

EDITORIALS

Editors Too Optimistic

On April 25, 1955, the HERALD reported in its lead editorial that Torrance was ready for its own court. At that time we said:

"A preliminary move to secure construction of a municipal court building adjacent to the police station has been started and at this time the chances of getting a court in Torrance in the near future looks favorable."

Developments since that time indicate that the HERALD editors were being over optimistic. Progress toward the establishment of a court center in Torrance—whose new civic center site is in the approximate geographic and population center of the municipal court district—has amounted to exactly nil. In fact, the city's chances of obtaining a court may have been jeopardized during the interval by those who, for selfish interests, are dedicated to prevent such a thing coming to pass.

The city's Municipal Court Steering Committee, appointed by the Council to coordinate efforts to secure a municipal court in Torrance, has delayed action until the completion of a "survey" being conducted by County Administrator Arthur Will, which was started last April. Results of this survey have not been released.

The HERALD believes that a more realistic approach to the matter is indicated. We recommend:

1. That the Court Steering Committee obtain the County survey and make its own report on the matter to the City Council.

2. That the City Council formally offer the Civic Center site to the County for the purpose of constructing a court.

3. That City Officials and residents of Torrance, Gardena, Lomita, and Rolling Hills let the County Board of Supervisors know that they are fed up with the inconvenience of having a court situated on the extreme perimeter of the judicial district.

4. That those opposed to the establishment of a court in Torrance for personal reasons be notified that the matter will be pursued on behalf of the thousands of citizens now outrageously inconvenienced—not for the convenience of a handful of officials whose political and social aspirations might be hampered by such a move.

If the facts of the situation are presented to those responsible for the establishment and conduct of the County's court system, we feel that the grievous situation now existing will not be tolerated. With the growth of the district being concentrated in the Torrance, Gardena, Rolling Hills area, the questionable logic of having a court on the edge of the district is being emphasized more each day.

The time to correct this error is now.

In Defense of Spooks

This year certain determined reformers have their blunderbusses loaded for bear with the sights leveled at Halloween. They say Halloween should be abolished because it encourages rowdiness. Pass a law, they say, and it will be goodbye to witches, hobgoblins, bonfires, and trick-or-treats.

We wonder if these folks ever heard how they tried to abolish Christmas in colonial New England. The puritans decided that Christmas was a pagan festival. They passed a law against it. But Christmas is still with us, and chubby Santa Claus rides the clouds with his reindeer to haunt department stores and delight the hearts of wee ones.

These old folk holidays, deeply rooted in the ancient past, are not easily abolished. For countless children have shuddered and thrilled when the old witch with her pointed hat rides her broomstick over housetops on the last evening of October. And they will continue to shudder and thrill for as long as Father Time keeps on growing whiskers.

It is true that rowdiness at Halloween has been a disturbing problem. But the situation has improved, at least locally. Through the foresight of city parks and playground officials, with cooperation from schools, churches and PTA groups, organized carnivals of merry-making at neighborhood playgrounds have successfully taken most of the kids off the streets. No special persuasion is needed. The fun is just too good to miss.

When the little trick-or-treaters knock on your front door Halloween, exercise your muscles with a smile. Cheerfully hand them an apple or a handful of jelly beans. You'll live through it. If you are too much of a sourpuss to join in the fun and would rather curdle the milk of human kindness, you might try getting cast as Scrooge next time "Christmas Carol" hits the boards.

WORDSCRAMBLER

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Didn't Order The Bayonet



THE FREELANCER

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

Here's a fact that the Chamber of Commerce has overlooked in boosting Torrance—men outnumber women here.

That means that Torrance should be a good place for a single woman to catch a man. On the national scene, women outnumber men, since 50.7 per cent of the American citizenry is female, according to the 1950 census. Figures from the recent Torrance census indicate that only 49.8 per cent of the people in this city are females.

This means that there are more available men in Torrance than in most other places, excluding, of course, penitentiaries and monasteries. If a lady was looking for a man, Torrance would be a good place to search.

In the old days, a woman was at a rare premium in many of the frontier towns, but ain't so any more. The plight of milady now is that only .97 of a man is available to her if she gets her just share. Somebody is bound to get left out.

In Torrance, however, the lady finds that there are 1.02 men for her. It looks like the Chamber of Commerce is passing up a good bet in not advertising this fact.

They could change the city's slogan to "Torrance, City of Industrial and Marital Opportunity."

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Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Isadore "Izzy" Moidel, whom we called a model husband in this space recently, objects with an effective command of legal language and then lapses into the simple protest: "Don't you know, Barney, that a model is an imitation of the real thing?" ... Inviting executive with a casual informality and raw courage recalls the time, 10 years ago when he was phoning the local papers the results of the midget auto racing at the Rose Bowl. "We had a crowd of 10,000," reported "Izzy," whereupon Webster "Hoppy" Hopkins, the ticket tycoon, added: "Yuh, 5000 going in and 5000 coming out."

Sometimes my humor bears the gentle touch of a pneumatic jackhammer. To wit, even this week when Betty Brown Eyes served me lobster for dinner without so much as an advance telegram or a dropped hint, I took the situation in a glaze, but held on resolutely with my jaw word, didn't crack a smile, didn't bat an eye. I just sat there munching away greedily while out of the corner of my eye I could see Betty Brown Eyes searching my face with a beaming expres-

sion that quickly turned to burning glare. Better check my house today to see if I'm still around.

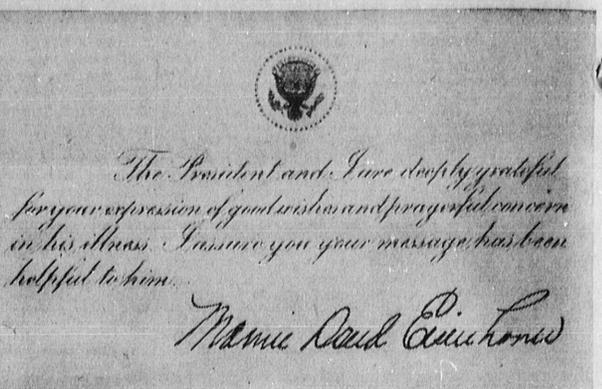
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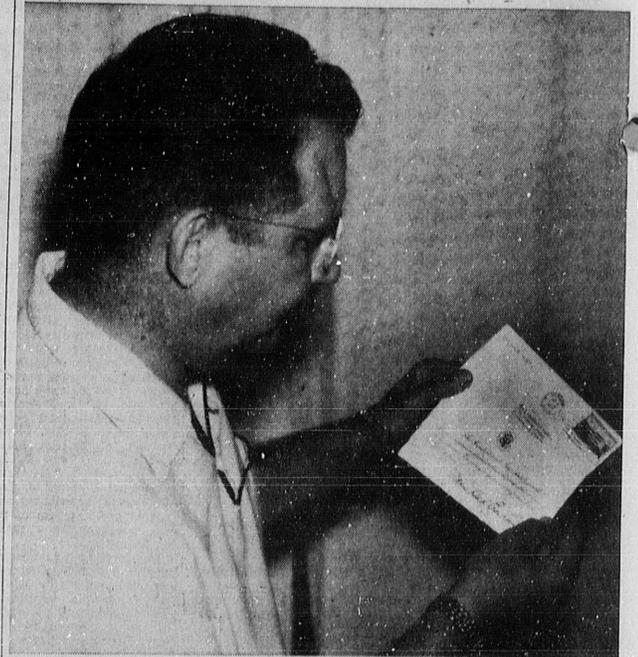
Editor, Torrance Herald
Three cheers for your article in the HERALD suggesting more uplifting plays for the theater group. It's a shame the talent of the players is covered by the off-color material. How much more rewarding for all concerned to have a light, bright comedy or at least a story not so low down!

As you say, let the cosmetics reveal in lower types, we're out here in the clean air part of the country and don't appreciate the filth.
MARGARET SMITH
Editor's Note: The writer refers to the HERALD review of the ACCT's Theatre production of "Rose Tattoo," in which it was pointed out that the players did commendable jobs in their parts, but that the selection of the play left much to be desired.

A Note of Appreciation



THE FIRST LADY DROPS A NOTE TO TORRANCE (Herald Photo)



GETS NOTE FROM WHITE HOUSE . . . Frank Frohnhoefer, 1116 Hickory, checks note of appreciation he just received from Mrs. Eisenhower, written in Denver last week. Mrs. Eisenhower was thanking Frohnhoefer for sending a card with his best wishes after the President suffered a heart attack in Colorado last month.

Weep As You Write, Edna Vann Advises

"Weep as you write!" Edna Vann, famed literary consultant, told fellow writers at South West Manuscripters in Hermosa Beach last week.

You can't expect a reader to feel the emotion in your story if you don't feel it as you put it on paper."

A writer-editor of international stature, Miss Vann spent two years in close literary association with Alfred Hitchcock in Hollywood. She has developed a chain-reaction theory of story construction which builds suspense like mounting radiation.

Action and Reaction!
"From opening dilemma to final resolution, action leads to reaction. Anything not leading to the final resolution does not belong in a short story."
Miss Vann will be judge of the annual membership-wide Christmas fiction contest. Entries will be submitted at Nov. 15 meeting, with cash awards for first, second, and third place winners in December. Similar awards will be presented for Christmas-theme poetry and for articles.
Winner in the "output" contest which closed this month were Ramonita O'Connor, of Hermosa Beach, who made four

sales during the contest period.

Southwest Manuscripters is organized for professional writers and working beginners throughout the South Bay and nearby areas. Meetings are held the third Friday evening of each month at Clark Stadium in Hermosa Beach, and the public is always invited to attend, according to Peter Boesch, president.

Mark Clifton, Redondo Beach novelist whose book-length serial "They'd Rather Be Right" written in collaboration with Frank Riley of Manhattan Beach—was named outstanding scientist fiction novel of the year at the world convention in Cleveland last month, will be featured speaker at the Nov. 18 meeting.

For membership and contest information, the public is invited to call secretary Jane Decker of Manhattan Beach, evenings at FR 4-7772.

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and I Quote



"The only money that goes as far today as it did ten years ago is the dime that rolls under the bed."—Tennessee Ernie Ford.

"The old-fashioned Sunday is the best device ever evolved for restoring poise and judgment to a fidgety world."—Philip Curtiss.

"A woman is the only hunter who uses herself as bait."—Bernice Parks.

"A honeymoon is just the vacation a man takes before going to work for a new boss."—Life Today.

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