

# DEAR EDITOR . . .

United Steelworkers of America—C.I.O.  
Local Number 1414  
1316 Border Avenue,  
Torrance, California

December 12th, 1953

Board of Education  
2335 Plaza Del Amo  
Torrance, California  
Honorable Board:

Torrance has lost a great citizen in Carl Steele, who passed away last December 2nd. The greatest honor to be paid—the memory of Carl is to have a man from labor fill his vacancy on the Board of Education. This request would be one he would have recommended himself.

The Executive Board and the Legislative Committee of Local 1414 are offering two names who have been outstanding in our community, both in labor and civic affairs. They are Harry Massie, who lives in Central Torrance on Engracia, a resident of Torrance for some twenty-five years, and LeRoy J. Constance, financial Secretary of the Local Union for the past six years, a resident of Torrance for ten years, presently residing in North Torrance. These recommendations are men we feel will give the same honor and distinction to your honorable body.

We respectfully appreciate your consideration and would like to commend your body for a job well done in face of the tremendous growth of our community.

(signed)  
STEPHEN H. DARCY, Recording Secretary Local Union No. 1414  
Chairman, Legislative Committee

(signed)  
NICHOLAS O. DRALE  
Assistant Chairman, Legislative Committee

## DEAR UNCLE EDDIE: . . .

(In a recent "Dear Editor" column, the Torrance Press reprinted the odd but original letter which Ed Schwartz of the Super Service Printing Co. received from his inspired nine-year-old niece, Sandy. Sandy, like many a budding young author before her, went into ecstasy over breaking out in print. We wish to share her grateful reaction with our reading public.—Editor's Note).

Dear Uncle Eddie  
I saw the paper, that you put my letter in. And I feel very funny, because I never had my name in the paper. I think I will take the paper to school, and show some of my friends.

Jerry had a very funny haircut. He does not like it. It is very in the back.

We just got through eating breakfast.

The bird just got through eating too.

Momy is not going to take her piano lesson, but I am. We are going to have a man come to

the house, to fix the water. We have no hot water. So mommy is going to stay home.

Well I better go now.  
With all my love  
SANDY

P.S. Dear Uncle Eddie  
I just found out that you gave me that tow dollars. I just feel sick, because I did not say, "thank-you." Please forgive me. We are going to eat dinner now. Jerry has his boufriend up for dinner. And daddy just came home.

Gee we are going to eat!  
With all my love  
SANDY.

From time to time, when 10 vogue—Avoid Frozen Vision driving long distances, deliberately direct your attention to various points ahead, glance off to one side or another, or check your gauges. This is restful to the eyes, advises the Automobile Club of Southern California, and also prevents "frozen vision."

## Mayor Issues Proclamation

Mayor Mervin M. Schwab formally declared the week of December 7, 1953 to January 2, 1954 to be known as Colorado River Aqueduct Week in recognition of the importance of the aqueduct to Torrance. The proclamation comes on the eve of the Metropolitan Water District's Twenty-fifth anniversary.

The proclamation reads as follows:  
WHEREAS, our Colorado River water supply is vital to the people of this community, to meet our present and future needs, and

WHEREAS, this water supply is made available through the 457 mile aqueduct system of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, of which the city of Torrance is a part, and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water District was organized twenty-five years ago this month, on December 29, 1928, and has since grown from eleven incorporated cities to fifty, with an increase in assessed valuation from \$2,200,000,000 to \$6,015,000,000, while the population of its member cities was increasing from 1,600,000 to 4,000,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the great importance to the citizens of this community of the Colorado River water supply provided by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, I do hereby proclaim the week of December 27, 1953 to January 2, 1954 as COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT WEEK.



ABACADABRA: It took slightly more than just this to open this door. Sometime after 11 p.m. last Thursday somebody broke this safe open in the Torrance High School. About \$40 were stolen. Other valuables were left untouched. Apparently two burglars possibly juveniles, were involved. A window was pried open with a small bar. The safe was cracked open by prying the top corner down. Entry was first tried through a wall around the safe.  
Press Photo

## Congressman Gives Legion State Flag

The Honorable Cecil R. King, Congressman for the 17th District, presented the California Bear Flag to Bert S. Crossland Post 170, American Legion, Wednesday night, December 9, when the post hosted a commanders and adjutants dinner for 19th District personnel at its Border Ave., Legion Hall.

Included among the District leaders were L. G. Gross, commander; Ed Hussey, first vice commander; Mabel Messier, third vice commander; J. Fernberg, service officer; and Philip E. Poppler, judge advocate.

## Sisterhood Fills Basket

The Chanukah party given by the Sisterhood of the Gardena Valley Jewish Center was a huge success.

The Sisterhood availed themselves of this occasion to fill a Christmas basket to be presented to the Social Service Clearing House for distribution to a needy family of the community. Leona Mitchell and Mary Fein took charge of the contributions and the assembling of the basket.

## Ben Cluff 1st To Use Garlands

Two long strands of Christmas garlands span the highway from side to side in front of Ben Cluff Dairy, 22010 South Avalon boulevard. Ben Cluff is the first in the East Torrance-Carson-Keystone district to hang up Christmas decorations of this sort and hopes that other merchants in the area will join in this project next year. Cluff states that this is one way of calling at-

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attention to the ever-increasing shopping district in that particular area.

"I hope the day will come when there will be decorations on Sepulveda from Avalon to Main, on Main from Sepulveda to Carson, on Carson from Main to Avalon, and on Avalon from Carson to Sepulveda," Cluff said.

In the first Christmas Seal Sale in the United States in 1907, \$3000 was raised to aid a few needy tuberculosis patients. In 1952, the Christmas Seal Sale raised \$23,300,000 to fight TB through health education, medical research, case finding, and rehabilitation.

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50c DOWN  
50c WEEK

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