

A Noble Beginning

A noble beginning for 1956 would be to help those who are less fortunate than you. Infantile paralysis is on the way out, but the fight goes on.

For the past several years, a number of Torrance organizations have volunteered their services in support of the March of Dimes plea.

The heart of our community is big—the people of Torrance have never failed to respond generously to the appeal of a worthy cause.

Your dimes turn into dollars and dollars are the front-line ammunition needed to win the battle of medical science against the scourge of polio.

The battle against polio is far from being completely won, but our hearts and hands will join to meet the challenge successfully, if everyone helps.

The dividends of your participation are great.



THE FREELANCER

By TOM RISCHIE, Herald Staff Writer

Like the movie title told us, "It's a Woman's World." Although most of the city leaders here are men, there are a few women in prominent civic positions.

businesses here and do quite well. Mary Pargac headed Christmas arrangements in Torrance last year.

ladies have managed to elect a whole slate of female candidates to city office, leaving the men out in the cold.

My own grade school teachers included five old maids and two widows, with an elderly widow serving as principal.

LAW IN ACTION

SQUATTERS' RIGHTS IN OUTERSPACE

That Chicago subdivider the other day won't have a leg to stand on in court if you beat him to the Moon and jump his claim by working on the land there.

John Locke, our Constitution's granddaddy, told Englishmen in 1680 who had title to new lands, like those then opening up in America.

For Locke, you had God-given rights to "life, liberty, and property." Government's only rightful aim is, with your consent, to guard those rights.

"Powers not delegated," as our Tenth Amendment puts it, "are reserved to the people."

How then do you get title to land in a place without government like the Moon?

Locke answered: "By work." "God gave the world to men in common. He gave it to the use of the industrious and rational—and labor was to be man's title to property."

Our land policy came right out of Locke's theory. Used to have first rights on public lands. Even today homesteaders and miners must live and work upon the land to get title.

A century after Christ, Lucian's "True History" tells of his space trip to the Hippogyps on the Moon. There he and his crew found Eudemion's kingdom making ready

for war on the Sun-folk in a race to colonize the Morning Star. On their way back to Earth, Lucian saw Cloudoukootown, just as reported by Aristophanes, "a grave man and truthful."

So your Chicago subdivider may have to cope with Lunar law. Otherwise, under the Law of Nature, the first set

ters to reach the moon and work the land will own it. Their homelands on Earth may claim the place by right of discovery.

The head of the American Rocket Society today objects to such a claim. He wants the United Nations, in mankind's name, to take title to Outer-space. But did the people delegate such power to the UN?

would non-members be bound? Besides, while man owns earth, isn't it a bit impious to lay claim to the Moon? Of Outer-space? That is, and not work it!

Note: The State Bar of California offers this column for you to know more about our laws.



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 matters of libel and good taste. Letters should be kept brief and must be signed. The writer's name will be withheld unless otherwise expressed in letters here published represent those of the writer and not necessarily those of The Torrance Herald.

Aided Immeasurably

Editor, Torrance Herald: On behalf of the South Bay Alliance of Delta Delta Delta and the Tri Delta Medical Research committee of the Children's Hospital, I would like to thank you for your cooperation and excellent and generous coverage of the Sleigh Bell Benefit luncheon held Dec. 6 at the Biltmore Bowl.

In addition to the immediate release prior to the benefit, the outstanding coverage which you gave us for the preliminary events during the year aided immeasurably to the success of the benefit.

MRS. JOHN M. BASLER

Happy New Year

Editor, Torrance Herald: Another year has rolled by and again it is my privilege to express my most sincere appreciation for your assistance during 1955. Whatever measure of success the Councilman's Office may have accomplished is traceable in a major degree to the fine cooperation of the press in this district.

If at any time we can be of assistance to you, please feel free to call.

My very best wishes to you for a happy and prosperous New Year.

JOHN S. GIBSON, JR., President, Los Angeles

Happy Mother

Editor, Torrance Herald: A note of thanks to you for the Torrance HERALD for the results of our obtaining a signal at the intersection of 230th and Hawthorne. It's good to know there are a few that are interested in the future of Tor-

rance citizens and will cooperate the way you did. I know you must realize what a relief this is to all the mothers who worked so hard on this project that at times seemed so futile.

Again, thank you and God bless you for your help.

MRS. FRANK SCARIOTTA, 3423 W. 227th St.

Why No Float?

Editor, Torrance Herald: As I watched the Rose Parade on my TV set, I looked in vain for a float from Torrance in the list of entries. I was amazed to learn that a town of 67,000 didn't even have an entry in the biggest spectacle in Southern California.

It seems to me that a town this big certainly should take the trouble to put in a float. I know they cost money, but when Altadena, Sierra Madre, Monterey Park, and even Pasadena, Tex., and Massillon, Ohio, are represented and Torrance is not, I can't understand it.

I note by the papers that the Mayor has been blowing the city's horn recently, but apparently nobody else has bothered. Why not? I never heard of Torrance before I came here and my friends still ask where Torrance is when I tell them where I live. It's downright embarrassing.

I don't know what it takes to get a float in the parade, but for one, I'd be willing to contribute a little something toward putting one in the running and I'm sure other people would be too.

Floatingly yours,

HILLYER R. CONROY

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Everybody has been talking about the New Year's resolutions they either made or didn't make to start off 1956. No one, but no one seems inclined to talk about the ones they made for 1955 for some reason.

Well, that doesn't include me. I made three resolutions for 1955. If you'll recall, and to the best of my knowledge I didn't break a one.

I said that I would not eat squid, octopus, or turnips. I've eaten a few strange items during a year of restaurant hopping, but as far as I know the items didn't include any of the above.

Did you make out as well with your 1955 resolutions? And no cheating!

Maddest man in town on New Year's Day was Paul Dehne, local mortician, who had just purchased a new large screen TV set to watch the bowl game, replacing his old 12 inch set.

Everything was working fine until New Year's Eve when the eight-day old set blew a tube. As the teams went through their annual bowl scrimmages, the Dehnes huddled around their old set, muttering under their breaths about the "marvels" of modern science.

Promising young Torrance attorney made a few points with one of his clients the other morning, but he's not really certain that it was worth it.

"Hey, can you fix this traffic ticket for me?" his client queried on the street.

"Oh, sure," our attorney replied. "Just give it to me and forget it."

The attorney got it fixed, alright. What the client did not know is that the attorney just dug down, in his jeans and came up with the price of the ticket—\$8.

Charlie Gotts says a classic is something everybody wants to say he's read—but nobody wants to read.

"GI conversation on a street corner: 'Expect me to believe in Santa Claus? Fifteen years ago I ask for a soldier suit and now I get it.'" Show girl: "All I'm looking for is a man who is kind and understanding. Is that too much to expect from a millionaire?"

Newsmen Bob Sabel may have a concrete chin but his heart, definitely is not set in cement. Whenever Bob is dining, and his table companion doesn't finish her food, he will reprimand: "Eat that! Some unfortunate child in China would love to have that!" Which invites me to sing a te-deum and a hallelujah for Mr. Sabel... The modus operandi of the toothpaste industry very often frightens me. To wit, the new product labeled: "Bubble Toothpaste," with the added sales incentive, "Six Proof."

Poor little boy! He was only eight years old and he had been promised that his picture would appear in the local newspaper. Not that it didn't, because it did. The youngster was asked to model for an arc welder unit. When the paper hit the stands, there was the lad's picture, make no doubt about that, but over his head, and completely hiding his face, was an arc welder's hood!

Sid Ziff tells the tale about the TV fan who complained bitterly that baseball fans were standing in front of the television camera at the ballpark and thus obscuring his view of the action. "Tell 'em to sit down!" begged the TV stay-at-home. "But we can't do that," argued the ballpark manager in his maled acknowledgment. "After all, those fans have paid \$1.50 admission fee." "So my eye!" replied the TV fan. "I just paid \$200 for my television set!"

Norman Shavin, feature and Sunday editor of the Jackson (Miss.) State Times, gathers in his legal tender each week by writing a theater column labeled so appropriately: "Aisle Say."

There have been so much

wisecracking and digging about the insurance agent that I'd like to add some bowing and scraping for thousands of great guys with this following double bluff: "Insurance is like a spare tire or a lifeboat—you have to carry it when you don't need it, in order to have it when you do."

Innocent friend of mind was confronted with a situation this week that left him quaking like an aspen. He somehow got the feeling that he had been dragged through an E. Phillips Oppenheim blood curdler. Said friend had been parking his Ault at street curbside while attending the Coliseum football games. Graciously, on two occasions he had observed that his windshield wipers had been stolen. "Bourbon Toothpaste," with the added sales incentive, "Six Proof."

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