred W. Mill, past president of the Torrance

Chamber of Commerce and controller of the National Supply Division of Arco, as the citizen at large on the committee. Mill resides in Palos Verdes Estates.

Others named by the supervisor include Dr. W. Earle Browne, district superintendent of the South Bay Union High School District, as a representative from the academic profession; David Duncan, publisher of a Culver City newspaper, to represent news media; E. L. (Ed) Pratt, Los Angeles County chapter, Engineers and Architects Assn., employe representative; and Joseph N. Schiro, Malibu contractor, representative for business and professional groups.



SUPPORTS TOPPLED . . . Crews working on the San Diego Freeway in Torrance were called out about midnight Sunday to replace temporary bridge supports on Crenshaw overcrossing after this auto, driven by William Henry Volmerding, 48, of 2083 Middlebrook Road, slammed into

the scaffolding. Traffic officer Jerry Snyder and his partner, officer Fred Jackman, refused to let the car be moved until workmen could replace the supports. Volmerding was treated for head lacerations at Little Company of Mary Hospital. (Herald Photo)

# Children Key Target for Reds, Counterspies Tell Rotary Club

By DARRELL MADDOX Herald Staff Writer

"Communists plan to achieve their goal of world conquest through our children and are presently recruiting high school students."

This was the warning given yesterday at a Torrance Rotary Club meeting by Marian and Paul Miller of Los Angeles who worked as counterspies for the FBI while members of the Communist Party.

"The Communist Party really cracks down when a child reaches adolescence because the Communists know of the child's tendency to rebel against society at that age. They tell him his problems are created by the forces of capitalism and this is why he faces the draft and doesn't have enough money to attend college," Mrs. Miller said.

SHE URGED persons to write the government printing office in Washington, D.C., and ask for the booklet, "Communist Target—Youth." "Many young people will accept more rigid discipline from the Communist Party than they would from their own parents," she added.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller told of their experiences and the dangers involved while being Communist party members and working for the FBI. Miller told of threatening letters and calls received after his wife

testified at hearings in Washington, D.C.

"I'D LIKE you to come down to my house and I can show you holes in the back of my house from bullets which only missed my child's head by inches. We received crank calls at 2 and 3 in the morning," he added.

He praised newspapers which learned of their plight and published their story which resulted in their receiving letters of praise from many individuals.

"THE COMMUNISTS consider middle class and professional people as their enemy and these are the first people who would be eliminated if the Communists had their chance to carry out their threats. A total of 16 million people would be eliminated," Mrs. Miller said.

She said there are a half million people in the United States which are now carrying out the aim and goal of the Communists. "Even though they are not now members, 50 per cent of the persons who were former Communists would still favor the Communist Party if the United States ever faced a showdown with Russia," the former counterspy said.

"Communist are not concerned with numbers. They would rather have a small loyal group than a large organization."

WHAT CAN be done to fight Communism? "Remember, all that is necessary for the success of evil is that good men do nothing," she said.

Miller said the Communists want to infiltrate all organizations, especially women's groups. His wife said that "to

be a good Communist you must eat, live and breathe it. Communism is a way of life."

"If you could see the way the Communists distort the meaning of our holidays, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, it would make you sick," she said.

MILLER SAID his part as a counterspy was strictly voluntary and he did it because he wanted to do something for his country. "The longer I was in the party the more I realized what a danger communism is to the world," he explained.

"I served in the Merchant Marine during the war and had the opportunity to travel all over the world. It was then that I also realized how communism is spreading throughout the world," Miller told the Rotarians.

Miller is now working as a poster artist in Los Angeles.



ROTARY SPEAKERS . . . Marian and Paul Miller, who worked as counterspies for the FBI in the Communist party, chat with Rotary president George Post. The Millers spoke on their experiences as counterspies yesterday at the Torrance Rotary Club. (Herald Photo)

## Nine on League Rosters

Four Torrance High varsity football players have been selected for the mythical All-League Team by Pioneer League opponents, it was revealed here yesterday.

Two more made second team selections, and another three received honorable mention in the annual team selections.

Named to the first team for the league were end Newell Robison, tackle John Carlson, guard Bruce Hendrix, and back John Cambon.

Named to the league's second team were guard Bob Stout and back Jerry McLean.

Selected for honorable mention from the Tartars' 1961 varsity were center Mike Linderman, and halfbacks George Ojard and Bob Roy.

Other details of the league selections may be found on Page 36 in today's HERALD.

## Campaign For Rose Fund Set

An all-out attempt to raise funds to finance construction of the city's float for the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day will be launched here Saturday with service clubs and other civic groups joining in a citywide campaign to sell roses at \$1 each in the city's shopping centers and business areas.

Bob Vroman, chairman of the rose float committee, said yesterday that all of the city's service clubs, women's organizations, and civic groups were being contacted to assist in the one-day campaign to raise the funds necessary.

A \$1,500 boost to the campaign was presented by the Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning in the form of a check presented during the Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting.

Mrs. Phillip Clark, decorations chairman, has made arrangements again to transport workers to Pasadena before the parade to complete the float, which is designed by Mrs. Isabella S. Coleman as in years past.

By using volunteer workers to decorate the float, the community has been able to save substantial sums in the construction cost, Mrs. Clark said.

## Nurses to Attend Heart Program

The first closed chest cardiac resuscitation demonstration will be held tonight at 7 for Los Angeles city school nurses and other certificated personnel at Stephen M. White Junior High School, 22102 S. Figueroa St. The session will be presented by the county Heart Assn.

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## A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think people normally spend too much money on Christmas gifts?" the Pennies photographer asked.

Mrs. Herbert LeGrow, 809 Cerise Ave.

"Yes I think so. I think they should bring Christmas into the schools and teach the full meaning of it. There is also too much family competition as far as gifts go."

Mrs. Harry Miner, Redondo Beach

"I think one has to spend more than he wants to because everything is so high priced. A great many parents are impressing on their children that this is the time of the birth of Christ as well as gift giving."

Mrs. John Ellison, 2451 W. 234th St.

"Always, I think Christmas is getting awfully commercial. We are putting more emphasis on gifts than we do on Christmas."

Mrs. Arthur Felsler, 21728 Paul Ave.

"Yes, I think Christmas has become so commercial. It is also very frustrating for the children when they see high priced items and can't understand why they can't have them."

Mrs. Leon Zakian, 5102 Torlugas

"Yes, definitely. I know I've cut down on my spending. I don't think people are spending any more now than they did last year. Spending has about hit the limit and I don't think it will get any worse."

## Youth Band Schedules Yule Music

The Torrance Area Youth Band and the Junior Youth Symphony will present Christmas concerts during the month of December.

The Youth Band concert is scheduled for next Thursday night in the Redondo Union High School Auditorium, beginning at 8.

The Youth Symphony, which is sponsored by the Youth Band, will present its concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17, in the Aviation

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## Band Named For South High Prom

The Esquires, a popular teen-age band, will play for the South High Winter Formal on Dec. 8. The band played at South for the Homecoming Ball on Nov. 16.

This will be only the second time the Esquires will have been heard at South, but it makes the 10th time that they have played in the Torrance School District.

The band has also been

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