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Fight Looms on Contracts

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of discussing your proposed changes in the 1949 contract between the Retail Clerk's Local No. 905 A. F. of L. and the merchants of San Pedro and adjacent areas, namely, Torrance, Wilmington, Lomita, and Gardena.

In order that you may understand our position we are herewith submitting to you the following to wit:

Armistice Day—A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried that Armistice Day as a legal holiday be deleted from the 1949 contract. Your request that Armistice Day be inserted in the 1949 contract has been denied by the membership of this Association and others present; therefore, you are respectfully requested to reconsider this demand. The merchants feel that adding another holiday to the contract would work a hardship upon them.

Arbitration Clause—Page 6 of the 1948 contract, paragraph 18 defines the present arbitration clause. We feel that this is a good arbitration clause, that it has served its purpose well in the entire harbor area. Practically the same arbitration clause exists in over 76 localities throughout the nation in various contracts between management and labor. We do not feel that this arbitration clause works a hardship on the union. We feel that it is fair and just for both sides and seconded, and unanimously whereas a motion was made, carried that the arbitration

clause on Page 6, paragraph 18 ending on Page 7 of the present contract remain in effect in the 1949 contract, therefore, your request that the arbitration clause of the 1949 contract be deleted has been denied and it is respectfully requested that you reconsider this demand.

Wages—A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried that all of your proposed changes for an increase in the 1949 contract be denied and that the wage scale for the year 1949 remain the same as it was in 1948.

A general survey has been made throughout the nation by competent agencies which show a trend downward in the cost of living. We believe that it is not the proper time to ask for an increase of wages in the categories which you requested at our last meeting.

We feel San Pedro is paying the highest wages on the Pacific Coast in these particular categories. To ask for an increase at this time in view of the decline in commodity prices would be wholly out of line. It would not only work a hardship on many, many merchants but might be the means of causing some merchants to go out of business. We therefore respectfully request that you submit to your members and ask them to reconsider the wage increase that they have asked for in the 1949 contract.

There is one thing that we would like to have continue in San Pedro and adjacent areas, and that is the peace

that has existed for the past several months under the existing contract. We feel that if the present contract is not changed in any way San Pedro and adjacent areas will benefit greatly, namely, as to peace of mind, harmonious relations between management and labor and it will eventually serve as an instrument that we could use to invite larger stores and industries into this area, where more people could be employed and increase purchasing power. You have expressed your views many times to members of this Association and with the writer that it is your desire to work harmoniously with the Association and non-member merchants of the adjacent areas for a common cause that will unite the community. I now reiterate to you that the merchants and myself appreciate this view and assure you that we will leave no stone unturned to work with you to reach a common and lasting understanding where labor and management march shoulder to shoulder in a unified effort to accomplish the objective of a greater San Pedro. If the contract now in existence is allowed to continue through 1949, we will have accomplished what we have all so long desired. We have taken a great forward step in being able to sit down at the conference table and adjust our differences. We ask you not to change the harmonious and splendid relationship that now exists.

Respectfully yours,
San Pedro Business Men Associated, Inc.
L. E. DELANEY
Executive Secretary



TORRANCE MAN HONORED—Charles T. Reichert, division sales manager for National Supply Company, Torrance, has been chosen high priest and prophet of Al Maliakah Temple of the Shrine for 1949. The Temple officers are, left to right, William J. Vaughan, Los Angeles, first ceremonial master; Arch L. Field, Glendale, oriental guide; V. F. Frizzell, Altadena, chief rabban; George E. Sailor, Hollywood, Potentate; Bill Froelich, Los Angeles, assistant rabban; Charles T. Reichert, and Glenn L. Pearce, bank executive, second ceremonial master.

Comparison of Tax Rates for Sector Shown

Torrance's municipal tax rate is the fourth smallest of any city in the southwestern section of the county, according to a tabulation of the rates made by the California Taxpayers' Association.

Here is a comparison of municipal rates along the coast, with in the Fourth district, showing the lowest in this order—Gardena, Palos Verdes Estates, El Segundo and Torrance:

City	Rate
Compton	1.39
Culver City	1.23
El Segundo	1.14
Gardena	.80
Hawthorne	1.29
Hermosa Beach	2.18
Inglewood	1.31
Long Beach	1.19
Los Angeles	1.63
Manhattan Beach	1.90
Palos Verdes Estates	1.00
Redondo Beach	1.57
Santa Monica	1.99
Torrance	1.16
Whittier	2.64

Arnolds Home from Trip to Midwest Area

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Arnold have returned to their home at 3551 Post avenue from an emergency plane trip which took them as far east as Chicago.

They were called to Winfield, Kans., by the critical illness of Mr. Arnold's mother, Mrs. George Ann Arnold, 75, who passed away on New Year's day. His mother was known to many residents of Torrance, where she had spent the last two winters.

Following the funeral, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold made a business trip to Chicago, returning to Torrance by plane Wednesday of last week.

They Read and Were Healed

While full provision is made in Christian Science for specific treatment for the sick, many people have been healed simply through reading literature available at Christian Science Reading Rooms.

The Bible, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy—containing the complete explanation of Christian Science—and other similarly helpful Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed, or purchased at First Church Christ Scientist Reading Room 218th St. & Manuel Ave. Torrance, Calif.

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Information concerning free public lectures, church services, and other Christian Science activities also available.

STORKATORIALS

Parents who take their new babies home from Torrance Memorial Hospital before Wednesday at noon may call the newspaper office so that birth information may be carried as soon as possible.

- Mr. and Mrs. George Baker, 2149 Cabinet Place, San Pedro, a son, born Jan. 14 at 12:45 p.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Otis Clyde Butt, 20351 New Hampshire, a daughter, born Jan. 14 at 7:02 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Roy Erickson, 1720A S. Western avenue, a son born Jan. 17 at 4:10 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harris, 456 14th street, a daughter born Jan. 12 at 2:41 p.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gael Maddock, 21310 S. Denker avenue, a daughter, born Jan. 17.
- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin E. Miller, 1639 W. 216th street, a son born Jan. 14.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lou Miyamoto, 4009 Del Amo Road, a son born Jan. 13 at 7:15 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Neuquest, 930 W. 256th street, a daughter born Jan. 14 at 2:08 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stonebraker, 25024 Narbonne ave., a son born Jan. 15 at 8:40 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Ugen, 2114 Curtis ave, Redondo Beach, a daughter, born Jan. 12 at 12:19 p.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. William Watson, 1568 W. 226th st., a daughter, born Jan. 18 at 8:05 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zwympfer, 802 Pacific Coast Highway, a daughter born Jan. 19 at 1:00 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allen, 1636½ W. 216th st., a daughter, born Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Rankin M. Blankenship, 2623 W. 152nd st., a daughter, born Jan. 8 at 5:42 a.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King, 1920 Torrance blvd., a son, born Jan. 19.
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Urieta, 25519 S. Normandie, a daughter, born Jan. 17 at 4:14 p.m.

Sister Kenny Foundation to Erect Clinic

A \$300,000 clinic for the training of Sister Elizabeth Kenny Foundation technicians and the treatment of polio patients will be constructed "somewhere in the Los Angeles area."

This has been announced by Superior Judge George A. Dockweiler, president of the foundation's Southern California chapter.

He said the facility is to be financed by a subscription campaign from Feb. 15 to March 1.

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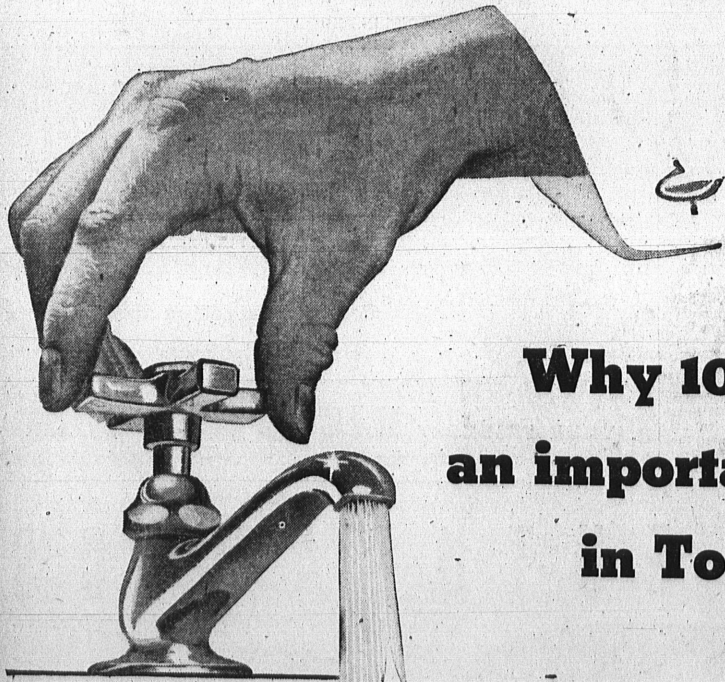
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