



TERRY WILLIAMS, left, 4424 W. 238th, Torrance, is sure to be in the line-up of blood donors Thursday, Oct. 17th with clowns like "Jingles", right, on hand to drum up business for the Red Cross bloodmobile's visit to Hughes Aircraft's El Segundo division. Members of "The Clown Club", of which "Jingles" (Mrs. Cecilia Frank

of Inglewood) is president, will be on hand to spur their fellow employees at Hughes to participate in the blood bank which is hoped to net 660 pints of blood. The collection is to be held in a circus tent with appropriate music and hundreds of balloons giving the affair a real circus atmosphere.

Diary of an Optimist

The psychiatrist is the substitute for a wise old grandfather who does not exist. I was about to add: "anymore," but the word is superfluous. The truth of the matter is that he never did exist.

What happens when you go to an older—and therefore assumed to be wiser—person for advice? In most cases the advice is: "Don't do it. I know."

What kind of sound advice is this. It might work for you, even if it did not work for him. In any case, we all have to find out what works for us by our own trial and error. Where would the world be if young men and women (I don't mean children) listened to this ivory tower advice?

Yet, the magic word "TRY," spoken with sympathy and hopefulness, can send one on a gigantic attempt, which, even if it ends in failure, at least provides wisdom and experience for the next attempt.

There is a lady I know who, downing the dregs of her coffee, rises resolutely and makes for the door, saying with a wry smile, "Well, I'm going home and DO something, evtn if it's the wrong thing!" And, of course, often the wrong thing is better than indecision and no action whatever.

As we grow older do we

even to fail. To fail and to learn something from the experience is to grow to satisfactory maturity. To be fearful of attempting is to be dwarfed beyond recognition as adults.

I have a friend who reminds her children when they are ashamed at their inadequacy or embarrassed in the beginning stages of some new venture: "Nobody wakes up one morning knowing how!"

And this is the truth. We are not born knowing how. We have to teach ourselves; by trial and error; by fumbling and stumbling; and we need, above all, the security that could be provided by a

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The best of all governments is that which teaches us to govern ourselves. —Goethe

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Lomita Drainage Project Begins

A \$10,000 drainage project at Lomita Boulevard and Narbonne Avenue now is under way, Supervisor Burton W. Chace announced today.

The project, to be installed by the County Road Department, will include reconstructing curbs, gutters and catch basins and metal drainage pipe.

Chace urges motorists to drive with caution in the construction area.

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Authorization Sought For Clerks to Perform Civil Marriages

Legislation authorizing marriages as couples step from the Clerk and Recorder to perform civil marriages for a \$5 fee was called for this week by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Hahn asked the County Counsel to draft the proposed legislation and on his motion the Board of Supervisors will request Governor Brown to put the matter on special call at the next session of the Legislature.

Hahn stressed that he favored religious marriage ceremonies whenever possible, and that he was not endorsing the civil marriage over the religious ceremony.

"However, experience has taught us that there is a definite desire by some persons to have a civil ceremony because of religion or other factors," he said. "It falls upon the County to see that this need is met."

The Supervisor pointed out that a policy of rotating judges on Saturdays to perform free marriages in the County Courthouse is not satisfactory.

An average of 56 marriages each Saturday have been performed by judges since the policy was instituted February 9, 1963.

"There is a feeling among the judges that couples cannot be counseled properly in the short time available and that in some cases hasty

Sheriff Stations Roll Red Carpet Out For Visitors

Sheriff's Stations all over Los Angeles County will roll out the red carpets for thousands of visitors Saturday, October 26, 1963.

The Third annual Sheriff's Open House event is an open invitation for all to visit thirteen designated facilities, as guests of Sheriff Peter J. Pitchess.

Behind-the-scenes law enforcement activities are as educational as they are exciting.

Each of the thirteen Sheriff's Stations will feature guided tours, inspection of Departmental vehicles and equipment, appropriate displays, and handout brochures regarding the Department's activities. Mounted Possemen will be each Station with displays of their special equipment.

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