

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY WINNER:

'I Believe In Democracy'

First prize winner in the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce Voice of Democracy contest was Bob Brooks, 15-year-old South High School sophomore. His speech, reprinted below, reveals the strength of youth's beliefs in democracy and their faith in the people who make up our nation.

By BOB BROOKS

I believe that all people have embedded deep within their souls a basic and fundamental urge—an urge that has been and always will be the motivating force responsible for Democracy.

We have come to know this urge as man's desire for freedom. It is present in you and me and in all the peoples of the world.

But how are Democracy and man's desire for freedom related to each other? Democracy is man's creation to satisfy this inward desire. Man is a creature who is never satisfied. He must always work, invent and create new things. Democracy is a form of government that realizes this and so provides for its people the freedom necessary to accomplish these things.

Democracy is the tool which enables man to live a rich and harmonious life. Yet it is no more than a tool. If it is not used wisely it will rot and decay—but use it wisely and it will prosper and increase its usefulness. Under Democracy the men, women and children are free to work and create according to their abilities and desires and thus attain the self-respect that they must have to fulfill their being.

Democracy holds as its golden rule the philosophic idea that all men are created equal and provides every individual an equal opportunity to live a worth while life.

The people who live in a Democracy have a high standard of social conditions for a Democracy encourages the individual to work and better himself.

Democracy and education go hand in hand, for an educated people are a people who are better equipped to handle the growing responsibilities that a Democracy must place on them.

A responsibility like that of intelligent voting. If we faithfully and intelligently exercise our right to vote we will be better assured of a strong harmonious union between the people and their government.

A Democracy provides man

Two Local Men Get CD Awards

Del G. Triska, 2424 Nearcliff ... and Enoch R. Garland, 3124 7th St., received graduation certificates from the Los Angeles Civil Defense and Disaster Corps for completion of intensive 32-hour basic and first aid rescue training course.

The training course, conducted by the Los Angeles City Bureau of Public Works at their Tavez Ravine Rescue Training Center, is designed to teach the basic procedures of emergency rescue to volunteer civil defense workers, governmental employees and personnel of various business and industrial firms.

Triska and Garland, both employed with the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation-Hygiene, received instructions in fire and panic control, first aid, stretcher lashing, horizontal and vertical lowering, search and tagging of casualties and knotting. Graduation exercises included realistic test, under simulated working conditions, of the knowledge gained from the course.



many cherished freedoms. One of these is the right of free speech. Man was given a tongue, with which to communicate and he developed a vocabulary to express himself, but only a Democracy can provide man freedom of speech.

Democracy has grown from a mere idea of man into a complex social structure which has millions of people to care for.

We, the people of a Democracy, have been growing with it. As Democracy matured our ideas toward it matured and we were able to augment its basic teachings with new and sound principles.

We might compare Democracy with a tree. They both started with a seed but in Democracy's case our seed was that fundamental desire for freedom.

We planted the seed of Democracy and soon it began to sprout. When this new plant was no more than one day old it had to compete with the weed of despotism which was constantly striving for supremacy.

But Democracy proved to be the stronger for its roots were deep in freedom. Now the tree of Democracy flourishes. It has grown to majestic size, and on its branches rests the hope of all

Legion in Vet Day Ceremony

Nominations to fill the vacancies created by the resignations of first and second vice-commanders of the Torrance American Legion Post will be held Tuesday at the Legion Hall, 1109 Border ave., Commander Albert Z. England announced this week.

Elections will be conducted a month later, at the regular Legion meeting, December 17.

Members of the post joined the Gardena Elks and other veterans organizations in observing Veterans Day last week. Representing the post were Commander England, Chaplain Pat Ryan, Sergeant-at-Arms Gordon Stuplich, Past Commander James Parks, and Roy Grimwood, manager of the Legion Hall.

At the Legion's December 3 meeting, a film on the Los Angeles-Harbor Area defense installations will be shown by Master Sergeant S. Bass, of the Fort McArthur information office. The meeting begins at 8 p.m.

Goodwill Asks For Repairable Toys

All kinds of repairable toys are needed by Goodwill Industries of Long Beach and the Harbor Area, according to Walter L. Case, Executive Secretary.

"Bicycles and other metal toys are especially needed now, so that the men in our metal shop can have them ready for the Christmas trade," Case said. A Goodwill truck will call for your discarded toys if you call any Goodwill store.

Alter Realty Signs 50-Year Lease on 'Strip' Property

Gerald L. Alter, president of Alter Realty & Insurance and Alter Building company announced the signing of a 50-year lease on "Ssoestring Strip" property by the two corporations this week.

The property, located on Carson st., and adjoining the new Safeway market, consists of over 10,000 square feet of land, has three stores and an apartment, and involves nearly \$250,000 in total rentals.

Charles L. Wells, prominent "Shoestring Strip" business man is the owner of the property. The lease was negotiated by Cecil E. Alter, representing both

Order Stop Signs On Dolores St.

Steps to adequately control cross traffic conflict hazards at the intersection of Dolores st. and 228 st. were taken this week by Supervisor Burton W. Chace when he approved the establishment of boulevard stop signs at the intersection.

Chace's recommendation, unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors, ordered boulevard stop regulations on each side of 228 st. at its intersection with Dolores st. and Grace st.

agement, Inc., and president of Torrance Mortgage Co. He is listed in the 1957 issue of "Who's Who in the Commerce and Industry" as well as the 1957 "California Register."

County Employee Assn. Elects New President

The County Employee Association of the Southwest Section of the County elected Charles Deck Torrance President at this week's meeting.

Deck, Bay area civic leader, who works under the County Administrative Department, Civ-

Defense Division, has an office in the Lennox Sheriff's Station.

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