

# EDITORIALS

## Control the Tracts

In its enthusiasm over population growth, Torrance should be alert to some of the inexorable penalties of this fantastic development. The needs of 61,000 people already have outstripped the capacity of our schools, our city government and the planning resources of the community. More and more people are moving into Torrance and there is nothing to indicate appreciable let-up in the years to come.

The situation poses a serious question as to the worth of additional tracts at this time. Certainly barricades cannot be set up in the path of progress. But, the existing condition justifies our city planners and council members in adopting a policy of caution.

Some highly desirable tract developments have become a real asset to the city. Some others have mushroomed without regard to the welfare of the community as a whole or to the people who have invested their money in the cheaply constructed houses. One long-time resident recently stated he thought there were certain groups of so-called new houses that were not much more than "one coat of paint away from the slums."

We think out city officials would be justified in taking a very dim view of tract developments that do not meet every reasonable standard. Promoters who would raid invaluable areas zoned for industry, or who would build marginally for a profit should be stopped now.

## School Bonds Soon

The welfare of our children should be on the thinking agenda of conscientious citizens every day of the year. There are occasions, however, when action is demanded. Such an occasion is presented at the special school bond election to be held Tuesday, June 7.

To provide for immediate and future building needs, the Board of Education is asking for permission to issue \$10 million in bonds. Decision to hold the special election was reached only after careful consideration by the board members and perusal by the Industries Tax Committee.

The bond issue has almost universal endorsement of industry, the Chamber of Commerce and other agencies representing the best interests of Torrance. It should receive a resounding "Yes" vote on Tuesday, June 7.

Mayor Albert Isen proposes a dinner party with Torrance playing host to the city officials of Palos Verdes. It is his belief that neighboring communities should live in harmony and, we presume, smoke the pipe of peace across the barricades.

## Glazed Glances

By Barney Glazer

Statistics prove that oldtime movies have helped to sell thousands of TV sets. I think I'll sell my set, too. . . One of my neighbors tried a low-calorie diet. His trousers are so big he can take two steps before anybody knows he's moving. . . Did you know there's an election going on every day? The devil is running on one ticket and the Lord is running on the other, and you're the ONLY VOTER. . . In burlesque circles, there is a young lady performer named June Tower, just arrived from Paris. I'd call her the Eiffel Tower. . . I like Art Ryon's yarn about seeing a sign in an optometrist's window: "Eyes Checked Here While You Wait" and Art's studied observation: "It's nice finding a place where you don't have to leave them overnight". . . Why some men never get married—they're looking for the ideal woman but when they find her, she's looking for the ideal man.

After watching some of our high school kids drill raggedly, someone ought to tell them they can learn a lot by watching those little cans on beer drill on their television set. . . At a recent nudist convention, a newspaperman hurried up to the gate. "Sorry," said the guard, "but you can't come in here wearing a blue suit." "Who's wearing a blue suit?" screamed the reporter. "I'm cold!" . . . Next time, ma'am, when someone tells you that you don't look a day older than your daughter, and that pleased expression comes over your face just turn around and look at the expression on your daughter's face. . . Day before April 15, a local citizen received his pay envelope but there was no check inside. "It happened," he howled. "I knew it. I knew it! My deductions finally caught up with my wages!"

It never fails. Try talking about war news to some folks and they'll brush you off scornfully. But just as soon as their son becomes a military draft age, those same folks suddenly become vitally interested in foreign affairs. . . Pause to reflect with this thought: If your outgo exceeds your income, then your upkeep will be your downfall.

Mr. Harrison returned from France, praising the country but bemoaning the fact that he hadn't made the same trip 20 years sooner. "Why?" asked a friend, "so you could have been there when Paris was Paris?" "No," replied the traveler, "so I could have been there when it-1077.

**Cooperative Nursery Meeting Set Tuesday**  
Parents in the Hollywood Riviera area who are interested in forming a cooperative parent nursery school are invited to attend the second organizational meeting to be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Riviera School, 365 Via Colusa.  
Information about this meeting and other details about the nursery school may be obtained from Mrs. Marjorie Weller, FR could have been there when

## The "Ordinary" Americans

AMERICA IS MADE OF PEOPLE—  
GOOD PEOPLE—  
HARDWORKING PEOPLE—  
PEOPLE LIKE  
THE  
BANK TELLER.

NO JOB IS MORE EXACTING THAN HANDLING  
OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY!

FOLKS WHO LAUGH  
AT MOST HUMAN  
MISTAKES, WON'T  
TOLERATE THEIR  
BANKERS MAKING  
ANY—EVER!



KEEPING OUR OWN  
CHECK STRAIGHT  
IS TOUGH ENOUGH—  
IMAGINE TRYING TO  
MAKE THOUSANDS OF  
'EM COME OUT EVEN!

TODAY A MAJORITY OF BANK  
WORKERS, LIKE THIS TELLER,  
ARE WOMEN—WHICH IS  
ONLY FAIR—THEY HANDLE  
MOST OF THE MONEY AT  
HOME, TOO!



## LAW IN ACTION

## Scout Trails

Danny York was given a Lion award and Richard Bogano and Ronald Martin, webelos. Receiving bear badges were Ronnie Saunders, Leonard Chanda, Richard Jacola, Jerry Smith, David Graham, Richard Torok, Ricky Rose, Lynn Pearce, Baird Sewell and Larry Sepulveda.

Year pins went to Richard Torok, Danny York, Jerry Smith, William Langeston and Larry Sepulveda.

Dinner stripes were given to Jerry Simons, Den 1; Edward Babble, den 2; Bobby Graham, den 3; Ricky Rose, den 3; Leonard Chanda, den 6; and Jim Hunter, den 8. Assistant dinner stripes went to Peter Promeroy, Stephan Vandervolk, Gary Wayne Fly, Jerry Smith, John Baker, and James Ryan.

Den Mother appreciation certificate was presented to Billy Simons. On Saturday May 14, the pack enjoyed an outing to Griffith Park zoo. Leaders Mesdames Thomas Smiley, R. G. Coleman, and William Breaker of Girl Scout Troop 1719 were busy with each of their Patrols in making the camp out for two feet so they could be identified when they marched with the Torrance Mounted Police who sponsor them, on Saturday, in Riverside.

Mrs. Breaker is also practicing her archery, which she will teach the group when they have earned enough money to buy equipment.

## HABES CORPUS PROTECTS YOUR FREEDOM

If you suddenly found yourself in jail, you'd want to know: "What have I done?" "How do I get out of here?"

Since Magna Carta in 1215, the famous writ of habeas corpus has stood between you and arbitrary imprisonment.

Suppose the police suspect Johnny Jones of doing a crime. The police hold him for questioning. You can get a writ of habeas corpus from a proper court to find out if there is legal reason for holding him.

The writ does this: It orders those who hold Johnny to bring him before a judge at once to show him why they are holding Johnny. If they cannot give a good legal reason, they must free Johnny. If evidence shows he may be guilty, he can ask for and get bail unless his crime is one that might call for the death penalty.

To get this writ of habeas corpus from a court someone, very often Johnny's lawyer, must make out a petition. The petition must go to a judge with power to grant a writ. In some states, the Superior Court, the District Court, the District Court of Appeals or the California Supreme Court. Sometimes where there may be a denial of due process of law, the writ goes to a federal court. Sometimes you may even petition the U. S. Supreme Court.

The writ protects you against any illegal restraint. But as a rule convicted persons who complain of unlawful imprisonment appeal to higher courts rather than seek freedom through habeas corpus. The writ is called an extraordinary remedy, to be used when other methods of getting justice seem closed.

In Johnny's case, the judge will order the clerk to issue the writ to the people

## Mail Box

Davy Crockett

Editor, Torrance Herald: There have been numerous letters received by Walt Disney's Studio pertaining to the non-appearance of Davy Crockett on May 1, National Youth Day. Disney Studio was in no way responsible as a private agent made such promises for Davy Crockett's appearance. The character, Davy Crockett, has been portrayed by actors other than the present star now at Disney. We were not informed which of these actors were to appear here in Torrance. The assumption that the Disney Studio was responsible is completely in error.

I am hoping this will clarify the question and leave no ill feelings toward Disney Studio. Respectfully, Frank W. Burk, Chairman Youth Activities B.P.O. Elks 1948

**VEEP LEAVES**  
John N. Garner was the first vice president to leave the U.S. when the President was away. When Garner left in 1936, Wendell Hill acted as president until Roosevelt returned.

## L-S.P. Council

Mrs. L. H. Montgomery, first vice president of Tenth District was guest speaker at the May 10 meeting of Loma-San Pedro Council of PTA, which was hosted by Halldale PTA and held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Torrance.

"Camp Radford" was the topic of Mrs. Montgomery's address, a Los Angeles city camp in the San Bernardino mountains, open to PTA members and their children for a nominal charge during a two-week period each summer.

Just three hours from Los Angeles, Camp Radford is located in a setting of great trees. Tenth district board members comprise the staff, of which all are voluntary workers.

Mrs. Bert Torgersrud, record book chairman returned local books after evaluation by Tenth District to chairmen and requested they then be presented to presidents at the last meeting of the year.

Mrs. Phillip Hand gave a report on safety conference and presented Tenth District safety awards to following, Seventh St. Lomita Elementary, Cabrillo PTA's.

A state convention report was given by Mrs. George D. Weeks, president-elect.

Local president reports were given by Mrs. W. E. Zell, 259th Pl. and Gladys Brown, Channel Heights.

Luncheon tables were decorated by Mrs. E. R. Alves, chairman. Committee members of Halldale PTA serving luncheon were: Mmes. A. G. Schelling, Fred Schimmel, Walter Schwass, W. L. Harvey, F. M. Roberts, J. Andrade, W. L. Wilson, L. C. Myron, R. J. LeBlond, J. F. Bowers, E. J. O'Meara, Ed Halloway, Robert Doran, Doug Cawdry, D. T. Rasmussen, E. N. Rode, Bill Overstreet and N. Rode.

Musicians of Halldale and White Point PTA provided musical entertainment.

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## The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Took an elevator ride down into the bowels of the famous Hoover Dam in Nevada the other afternoon. . . 528 feet or one-tenth of a mile straight down in an apartment store-type elevator. Just as the cage doors were closing, the guide said, "now this trip down will take a minute and 15 seconds but it will take only 75 seconds to return to the top." He must have been most disappointed because no one asked why they could come up faster. . . that is until about three minutes later when all were in a tiled gallery deep in the huge dam. There were a couple of red faces around when it turned out that there was no difference. (Actually it took only 71 seconds to return. I timed it.)

Had the doorman at one of the plush desert spas in Las Vegas bug-eyed the other evening at the dinner hour. Optimist Dave Figueredo drove his station wagon up to the door and 12 persons alighted. Probably about the biggest load that ever got by that doorman on a two-bit tip.

In case you hadn't noticed this Squirrel has been to Las Vegas. What a town. Dirt, torn up streets, a few gaudily decorated stone heaps in the desert—on the surface a dusty, quiet, western desert town. Inside, where the wheels, slots, and tables reign, thousands and thousands of dollars change hands every hour amid plush air-conditioned surroundings. And all that goes on 24 hours a day. A show fan can see a top Hollywood or New Yorker revue at the dinner hour and then walk a block to another multimillion dollar oasis in the sand and see another.

We did just that—saw Ray Bolger, Jane Powell, the Dorsey Brothers, and Marilyn Maxwell. All top shows. Other Optimists. . . there for a convention. . . saw the Ritz Brothers, Lill St. Cyr, Helen Traubel, Jeff Chandler, and others. You are expected to pay for these shows on the way out (through the slot machine room).

We went to Vegas on Sunday evening—a trick which we found later to have its tough moments. Old wives and night club comics in Vegas.

say that's the worst time of the week to drive over. "You meet all the losers going home, four abreast, on the two-lane roads."

Was looking for a friend from another California club at the convention. Saw him three times—at three cocktail parties.

Heard a lot of jokes while in Las Vegas, most of them with some twist about the gambling which is the main occupation there. Best one in our opinion, however, was passed along by a luncheon speaker on the opening day of the convention. He said it was his first trip there in some time. He recalled that on his first visit there, he was watching the play at one of the roulette tables when he saw a young fellow with his blonde bride, playing the wheel with little success. Finally in desperation, he reached up and plucked a blonde hair from his bride's scalp, wrapped it around his hip, and put it on No. 9 hit. And it repeated and repeated. The speaker said he saw the man again on this trip. He was now a janitor—and his wife didn't have a hair on her head.

Well, it's back to earth now and we are due back on the job this morning. Keep tuned in and we'll check around and see what happened in Torrance while we were away.

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