EDITORIALS

Great Anniversary

This week marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the electric industry. Considering the vast changes wrought by Thomas A. Edison's invention of the incandescent lamp, within the memory of many persons still alive today, one can only wonder what to expect in the next 75 years.

Edison's invention certainly changed the whole course of human events. Benjamin Franklin had proved in his crude experiment the existence of energy in the flash of lightning. It remained for others to harness this energy and put it to revolutionary uses we take for granted today.

Development of the power industry in the United States is the most important example of the ability of private industry to serve the people. The vast power industry as we know it largely was developed by individuals operating with private capital. They harnessed streams, created lakes and falls and built generating stations that have brought power and light to every remote section in the country. American ingenuity and capital have helped develop similar projects throughout the world and have kept American industry in the forefront.

This day you will press numerous buttons as a matter of course. If you are at home a dozen and one accessories to life already considered necessities will make your day easy. You'll press buttons on your job and giant forces will spring into action. You'll do it almost unconsciously unless you pause for a moment to consider what Thomas Edison and others have done so well for you.

Be Sure to Vote

So much has been said and printed about tomorrow's special bond issue election it would seem presumptuous to add more. Yet, if Torrance is to have a new Civic Center and swimming pool, eligible voters will have to turn out in great numbers.

THE HERALD long ago took a decided stand in favor of both projects on the ground that the community needed and can afford them. It has been gratifying to find so many leading citizens and organizations in accord with our position. Whether or not the bond issues are approved, we are certain this position is right.

Here is a last reminder to go to the polls and vote. We would like to have you vote "Yes;" but, by all means, VOTE!

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Perhaps Mr. Clement Atlee, the leader of "Her Majesty's loyal opposition" was merely thinking of his manners and trying to be nice to his recent and lavish host Mau Tse Tung when he suggested that Formosa be turned over to Red China and its leaders exiled.

But in the judgment of Senate Majority Leader William F. Knowland, "Clement Atlee would not have given greater aid or comfort to the enemy had he, as a possible future prime minister, offered to furnish the ships and arms for the successful Communist invasion of Formosa."

Such an "adventure" by the Reds, the Senator continued in a recent San Francisco speech, "will lead to armed conflict with the United States . . . I do not see how the American people can be expected to place their confidence in an ally in Europe which may at any time give aid and comfort to the enemy in Asia."

Atlee called his plan "realistic," but the Senator thought it might make more sense to give the British crown colony of Hong Kong to the Reds. So do we.

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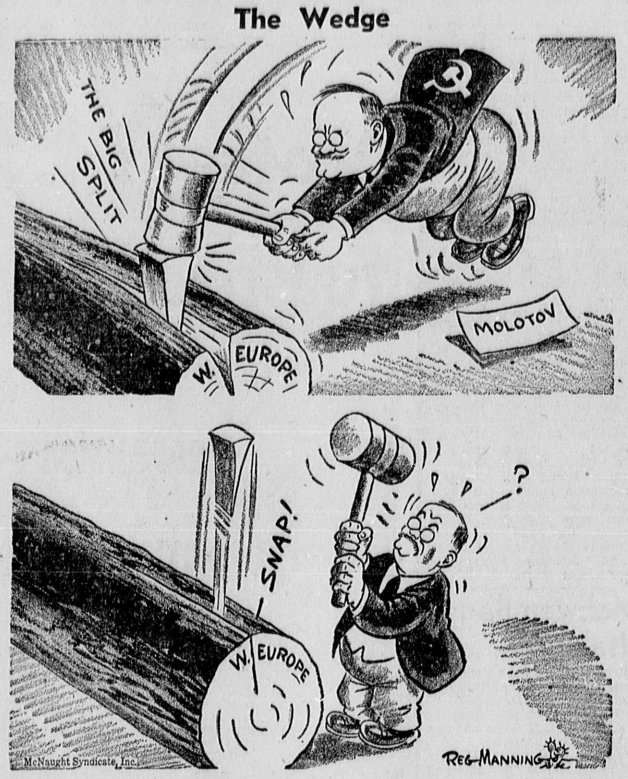
That deluxe quipmaster, Adlai Stevenson, properly entertained his audience at Hollywood Bowl Saturday night. He performed as advertised and, as usual, proved himself an ardent student of proverbs and maxims and one thousand and one favorite sayings. One wonders whether the ability to fashion wisecracking words is an essential qualification for the presidency.

IT'S A FACT — By JERRY CAHILL

The Wedge



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 YOU WILL DO IN 1999:

On Oct. 18, 1999, just 45 years from today, you will read in your newspapers, the following items: "On your TV screens of a motion picture from the antiquated days of 1939, "Gone With The Wind," with one of its stars, Clark Gable in person, will be shown. Mr. Gable, though up in years, will talk of the Hollywood of that period. Hollywood once occupied a portion of Los Angeles in Southern California, which is now under water due to the great earthquake of 1889 and the sinking of the entire California coast." One other item of interest is "Las Vegas, now only fifty miles from the Pacific, will soon build a huge canal, so that ocean-going vessels can dock in the section of the Fabulous Strip!" Check up on these two items and see if I am not correct!

YOUR HEADLINES OF THE FUTURE

Communists organize smear campaign against J. Edgar Hoover! . . . Ex-President Truman emerges victor in backstage political fight of Democratic Party! . . . Rat packs give New York reign of terror! . . . Cocaine flooding the nation from Peru and Java! . . . Diving owls and vultures endanger turkey and chicken farms! . . . Stock market solid even though international situation shaky! . . . Churchill defies House of Commons in new angry outburst! . . . Typhoons sweep South Pacific with great disaster toll! . . . Strange behavior of comets worry noted astronomer! . . . Polio on increase despite precautions; . . . New method found for relief from pain through non-habit forming nostrum! . . . Brazil faces revolt! . . . Italy election riots!

REGRET PREDICTIONS:

I regret to predict that one of the most famous funny men of our century will spend millions of dollars on good-will to endear himself to the American public in spite of his avowed Communist sympathies, his wanton moral behavior, and his apparent dissolute attitude toward everyone and everybody. These high-priced press agents will be paid well to restore this man in your affections, but I can predict that you will not accept him and your minds will not be changed! . . . I regret to predict that a millionaire woman hater will earmark five million dollars to be used to discredit women in business, in government and in your very home. I predict he will not be successful, as his past wives will be able to testify publicly! How much better it would be if this man gave this money to some church, some school, or some needy charity!

WOMEN WHO WILL MAKE NEWS:

Gloria Vanderbilt will have one of the most shocking court cases on record when she divorces Stokowski. Gloria will then concentrate on her theatrical career and will become a great public favorite! . . . Margaret Truman will accept night club offers after Jan. 1, 1955—for her contract expires on that date with her present manager! . . . Kate Smith will enter politics in New York State in spite of danger she waces of allenating her present public! . . . Lady Astor, an American-born peeress, will market her memoirs, naming names, dates and places, of many big political sellouts, which will embarrass top officials on both sides of the Atlantic. Lady Astor will be fearless and will tell the truth!

James BC 323: Having a novel published is always a very difficult task, and I feel there will be some necessary re-writing. I suggest you devote more time to writing short stories, and obtain pulp type magazine in order to obtain ideas on the type of writing which is necessary. This type is more marketable. We must always write to please the general public and never to please ourselves.

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MDT: You have done just about everything in your power to help your husband. Besides being crippled he has become an alcoholic, and this is a double burden upon you. I suggest that you consult with your family doctor, and if no results are reached within a short period of time, you can contact the Alcoholics Anonymous. If your husband is not careful, this drinking will affect his general health.

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Maude ABC: By no means should you take steps to prevent the birth of this child. This man promised to marry you, and you have his letters to prove it. Consult with your attorney, and take necessary legal steps. Your child will have a name.

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Dear Criswell:

I simply love to write poetry, and have written thousands of verses, but can't seem to sell any. It's so frustrating, and I feel quite defeated. How can I awake the world to accept my talent? Myra 4490.

My dear Myra:

It is quite difficult to find an outlet for poetry, but I do feel if you contact several greeting card companies, you will be able to use your talent. This is commercial, and it will give you quite a bit to look forward to. You are extremely good at writing verse, and I know you will find success.

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Charlotte E 1573: Let your own heart lead you to the church you desire to belong to. Faith is faith in any faith. If you believe in the teachings of this Church, then by all means continue to attend. I know this boy will also be very pleased if you join the Church with him, for it will give you further mutual understanding.

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Frances IO: Do not sign your home over to any aid organization, but always keep it in your own name. Continue to seek the help of your lawyer for this money from your ex-husband. Bide your time for now, but take steps to see that your present husband contributes to the support of your children and home. You will come through with flying colors.

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Mrs. MEA: I am very sorry but I can only answer you through the columns of this splendid newspaper. I do not advise you to sell your home and this land unless you really and truly desire to make a change. If you do, then sell to the group which will offer you the best price.

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Emy RS 622: Do not let this house go for taxes after putting so much money into it. These grandchildren are very selfish in their attitude. Talk with another lawyer, and seek further legal advice, for there is a way out of this situation.

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Mrs. ERG 4517: The Torrance HERALD is the only way I can answer your questions, through my column. Your daughter's husband should have been the one to ask you to go with them, for it was he who made the original suggestion. Do not let this hurt you, for life has too much to offer you, and something as trivial as this should cause you no worry.

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Sylvia MM 1742: Before too long I know there will be news from this friend in Los Angeles which will please you.

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ANN 444: I suggest you seek legal advice concerning these checks which were sent to your deceased mother. She was a wonderful and sweet person and I know how deeply you miss her. All will work out for you, and I am praying for the happy outcome of all of your problems.

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Tony NK 3819: This girl is not free to marry at the present time, and I do not advise you to make any future plans. If her wedded life has been ended and this separation will culminate in divorce, then you may make decisions, but in the meantime see where this situation stands.

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JJN 888: If you can sell this property and get a good price for it, then I suggest you do so. There will be events later on which will bring a change about where your boy is concerned, and I do not feel he will be working in these mines too much longer.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

In case you hadn't noticed, Torrance has undergone a terrific change since its founders laid out the original townsite more than 40 years ago. The growth since World War II has been explosive, with hundreds and hundreds of acres of former farmland converted into residential and industrial properties. Thousands of new families—about 40,000 people—have moved to Torrance in the past eight years. Each year during the past half a dozen, has seen new construction records written into the book. Voters are going to the polls tomorrow to decide on a much-needed new Civic Center to house the city's badly crowded administrative offices.

However, down near the east end of El Prado, Insurance Broker Russell Lund has a piece of property designated on the books as Lot No. 1, Torrance Tract No. 1. It's vacant.

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Has it ever occurred to anybody else that K-9 is a natural combination on these new-fangled 100-record juke boxes? It has been our observation over the past couple of years that most of the real popular numbers wind up on the K-9 combination. If you don't believe this, check it the next time you're at the soda fountain.

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Columbus Day has come and gone, but it will still be a couple of weeks before one of the kiddies' favorite performers will be able to recall the date without a tinge of embarrassment. Deviating from his usual thriller for the small fry to do a re-enactment of the sailing of Ole Chris and his hearty crew for the new world, the hero of the piece got the boat ready to sail out to discover America. After everything was in mock readiness on the television set, our hero shouted:

"Here we go to discover America. FULL STEAM AHEAD."

If Columbus had waited for steam, America might not have been worrying so about transcontinental bombers today.

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CLIPPED: Success is built on small margins—the world's fastest runner cannot run five per cent faster than thousands of ordinary citizens . . . The good old days were those when father got all the blame for tobacco ashes on the carpet . . . The three menaces on the highways today, according to some authorities, are drunken driving, uncontrolled thumbing, and indiscriminate spooning—to put it briefly: hic, hike, hug.

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Herald Reporter Tom Rische was advised this week by a Nebraska election commissioner that his right to vote in Lancaster County, Neb., had been challenged. And about time, too, Rische believes. He's lived in California for several years.

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Johnny Osborne says this new-fangled idea of having orange juice, lemon juice, and all this other stuff in cans is all right, but he's reserving the right to squeeze his own tomatoes.

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Milt Svensk says this is his favorite joke and he thinks it should be passed on:

A chiropractor and his wife turned on their car radio in time to hear the old tune, "Dry Bones."

"Darling," he sighed, "They're playing our song."

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It's Your Country

By JOHN W. BECK

Hasty Pudding

WATCH IT: The Nine-power London Agreement is being widely hailed in this country as a great victory for the free world and an added security for the United States. Mr. Eisenhower jubilantly heralds it as one of the greatest diplomatic achievements of our time. Apparently the presidential advisers like it.

The new agreement may be all that is claimed for it — and then again it may not. Britain's Anthony Eden says, "We have built well for the future of Europe." Perhaps so; but what about the future of the United States. After a long series of deceptions and betrayals by our internationalist leaders and diplomats, all of which were hailed as "great victories" and "instruments of peace," many Americans have become wary of the fine print in the contract. This time we would like to see before we sign—or before our internationalist dreamers sign for us.

There seems to be general agreement in this country that West Germany should be rearmed and granted sovereignty. So far, so good. But at what price to the United States? That is what the American people do not know, and are not likely to find out before our Senate ratifies the London Agreemene — unless public demand forces full publication of the text before ratification.

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HISTORY REPEATS: It should be recalled that precisely the same tactics—extravagant praise and great haste—were used in ratification of the UN Charter. Hardly had the ink dried on that Communist-inspired document, spawned by Alger Hiss and his comrades, than our Senate fell all over itself in its haste to ratify. The American people were given no information other than the "instrument of peace" propaganda and no time for consideration. The same was true of NATO, the Status of Forces Agreement, and other international treaties and executive agreements which have proved not to be good for the United States. Now history is again repeating itself.

It is significant to note that Senator Alexander Wiley, a dyed-in-the-wool internationalist, was quick to hail the London Agreement with joy, and just as quick to urge hasty ratification by our Senate. His hurry is so great, indeed, that he wants it rammed through the special "censure McCarthy" session to be convened less than a month from now. That does not give U. S. citizens time to learn what is in the agreement nor time to consider it:

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SORDID TACTICS: There may be considerably more to Senator Wiley's pressure for speedy ratification than meets the eye. Present at the "censure McCarthy" session undoubtedly will be every left-wing and internationalist member of the Senate—an almost certain guarantee of quick ratification. Further, the attention of the public, human nature being what it is, can be counted upon to be riveted on the McCarthy affair. Thus ratification can be accomplished while no one is looking.

These are sordid, ugly tactics. But sordid, ugly things have happened, and are happening, to the United States; and if the people are not willing to wake up and face the facts in time, there will be little point in wailing "had I but known" after it is again too late. We need more information—truthful information—on the London Agreement before it is ratified. But our government is not likely to give us that information, nor is the press, unless we demand it.

Thus far, press reports on the agreement have been redundant with lavish praise and fine-sounding generalities, but have contained very little concrete information with respect to U. S. Commitments. However, a few intimations have leaked through—inadvertently, no doubt.

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NATO CONTROL: It is said that Germany is to raise a 500,000 man army, to be equipped by the U. S.; that final determination of Germany's boundaries "must await freely negotiated settlement with Russia." That's a good one. Meanwhile, troops of three western powers, including the U. S., are to be maintained in Berlin as long as their "responsibilities require it" — whatever that means, and any attack on Berlin is to be considered as an attack on themselves.

This new obligation to go to war for a foreign nation seems plain enough, but the obscure language of the press reports does not tell us to what else we are being committed. For all we know we may be giving up our sovereignty and our liberty through this new NATO agreement in combination with an "Atlantic Unity" plan concurrently issued by the Eisenhower advisers, Gen. George C. Marshall and John J. McCloy, together with Harry S. Truman, Adlai Stevenson, Henry Ford II, Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., and others of that ilk. These people propose "Atlantic Unity" through strengthening NATO's control to extend "beyond military requirements and into the political, economic, and cultural aspects of our lives."

In view of all this it would seem wise to stop hurrahing long enough to find out—if we can—what is in the fine print of the London Agreement before it is ratified. Next month, while the Senate is censuring our chief Communist-hunter, it may also sign away our sovereignty and our liberty. This new agreement may very well be another hasty pudding — with strychnine added. So let's not be in such a hurry to gulp it down.

THE MAIL BOX

(The Torrance Herald welcomes expressions from its readers which can be published on this page. The editors retain 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 in letters here published represent those of the writer and not necessarily those of The Torrance Herald.

Make Kids Happy

Editor, Torrance Herald

It was good to hear that there were those who revived again the proposed plan to build a swimming pool in the city of Torrance. Next Tuesday we, the citizens of Torrance, will have an opportunity to vote for this proposition.

I believe that we as citizens of Torrance ought to be thrilled and grateful for this opportunity to be able to back such a proposition.

We have heard it said that a swimming pool will keep our boys and girls from being delinquents. I don't know if it will or not. I believe it will help, together with the work of our churches, our schools and living examples of our adult citizens.

I believe we have an even greater reason to back the proposition for a swimming pool for our community. The boys and girls of our community want this pool, they long for it as a boy looking at a new bike in a show window. Where is the father or mother or adult who doesn't want to see our children happy?

Yes, citizens of Torrance, we love our boys and girls and we want to make them happy. Because we love our boys and girls we are going to band together and buy this swimming pool for them. When this pool is built, we will walk by it, or we will stop a moment and watch the children. We will hear their laughter; we will see them enjoying themselves and this will be our reward for loving our children enough to give them a recreation center with a swimming pool.

I believe real love, real Christian and community spirit is shown by what we do for our children. We do not just say to our children, "we love you," and then let it go at that, but we love in action by building churches for their spiritual training, by building schools for their mental training, and recreation centers for their physical training. I believe in giving the best to our children.

REV. PAUL WENSKE
Pastor, Lutheran Church

Boosts the Pool!

Editor, Torrance Herald:

I know one boy who learned to swim in a pool and it saved his life. He was in the water five hours with a wound in his leg after a naval battle at Midway Island.

No doubt many of our boys were able to save their lives by training in swimming pools for the endurance swim.

Learning to dive is a good thing also; I lost my balance at about 20 feet once, and merely gave my body a twist and landed on my feet.

Let's boost the pool!

BOYD THOMPSON
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