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Getting this last column off the typewriter without resorting to gush is not going to be easy for a sentimentalist such as I.

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A guy just can't get up from a desk after four years and casually stroll through the door as though he was walking out of a drugstore. My desk, with its maps, charts, and memos showing through is paste-stained glass top, and I have shared many headaches, heartbreaks, and a fair share of thrills during the past four years. It will be hard to leave it.

During four years a guy, with any luck at all, should make a lot of friends. My luck has been exceptionally good. I've tried to think of a way to thank those who have been so kind during my hitch here at the Herald—and especially those who during the past week have called to wish me good luck. My 13-year old son, Tim may have the answer.

"Why don't cha just write, 'I would like to thank . . . . and then leave a blank space for them to write in their own names?"

He figures that way I wouldn't overlook anybody. He's right, too. For as sure as shootin' if I tried to thank everyone who has been kind or helpful during my stay here I'd certainly miss someone.

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An editor can not long follow an editorial path without stepping on someone's toes. I no doubt have trod upon the toes of some. I hope not too many. But to those who may feel they have been scuffed by my editorial cleats I would say I am sincerely sorry and that perhaps the next time our paths cross the timing will be a little better and that we won't both be trying to stand on the same spot at the same time.

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Early in the life of this column I asked for suggestions for a name. Among the post cards sent in was one I liked the best. It said simply, "It Stinks."

As I copy-read this last edition of "????" I am inclined to agree.

If you should be reading this after 9:30 this morning, I already will be grinding out copy in the city room of the Long Beach Independent. With me is an old beat-up dictionary, a half-full mechanical phone index, and a feeling of warm regard for those here at the Herald.

I'll miss getting phone messages from our two whistle-provoking office girls, Nadine Bay and Pat Hillier, and from the best looking grandmaw who ever sold a classified ad, Margaret Dean. I'll miss the protective counseling of Lute Frazer who has helped keep me straight on my "i's-before-e's-except-after-c's". Kay Kaiser I'll miss, too. She's our "typo-sleuth" who reads the proof and catches the flubs.

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Mary Vonderahe, our society editor, has been for me a walking "Who's Who" in Torrance. She's an audio-encyclopedia with an automatic index of facts, dates, and people in the past history of Torrance. I'll miss her.

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Bob Almond and John Mills, two newcomers to the paper, will find much enjoyment in working with other members of the Herald family during their stay in Torrance. I'll miss burning cigarettes from them at those mid-morning coffee clatches during which was heard most often the phrase, "Didja hear the one about . . . . ."

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Ed Brown Ed Brown! What in the . . . . does a guy say about Ed Brown. If this wasn't going in the paper I could call him a "Space Peddler with a Texas Accent." He wouldn't mind either. He's that kind of a guy. Good natured, friendly, and big hearted. He'd give anybody the shirt off his wife's back. Ed Brown has a rare combination of talent. He has a fine sense of business and a fine sense of humor. Both of which I appreciate a great deal. I may have younger friends, older friends, fatter ones, skinnier ones, but certainly no better friend than Ed Brown.

Hardest of all to say goodbye to will be my boss. There has existed between Grover Whyte and myself a brother-father-son relationship which is seldom found between a boss and his hired help. To him I perhaps have only been one of the hired help, but to me he certainly has been more than just a boss.

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There was the time shortly after I came here. My brother-in-law passed away. When my wife and I returned from the funeral there were flowers on the porch for us. Then there was the time we went on vacation to Big Bear. He didn't like to see us go in our heater-less rickty old station wagon. He made us take his car and a fifty buck bill with which to buy a hot toddy. Should I want to tip off his foes I could tell them of a vulnerable spot in Grover Whyte.

He's soft-hearted.

He is a kind man, a good boss, and a fine friend—a combination I'm certain I'll have difficulty in replacing among my work-a-day acquaintances.

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As I swing into the final stanza of my swan song and point my fingers toward the typewriter keys that will write "30" to this column and to my job as managing editor of the Herald I have one remaining task to do. I must turn over the editorial reins of the Herald to another friend, Reid Bundy.

It is not easy to let go of them. But knowing in whose hands they will be, makes it a lot easier. Reid sits at the desk opposite mine. During the months he has been there his shoulders have become calloused from shouldering more than his share of responsibilities. I am certain he'll take the duties of his new job as managing editor without losing a stride. He's a good man.

To him, and to all the members of the Herald family, I wish the best of luck.

JACK O. BALDWIN

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CAP-ABLE MABLE . . . She gave Marvin Goettsch 10 rabbits and a new watch. (Herald photo).

Able Mabel Produces; More Ways Than One

Able Mable, the prolific impetus of the current Junior Chamber of Commerce membership drive, proved to Marvin Goettsch last Thursday she could produce more than just rabbits.

Goettsch, secretary of the Jaycees, fell heir to Able Mable in September. According to the rules of the membership contest, Goettsch had to care for Mable until he signed a new member or until Mable showed she was Able—which she did.

Confronted with the development—namely that he now had 10 little Gables and Mables, Goettsch set to the task of signing-up new members.

Before the drive was over he had acquired four new Jayceers.

Last Thursday night at a Ladies' Night meeting of the Junior Chamber, Goettsch was presented with a 17-jewel wrist watch for his troubles. Sam Van Wagner, membership drive chairman, made the presentation.

"I hope," said Goettsch, "to get a new member for each rabbit."

This aim, if fulfilled, could wind-up with the entire town of Torrance in the Jaycees.

Who Cares But Another Rabbit?

Fertile Myrtle, who replaced Able Mable in the Jaycee membership derby has been declared a fraud

Gordon Jones, who is stuck with Myrtle until he gets a new member, said Thursday night he discovered Myrtle wasn't fertile.

A brother member disclosed Fertile Myrtle wasn't Myrtle.

Wright Named Herald Sports, City Editor

Donald O. Wright, at one time manager of the London bureau of Stars and Stripes, has been appointed to the position of city editor and sports editor of the Torrance Herald, it was announced this week by Reid Bundy, managing editor.

The appointment of Wright was made to fill a vacancy created last week when Bundy was named managing editor of the Herald by Publisher Grover C. Whyte to succeed Jack O. Baldwin, who has joined a Long Beach daily.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, Wright has been in charge of publicity for the Harbor Division of the Community Chest for the past several months. He is a past president of the Southern California chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity, and was managing editor of the Daily Trojan, USC campus daily, during his senior year at the university.

In his new duties with the Herald, Wright will report on the activities on the local sports fronts and will cover general news assignments throughout the city.

DONALD O. WRIGHT
. . . Joins Herald Staff

Office Brush-up Course Offered

A new, free course in office practice and business English, designed to serve as a brush-up for secretaries, stenographers, and office workers, will be held each Thursday night at 8 o'clock in room 205 of Torrance High School.

This free class is open to all adults regardless of residence, and is held by instructor Mack Landar, who regularly conducts the typing and shorthand classes at the Torrance Adult School.

Adults will learn the forms used in the business office, the spelling, punctuation, and grammar, and current filing systems now used in industry.

This class is offered in conjunction with the adult typing class. Both beginning and advanced office workers are welcome to join, since instruction is mainly on an individual basis. Students can proceed as fast as their background and ambition take them.

Local Airman With Bombers Over Europe

Back in the skies again with the famed 22 Bomb Hing (Medium) whose B-29 Superfortresses are streaking contrails high across Europe's skies is Cpl. George H. Reynolds, 19, turrett gunner on one of the big bombers and the son of Mrs. Bessie Mae Reynolds, of 2563 West 235th street.

Stationed at March Field near Riversile until recently, the 22nd has seen duty in the Korean conflict as late as last winter, Air Force officials report.

The huge bombers are sent out daily on training flights over all parts of Europe from bases in England.

El Camino President Heads Education Group

Forrest G. Murdock, president of El Camino College has been elected state chairman of the committee on general education for the California State Junior College Association.

Murdock and Dr. William Harless, El Camino director of instruction, recently attended a meeting of junior college officials at Yosemite, where Murdock was named for the new post.

The college president is also vice-president of the California State Junior College Association.

Brotherhood Day To be Observed This Saturday

"Brotherhood Day" will be observed in Torrance November 17, during which artificial flowers assembled by paid blind workers will be offered for contributions from local citizens by local girls and boys.

Shirley York, chairman of the volunteer workers, urged local youths to contact her at the Civic Auditorium on the day of the drive to assist in the effort.

The drive is sponsored by the National Brotherhood of Service for the Blind, Inc., a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political organization devoting its entire service to aiding the blind.

Proceeds from this drive will be used to provide many types of assistance in behalf of their physical, educational, occupational and recreational welfare. Eye examinations, eye operations, glasses for underprivileged children, medical care and treatments, Braille reading and writing equipment, typewriters, radios, games, white canes for their protection are but a few of the many free services given by the National Brotherhood.

COLUMBIA TO MERGE WITH GENEVA STEEL

Columbia Steel Company with plants here and in Pittsburg, Calif., will be merged with the Geneva Steel Company on January 1 of 1952 to form the Columbia-Geneva Division of U. S. Steel Company, it was announced last week by Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation.

The merger is part of a general reorganization of the steel production, fabrication and distribution activities of United States Steel Corp., Benjamin Fairless, president, announced.

According to a recent story in the Pittsburg Dispatch the president of USS said Consolidated Steel of Los Angeles, a fabricating operation, eventually may become a part of Columbia-Geneva.

Four other steel producers involved are U. S. Steel Co. and National Tube Co., both of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co., Birmingham Ala., and American Steel & Wire Co., Cleveland.

All six steel-producing plants will come under the United States Steel Co. The company will then become a division of the United States Steel Corp.

Alden G. Roach, president of Columbia and Consolidated, will become president of Columbia-Geneva with offices in Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Loren J. Westhaver, vice-president and manager of operations, Geneva Steel Co. and Columbia Iron Mining Co., other U. S. Steel subsidiaries, was appointed vice-president and manager of Utah operations.

Dr. Walter Mathesius, president of Geneva Steel since 1943, will retire December 1 having reached U. S. Steel's compulsory retirement age of 65. Dr. Mathesius said he would become a consulting engineer, probably in the Chicago district.

Commenting on the pending reorganization, Fairless said:

"Completion of this further effort to attain corporate simplification will constitute another step in the continual process of keeping United States Steel as up to date as possible in all phases of its organization and operations.

"Such a step tends to reduce costs, facilitate and improve production, and should result in eventual benefits to stockholders, employes, customers and to the public generally.

"This reorganization, which is entirely internal in character among 100 percent owned subsidiaries, will neither affect customer relations, nor change the present stock interest of the stockholders of the U. S. Steel Corp., nor will it change in any way the friendly relations which U. S. Steel has so strongly fostered through the years in the communities in which it operates."

Troop 219 Opens Tree Sale Drive

Boy Scouts of Troop 219 this week began selling $1 tickets good for a deposit on Christmas Trees on the Crabtree lot which is set up each year on Marcelina across from the Post Office, according to Ralph Allen, Scoutmaster.

Arrangements to sell the trees by this troop were made before the decision for all troops to set up a lot, so the Troop 219 Scouts will go ahead with plans to sell from the Crabtree lot, Allen said.

Proceeds from the tickets will go into the troops' camping fund. The Scouts hope to finance a week-long camping trip to Sequoia National Park next summer.

ALDEN C. ROACH
. . . To Head New Company

Two Torrance Girls Head East After Enlisting in the WAVES

Flying out of the Los Angeles International Airport last Tuesday evening with tickets punched for Bainbridge, Maryland were two Torrance girls who are heading into a four-year hitch with the WAVES.

Heading for boot camp were 21-year-old Mickey Newton, a graduate of Redondo High School and daughter of Mrs. Lenore Newton of San Gabriel; and Wilma Speck, a Torrance High graduate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Speck of 1511 Acacia avenue.

Both girls signed up for the four-year hitch with the WAVES at the Navy Recruiting office in Gardena last month.

Before joining the service Wilma was a telephone operator at the Torrance exchange and Mickey was a mail clerk at North American Aircraft.

During the summer months both girls played softball on Torrance teams. Wilma was catcher for the Torrance Tee Vee softball team and Mickey was pitcher for the Sea-Eras, the Seaside-Riviera team.

After a 10-week recruit training in Bainbridge, the girls will be ready for assignment to special schools or to a WAVE organization, they report.

Pvt. Bennie Bailey At Amarillo Air Base

Pvt. Bennie F. Bailey, son of L. D. Bailey, 1527 West 213th street, has been assigned to the Amarillo Air Force Base it was announced by the base this week. Private Bailey has been a member of the Air Force since April 18, 1951

KEEPING THEIR FIGHTING TRIM . . . It's easy to lose your "eye," soldiers of the South Bay's 578th Engineer Battalion have learned, so part of their training is frequent practice on the rifle range. Men of Company A, former Torrance National Guard organization (above) take their turn on the firing line at Camp Matsushima, Japan. They are (left to right): Sgt. Willard Specht, 1920 Plaza del Amo; Cpl. Jim Spratt, 1572 W. 215th street; SFC. Hollis Rhone, 228 Avenue "A," Redondo Beach and Cpl. John Doran, 25542 Marigold avenue, Harbor City. Standing in rear is M/Sgt. Edmund W. Fitzgerald, 810 North Maria avenue, Redondo Beach.

To Demonstrate Use of Gadgets In Baby Care

Kitchen gadgets needed or useful in preparing baby's formula will be demonstrated at the Hermosa Beach Expectant Mothers' Class this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, according to Mrs. Shirley Wilson, public health nurse instructor. The class meets in the Hermosa Beach Women's Clubhouse, 77 17th street, every Thursday afternoon.

Following the class on formula preparation, the sessions will skip Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day, and reconvene on November 29, when the care of the new baby will be discussed.

All prospective mothers, grandmothers, adopting mothers, and others who will have the care of new babies are welcome to attend the classes, Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, county health officer announced, as the course is an educational service of the County Health Department.

Sales Reported Up

Western Auto Supply Company's president this week announced that consolidated net sales for October were $12,984,345, an increase of 8 per cent over October, 1950.