

Coach Verry Under Knife; Condition Satisfactory

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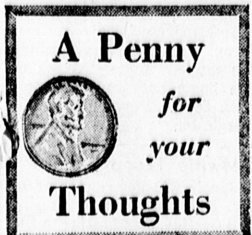


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MAYOR'S STAND ON PAPER HIT



Tomorrow is supposedly unlucky Friday the 13th. The Pennies photographer asked Torrance shoppers if they are "superstitious about this day."

Nick Chaykowski, 2719 El Dorado St.

"I'll be a fatalist and as time comes let it come because a plane could fall on you anytime. I am not superstitious and wouldn't hesitate to walk under a ladder tomorrow."

Mrs. D. K. Woodworth, 1218 El Prado:

"I always think about Friday the 13th and believe it's an unlucky day. I am superstitious when it comes to Friday the 13th and wouldn't transact any business or do anything reckless tomorrow."

Mrs. Kenneth Peterson, Venice:

"If you think hard about something happening to you it will happen. I'm not going to be particularly careful tomorrow because I'm not superstitious at all and never have been in my whole life."

Mrs. Florence Nelson, 21325 S. Harvard Ave.:

"No, I'm not superstitious about anything and won't be cautious tomorrow. I'm never cautious. I guess I live a little dangerously. I wouldn't bother walking around a ladder tomorrow. I've done it and nothing has happened to me."

John G. Hall, 839 Satori Ave., Apt. C:

"What's going to be will be. Some of our lucky days have been on Friday the 13th. It's just another day to me. I'm an ex-ball player and although many ball players are superstitious about their bats and mitts I never was."

Cigars, \$5 Taken

Five dollars in change and a box of cigars were reported stolen late this week from the Skipper Inn, 18930 Hawthorne Ave. Entry was gained to the establishment by prying a lock off a rear door. The change was taken from a shuffleboard machine.

School Vandalism

John Strom, principal of Hillside School at 2500 Crenshaw Blvd., reported to police Thursday morning a broken window, screen torn off, and other acts of vandalism at the school.

EL CAMINO COACH

In Surgery Six Hours; Await Test

Condition of Coach Norm Verry following surgery early Wednesday is described as satisfactory by spokesmen of St. Vincent's Hospital in Los Angeles.

The popular El Camino College instructor has not yet reacted fully following the surgery which began at midnight and was completed by 6 a.m. yesterday after tests to determine the source of a series of cerebral hemorrhages which have endangered his life during recent weeks.

MOST RECENT of the hemorrhaging attacks occurred at 6 a.m. Tuesday. Dr. Theodore Kurze, who conducted studies leading to surgery and who al-

so performed the operation, called upon fellow neurosurgeons for opinions before determining to operate. A vascular surgeon was also consulted.

Dr. Kurze said yesterday that mechanical procedures had been conducted satisfactorily and "that surgery had accomplished what we set out to do."

HE CAUTIONED, however, that the nature of the existing vascular condition is "very serious." The physician described Coach Verry's condition as critical, noting that a definite outcome will probably not be observed for two or three days.

Campus associates, however, remained optimistic that the grid mentor survived the hazardous operations, and that steps have now been taken to relieve the source of danger. Coach Verry, who suffered a brain hemorrhage several years ago while in the Lake Tahoe area, was stricken again Sept. 23 en route to Boise, Ida., with the ECC football team.

FOLLOWING emergency landing of the chartered plane in Reno, Nev., the coach recovered at Washo Medical Center before returning to Los Angeles by air ambulance Sept. 30. Since that time, he has been confined in St. Vincent's Hospital, suffering two additional attacks which delayed study by specialists observing him.

Although he was described as staging a remarkable recovery following the Reno attack, the coach failed to respond quickly after subsequent hemorrhaging and was in a dazed condition for several days prior to surgery.



MAYORS CONVE... Mayor George Christopher (right) of San Francisco chats with Torrance Mayor Albert Isen (left) and Ray Bynum, president of the Torrance High School student body who was mayor during Junior Citizens Day here Tuesday. Mayor Christopher was principal speaker at the Junior Citizens banquet at North High School prior to Tuesday's City Council meeting. (Herald Photo)

Don't Minimize Youth's Value, Christopher Says

San Francisco's dynamic Mayor George Christopher told Torrance high school students Tuesday night that their elders were too prone to minimize the importance of young people, and urged them to prepare themselves properly for their coming tasks.

Speaking at the annual Junior Citizens banquet attended by representatives of all high schools in the city and by a large number of city officials, Mayor Christopher told the students that they had been getting a practical demonstration of our form of government during their day in the city's various offices.

YOU ARE seeing our form of government at work," he said. "When you go into the smaller cities... there you have our government at its best with the councilmen, city manager, and other officials in daily contact with the people."

He decried the thought in some quarters that America was growing stale.

"We're still a young, vibrant country," he said. He told the packed cafeteria at North High School that nearly all of the nation's natural resources remained to be taken, and

warned them to guard it by "maintaining that economic system which has sustained our people for 185 years."

HE COMPARED Russian and American education systems, citing his talks last year with Nikita Khrushchev during a visit to Moscow.

"We owe Khrushchev a vote of thanks," he said. "Through his tenacity, we have been able to alert ourselves to the need for more education, better education, and more thorough education."

On the quality of success, the San Francisco mayor warned students against reliance on luck. "Luck," he said, "is always on the side of the person who works hard."

Citing his own life, he told how he finished high school by attending night classes for four years after his father's illness forced him out of reg-

ular classes. He completed college in much the same manner, he said, attending night classes for a period of five years.

HE CONFINED his remarks to the subject of young people during the evening, staying away from the California political arena in which he has played a prominent role.

Christopher is expected to announce his candidacy for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket in the near future. He withdrew himself from the governor's race when Richard Nixon announced that he would be a candidate.

Christopher spoke later in Rolling Hills and had spoken to Santa Monica area civic leaders earlier in the day.

He was introduced by Ray Bynum, Torrance High senior who was acting mayor during Junior Citizens Day Tuesday.

Many Defend Right of Red Publication

Attacks on a Socialist Labor Party publication by Mayor Albert Isen in recent City Council meetings and on television were strongly condemned by an organizer for the party during a two-hour discussion of the matter before the Council Tuesday night.

Mrs. Helen Long, who identified herself as an organizer for the Los Angeles section of the party, charged that the disappearance of two racks containing the papers amounted to a "contemptuous disregard of freedom of the press and in direct violation of the United States Constitution."

that her group was restoring one of the racks Saturday morning and asked for "reasonable police protection."

Isen opened the discussion with a defense of his statements, saying the question here was the presence of news racks on city property and that he

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HER STAND was supported and condemned by nearly a score of persons in the jammed Council Chamber who rose to speak.

Teacher Garth Belknap told Councilmen he thought the details of the case not so significant as the principle. "Because you label it 'garbage' doesn't make it illegal," he said.

"SOME OTHER mayor could make the same ruling about the Christian Science Monitor," he emphasized.

His remarks were amplified by others, including Councilman Willys Blount, who sided against Isen.

"We do not have the right to abridge the principles for which we stand," Blount said.

The mayor was backed solidly by Councilman George Bradford, who said freedom of the press had been abused for 90 years, and suggested that the newspaper profession "should clean house."

THE CONTROVERSY arose last weekend after two racks offering the Weekly People, publication of the Socialist Labor Party, disappeared from sidewalks in downtown Torrance.

Although Mayor Isen had said earlier that he would be responsible for their removal, he denied Tuesday that he had taken the racks.

"I am not a thief — I didn't go out in the night and steal them. They are gone, however, and I'm glad."

HE HAD REASON for disappointment a few moments later when Mrs. Long announced

SET FRIDAY

Chamber Banquet Deadline

Friday will be the final day for reservations for next Tuesday's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, Chairman Ralph Morris warned here yesterday.

Final plans for the affair have been completed, and to be certain that enough 1-pound steaks are on hand, the Friday deadline becomes necessary, he said.

The banquet will be held at the South High School cafeteria, a new first for the Chamber.

For many years, the banquet was held in the Civic Auditorium in downtown Torrance. The recent sale and subsequent razing of the building forced the Chamber to move to a Los Angeles hotel last year, but the 1961 banquet has been moved back to Torrance. It will be the first time the event has been held at South High's large cafeteria.

Special recognition is being offered to firms or groups reserving six or more tickets — the table will be marked with a large sign noting the group.

William Teague, vice president of Pepperdine College, will be principal speaker, talking on the Chamber theme, "People Planning Progress."

ROBERT BELDEN WINS HERALD CARRIER NOD

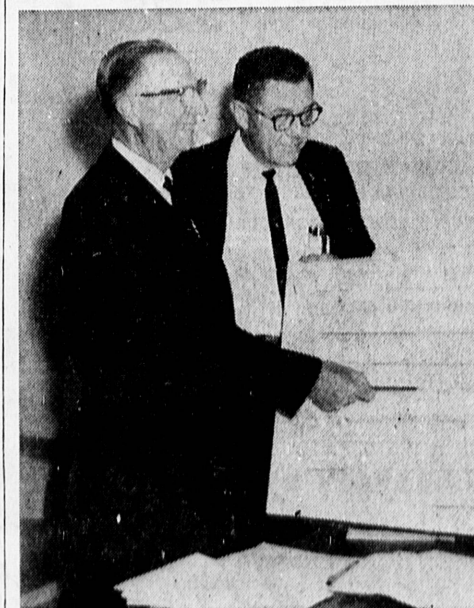
"No doubt about it, this young man, Robert Belden, has all the 'makings' of a successful young businessman," Circulation Manager Darrell Westcott said yesterday when announcing Belden's selection as "Carrier Boy of the Month" for September.

Young Belden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Belden, 1316½ Cota Ave., outsold all HERALD newscarriers during the month of September, Westcott said.

"He puts into practice the business and sales training given him by the HERALD's circulation department at the time he was placed on his HERALD route," Westcott said.



ROBERT BELDEN
Carrier of the Month



CHECKING RESERVATIONS... Dean Sears (left) and Chairman Ralph Morris check reservation chart for annual Chamber of Commerce banquet scheduled for next Tuesday evening in the South High School cafeteria. Vice President William Teague of Pepperdine College will be principal speaker.

Goldwater Backers To Meet Thursday

The Californians for Goldwater, South Bay Chapter, has called a business meeting for tonight at the Towers Street School at 7:30.

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BREAKFAST WARMUP... City Attorney Stanley Remel-meyer watches as Scott Drummond and Sharon, David, and Rickie Kane get ready to test a sample of the pancake batter planned for Saturday's annual YMCA Pancake Breakfast. Scott is 7½, Sharon 8, David 3, and Rickie, 6.