

# EDITORIALS

## The City Elections

With the city election over, the community can get down to the serious business of taking care of the present and the future.

At this time, it appears as though there will be group control of the City Council and this imposes new and greater responsibility on those in power—notably Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Robert Jahn.

THE HERALD made recommendations on candidates and issues as we think a good newspaper should. All of its recommendations were not followed by the voters. But, it is evident, the balance of power has been established by such a slim margin that there are a good many thousands of voters who thought as we did.

At no time during the campaign did THE HERALD indulge in personalities or in tactics that would only have created lasting animosities. We think the interests of the whole community supersede all others and will continue to work with city officials or any whose objectives correlate this principle.

We congratulate the victors in the election and wish them success in office.

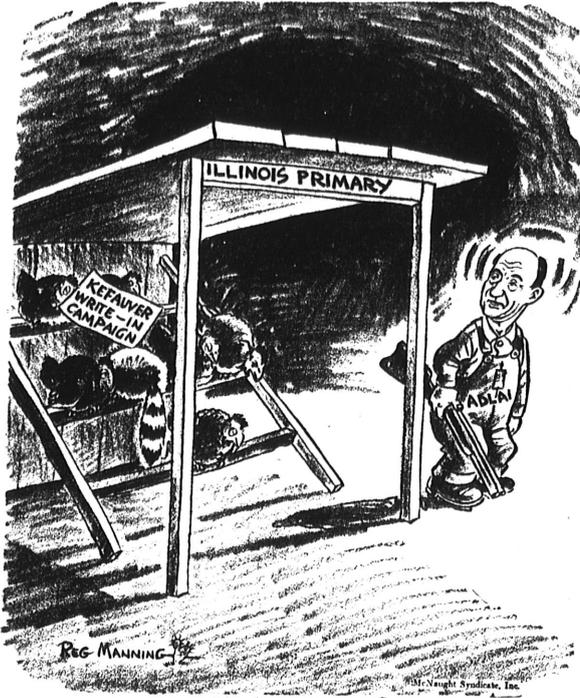
## Short Takes . . .

Wouldn't it be nice now if some Boy Scout Troop or the YMCA clubs were to get a nice donation to have their members fan out through the city and take down the thousands of campaign stickers which seem to cover all but the most inaccessible branches of the trees.

Congratulations are in order to those voters who were able to see through the implications of Proposition No. 9 and who voted to maintain separate school and city elections. Unofficial vote tallies yesterday indicated that the proposal to lump the two elections into one confusing mass has been defeated. The city is better for it.

Congratulations are in order also to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who was honored this week by the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce for his many contributions to the harbor and beach areas of Los Angeles County. His work on behalf of the area he represents has brought improvements and facilities which will be enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of area residents and visitors for many years to come.

## Counting His Chickens



# 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.)

### Walteria Park Site

Editor, Torrance Herald: At the regular meeting of the Walteria Civic Organization held on April 3, 1936, it was brought before this body that a rumor is circulating of the proposed intent by the City to abandon the present Park and Recreational facilities now situated along 242nd St., Ocean Ave., and 101 Highway in Walteria.

After a thorough discussion of such a move, the members of this organization sincerely request thorough consideration of the following:

Members of the Walteria Civic Organization have worked for a recreation building for Walteria since 1937. Funds have been budgeted several times only to be used for something supposedly more necessary than recreation. The Organization would long and hard to initiate the ground work for the old recreation hall and furnishings thereof. Through the combined efforts of the various clubs and organizations in Walteria, the interior was painted, electric clock installed, silverware, dishes, etc. were provided. Subsequently this building was made available for the use of all clubs and organizations in the area including youth activities. Residents will recall that this building has now been moved to make way for the present construction and is being well used for scouting activities.

Large amounts of money have been spent on improving the park, grass, flowers and trees and shrubs were the gifts of veteran organizations and some were planted in honor of pioneer settlers. A ball park was established with flood lights, tennis courts installed, a modern and complete patio was built and now at long last, a recreation building is under construction.

Now, when the long-awaited building begins to materialize and is actually being erected, it is rumored that the park is to be relocated. We believe people are being misled as to the reason for the relocation; namely, "It is too close to the highway." Should the Council abandon our present park facilities and rezoned permitting business establishments, said business could include issuing of licenses to sell liquor which is the rumor as we have heard it. Certainly parents would not approve such a setting for a public library which is patronized mainly by their children.

It is true that a park is needed in the vicinity of Pacific Hills. Abandoning the present Walteria Park to a proposed area in Pacific Hills would endanger the youngsters who take advantage of our present facilities inasmuch as they would be obliged to travel across busy Hawthorne Boulevard and undoubtedly would continue via Newton Street, traversing the streets either singly or in groups, walking, roller skating and bicycling in the haphazard manner youngsters employ, is not only frightening for their

safety but terrifying to the motorist.

From the rapid growth in this area and including the 35 new homes presently under construction, Walteria could well use two parks. The present facilities are well within reach of those youngsters on the west side of Hawthorne, including the new Ellinwood area. This park is well equipped with rest rooms and well lighted, thereby insuring the safety of youngsters during play hours. The outdoor cooking facilities are a much needed improvement not only to the residents but a welcome invitation to the tired traveler to stop and enjoy the beauty as well as the picnic facilities of Walteria. The only other park available would be El Retiro which would necessitate crossing busy Calle Mayor and then walking or traversing on busy 101 Hwy.

Certainly there would not be any financial gain in starting all over in establishing a new park in a new location and if, as has been suggested, the new building were to be used as a library, would we have to wait another 20 years for money from the much over-worked budget for another recreation building? We, as tax payers, do not feel that we should be further bonded and taxed in order that a few people might further their own personal gains.

WALTERIA CIVIC ORGANIZATION  
BESSIE SLONECKER,  
Secretary

### Recreation in City

Editor, Torrance Herald: During recent months, it has been brought to my attention many times that the residents of Torrance do not understand the functions of the recreation department. Because we have drawn a lot of undeserved criticism due to this misunderstanding, I am writing this letter hoping it will clarify the situation somewhat.

Simply stated, the recreation department carries on a supervised recreation program on park and school areas. We perform no maintenance or construction work of any kind. Our job of controlling the use of the recreation buildings is simply to provide a systematic means of issuing building reservations. As the recreation department of the city, we do enjoy a high priority when it comes to using these recreation buildings for recreational purposes. We believe everyone will agree that the public recreation program provided out of funds derived from taxes certainly deserves this high priority when it comes to use of city facilities.

This department became involved in the construction work being performed under the recent bond issues because we were advisory to the Recreation Commission which was in turn advisory to the City Council. A more democratic procedure is difficult to imagine. Because we were giving expert advice, it seemed logical that we should

follow through in helping to coordinate and speed this construction work. This has turned out to be a difficult and thankless job, but we have never once wavered from our determination to get the job done as rapidly as possible.

As professionals in the field of recreation, we have advised the proper governmental bodies on the need for securing more park sites and the continued development of recreational facilities. This is a matter of record. We have worked hard to improve opportunities for recreation in the city of Torrance through a trying period when money for all city projects has been short and taxpayers' groups have been asking for lower and lower taxes. We can't develop more facilities and programs for recreation by lowering taxes.

As we attempt to secure the development of more recreation in Torrance, we find ourselves between two enemy camps: the citizens who blame us because there isn't more recreation and parks, and the taxpayers who want less recreation and parks and lower taxes.

Frankly, we try to work within the limitations of our budget. We also feel that as recreational professionals we should improve our services. We welcome constructive criticism because we are anxious to please and to improve. But it is up to the taxpayers to make the decision whether they want to pay for more recreation and parks.

We, the recreation department team, have sought to keep the recreation program close to the people it serves, and to the taxpayers who pay for it. We believe that this is where it belongs. If we have made mistakes, it has usually been because we have tried to please everyone. In spite of the obvious impossibility of ever increasing our goal, we still strive for it and we always will.

HARRY B. VAN BELLEHEM  
Recreation Director

### Firemen Praised

Editor, Torrance Herald: The Torrance Fire Department deserves recognition and praise for the outstanding job they did in fighting our recent fire. All employees of the fire department were most courteous, conscientious, and above all, extremely efficient. They extended apologies for water damage, carefully explaining they had tried to avoid fighting from within because it would increase damage, but had been unable to do so because of the dangerous condition of the roof. They took every precaution to see that no one was injured and to protect departmental records.

As soon as the blaze was out, they immediately began cleaning up. An excellent job was done. By 10 a.m. the city of Torrance had a scoop shovel on the scene cleaning the debris from the street and the fire department washed down the sidewalk. Neighboring businessmen were very cooperative; the manager of

# Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

My good neighbor Farrandale moaned that on his recent trip he got off the train with a headache but I quickly assured him that I take my wife along on all my trips, too.

My Auntie Gasser ordered the Club Breakfast at a local restaurant yesterday. When she had finished eating, Auntie remarked: "I ate too much. I should have ordered the Petite Breakfast, and I think I will." When she had finished, Gasser gushed: "There, that was much better. Now I don't feel half as full."

My neighbor Dillenberry just left on a trip to Africa. He asked me to take care of his dog and now I finally understand what Dillenberry's gate sign means when it says: "Look Out for Our Dog."

When a man gives up his garage hobby workshop and starts reading mystery stories again, it simply means he has switched from the Do It Yourself to the Who-Done-It-Field.

Pinty Pim is looking to the future's smart lad. He's saving something for a rainy day—his new boat.

Wentworth, my stock broker, was on trial last week. He objected strenuously to the attorney's questioning. Finally, getting red in the face, Wentworth picked up a heavy legal book and chased the attorney around and around the courtroom. Rapping loudly on

his bench, the judge announced: "The witness will please confine himself to answering questions."

A family of Ambini natives lived in their straw house on a river for 30 years without incident. One night while they slept soundly, their house was washed away by a severe flood. When they awoke the Ambinis found their home nesting on a hilltop and they immediately cried out: "Pambou, Pambou!" which translated means: "I wonder where the river went."

There is hold print for all the world to see in a Hollywood office building. It is a sign: "Franklin I. Ball, M.D." (I. Ball?)

Mr. Oliver Berlin writes the column "Hi Fidelity" for Down Beat magazine which evidently proves that the magazine may have been way down there in the old days but it's certainly up hill now.

My Uncle Shloomp defines a nightclub as a place where the management pays \$5000 per week for a famous entertainer and then their \$1000-per-week waiters stand in front of you so that you can't see the \$5000 entertainer.

Conversation overheard in a bar: "Do you know Eddie Burke, the fighter?" "I know an Eddie Burke, but he's not a fighter; he's a lover." "It's the same one."

How do you think he got his loving? By fighting for it."

Maestro Binko, my French horn instructor, asked me to heard about the baritone quartet who suddenly started to sing with a falsetto so they quickly changed over to a beauty parlor quartet.

My Grandmother Bobbie was reminiscing about her wedding cake. When she and grandpa cut the cake and made their wishes, grandpa wished for a long life of happiness with a lot of children while grandpa wished to become a heavyweight boxing champion of the world.

At a recent wedding, the young couple was being congratulated. "We wish you lots of happiness," everyone said, whereupon the bride's father asked: "How about me? Why doesn't everyone wish me a lot of happiness, too?" Her wife shushed him and said: "Quiet! You fool, you young had yours!" "Oh," snubbed his husband, "so that's what my friends mean when they say I've had it!"

Hustling Hermie, our town's insurance agent, posted his sign on his bulletin board: "To all employees: As your employer, I shall be duly grateful if somewhere before, between, or after your coffee break, lunch time, personal conversation, Las Vegas refreshment, criticisms, and family troubleshooting that you set aside a certain period to be known as 'The Work Break.'"

Dynamo Denny owns one of those tiny foreign cars. Bragging about his gas mileage, Dynamo says: "With a leak in my gas tank, I get 22 miles per gallon."

# LAW IN ACTION



### TIME SAVERS

One side must make out a case at law before a judge will let a trial jury decide it on the facts. So now and then the judge himself may call off a trial. He does this to save time and money in useless litigation.

1. Demurrers: Suppose Sally Coe sues Richard Roe. If she'd get a divorce, Richard had promised, he would marry her. She did but Richard, the cad, backed out.

The court would toss this law suit out on demurrer. Sally's story is all too true, but she failed to make out her case at law. For all the facts, the law will not enforce agreements against public policy, like contracts to break up a

enough evidence at face value to support any other verdict. For example, you were rude to Mrs. Grump. But since the law does not enforce courtesy, her law suit would fall flat the minute her lawyer stated it. Prove it all, you say, and she would still have no cause of action."

Or suppose Jones' whole case rested on his belief that his father had never drawn the old deed to the farm. If the other side produced the deed at the trial, Jones' case would fall through and the judge should order a directed verdict against Jones then and there. Why waste more time?

3. Nonsuit: The judge may likewise declare a "nonsuit" for similar reasons, for example, in a trial without a jury.

4. Judgment notwithstanding verdict: Sometimes a judge may not see that one side has made out no case at all until after the jury brings in its verdict. Still, the judge may make a "judgment notwithstanding the verdict." He thus overrides the jury's verdict—but only when the law is so clearly against it that a court of appeals would also reverse the verdict anyhow.

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



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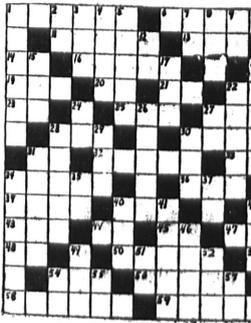
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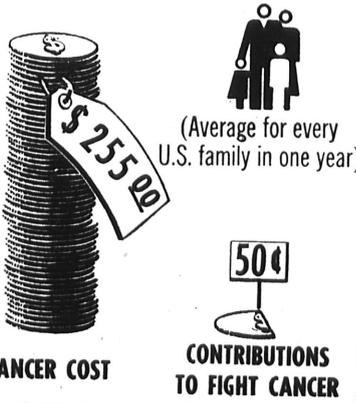
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