

TORRANCE COLLEGE WINS TWO BOOSTERS

County Officials Pledge Aid in Roads, Drainage

Supervisor Burton W. Chace has pledged his support in the campaign to bring the new four-year South Coast College to Torrance.

Chace has written to Charles Luckman, chairman of the site committee of the Board of Trustees of the California State Colleges, to declare that if the college comes to Torrance he will back necessary road improvements and additional drainage.

In his communication to Luckman, Supervisor Chace enclosed a letter from N. H. Templin, road commissioner.

"The access characteristics to this proposed (Torrance) site are good," wrote Templin.

"It can be served by the San Diego Freeway, the Harbor Freeway, Crenshaw Blvd., Sepulveda Blvd., and Hawthorne Blvd., a state highway," continued Templin's letter.

He pointed out that the San Diego Freeway is about two miles to the north of the site at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvds., and provides a full interchange with Crenshaw, as well as the other north-south routes.

Templin went on to note that the Harbor Freeway is only two-and-a-half miles east of the proposed site, and provides a full interchange with Sepulveda.

"In addition," wrote Templin, "the California Legis-

lature has designated a new north-south highway in the general vicinity of Western Ave. which, when developed to modern standards, will provide excellent additional access to the college."

Templin also pledged to Supervisor Chace that "If this site is developed for a state college, we would be pleased to recommend at such time as the traffic demands warrant a cooperative project with the City of Torrance for the improvement of Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvds."

"This would continue our program of cooperating with cities in developing highways of general county interest," wrote Templin.

The road commissioner's letter was in answer to a request by Chace for an investigation of traffic access to and from the proposed site for the new college.

Chace in his letter to Luckman, pledged, "I would support the Road Department's recommendations relative to this road improvement to meet the traffic demands of this area over a period of time as suggested by the Road Department."

"Also, the matter of drainage was called to my attention as being an item of consideration relative to the proposed site," continued Chace's letter to Luckman.

"It will be my intention to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the City of Torrance and the County of Los Angeles share on a matching basis the necessary expenditure to alleviate the drainage problem," wrote Chace.

The location of the new college comes before the Board of Trustees of California State Colleges at the board's Sacramento meeting, on March 7 and 8, only two weeks from tomorrow.

Meanwhile, in Torrance, the proposed ordinance to outlaw oil drilling was put over last night by the City Council. The measure was aimed at Santa Fe Railway which in the past has expressed opposition to the Torrance site for the college.

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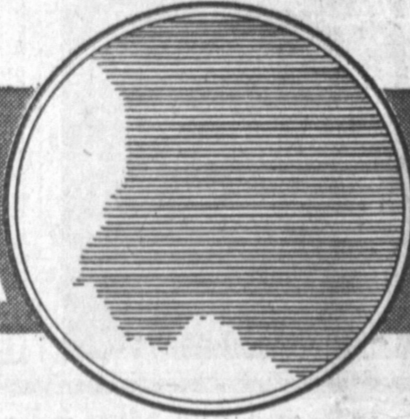
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Happy Birthday



CENTENNIAL CITIZEN, Mrs. Charlotte George, was honored last Saturday on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Those present at her Centennial party were (left to right) Martin Denn, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; her son, Robert; daughter, Evelyn B. Gill; Thelma B. Meader, administrator of the Earlwood Convalescent home, and John Burch, presi-

dent of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. George was a school teacher in the Dakota Territory in 1882. When she was born, the Civil War was nearing the end of its second year, the Emancipation Proclamation was less than two months old, and the battle of Chancellorsville was not yet fought.

100th Year Wins Honor Of 2 Cities

Mrs. Charlotte George, the first teacher in the Dakota Territory in 1882, was honored on her one hundredth birthday Saturday, Feb. 16, at a birthday party at the Earlwood Convalescent Home, 20820 Earl St., Torrance.

Hostess at the party was Thelma B. Meader, administrator of the Earlwood Home. Attending were Torrance and Redondo Beach civic leaders, who honored Mrs. George on her Centennial.

Redondo Beach's Mayor William Czuleger read a letter written to Mrs. George by President John F. Kennedy to congratulate her.

Mayor Czuleger made Mrs. George an honorary citizen and gave her an honorary Police Chief badge.

Torrance Chamber of Commerce President Martin M. Denn and John Burch, president of Redondo's chamber, presented Mrs. George with plaques naming her Centennial Citizen of the Year.

Miles Davis, Torrance field representative of the Social Security Department, honored Mrs. George with a citation which named her as one of the 13 persons in the U.S. who are receiving Social Security benefits at the age of 100 or more.

Shh! Please Do Not Disturb

A. L. Thomas, administrator of Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital, calls to public attention the move of 450 patients from the old to the new hospital. The move takes place Saturday, Feb. 23.

Thomas asks those who have relatives or friends in the hospital not to call or visit on Saturday, unless the patient is in a critical condition. "We have a very important task," he said, "which is the safe transfer of all our patients to the new hospital." (Story, page A5).

3 More File In Race for School Board

The election campaign for two members of the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District showed signs of a quickened pace with the filing of three more candidates this week.

Incumbent William C. Boswell (see story, Page A5) announced his intention to run for re-election while Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts (story, Page A9) and George W. Brewster have filed as candidates.

This brings the total at press time to four, with Dr. Kurt T. Shery, a member of the board, earlier announcing that he would run for election.

Both Boswell and Mrs. Watts issued statements giving their views on the issues in the campaign. Brewster, when reached by telephone, said he would make a statement later.

"Five years of experience on the board, and the educational philosophy I represent," said Boswell, "should continue to benefit the community. The accomplishments of the board with my assistance are in the record, and I believe, are consistent with the wishes of the voters."

"Basic skills should be stressed and strengthened continuously," said Mrs. Watts. "The traditional reading, writing and arithmetic, plus spelling, history and geography."

Earlier, Dr. Shery, on announcing his candidacy, "Torrance schools are overcrowded now and can expect an increase of almost 25 percent in the next four years. To meet this growth, we must have dynamic leadership, men of experience, dedicated foresight, and courage of conviction."

Dr. Shery said that his record proves that he has those qualifications.

It has been reported that Milt Isbell also will file for election to the school board.

However, the county superintendent of schools reported yesterday that only Dr. Shery, Boswell and Brewster had actually filed. Mrs. Watts, in her statement, said that she would file yesterday.

Torrance Bank Robbed

The Security First National Bank at W. 190th St. and Anza Blvd. was robbed yesterday at 1:30 p.m. by a lone bandit, who walked in waving a gun and passed a paper bag from one teller to another demanding their money.

"He looked nervous," said Mary Stapenhost, one of the tellers. She said that the bandit forced all employees to lie on the floor while he made his escape.

'Lucky 13s' Wanted to Play Ball

The Pacific American Babe Ruth League will hold its last tryout for teams Saturday, Feb. 23 at 9 a.m., on the varsity baseball diamond of South High on Pacific Coast Hwy.

Although the league includes boys 14 and 15 years of age, the greatest opportunities exist for the 13-year-olds. There are 30 vacancies reserved for them on the rosters of the league's six teams.

For further information, call Jack French at DA 6-5543.

Carrier Boys Wanted
DA 5-1515

Picture Page; Thoughts for Lent

(Readers write letters to editors. The following is a letter to readers from an editor.)

Today, on Page A-3, you will find a page of pictures.

In the past, we have experimented with a picture page which we call "Torrance Pictorial," and many of you called to say that you like it.

We are continuing our experiment by publishing each Wednesday on Page A-3 a page of pictures for and about the people of Torrance, and our surrounding area.

Included today are two photos taken by one member of our staff, with a short note saying why we like that particular picture.

We'd like to publish the pictures you take, too.

The ground rules are simple: Just send one of the photos you've taken to "Photo," The Press, 3228 Sepulveda Blvd., with a short note saying, "Why I like this picture."

From those submitted, now and then, we shall

publish on Page A-3 your pictures along with ours.

We've experimented with other ideas, too.

We've introduced Douglas Torrance, "Mr. Torrance of Torrance."

Through Profiles at Work, we gave you the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Richard Shortridge and Mrs. Joel Bundrick, waitresses who work while most of us are asleep.

Through Meet My Neighbor, Mrs. Ruby Kuscienka, Mrs. Janice Andersen, Mrs. Helma Thurkill have told about their neighbors, Mrs. Dorothy Ward, Mrs. Betty Sather, and Mrs. Lorraine Vickers.

Through Water Welch's A Story of Success, we tried Sunday, we are trying to give an insight into the personal experiences of Vinciane Clesse, the Belgian girl who's going to Torrance High School, and those of the George Crabtree family with whom she lives.

Through Walter Welch's A Story of Success, we tried to give some idea of the hard work and study it requires for a man to rise to vice presidential stature in American business.

Through A Story of Courage, we tried to catch just a tiny glimpse of the personal courage which enabled Charles Schmitt to surmount disaster to build a new life, and the faith in his ability to face the future that he found during that struggle against adversity.

In life, each of us struggles against adversity of some sort, even though it is not as great as the one that Charles Schmitt has known.

How well we do really isn't known until years later, when the fruits of our generation are tasted by those who come after us.

We do know that to achieve worthwhile accomplishments in the face of adversity, men and women must have faith in themselves and in their fellow human beings.

With the coming of Feb. 27, faith takes on a greater significance, because that day is Ash Wednesday, and marks the beginning of Lent, the prologue to Easter.

The story of Easter each year reminds those who profess the Christian faith of the triumph of the immortal spirit over mortal flesh.

Lent reminds us that it takes faith for the spirit

to triumph over the flesh.

During Lent, The Press will publish accounts of the faith which enabled our Founding Fathers to establish this nation in their great struggle against adversity.

Although they knew not how well they were building, we who taste the fruits of their generation do know.

Their beliefs may be of help to us as we continue the task which they began, the task that Benjamin Franklin, looking down the eternal halls of time into the future, phrased in the following words:

"God grant that not only the love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set his feet anywhere on its surface, and say, 'This is my country.'"

In view of the fact that the day after tomorrow is Feb. 22, we are jumping the gun on Lent to start the series today with George Washington's views on a Supreme Being, which you'll find elsewhere today in The Press.

We call it: Faith of Our Fathers.