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STEVENS GIVEN CITYWIDE TRIBUTE

Manager Feted On Anniversary

City Manager George Stevens was hailed by approximately 300 of his friends and fellow workers yesterday at a testimonial luncheon celebrating his 10th anniversary as Torrance's administrative chief.

The luncheon, arranged by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce as a tribute to his service to the city, was attended by several former mayors of the city, former city councilmen, and others who have worked with Stevens during his 10 years here.

Messages of congratulations were read and spoken during the luncheon, most of them giving Stevens unqualified credit for the nature of the phenomenal growth and progress the city has recorded during his tenure.

President Wires

Messages included those from President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon, and Governor Knight.

Paying tribute to Stevens were former mayors Hugh Sherfy, who was mayor when the council employed him 10 years ago, and Mervin Schwab, who served as mayor two years.

Present council members also gave glowing tributes to Stevens during the two-hour luncheon.

Card Signed

Everyone at the luncheon signed a huge greeting card which was later framed and presented to him, along with a plaque, scrolls, clock, watch, thermometer-barometer set, and other gifts.

President-Elect O. R. Trueblood of the Chamber of Commerce made the gift presentations, while Chairman George Bradford presided over the affair.

On hand to pay tribute to Stevens, were Assemblyman Charles Chapel, Judge Stanley Mosk, five area city managers, ex-Police Chief John Stroh, and representatives of Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Others Appear

Others in the capacity crowd included city employees, business leaders, and top officials of Torrance's leading industries.

Accompanying her husband to the luncheon was Mrs. Stevens, who was included in many of the tributes paid to the city manager.

"This is indeed an important occasion to me," Stevens said after the presentations.

"The tributes paid here, however, should be tributes to all those who have worked so hard for Torrance," he said.

Bright Future

"The past 10 years have been dynamic," the city manager admitted, "but as bright as the past has been, we believe the future was never brighter," he stated.

He explained that projects now under construction in the city would provide between 4000 and 5000 jobs when completed, and that the city was emerging as the center for commercial trade, in hospitals, medical centers, and other phases of community leadership.

"The sky's the limit," he exclaimed.

A standing ovation which lasted several minutes climaxed the tribute which Mayor Albert Isen summed up by saying:

"We like our city manager, He's real George!"

\$10,700 Allocated For Airport Lights

Allocation of \$10,700 for taxiway lighting at Torrance Municipal Airport was authorized in Washington yesterday afternoon, according to word from Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel.

Approval of grants by the Civil Aeronautics Administration for the fiscal year included the funds, Senator Kuchel said.



KEN ANDERSON
... Kiwanis Prexy

Ken Anderson Installed Head Of Kiwanians

Ken Anderson, local freight agent of the Pacific Electric Co., was installed as president of the Torrance Kiwanis Club Saturday night, succeeding J. A. Barrington.

Impressive installation rites marked the local unit's annual dinner-dance affair, held at the Alondra Club, and attended by 140 Kiwanians, their wives and guests.

Immediate past Lieutenant Governor Clyde Walker was the installing officer. Dr. Howard Wood served as master of ceremonies.

Named to office with Anderson were John Johnson, first vice president; Ray Noel, second vice president; Angus McVicar, secretary and Clint Meadoway.

Installed as directors were Dr. Phil Halloran, Dr. Alden Smith, Dr. Gerald Eastham, James Post, Tom Wilkes, Stuart Avera, Kenneth Miller, Steve Stevens, and William Laster.

Ryan Gets Big Contract

A new \$6¼ million contract for advanced model KDA-4 Firebee jet drone missiles has been awarded to the Ryan Aeronautical Co. by the Navy, President T. Claude Ryan announced yesterday.



ANNIVERSARY NOTED . . . George Stevens (center) who became the city's first city manager 10 years ago this month, was honored yesterday at luncheon attended by an overflow crowd of 300. Chairman George Bradford (left) and President-Elect O. R. Trueblood of the Chamber of Commerce headlined the observance. (Herald Photo)

Police Arrest Pair After Torrance Safe Burglary

Less than 75 minutes after they had escaped from Torrance with a 600 pound safe containing \$435 in cash, two Los Angeles men were arrested—the safe residing comfortably in the rear seat of the car.

Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department arrested the pair, Thomas P. Martin, 32, and Jess Coates, 37, at 87th St. and Broadway Thursday night following a

radio call from Torrance asking that the area be staked out. The safe and its contents were taken from Herman Miller and Son, auto dealers, at 1690 Cabrillo Ave.

Witnesses Arrive

Two witnesses arrived at the firm just in time to spot the getaway car. Noting the license number, the pair called Sgt. Don Hamilton of the Torrance police department who in turn checked out the registration.

Locating the address of the car owner, Hamilton requested the stake-out in the Los Angeles area.

Witnesses to the burglary were Robert H. Wilshire, 17575 Yukon Ave., office manager of the firm, and a friend, Kenneth R. Dickson of the Yukon Ave. address.

Wilshire told police he entered the car a little after 10 p.m. and discovered the safe was gone.

Hear Noise

Hearing a noise at the rear of the building, the two men ran out just in time to see the suspects driving off with the safe.

One of the suspects, Coates, was a former employe of the local firm. He had been dismissed last September.

The suspects reportedly entered the building by the window in the rear of the building. Their car was driven up to the back door and the safe lifted into the car.

Model Airplane Zooms in Wrong Orbit of Space

A toy airplane zoomed into space Sunday and cracked the light barrier . . . leaving Torrance police with a dark radio system and no lights.

The plane, officers theorized, crashed into two 15,000-volt high lines on the east side of Madrona Ave. north of Torrance Blvd.

Power was off in the city hall offices and in nearby neighborhood homes for about 40 minutes.

No trace of the plane or its owner was found, both evidently vanishing into space.

Trueblood President Of C of C

O. R. Trueblood, manager of McMahan's Furniture Store here for the past five years, has been named president of the Chamber of Commerce, it was announced yesterday.

A member of the Chamber's board of directors for the past three years, Trueblood has been first vice president of the group as well as its affiliated Downtown Retail Merchants Division.

A native of Dodge, Neb., the new Chamber president has been active in retail trade for more than 30 years, and was with Western Auto for 25 years.

Elected by the board of directors to serve with Trueblood were Fred Mill, assistant secretary and division controller for The National Supply Co., first vice president; R. S. Pyle, manager of the Pacific Telephone exchange here, second vice president, and J. H. Paget, manager of the downtown J. J. Newberry store, treasurer.

George Naylor, owner of Torrance Hardware, was elected to the board of directors to complete the full slate.

Installation of Trueblood and other officers of the city's Chamber will be held at the annual banquet meeting of the group scheduled this year for Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the Civic Auditorium.

The new president will succeed A. E. Thompson, manager of the General Petroleum refinery. He and his wife, Selma, live at 1629 Amapola Ave.

Calle Mayor Bids Will Be Let Tomorrow

Bids for Calle Mayor School will be awarded tomorrow by Torrance school officials. Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip told the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee.

Work on the site, which is at the edge of Walteria Lake, has been under way for some time, with a special sump for school drainage constructed.

Work on eight other elementary schools is expected to get under way later this year, he reported. These include, in order of expected construction, Jefferson, Hamilton, Magruder, Yukon, Columbia, Lincoln, Franklin, and Adams Schools.

Torrance still has a high priority on the state building loan fund priority list, he reported.

3 Cases of Measles Reported in Torrance

Three cases of measles, all in Torrance, headed the list of diseases in the area for the week ending Jan. 4, according to the County Health Department.

Single cases of measles, mumps, whooping cough, syphilis, and tuberculosis also were reported.



O. R. TRUEBLOOD
... To Head Chamber



FRED W. MILL
... Second in Command



R. S. PYLE
... New Chamber Post



J. H. PAGET
... Gets Treasurer's Job

County Studies Bids for Walteria Drain Project

An apparent low bid of \$179,023.75 for construction of the Walteria Sump Storm Drain was submitted by the Zarubica Construction Co. of El Monte, Supervisor Burton W. Chace said yesterday.

Bids were opened at the headquarters of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, with a total of 21 bids received.

Following a review of the proposals by District engineers, a recommendation for award of the contract will be made to the Board of Supervisors, Chace said. Work is slated

to get under way within 15 days after the board gives the go ahead, with about seven months required to complete the drain.

Route Given
Chace said the drain will join the Lomita Blvd Storm Drain, already completed, at the intersection of 247th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. It runs west for about 2000 feet, follows an easement west to Madison St. where it turns north to 236th St. The route then continues west in 236th for about 65 feet to its termination point.

Plans call for the drain to be essentially concrete pipe, 54 inches in diameter, Chace said.

From Bond Fund
Financing was provided in the 1952 Storm Drain Bond Issue which called for the construction of 140 drains in the County at an overall cost of \$179,000,000.

The entire drain lies within the city limits of Torrance and was designed by City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop. Construction and maintenance will be supervised by the Flood Control District.

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Should the names of juveniles arrested for various offenses be published in the paper, the same as adults? Why?"

When the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked adults that question, two said yes, two said no, and two said sometimes. He repeated the question today, sampling juveniles themselves. Here's what they said:

Sharon Hutton, 17, 1339 W. 228th St., Narbonne High:

"Yes, they should be published. Juveniles do the same things as older people and should get the same punishment. It might keep them from doing it again."

Emil Capik, 16, 4332 W. 178th St., North High:

"I don't think so. It reflects on his parents, his school, and if it's a minor offense, he could lose his job. Enough people will know about it already."

Charlene Alarcon, 13, 1807 Schilling Dr., Wood School:

"Yes. They are just the same as adults if they commit crimes. I don't think that not publishing the names could prevent them from committing another crime."

Tom Shepherd, 13, 1552 W. 215th St., Fleming Junior High:

"Yes. It would keep them from committing crimes if they knew their names would be published. A lot of guys get into trouble because their parents don't spend enough time with them."

Cami Casetta, 16, 22429 S. Harvard Blvd., Narbonne High:

"No. Publishing the names give a boy or girl a bad name and their family too. It would hurt them socially at school. Some of them will do it again if they get publicity."

Ken Buchanan, 17, 21733 Barbara St., North High:

"I don't think they should be published. It might cause embarrassment to the parents. I do not see any percentage in it. There's nothing to gain."

Equipment Stolen

Office equipment including adding machine, check writer, calculator and typewriters were reported stolen yesterday by the N. B. Owens and Son machine and die shop at 4818 Emerald Ave.

Value of the equipment was not known yesterday, police said.

Riviera Library Ordered

A decision to build "all the library we can get in the Riviera section of Torrance was voted by the council this week.

The decision followed a lengthy discussion of the merits of a large branch library to serve the southern area of the city or smaller libraries there and in other sections of town.

Carrying the fight for a large regional library in south Torrance were several Rivierans including Bill Hansen, 327 Paseo de Gracia, a member of the city's library board.

Questioning the policy was Councilman Nick Drale, who received some support from those in the audience. Drale asked to build a smaller library in the south for the present, and make plans for another to serve the western part of the city, particularly the Southwood area.

1500-Square Feet

Original plans for the library discussed last year by the council called for a 1500 square foot building in El Retiro Park. Under the present decision, the architect will be instructed to make the building as large as possible—cutting all the frills—for the money on hand.

Available for the project is approximately \$31,000 which includes a \$22,000 capital outlay fund and \$9000 budgeted for operation of the library for six months. By delaying the library until now, the \$9000 becomes available as it can not be used for operation this year, the council decided.

Discussion of the possibility of delaying the project further to permit accumulation of more funds for the building were challenged by Willys Blount who said the city "had a duty to all, and we need the library now."

City-Owned Land

He also denied the statement that land would have to be purchased for any other library projects, saying the city owned land in all sections which could be used for a library site.

"A library in the south area could certainly stand to be overcrowded for the moment if we can make the books available," Blount said.

As a sidelight to the discussion, it was found that the ordinance establishing a library board had been discarded during codification of the city's laws and that the board had been meeting without specific authority.

The council voted to correct the error with a new ordinance giving the board legal status.

Marion C. Varner and Assoc. will design the new library.

Rivets Reports

Today should be mostly sunny and maybe a little warmer. Rivets, HERALD weather dog, reported. There may be a few high clouds.

High and low temperatures this week included Sunday (69-40); Monday (67-42); Tuesday (67-39); and Wednesday (78-40).



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