

Advices About Happiness

"There are those who beat those who lift people up. They pass people by. And there are the dynamics for living."

So stated the Rev. Alec G. Nichols, minister of Trinity Methodist church of Los Angeles, as he spoke before the Torrance Lions club Tuesday in conjunction with the installation of new members.

Rev. Nichols listed four qualities which every individual or group need to achieve happiness: 1) a belief in the worthwhileness of what you are doing; 2) enthusiasm; 3) a spirit which will follow through; and 4) a dedication to service.

"Cultivate a love for people until your greatest desire is to make them happy," he advised, quoting the Bible.

DEAR EDITOR....

Warmhearted City

Editor, Torrance Press: This is the only means that we have of reaching not only all of the citizens of Torrance, but the surrounding neighborhoods to thank you one and all for your astounding support during our recent flood.

We do have a long list of people who called to offer everything at their disposal to assist us: boats, motors, shelter, food, man-power, or anything we might need to save our city from disaster.

For every call that came into City Hall asking for assistance we had two calls from people offering to help in any way possible. It is not humanly possible to record all of these calls and write personal letters of thanks to all who assisted us physically as well as through their moral support, so we are taking this means of thanking everyone from the bottom of our hearts as a grateful city for everything that you did and offered to do in our time of need.

We never experienced anything of this sort before and hope we never do again but as cold, wet, tired and frustrated as we were it certainly gave us a warm, confident feeling we were not alone in our troubles as you continued to come in and call in, offering to help us.

Words cannot express our gratitude for your generosity but, like us, you can have a warm feeling of pride that you are a definite, vital part of a

Flood Aid

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the American Legion for opening its hall last week to be used as a shelter for the flood victims.

The American Legion Hall was so graciously opened to those whom the water had disrupted their mode of living. Volunteer women of Torrance, under the supervision of Victor Davenport of the American Red Cross, stepped in and served meals, entertained and cared for children, and assisted the people in every manner possible.

Thanks to the following merchants who were so cooperative in opening their stores and generously giving the food and articles needed: Jim Dandy, Safeway, Mayfair Dairy, Karner's Bakery, TV Studio, McMahan's Furniture store, Southern California Catering co., McCown drug, Madrid market, Civil Defense, doctors, firemen, police, National Guard, Bill's Donut others that brought in articles of clothing, games and cribs.

Red Cross volunteers included Mesdames Babbitt, West, Cinkar, Thomas, Jones, Isabel, Beeman, Stoddard Hayward Shenberg and McMillen.

ELVA McMILLEN Area Vice Chairman Red Cross

great, warmhearted city where, in time of trouble, we stand together as the big family you have proven that we are.

Gratefully yours, Albert Isen, Mayor Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager

Drale Will Seek Third Council Term

Councilman Nick Drale, member of the Torrance City Council since April 1948 and former mayor, announced his candidacy for reelection to a third four-year term.

He is the only member of the City Council to serve eight consecutive years.

He is one of the original committeemen to spearhead the work for a separate municipal court for Torrance; he has worked for an all-around recreation program; he was one of the champions of the new municipal center and adequate police and fire protection.

Drale, who owns his home in North Torrance, has been a Torrance resident for 23 years. He worked 20 years at Columbia Steel, after which he took over the real estate and insurance business of Bronson C. Buxton.

FHA Approves Rollingwood

FHA has approved financing for Rollingwood Estates in Palos Verdes," stated Mr. James H. McCarthy, vice president of The McCarthy Company, who are acting as sales agents for the tract.

Located in the hills of the Palos Verdes peninsula, there are 7 furnished models available for inspection.

HEAVEN IS never deaf but when man's heart is dumb—Quaries.

By-Line:

RALPH R. GOMPERTZ

Torrance School Board Loses Its Independence

The word "politics" is frequently used as a term of contempt rather than respect, and the label "politician" is employed more as a curse than as a compliment.

While we, as Americans, eagerly defend the principles of democracy, we also just as frequently berate the calibre of our officials who seek public office. We have even made a national pastime of declaring year-long open season upon them.

We complain that "politics" does not attract the best qualified individuals. We are told in return, that the best qualified individuals do not want to get involved in "politics" because, in their eyes, "politics" has all the dignity of an amusement park and the glamor of a three-ring circus.

It is on this basis that school officials argued in favor of separating School Board elections and City Council elections here seven years ago, winning their point.

But when this separation occurred, Torrance residents only exchanged one set of liabilities for another set of liabilities, which, in our opinion, are potentially much more dangerous. As a result of the change, members of the Board of Education have unknowingly relinquished their independent status.

They have permitted their own common sense to be cowed into silence by an imposing array of highly technical educational artillery. Controversy has become confused with strife and is regarded in bad taste.

A placid conformity has come to be valued more highly than

the honest hue and cry of dissent.

It is regrettable and ironic that those who teach our children the principles of democracy apparently do not trust it in practice.

The way toward a well-balanced school district is for board members and candidates to run for public office because they have a vital interest in education and will never be afraid to voice their opinions publicly.

This, in our opinion, can be accomplished by bringing the School Board elections out of hiding and uniting them once more with City Council elections.

Such a proposal will appear on the April ballot and Torrance residents will have a chance to make their decision.

Thompson Announces Candidacy

Jim Thompson, 31, of 2031 Gramercy, this week announced his candidacy for the City Council. Thompson, who is married and the father of two children, works for Engineering Service corp. as a surveyor's assistant.

He came to Torrance in 1948 and served on the Torrance Police force until recently.

He was one of the founders of the Co-ordinating Council of City Employees and also helped organize the Torrance Police Car club association.

Theatre Extends Welcome To Builders And Dreamers

A house is not a home and a YMCA wing is not a theatre, without a great amount of enthusiastic planning, ingenuity, and refurbishing put into it.

On Tuesday night, February 7, at 8 p.m., Accent Theatre of Torrance will hold a general membership meeting which is open to all persons interested in building a Little Theatre of which the residents of the city will be proud.

This will be the first meeting to be held in the west wing of the YMCA at Arlington and Washington to scan its possibilities and begin plans for remodeling the building.

Paul Harestad of 2849 Orando, was appointed at a board meeting on Monday night, to head building coordination.

Harestad says that a complete stage with lighting equipment, flats, proscenium, curtains, seats and risers will be installed with the next three months in time for the next scheduled play, "The Tender Trap," in May.

During the period of redecoration, there will be many skits, one acts, and other theatre acts prepared and presented by members of the group. There has been a great desire for more individual opportunities of expression, but because of the lack of a building where the group could meet without paying a fee, the entire year has had, of necessity, to be spent in raising money through productions.

This building which they will have for their own use on the many occasions desired, will afford freedom of enterprise to the group.

School Employees Will Meet Tonight

The regular monthly meeting of the California School Employees association, Torrance Chapter 19, will be held tonight, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fern Avenue cafeteria.

An informative meeting is planned with a door prize being given and refreshments served. All classified employees of the Torrance Unified School district are eligible to attend.

MUSIC MUST take rank as the highest of the fine arts—as the one which, more than any other, ministers to human welfare.—Herbert Spencer.

ALL THAT is worth reckoning is what we do, and the best of everything is not too good, but is economy and riches.—Mary Baker Eddy.

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