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AN EDITORIAL . . .

Confidence in Torrance Future Sparks New Bank's Formation

Signs of further expansion and growth in Torrance bloomed last week with the announcement that the city's only independent banking institution will soon open its doors here within three months.

To be known as Guaranty Bank, the institution is the dream of a group of public spirited local businessmen, professional men and builders.

In the works for more than a year the group has struggled through mazes of banking regulations in order to give Torrance its first truly independent bank in many years.

The story of the establishment of such an institution is, in a newsman's sense, a good one.

REAL STORY

But the real story, ignored or glossed over lightly, is that these men have

such a profound confidence in the future of our city that they are willing to pledge hundreds of thousands of dollars on the glowing promise of continued expansion.

For these men, all members of our community, have authorized capitalization of the new institution at \$2,000,000. Each is independent and secure; yet they have wagered their independence and security on the future of Torrance.

These men are not dreamers and armchair visionaries. Each is an astute and able businessman.

Their confidence is not based on rosy-hued illusions but, rather, on hard-headed business realities.

They are to be commended for their confidence in our town and its irresistible surge toward future greatness.



DONATION — William King, left, is shown here accepting a check for \$5000, to be used in the club's local charities, from Rich Harrell, president of the board of directors at Lions Associated Drag Strip in Long Beach. Sum represents local club's share of \$45,000 realized by LADS during their operations in 1961. Presentation was made last week.

Carson 'Y' Leader Gives Individual Guidance

Ed Andresen, Carson area YMCA secretary, has been occupied with numbers most of his life, but he has never lost sight of the individual person in his work. His Army dog tag, California Department of Motor Vehicle employment, police work and now YMCA finance campaign organization have had him repeating, reporting or calculating number combinations.

Right along with his arithmetic has been his desire to help his fellow man. Service in Italy during World War II was followed by work in the chaplain's office. During the Korean activity he continued his service with the Army chaplain. A short stint as a policeman was succeeded by study at Los Angeles State and UCLA, with a major in sociology, psychology and education. When he joined the Sun Valley YMCA as secretary in charge of the Indian Guide program and camp director he combined his skill in group work with his desire to help his fellow man. Now he's putting the area on the YMCA map.

EXPERIENCES
"I've had many thrilling experiences in my life," relates Andresen, "but none

to match the sight of sixty-nine Indian Brave dads and seventy-five Y-Indian Guide sons getting together recently for wholesome fun and activity at the Catskill School. Police patrol put me in the path of bank robbers, but I got a much bigger boost from a young Guam lawyer and legislator who got his start right here. Our local through Harbor College and UCLA. Now he wants to promote YMCA World Fellowship in his native Guam."

Since coming to this area in late 1960, Andresen developed many aspects of the

Letters

Dear Editor:

The success of a fund-raising drive is dependent upon public endorsement and support of its program. This can only come through public awareness of the organization, the reason for seeking funds, and most important, how monies raised will be expended locally.

Thanks to the fine cooperation of your newspaper, your readers have come to know the facts about muscular dystrophy and the local program of research, education and services to patients and their families. The space you so generously gave in your columns throughout the year and during our recent drive for funds, aroused public interest and a corresponding generosity in the hearts of your readers.

The monies raised during our 1961 campaign will help support seven local MD research projects, two MD clinics, an expanded patient service program, public education, and a summer day camp program for MD children, in 1962.

We are most appreciative of your efforts on behalf of all those afflicted with muscular dystrophy. You have made a major contribution toward the ultimate victory over this tragic, fatal disease that afflicts tens of thousands of our children today!

Sincerely,
Vin Scully
County Campaign chairman.

"Y" program with a limited budget. Squeezing 4,500 miles of activity out of the YMCA's bus this last year, he has taken boys to the Western Stock Show, Pacific Ocean Park, Traveltown and the Pro Football Bowl, among special trips including beach and overnight camping jaunts.

This summer he plans caravan trips to Death Valley, the High Sierras and the Seattle World's Fair.

Huge Fund Allocated for Dominguez Channel Work

Awarding of the largest regular channel contract in the Flood Control District's history — \$6,506,215.50 — for improvement of a section of Dominguez Channel

in the Wilmington area, was announced this week by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Acting upon a recommendation by District Chief Engineer M. E. Salsbury, the Board of Supervisors designated Peter Kiewit Sons' Co. of Los Angeles and Arcadia as contractor for the huge project.

Firm submitted the low bid for the work at a December 8 bid opening at the district's East Los Angeles Headquarters, Chace said. It ran \$44,902 less than the engineer's estimated cost of the project.

Site of the work runs in Dominguez Channel from Henry Ford Ave. to Wilmington Ave. Plans call for construction of some four miles of reinforced concrete channel, supporting fixtures. It is part of an overall improvement program which will link the harbor outlet with headwaters of the streambed some 18 miles away in Inglewood.

About \$21 million will be spent by the Flood Control District in building the channel which will act as an outlet for several storm drains and carry the waters to San Pedro Bay.

Study Device to Trap Bomb Scare Pranksters

Possible installation in county telephone switchboards of a new device designed to trap "bomb scare" and other hoax pranksters who hide behind the automatic dial telephone system was under study by the County of Los Angeles this week.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace disclosed that he has requested County Communications Director Maurice Kennedy to investigate a device developed by the General Dynamics Telecommunications Company.

According to Chace, the device consists of a simple circuit plate installed in the central telephone office, minor wiring changes in the telephone switching equipment, and a button or key that can be attached to the individual subscriber's telephone.

When a hoax call is received, the subscriber pushes the button which "locks in" the calling station and at the same time signals an alarm in the telephone office which permits quick identification of the telephone line from which the call was placed.

The subscriber then can immediately hang up his phone, pick it up again and phone the telephone company or the police.

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Health Department Explains New Laws Requiring Polio Shots for Students

Subsequent to January 15, all new students enrolling in private or public schools in Los Angeles County will be required to comply with the provisions of a new State law regarding immunization against poliomyelitis, Dr. K. H. Sutherland, Los Angeles County Health Officer, announced today.

State Assembly Bill No. 1940, requires that any individual of any age furnish school authorities written evidence that he has been immunized against poliomyelitis prior to being admitted as a student to any private or public elementary or secondary school, including kindergarten, junior colleges and adult education classes. The new law does not affect pupils who entered school during the first semester of the 1961-62 school year, but is applicable to these pupils when they apply for admission to school in September of 1962.

NECESSARY

Essentially the following provisions apply. At least

one polio injection is necessary for entry to school with the completion of the total of three required in one year. Completion of series of three before entry is desirable. At least two weeks between each injection is required. For persons immunized before January 1, 1962, a written statement giving the approximate dates if inoculations from the parent or guardian is all that is necessary for the school authorities. For those immunized after January 1, 1962, a written record must be presented stating the name of person immunized, birthdate, date of each inoculation, kind of vaccine and name of immunizing agency or physician. There are provisions for a written statement to be filed in the event that a person does not believe in immunization. This law affects only new admissions to a school after January 15, 1962, and is of immediate concern to those being admitted at the beginning of the coming Spring semester. However, the Law is interpreted as applying to any new admission for any reason to a different school than the one attended during the Fall 1961 semester—examples: entry to a school for the first time; promotions from elementary to junior high; junior high to high; high school to junior college; transfer due to move; re-districting, etc. It is urged that any student coming under these classifications be immunized now and prior to Spring enrollment. The same requirement of immunization will affect all students prior to entry to school in September 1962. It is therefore also urged that all students not now immunized receive polio immunization prior to opening of school in Fall.

ONLY SALK SHOTS

It is especially noted that oral polio vaccination is not at this time acceptable for this school program. This is because oral vaccine is now available for only two types of polio virus, not all three.

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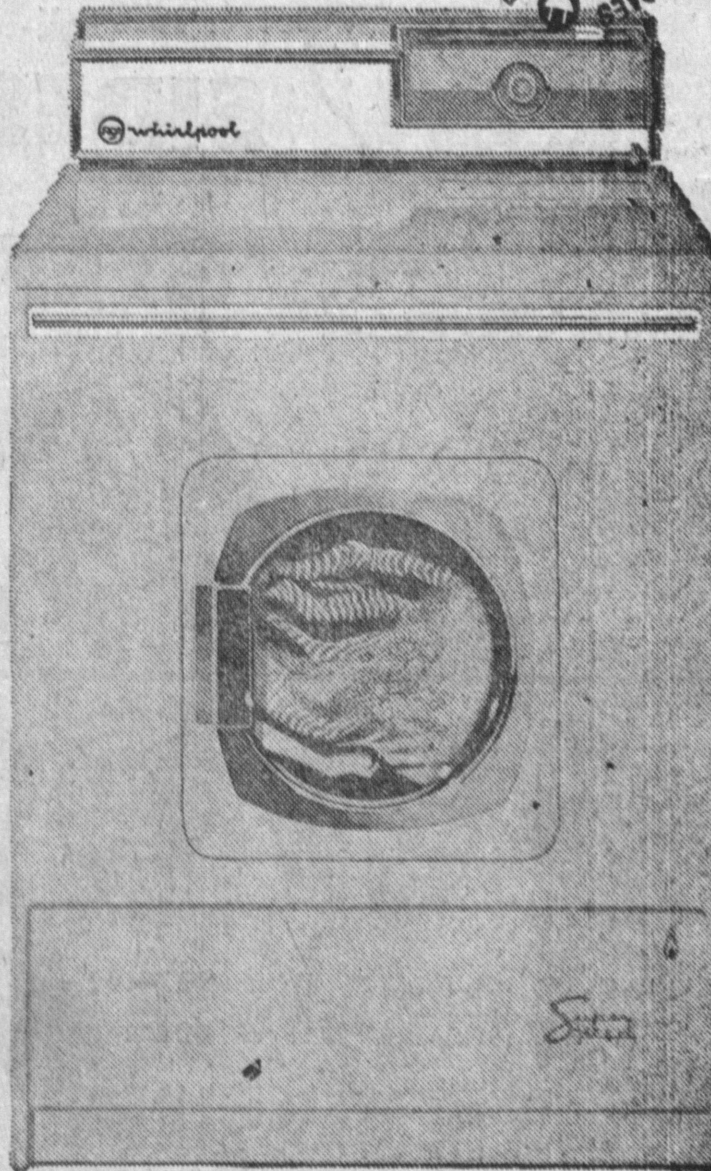
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