

# LEVY NAMED HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN

Sam Levy, Torrance merchant, who for 39 years has served the community in numerous civic capacities, today was named campaign chairman of the Little Company of Mary hospital campaign.

Announcement of the appointment came from the Campaign Executive Committee, which includes 25 civic, business and industrial leaders of the area.

As general chairman, Levy will coordinate activities of all campaign committees, and with the Executive Committee will determine general policies to be followed in the solicitation of the \$775,000 objective.



"We are particularly gratified to announce Mr. Levy's acceptance of the campaign chairmanship because of his many years experience as community leader among civic programs," Msgr. O'Dwyer said.

The proposed new hospital will be 125 beds, and will be located in Torrance, just off the intersection of Torrance and Hawthorne blvds.

## DEAR EDITOR...

Sight Reading Criticized

Editor Torrance Press

I am very pleased to be able to voice my opinion concerning our youngsters' education today. What I am about to say I speak from experience.

First of all let me say we have lived in Torrance and vicinity for 15 years and have had 5 children at one time, in school. They range in age from 19 years to 8 years.

Our older boy graduated from Narbonne in June '56 and the next boy graduates in June, '57. Maybe I will be thought "old fashioned," but the methods used when I went to school worked then and I believe they will still work. At least we learned how to read, write and spell in the first grade.

Now we have children ready to enter Junior high which can neither read nor spell.

The first thing I learned was ABC's and then the sound of each letter. After that I was taught how to put two letters together and how they sounded. Most words are spelled by the way they sound.

When I was older and was taught to spell a tricky word I knew it was a tricky word and for me it became easy to spell. In the first grade I was given a reader to bring home and in the second I had a reader, spell and music book.

From the very start I had home work to do every day and it continued all through high school. When our first boy started to school in Torrance I went to school with him one day to see the methods they use in teaching the children.

As everyone knows they are taught to picture read. That may be all right in some cases but not in all. A child is shown a picture of a house with the word house under the picture.

Pretty soon the child knows what a house looks like and he knows what the word "house" looks like but he still does not know how to spell house. Why? Because he has not been taught how to spell the word, he has memorized it.

It is not too hard for a child to learn his nouns in that manner but what about the words such as if, and, why and they. There is not a picture for these words and the child is completely lost.

Speaking of helping our children at home with their home work, how can we help them when they are not allowed to bring home a school book until they are in Junior high?

In the second place I would never be of any help to my children because of the methods used today and because of the way I was taught. Besides that, if the parents have to do the teaching the children might as well stay at home.

When my daughter was 9 years old she was ill and had to stay home from school for quite some time. She had a home teacher for several weeks. I tried to help her with her reading and spelling but did not get very far.

When I gave her a word to spell I told her to listen to the way the word sounded. She was completely lost because she had not been taught by sound.

I asked her one day if she even knew her ABC's and she said she did not.

I told her teacher she did not

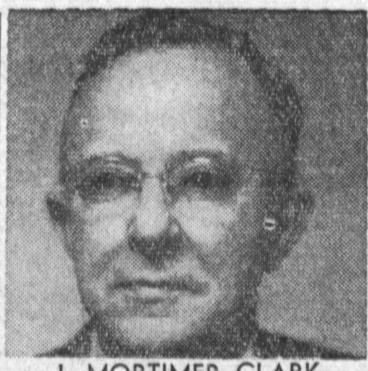
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Its service area will extend north to include El Segundo, Lawndale, all of the city of Torrance, Harbor City, Rolling Hills and the entire Palos Verdes peninsula. An estimated 150,000 population is concentrated within this area.

Industry targets include 417 firms. The general public in Torrance, as well as retail businesses there, will be solicited for gifts in the near future.

Levy is the 1957 chairman of the Torrance YMCA drive, having raised \$24,000 this year from within Torrance itself. He was also the Y chairman for 1957.

As a philanthropist, Levy has helped establish Catholic and Protestant churches in Torrance, as well as carry heavy responsibilities as leader of the area-wide United Jewish Appeal funds. He is a 25-year member of the Torrance Rotary club, and holds a life membership in the Torrance YMCA.



J. MORTIMER CLARK

## State Realty Officials Meet with Local Realtors

Members of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors will be hosts to the 1957 president of the California Real Estate Assn., J. Mortimer Clark of San Francisco, and Mrs. Clark, at a luncheon meeting to be held today at Hotel Hacienda in San Pedro, according to Roy Shaw, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of

Realtors. The realty official will be accompanied by H. Jackson Pontius, state secretary, and Mrs. Pontius, together with William H. Ritter, CREA regional vice president. Clark has just returned from meetings with nationally prominent Realtors in the East where he was elected a director of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

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