

EDITORIALS

Industry Backs Schools

It is refreshing to note the serious interest current today on the part of manufacturers in local school systems. Nowhere has this been better demonstrated than in Torrance where last spring local manufacturers spearheaded the campaign that led to the big bond issue for development of the local school system.

For decades some businessmen and manufacturers opposed any increase in school taxes as a matter of policy. Teachers went along on starvation wages and the building of extra classroom space usually forced educators to build haphazardly and cheaply. Bond issues to improve conditions usually met hostile reception and merchants and manufacturers were conspicuous by their outspoken opposition.

But, today the picture has changed. At the 82nd annual convention of the National Education Association, delegates heard the president of the National Manufacturers Association express concern over the plight of the nation's schools. He said business and industry are worried about meager salaries received by teachers and generally inadequate funds for schools.

The industrial leader asserted 20,000 members of his association wanted better schools and better pay for teachers. The welfare of the nation, he said, depends on the future of education in this country.

Informed individuals generally are convinced that there is no better investment Americans can make today than in their school systems. Men and women who head up our schools are charged with great responsibilities and are filling administrative positions more complex and more exacting than some of the biggest jobs in industry. In most cases their remuneration is not equal to positions of parallel importance in business and industry.

The responsibility for having good school systems still rests on the local community, the county and the state. Further participation in education by the federal government can lead to an unfavorable situation and is inevitable if responsibility for schools is not accepted at the local levels.

The Torrance school system has been strained by growth rarely equaled even in this rapidly growing Los Angeles area. The system thus far has met most of the exigencies of a situation that might have been serious had not local school officials and the Board of Education done some alert planning. The bond issue, so well supported by local industry, will help transmit this planning into actuality. There will be some inconveniences until the physical plants can be constructed.

In the meantime there will be carping criticism and complaints from those who don't understand the situation or are too impatient.

Canada Our Best Ally

Bruce Hutchinson, Canadian editor of a Victoria daily newspaper, recently told a Rotary International Convention gathering in Seattle, Washington, that the history of United States-Canadian relations had made Canada this country's "closest ally."

Hutchinson noted that the United States could not "even begin" to fight a war without essential supplies from Canada. He said Canadian cooperation with the United States was a foregone conclusion because the United States—a great power—had refrained for so many years from attempting to use its weight to gain advantage over its northern neighbor.

He said Canada had always provided the "supreme test" for America's morals, and that this rich country had been a glittering temptation which few great powers could have resisted. By not submitting to the temptation of greed and conquest, the United States now has no "sullen and restless" neighbor bitterly awaiting a chance for revenge and freedom, but a free nation and its closest ally.

Hutchinson points out facts which we sometimes fail to appreciate. It is true that the United States is bordered by two great oceans, which partially protect it from would-be aggressors, but it is also true that the United States has thousands of miles of land frontiers. The northern frontiers—the Canadian-U.S. border—are not even fortified and apparently no American has seriously considered fortifying the border for many decades. The same situation is true regarding Mexico.

Nowhere in history has there been a better example of the desire for peace, good relations and a high order of civilization than the example set by the United States regarding Canada. While not attempting to claim all the credit, it is nevertheless true that the United States—the greater power—has demonstrated to the world that great powers gain more, in the long run, by refraining from attacking weaker neighbors than from attacking them. The history of recurring wars in Europe is sufficient to prove this point by reverse reasoning.

THE MAIL BOX

(The Torrance Herald welcomes expressions from its readers which can be published on this page. The editor retains the right to edit the copy for matters of libel and good taste. Letters should be kept brief and must be signed. The writer's name will be withheld if requested. Opinions expressed represent those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Torrance Herald.)

Retail Stores

Editor, Torrance Herald

Mayor Nick Drale recently was quoted as saying that the town of Torrance needs a better retail center. Personally, our family has found the merchants and their clerks courteous and willing. What we don't know is why doesn't Torrance have stores like Westchester and Lakewood? This town has 45,000 people and a growing bigger. Why not more stores?

We all like your paper which is certainly a good one by comparison with other papers in the area. We like the society news and the sports. If you want to succeed in this town you had better get more stores or at least the big ones. Don't misunderstand us. We like Torrance and we like the Herald. This is a good town and we all want to live here in the future. We go to church here ever since we came here

from Nebraska and like it all very much.

You have my name and address and I wish you would have the boy bring us the receipt for our subscription which we paid him recently. I don't want you to publish my name because some of my good merchants would not like it. Please sign my letter just "Torrance Booster."

Editor (Editor's note:—This was one of several letters received on the subject. Two did not conform to policies of this newspaper, namely: all communications must be signed. Names need not be published, but must be on file at this office.)

Clean Streets

Editor Torrance Herald You had an editorial recently about clean streets and suggested that "we all try to do better." I am employed in the downtown district and pass your office often. From the looks of your own parking lot I'd suggest that you begin the cleanup program at home. Most

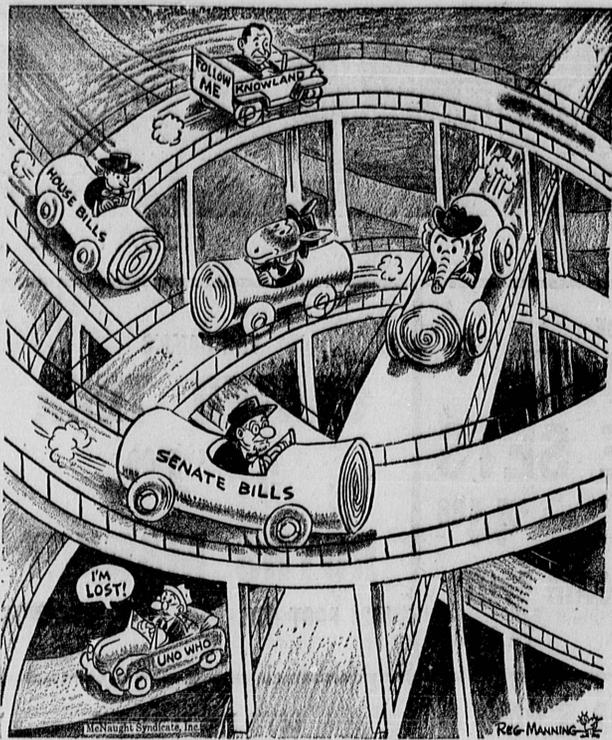
of the papers blowing around were Torrance Herald.

(Signed) A READER (Editor's note:—This is one we publish even though it wasn't signed. The complaint already has been sent to the right department. We will try to do better.)

Civic Center

Editor Torrance Herald The coming election on the change of location for the City Hall is important to this city which is growing so fast. I personally am in favor of it because that is the trend in all American cities. We must keep pace with this fantastic growth which has our leaders quoting population figures in excess of 50,000 souls. We are not old-fashioned any longer. I am an employee of the city and know the congestion that has been created by this lack of space. For obvious reasons please keep this confidential. Believer in Torrance's Future

Congress Junction



Criswell Predicts

An Accurate Glimpse of the Future

Criswell will answer your questions if you will write him in care of the Torrance Herald, signing your full name and address. Only initials will be used in the answers which will appear in rotation as received and as space permits. There is no charge for this service. Write Criswell Predicts today!

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN 1999?

By trend, precedent, pattern of habit, human behavior and the unalterable laws of cycle. I predict that in 1999, exactly 45 years from today, you will witness the entire Mediterranean Sea drying up due to the many forthcoming European earthquakes. The Mediterranean Sea will drain back into the Atlantic and the Pacific. A huge treasure hunt will be formed at that time to regain the billions of dollars in sunken ships of the last 3000 years! Within the next half century many inland lakes and seas will drain off and dry up, causing our maps to be remade, and our geographical political influences restated. Many of the world's garden spots will be a desolate, deserted wasteland in 1999! Just check up on me and see!

YOUR HEADLINES OF THE FUTURE:

New undersea volcanoes in Pacific Ocean endanger ships! . . . French announce new Colonial policies for North African holdings! . . . Turkey signs new trade pact with America! . . . Scientists hail greatest invention of the 20th Century! . . . Pure food and drug act cracks down on wildcat canneries! . . . Future of Poland debated in fiery United Nations meetings! . . . Strange epidemic fatal to thousands in Australia! . . . New rain of

metors frighten scientists in all parts of world! . . . Bank of England issues new currency call for foreign dollars! . . . Noted magazine editor deported for Red spying! . . . Famed Broadway star dies of cancer! . . . Nylon wigs sweep market! . . . America astounded by latest Communist move against Religion!

JUST FOR YOU GIRLS:

Bejeweled belts, collars and cuffs, hats and purses will be high fashion for social 1955. Yes, 1955 will be the most social year to date, and all America will dress for it! . . . Nylon printed robes in the new leopard skin design will be the number one Christmas present for both men and women this Christmas! . . . A new reducing diet based on the combined rare beef, stewed onions, celery, apples and clear tea or black coffee! . . . You can make your boy friend or your husband three inches taller if you will buy him the new plastic platform shoes, which cannot be distinguished from an ordinary pair! . . . A new cloth with a metallic base will be used for draperies, upholstery and wall covering! . . . A newmown hay fragrance will be the perfume rage in 1955!

COMING HUSH HUSH EVENTS:

The widow of a late king will cause much diplomatic worry in the capitals of Europe by her complete disregard for decency and her high living. Her public tantrums, her vile insults and her apparent insanity will not be kept from you, the American public, much longer. For it will soon be front page news, even though it is being treated with kid gloves at the present time. Our medical profession has a name for this poor woman's condition, but it can not be stated here! . . . The private life of a famous film couple will soon be made public when the will is probated, which will not only show common-law marriage, but also that the bulk of the estate came from a most unusual source! . . . One of Chicago's first families will soon leave America to become citizens of Soviet Russia!

WHAT PEOPLE WILL DO:

Larry Miles, the code expert, will make known his scientific findings on the irregular, undetectable tones he received during the closeness of the planet Mars on July 2. Mr. Miles will have an exact recording of these coded messages from out of the blue and will send them into space toward the planet Mars at regular intervals for the next thirty days. I predict that Larry Miles will make history, for this will be the first time that the elusive code has been captured and recorded! . . . Diplomatic and social leaders of every important nation in the world will attend

the marriage of Dictator Peron and the American girl he is to marry, making this wedding one of the most glamorous of our time!

Mrs. TMS: 2517. I do feel your business will improve, but do not invest too much money in it, and permit it to build slowly.

Alberta BB 17240: I am very sorry, but the only way I can answer your questions is through the column of this splendid newspaper. I do feel that you will be pleased with this pension, but pursue it in order to save yourself a delay. Your son should scout around until he finds a place to your liking and you will be settled before the year is over.

Charles DM 26374: Contact this oil company and make an inquiry regarding this problem, for they will then realize that you are following through and you most certainly deserve compensation from them.

Jonella M: Scout around your area, for you will locate a place you desire, where the down payment will be within your limits. Also take into careful consideration the idea of purchasing income property, small units, all under one roof, for this is a safe investment, and your property will pay for itself.

Beatrice B: This is simply your husband's way, and actually he needs you much more than you need him. There are many men who would be only too happy to have you for a wife, but you have always remained faithful. If you left your husband, he would founder through life without any goal or guidance.

Dear Criswell,

It seems as if my whole world is caving in. My husband left me three weeks ago, my son was sent overseas in the Army, and my daughter and her husband moved to another state due to his job assignment. I am all alone and don't know which way to turn. Is there any future? MOLLIE U.

My dear Mollie:

From the things you wrote about your husband, you are well rid of this man. I know that your son will write to you very often and this assignment of your daughter and her husband is only of a temporary nature. You should visit with them as they have requested, and before you know it your family will soon be reunited. Go out more socially and join this church group you mention, for I know you will soon meet someone who will be a very fine catch.

The Bible Speaks

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson By Dr. Kenneth J. Foreman

Lesson for July 25, 1954

IT IS TRUE that we can grow spiritually through prayer; but it is not true that we can grow by just any prayers. Out in Tibet and other parts of the same globe, they have these prayer-wheels or prayer flags. A prayer has been inscribed on the wheel or the flag, and every time the flag flaps in the breeze, or every time the wheel turns over under the waterfall, the prayer is supposed to rise. Is a Tibetan who puts out one of those things the most spiritually mature person in any religion? Of course he is not. Jesus told a story about a Pharisee and a tax-collector, both of whom prayed in the same temple to the same God. But the tax-collector grew by his prayer, while the Pharisee certainly did not. When God said to the Israelites, "Though you make many prayers I will not listen," they were surely not growing by the prayers they had made.

Be Still and Wait

The trouble is that so many prayers are just variation on the one theme, "Gimme." They are selfish and through, and selfishness never fails to shrink the soul. Then some people in praying do all the talking and never listen to see if God is saying anything to them. "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength," the prophet says,—not those who talk loudest and longest, "Be still and know" is as true as any verse was. For the laws of prayer have not changed since man and God first spoke with each other. The prayer by which we grow is not just a one-way thing, a kind of telephone line on which we have only a transmitter and God only a receiver. There is such a thing as being too noisy with our desires and demands. "In Everything . . ."

There is another side to this. We ought never to feel shy about asking God's help at any time. Paul says to his friends at Philippi, no doubt from his own experience, "have no anxiety about anything, but in everything . . . let your requests be known unto God." Paul knew very well that God does not say "Yes" to all our requests. He was in jail at the time he wrote these words. Is it likely he had never prayed to get out? We do know that before this time he had prayed to God earnestly to have a "thorn in the flesh" removed. We do not know what that "thorn" was, perhaps a pain or a disease that could not be cured. Perhaps Paul hoped for some miracle to cure him. But God did not send the miracle; He sent something much better. Paul learned that God's strength is made perfect in weakness, something he would not have known had he not been weak. So while we have every right to offer our desires in prayer, we have to remember that he knows what is best, and not we ourselves. "The Throne of Grace"

In conversation, one of the best simple rules is "Remember to whom you are speaking." This is just as true when we are talking with God as when we are talking with other people. That great phrase in Hebrews, the "throne of grace," expresses two vital truths. One is that our prayers are going to a Throne. God is the sovereign of this universe; His throne is Power itself. There is nothing too hard for the God of the Throne. It is a throne of judgment, too; and God knows very well whether we ought to have our prayers answered the way we want them, or not. We have access through Christ to come before God with boldness; but it is to a throne we come, and we must not forget that. We can never get to the throne. But it is the throne of Grace. More than mere power, it is in control of all things. The true God is a God of love and grace and mercy. "He knoweth our frame. He remembereth that we are dust." God is actually more interested in our welfare than we are in our own. God is more eager to help us than we are to be helped. Our prayers do not so much change God's mind and induce him to do something for us, as they release the divine purpose on our behalf. This is why it is so important to grow, as Christians into the stature of Christ; for only as we grow Christlike can we become aware of what God's gracious will is,

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Tonight after hours I was thinking how often I hear people say . . . "as a matter of fact," and actually believe that what they are saying is a matter of fact. If the truth were known, their knowledge on the subject discussed, for the most part, is limited to fragmentary information and far short of the minimum required for a fair conclusion.

Try This on Your Friends

For instance, ask the next friend you meet to tell you what the "United Nations" is and define some of its principles. If you carefully read the UN Charter in advance, the chances are your friend will be way off the beam on most of his answers.

Ask the next friend you meet who uses the words "U. S. democracy" to tell you what he means. On my last trip behind the Iron Curtain the Reds also used the word "democracy." Is the U. S. a democracy, or is it a republic?

Ask the next friend you meet who uses the word "freedom" to tell you what freedom is. He will be surprised that most of the world, inside or outside of Communism, has an entirely different meaning of freedom than we have in the United States.

Ask the next friend you meet who orates about "liberty" to explain the "Bill of Rights" and to list all of those rights. You will be amazed how few people really know the basic concepts of this historic document.

Ask the next friend you meet who refers to "religion" to name the Ten Commandments, in any order. Familiarity with all the Ten Commandments certainly is not essential, but it helps to understand religion and the real purpose of life.

Ask the next friend you meet to tell you the last time he wrote to his Congressman . . . or how many times he voted for a man for public office, without hearing him, or knowing anything about him. Did you know the qualifications of the last local judges you voted for?

Ask the next friend you meet who uses the word "race" to name the most important races in the world and their distinguishing characteristics. Over three-fourths of the world is as unlike curs as an automobile is to a horse.

Ask the next friend you meet who talks about "international law" to define what "law" is. If he does it correctly, it will not fit "international" in most of its legal interpretations.

Ask the next friend you meet who uses the word "progress" how you can know you're going in the right direction unless you're sure you have the right goal. Progress in the material life is progress only in one direction.

Ask the next friend you meet who raises the issue of "intelligence" how he can measure intelligence without the standards and measures of the rest

of the world, or even those in his own block.

Ask the next friend you meet who puts emphasis on "science" whether science can ever explain the "causes" of anything.

Ask the next friend you meet who uses the word "individualism" to explain the difference between order and anarchy.

Ask the next friend you meet who says "it's a matter of taste" whether he thinks it's better to have a taste for peaches than for mummified human heads . . . and why.

Ask the next friend you meet who uses the word "inevitable" to explain the difference between determination and free-will.

Ask the next friend you meet who brings up the word "logical" to tell you how he can detect an unmentioned middle term in a logical discussion. By whose standards do we arrive at "logical"?

Ask the next friend you meet who is influenced by "advertising slogans" to tell you what "99.44% pure" means. Pure what . . . pure soap, or pure hot air? "As a matter of fact" this is the best cream for your complexion. Who is a complexion? How can it be a fact when the advertiser has never tested your skin? "Ap-praise your own car . . . make your own deal." Just try making your own deal when you call on the "volume dealer."

"As a matter of fact" is usually nothing more or less than a remark to impress. The lazy thinker or the plain gullible accept it for its face value . . . usually the "face" or the character of the person making it. "Facts" are a dime a dozen in this "fact-ridden" world. Fact means "something which actually exists." When you place this yardstick against things which pass for facts, you are on much more solid ground.

One fact which actually exists in all mankind is the fact of God . . . yet look at the misconceptions, interpretations and misunderstandings which are prevalent on such a daily proven truth.

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IT'S A FACT

By JERRY CHAILL

AMERICA CONSUMES ABOUT 1,000 CANS OF ROTTENSHAKE MEAT ANNUALLY! 2500 DIAMOND BAGS WERE KILLED TO MEET THE DEMAND

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