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Seventeen



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My friend Vic Chatten, who invented the 40-ton beach cleaning machine "Louise," is busy working on another problem. He is trying to invent a way to break a mother hen from setting.

"I am an inventor, not a gold-darned farmer," laments my friend, as he continues to shoo the hen off her make-believe nest. Chatten acquired the hen as a pet from the Jack Schillings who live next door at 1563 W. 216th St., and since that time all the feathered would-be mammals want to do is sit—or is it set?

Chatten has spent hours, so he tells me, at his tilt-top drafting board trying to figure out a gimmick that will get his hen off the nest. She hasn't got anything to sit on, eggs that is, so why sit, Chatten wants to know.

The determined Chatten thought he had it licked the other day when he got this idea. He grabbed a piffling bag from out of his frozen food supplies and placed eight ice cubes in the bag. He placed the bag of cubes, square corners and all, under his hen.

"That'll fix her," he chuckled like a mother hen as he stole behind a hibiscus bush to watch his cleverness go to work. About then the phone rang. When he got back to the yard the hen was sitting quite comfortably on a bag of warm water.

With renewed determination, Chatten went back to his drawing board—turning this time to the field of electronics.

In the hen's nest is a small dome shaped affair that is not much unlike an egg. The difference being that instead of hatching, it rings. Chatten has rigged up the nest with a door bell. It would not be very unlikely for anyone to assume that a chicken with a bell up its feathers would be quick to hasten from the nest. But not the little red hen—she just sits, and sits, and sits and the bell just rings, and rings, and rings, and Chatten gets madder, and madder, and madder.

Actually, he's madder than a wet hen! Chatten would appreciate a call from anyone who knows enough about chickens to tell him how to break his hen from setting. Best time to catch Chatten is shortly after 5 a.m., since he works nights and is getting home about that time. His phone is FAIRfax 8-1122.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES — Past and Present:

Behind a booth in the now vacant restaurant formerly located at Five Points, Owner A. Tsen points to a sign scribbled in chalk urging voters to:

"Vote for Roosevelt and eat Vote for Landon and go hungry. The last four years has proved that to any sensible person."

In Los Angeles, Actor John Wayne is starring in a little courtroom drama in which his wife is asking for \$3350 a month temporary alimony. In Torrance, the marquee on the Stadium Theater reads:

"John Wayne in Trouble Along the Way."

It's the Law!

According to City Ordinance No. 38, it is unlawful for anyone to burn refuse in an open and unattended fire within the City of Torrance, or to burn refuse within 15 feet of any building, or to burn refuse in an enclosure of one inch wire mesh, or to burn any such refuse nearer than 10 feet to any building, or to burn refuse at any hour except between sunrise and 10 a.m., and between 4:30 p.m. and sunset.



THE TORRANCE HEALTH CENTER, EIGHTH IN THE COUNTY, WAS DESIGNED TO DISPEL THE MECHANICAL DEPRESSION USUALLY RECEIVED FROM A PUBLIC INSTITUTION.

Name Dabbs Area Head for Local Chest Campaign

Jack N. Dabbs, chairman of the highly successful Red Feather campaign in Torrance, was named area vice-chairman for the Fall Community Chest campaign, which was inaugurated last week when William C. Bullock, Harbor Area chairman, met with members of the Chest Agencies Participation Committee at the YWCA.

"Dabbs will handle the Torrance-Lomita area, Bullock, who was area vice-chairman in the 1952 campaign, is manager of Southern Counties Gas Co. Particular work of the Agencies Participation Committee, composed of volunteer heads and executive directors of Chest agencies located in the Harbor area, will be to secure volunteer campaign workers from their various organizations. Mrs. Ann Milligan, executive director of Catholic Maritime Clubs in San Pedro and Wilmington, is chairman.

"This is very important," was the statement of Mrs. Blythe Francis, Agency-Chest co-ordinator, at the meeting, "board members are close to the boys, girls, men and women who come to the agencies and have a special responsibility towards them. They know how the dollars put into the Community Chest are translated into services for those who need them." Mrs. Francis is executive director of Family Service of Los Angeles area which maintains a case-worker in San Pedro for service to this area.

Bullock said that with the agencies' full cooperation he felt that an adequate number of volunteers could be secured in each of the Harbor cities and towns included in the Chest.

"If each volunteer we secure would put in four hours' work on 'kick-off' day," he declared, "we could have the campaign over in a week's time."

Attending the meeting were A. H. Kent, president, and the Rev. Carl Jordan of Beaumont Light Mission; Nick Train, Boys Club of San Pedro; Al Moller and Malcolm Cutler, Boy Scouts; the Rev. Eldon Durham and Miss Josephine Perry, Family Service; Mrs. Robert C. Lambie, chairman, and Miss Elizabeth Bralnard, Girl Scouts; Miss Catherine Porter, and Homer Troberman, Settlement House.

Mrs. Robert Elliott, president-elect of Wilmington Park PTA and president of Mahar House, and Ramon Quesada, Miss Mary Sanchez and Benito Esparza; Bruce Worley, chairman, and Joe Boccaccio, Veterans Service Center, San Pedro; Miss Helen K. Dill, Veterans Service Center, Torrance; W. Richard Meyers, Wilmington Community Center; Mrs. Elsa J. Morris and Mrs. Charlotte Lakes, YWCA, and Floyd E. White, Chest director for Harbor Area.

Stressing the importance of the broker's service in assuring satisfaction in home buying, James L. Decker of Lomita addressed the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board last Friday evening.

Decker also took part in a panel discussion of local real estate transactions. Other members of the panel were Bob L. Haggard, Luther Mumford, Elizabeth Travioli, Ben Rothenberg, Atorney Boris Woolley, and C. J. "Paddy" Ryan, moderator.



OVER THE TOP AGAIN... Harry G. Morrill, Associated Cities chairman of the Fall Community Chest campaign, points out the total reached last year to William C. Bullock, Harbor Area chairman, left, and W. H. Albertson, West Area chairman, right. "We'll do it again!" is the rallying slogan for the campaign, which has already gotten under way.

Torrance Herald Special Bargain Page Due Soon

Future copies of the Torrance Herald will contain a brand new feature aimed at helping wise Torrance shoppers find the best bargains of the week—a full page of Merchants specials, printed on green paper—which will be included in every Thursday edition of the paper, and will comprise the front page of every Torrance Herald Shopper.

Torrance shoppers with a sharp eye for bargains will keep a weather eye open for this special merchants' page, which offers values that can be found only in Torrance.

On the Green Sheet, Torrance merchants will advertise Thursday, Friday and Saturday specials, on which they have cut the prices to a bare minimum.

Nowhere else in Torrance can shoppers find so many bargains so compactly presented on one handy page.

Water, Water Everywhere, And Every Drop Aggressive

You've heard of "heavy" water, water on the knee, water under the bridge, water chaser, salty water, fresh water, clean water and bath water, but it took the West Basin Water Association to discover a new type of liquid—"aggressive" water.

It seems that the clay caps under which water is being injected in the West Basin barrier test is being attacked by, you guessed it—"aggressive" water.

As a result of the dissolving clay, the injected water has surged up from the bottom of the wells, broken the seals, and has caused two of the injection wells to cave in.

The barrier test is an attempt to push back intruding ocean water underneath the ground by injection of fresh water from above.

It was discovered, strangely, that only Metropolitan-treated water is aggressive. Untreated or raw Metropolitan water has no effect on the clay, and is therefore called "unaggressive," or docile.

Baumann explained that the difficulty has been remedied by filling the area around the wells with cement and said that injection efficiency has been increased by gravel packing around well perforations.

Shelhart Services Held

Funeral services were held yesterday at Gandy's Mortuary in Lomita for William Shelhart, 76, of 2834 Pacific Coast Hwy., who died of a heart attack last week-end in his home.

Interment took place at Green Hills Cemetery.

Two Firms Give 113 Pints to Bloodmobile

In a fast moving cooperative Blood Bank at the local American-Standard Plant, employees of Pittsburgh Paint and American-Standard donated 113 pints of whole blood in the short period of two and one-half hours last Friday afternoon.

This is the second cooperative blood bank held by employees of these two neighboring plants.

Miss Katherine A. Kain, American Red Cross Field Representative, expressed her gratitude to employees of both local firms for their generosity at this particularly crucial time. She cited the critical need for additional stocks of the polio-fighting blood derivative, gamma globulin, and stated that present supplies of this serum are inadequate for fighting the summer polio epidemic.

Should We Act First Or Think First?

OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IS FACING A SERIOUS CRISIS. AN IRATE PARENT, AND ONE WITH PERHAPS JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE, HAS COMPLAINED OF CERTAIN SO-CALLED ATROCITIES PERFORMED ON HIS SON DURING AN INITIATION INTO THE TORRANCE HIGH VARSITY CLUB, WE LABEL THEM "SO-CALLED ATROCITIES" BECAUSE SOME OF THEM ARE "SO-CALLED" AND SOME ARE "ATROCITIES."

FOR IGNOMINIES TO WHICH THIS PARENT CLAIMS HIS SON WAS SUBJECT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS ATHLETIC SOCIETY WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR A DEATH SENTENCE IF PERFORMED IN A WAR PRISONER CAMP—THAT IS, IF WE ACCEPT THE PARENT'S CHARGES AS BEING A PERFECT REFLECTION OF WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.

LET'S EXAMINE THE SITUATION. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EDITORIAL IS NOT TO PRAISE OR TO BLAME THE PARENT WHO COMPLAINED OF THESE "SO-CALLED ATROCITIES," NEITHER IS IT TO CONDONE THE PRACTICE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO ALLOW SUCH A DEMONSTRATION TO TAKE PLACE. THE FACT THAT THE ADMINISTRATORS WERE UNINFORMED OF THESE INITIATION PRACTICES IS NO EXCUSE—FOR HOW OFTEN HAS IT BEEN SAID THAT IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NO EXCUSE, AND THERE IS A LAW AGAINST SUCH HAZING. A SECTION OF THE CALIFORNIA EDUCATIONAL CODE STATES THAT A PERSON FOUND GUILTY OF HAZING IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$50 NOR MORE THAN \$500 AND FURTHER BY IMPRISONMENT FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS.

THOSE BOYS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT INITIATION OF 14 MEMBERS INTO THE VARSITY CLUB ARE PERHAPS SUBJECT TO SUCH PUNISHMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EDITORIAL IS NOT TO RECOMMEND SUCH REPRIMAND.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EDITORIAL IS TO LOCK THE BARN BEFORE THE HORSE IS STOLEN—THAT IS, TO PREVENT SOME YOUTH FROM BEING PERMANENTLY INJURED DURING THE EXERCISES OF SUCH AN INITIATION AND SECONDLY TO PREVENT THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM SUFFERING THE EFFECTS OF A SNOWBALLING RUMOR WHICH COULD RUIN THE TORRANCE SYSTEM OF EDUCATION FOR YEARS TO COME.

THIS INITIATION WAS CARRIED OUT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, WITHIN THE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM FACILITIES. SOME SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS KNEW THE INITIATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED; OTHERS WERE UNAWARE OF THE RITES. THE BOYS DID GET THEIR BUTTOCKS PADDLED. SOME UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE BLACK AND BLUE STAINS TO PROVE IT. OTHERS WERE MADE TO EAT CANNED BABY FOOD AS ONE OF THE "BROTHERS" PLANTED THE THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE EATING SOMETHING NOT SO PALATABLE.

BOYS ARE GOING TO BE BOYS. THEY HAVE BEEN. THEY WILL BE WHEN THEY WOULD HAVE THEM BE BOYS? IN A HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM WHERE THERE IS AN EXPERIENCED ATHLETIC COACH IN THE BUILDING OR AT THE END OF THE REDONDO BEACH FISHING PIER AT 11:30 AT NIGHT WITH A CAN OF BEER IN ONE HAND AND A BIG PADDLE IN THE OTHER BEATING ON THE STOOPED OVER FORM OF SOME COURAGEOUS YOUTH WHO VOLUNTEERS TO SUBJECT HIMSELF TO SUCH TORTURE TO BE "JUST ONE OF THE BOYS?"

THE ATHLETES OF TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE, MUST REALIZE THAT IT IS EXTREMELY EASY TO DO GREAT BODILY HARM WITH A "HARMLESS" BROAD BLADED PADDLE. WE HAVE SEEN THEM SWUNG AS A BALL BAT AGAINST THE BENT OVER FORM OF SOME PLEDGE. THE BLOWS LAND WITH SUCH FORCE THAT IF IT WERE NOT FOR SOME OTHER "BROTHER" HOLDING THE BOY BEING SWATTED HE WOULD CERTAINLY FALL FLAT ON HIS FACE. WHAT IF THIS BOY SHOULD UNEXPECTEDLY RAISE UP. HE COULD RECEIVE THE FULL FORCE OF THE PADDLE'S BLOW AGAINST HIS BACKBONE AND MIGHT FOREVER AFTER VIEW LIFE FROM THE LEVEL OF A WHEELCHAIR.

THIS IS ONE OF THE EVENTUALITIES WHICH THE VARSITY CLUB BOYS MUST RECOGNIZE. WE COULD CITE EXAMPLES OF MISDEEDS FROM NOW TILL THE NEXT SETTING SUN. SUFFICE TO CITE BUT ONE.

NOW, WE CITIZENS CAN BECOME SO AROUSED BY THE "ATROCITY" CHARGES AS TO DEMAND THAT HEADS OF THE ADMINISTRATORS BE MADE TO ROLL IN THE GUTTERS.

WE CAN EVALUATE THE SITUATION, THINK ABOUT IT, WEIGH THE EVIDENCE AND THEN, AFTER THOUGHTFUL DELIBERATION COME TO A CONCLUSION OR COURSE OF ACTION.

THERE HAVE BEEN INITIATIONS, THERE ARE INITIATIONS AND THERE WILL BE INITIATIONS. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT? EXPEL THE BOYS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THEM? SHALL WE CRY FOR THE BLOOD OF THE ADMINISTRATORS WHO RECOGNIZE THIS AND TRY TO CONTROL THE INTENSITY OF THE INITIATION ACTIVITIES? BE WE LIMITED BY STATE LAW, BE WE CONTROLLED BY ACCEPTED PRACTICES, OR BE WE MOTIVATED BY EMOTIONS THERE IS ONE THING ALL OF US CAN DO BEFORE WE ACT! THINK!

Health Department Has 40th Birthday

The Los Angeles County Health Department celebrated its 40th birthday Wednesday, June 3, and along with it, the Torrance branch of the Health Department, located at 2300 Carson St., is sitting back and reflecting about its 20 years of service in the local area.

The Torrance Health and Welfare Center was opened on Feb. 24, 1933, and at that time served more than 60,000 people living in an area of 60 square miles.

Today the Torrance Health District, with its sub-center in Redondo Beach, serves the cities of Gardena, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Beach, and Torrance and its unincorporated areas, and provides health and welfare for over 150,000 people.

The unpretentious Spanish-style building at 2300 W. Carson St., provides a staggering number of services to local citizens, many of which most people are probably aware.

The County Health Department, for instance, offers to the public in its territory the following services:

1. Medical diagnostic service for communicable diseases of all kinds.
2. Diagnostic clinics for tuberculosis and venereal disease; treatment and supervision of those patients who need care and cannot meet the costs.
3. Admissions of mentally ill patients to state hospitals.
4. X-ray service and immunization for diphtheria, smallpox, whooping cough, typhoid and rabies.
5. Isolation, quarantine, and public health nursing service.
6. Pre-natal service to women who cannot meet the costs of such care elsewhere.
7. Child health service to women who wish guidance in supervision of the well infant and young child.
8. A preventive dental service for young children and expectant mothers.
9. Medical-social case work service to patients who seek help with social problems arising out of their medical situations.
10. Industrial hygiene service plus milk and food inspection, and inspection of water supplies.
11. Inspection of sewage disposal systems, and housing inspection.
12. Supervision of general sanitation, including mountain and rural sanitation.
13. Issuing of burial and removal permits and of certified copies of birth and death records.
14. An overall health education service including individual and group instruction, motion pictures, newspaper articles, exhibits, and literature.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HEALTH DEPARTMENT!

Cars Smack Down Telephone Poles, Riders Not Hurt

Edison Co. telephone poles took quite a beating this week. A car driven by George Murphy, 22, stationed at Treasure Island in San Francisco with the USN, hit one power pole at Crenshaw Blvd. and 168th St. early Sunday morning and severed it.

He and a female companion, Gladys Fort, 23, of Los Angeles, were taken to Harbor General Hospital with minor injuries. They were treated and later released.

The driver had apparently dozed off prior to striking the pole, according to police reports. Saturday, a pick-up truck driven by Eugene Meyer, Jr., 22, struck a pole at the corner of 288th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., glanced off, traveled 116 feet and smacked another pole. "I fell asleep," Meyer told police.

Meyer said he was not injured, but his father took him to a doctor for a checkup anyway. The pick-up truck was demolished.

Lomita Lieutenant Lands in Korea as Replacement

First Lt. William E. Harris, who will replace Lt. Elizabeth Harris at 2525 N. Narbonne Ave., Lomita, recently arrived in Korea, recently arrived in Korea for duty with the 809th Replacement Battalion.

His unit is part of the Korean Base Section which furnishes supplies, transportation, communications and services to UN fighting forces. The base section includes most of the major military installations in the southern portion of the Korean peninsula.