

EDITORIALS

George Pepperdine Day

George Pepperdine, a man who has spent his lifetime striving to improve the world in which he lives, will be honored Wednesday on his 70th birthday.

Best known as the founder of Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, Mr. Pepperdine has achieved a success in the lifetime philosophy that he had a duty to use his money to benefit mankind.

Mr. Pepperdine entered the business world in 1909 in Kansas City, starting a mail order auto accessories business which has since developed into the great national chain of Western Auto Supply stores.

When he retired in 1937, he founded Pepperdine College as an institution where young men and women could receive the best education in a Christian environment.

The college's motto — "Freely ye have received — freely give" — is symbolic of his great contribution to mankind.

The HERALD is happy to join with thousands of people all over the world in saluting George Pepperdine on his 70th birthday, and in observing Wednesday as "George Pepperdine Day."

Brides, Babies, and Booms

This being the marry month of June, consideration of what the "marringest" generation of all history means to the U.S., present and future, seems in order, Sylvia Porter, a gal writer who is also a financial expert, says the biggest boom of all time and the biggest crop of babies have come together.

She poses a question, "Which came first — the babies or the boom?" and leans toward the boom:

"Had America not been in a business boom during the past 10 years, and had this not been a period of steadily rising paychecks, our younger people would not have been having babies at a record-smashing rate and we would not be riding the greatest baby boom of all time."

Regardless of which caused which, she concludes, the net result is to the nation's immeasurable good.

"Not only are more couples having babies," she declares, "but, as you can see simply from looking around you, it's also now commonplace for couples to have more babies — not just a second, but a third, fourth, maybe a fifth."

"This baby boom will compel an explosive expansion in all types of industries, services and trades. It will, for instance, bring about a home-building boom in the '60's that will dwarf the boom of the '50s. When the postwar babies start marrying in the '60s and having babies of their own, we'll need a minimum of 1,700,000 houses a year against 1,200,000 now!"

Well, if the hand that rocks the cradle has the magic power to keep the wheels of commerce and industry whirling faster and faster, more power to it. June brides, we love you!

THE MAIL BOX

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A New Outlook

Editor, Torrance Herald: The other day I saw something that might interest your readers. However, to receive the full meaning, a little background is necessary. Everyone who reads the American newspapers during the period of a French election is grossly shocked by the large Communist vote in comparison to the percentage we have in the United States. The first thought that runs through a person's mind is, "Soon France will go Communist." The other day I saw something which gave me a new outlook on the matter.

I am stationed with the United States Army in Toul, France. Toul is what I would call an average sized and opinionated French city. Not too small, but not too large. The day in question was a Sunday, ordinary the only day these people have free from work. This Sunday as the "Fete Dieu," the "Fete of God." There was a special vesper service at the Cathedral that afternoon, with what appeared to be the entire population present. After the service, the congregation formed a massive procession, singing hymns of the Faith, and proceeded through the town. Words transferred through the ink onto paper cannot possibly describe the feeling which came upon the spectators present, or at least myself.

To see these simple people, the average French man and woman, walking reverently through their city, openly proclaiming their faith to their God and to all the world was something more than inspiring.

As long as people like these exist, the world need never worry about France's falling prey to the anti-Christian doctrines of the "Red Menace." As long as God in His heaven looks down on people like these, living their Faith, world communism will continue to be dealt the blows which will necessitate its eventual downfall. G. K. FIGGINS

Expensive Vandilism

Editor, Torrance Herald: The contractors, architects, and the staff of the Torrance Recreation Department today requested me to seek the assistance of interested parents and youth of Torrance in helping to reduce the amount of vandalism being committed on the new recreation construction.

Many hundreds of dollars have had to be spent and many days work lost in repairing what appears to be malicious vandalism on buildings at the Seaside Park, Waleria Park, and at the new Municipal Plunge.

I believe that the youth in town do not realize that these new recreation facilities are being built for them. Surely they would not destroy what belongs to them, and certainly they should be able to realize that these facilities are there to add to their enjoyment of life. The property they are destroying is costing them and their parents money and this same damage is prolonging the time before the facilities can be opened for the enjoyment of all.

It is with regret that I find it necessary to call attention to this shameful vandalism. However, special patrols by the Recreation Department, Park Department, and the contractors have not had much effect on reducing this vandalism which apparently occurs mostly at night and on week ends.

We, of the Recreation Department, seek the cooperation of all residents of Torrance in coping with this embarrassing development. HARRY B. VAN BELLEHEM, Recreation Director.

The Old Timer
"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get lost unless you just sit there!"

Party Line



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm 18 and have been dating a man 25 whom I met at the skating rink. He's 6'2, a champion skater, dances like Arthur Murray, was a track star and all the girls I know are wacky over him.

We used to park quite often till one night he said it would be bad for my reputation if we were seen by friends, so — he suggested, to play safe, we pay the \$6 and go to a motel. You may not believe this but we have been to the motel four times and nothing out of the way has happened.

I'm interested in marriage but he never speaks of it. He is marvelous company and I would hate to lose him by putting the pressure on but I'm afraid if I don't get around to this subject — he never will. Please suggest something. — MISS S.K.

I've often wondered what happened to Sir Galahad — now I know — YOU'VE got him! Lucky girl! It's not every fellow who would spend \$6 on a motel, just to protect a lady's reputation.

But then HE's lucky, too — that the police haven't caught up with him, as you are under age, Miss Eighteen. Even though you may be playing checkers in that motel he could be hauled in on a morals charge.

Wake up, girl. You have no business checking into a motel with this fellow and you know it. This situation could get out of control very easily and your track-star would probably break a new record — running in the other direction.

Dear Ann: The girls in this office wish to start a Fan Club for the fellow who offered to rent himself out for \$20 an evening, plus expenses. We want to take out an insurance policy to cover him in case his glorious limbs are damaged when the females fall over themselves for his favors.

We feel he should have a group to subsidize his haircuts, shoe-shines, gasoline, corsages, and other incidentals. The Fan Club would never presume to take up any of his time and we would remain, of course, utterly anonymous. — SIX NAUSEATED GIRLS

Dear Ann Landers: A year ago I divorced my husband after only four months of marriage. I refused to listen to our clergyman, my parents or to him. He was a salesman and I hated being alone four days a week, so I filed like a big dummy.

Now I'd give anything to have him back. But he's going with a young widow and it looks like she may land him. I've called on the phone several times but he says we are finished and wants nothing more to do with me. I've heard there's a vacancy in the building where he lives. Do you think it would help if I moved in? I'm ready to try anything. Please advise.

SORRY DIVORCEE.
Why move into his apartment building — so he can ignore you at closer range? Don't kid yourself. You had your chance and blew it. Don't knock yourself out trying to breathe life into the old corpse by forcing your attentions on him.

I hope others who would rush to file for divorce will learn something from your letter.

Dear Ann: My boyfriend asked me to go with him to select an engagement ring. Please give me some advice. He is supposed to put the ring on my finger right then and there? Do we kiss and get engaged in the store? We want to do the right thing. Please help us. Thank you. — M.W.

It's hard to pin-point the exact second an engagement begins. The logical procedure would be to select the ring and let your boy friend put

it in his pocket. Allow him to decide on the proper time and place to present it — so long as you feel some kneebending and kissing ought to be part of the ceremony. I hardly think the clerks and customers should get in on the tender moment. Congratulations and you're welcome.

CONFIDENTIALLY: THE COWARD: He doesn't sound safe to live with. Let him send the support check in the mail.

TROUBLED: Your lawyer is right. You're stuck. A court can change this for the future if you plead hardship, however.

A FAITHFUL READER: A trial separation is best for you and the child.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of The Torrance Herald.)

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ

Do you think you'd be a whiz on a quiz?

There are plenty of people who sit at home eyeballing TV quiz programs, who think that they are missing their great opportunity by not getting a chance at the \$64,000 question. If they could only appear on TV, they think their fortunes would be made.

Maybe so. But chances are they might get so flustered that they would be hard put to remember their own name, much less the name of Paul C. Revere's horse or the spelling of "chrysanthemum." They might be like the lady on a recent quiz who couldn't remember the name of the country north of the United States that begins with "C."

Chances are that the average person wouldn't be chosen simply because he is just average. He may not think he is, but such is the case. John Q. Citizen is not a Marine who is a top-notch gourmet, a preacher who is a jazz expert, or a grandinotter who has memorized the Bible.

So, the average person has to content himself with the crossword puzzle in the paper, or the little quizzes which appear from time to time. But if the truth were known, John Q. is probably hard put to do Junior's arithmetic problems.

Nevertheless, there is a **THE OLD TIMER**
"He who carries a tale makes a mummy of himself!"

Religion in Russia

In the past six years this reporter has been inside the Iron Curtain by way of Scandinavia and Finland, by way of Yugoslavia, by way of Germany, Austria, Greece and Turkey... in more than 20 separate trips. Which is to say that we have explored the frontiers of Russia over a stretch of several thousand miles repeatedly. We have personal contacts with Christian missionaries, business men, State Department officials, and others who live behind or commute to and from the Iron Curtain. We began this experience back in 1931. We believe that over these past 25 years we have cultivated a working knowledge of conditions behind the Iron Curtain and can reveal what we saw and heard with eyewitness facts and without political emotions, personal whims and theories, or wishful thinking. We have repeatedly revealed in these columns for years that religion in Russia is growing... and since 1953 and Stalin's death... that religion in Russia has increased by leaps and bounds. Here is more proof.

In the Saturday Evening Post, December 10, 1953, the Reverend V. Carney Hargroves, past president of the American Baptist convention and pastor of the Second Baptist church, Germantown, Pennsylvania, told of his trip to Russia and of preaching to standing-room-only audiences everywhere he went. From Russian Baptists he learned that the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists of the U.S.S.R. increased from 500,000 in 1950 to over 3,000,000 in 1955. According to Russian Baptist officials there were less than 50 active Baptist churches in Russia in 1945... today there are more than 5,500. This is just one Christian denomination... Baptist. This does not include thousands of other Protestants, Catholics, Jews... or more than 16,000,000 people in Russia. Metropolitan Nicolai (who is now traveling in the United States) told me in Helsinki last year, now more than 150,000,000 believe in God and are again atheists.

In Collier's magazine, June 8, 1954, Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, a prominent Methodist minister and executive direc-

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

tor, Department of International Affairs, National Council of Churches, reported his recent trip to Russia. "The Godless," he said, "made full use of their privileged position against God for years. They destroyed or closed churches by the thousands. From 1917 to 1935 the number of churches fell from 46,000 to 4,000... the number of priests from 50,000 to 5,000. But today there are more than 20,000 churches and more than 35,000 priests and ministers."

The Baptist denomination has always been the largest Protestant faith in Russia because the baptismal ritual is exactly the same as the Russian Orthodox church. So when the Russian Christian, for any reason, leaves the Orthodox church, he usually joins the Baptist. But the religious increase covers all faiths... Catholic, Protestant, Jew and Muslim... Anti-God "educational centers" are still all over Russia to be sure, but they are diminishing just as the churches were for so many years after the Communist revolution of 1917.

On my trip to the Iron Curtain again last year I saw anti-Christian literature as in the past rolling off the godless presses, but fewer people either looking at or buying it. On the other hand, when Bibles were placed on sale for the first time in years, they were literally devoured in a matter of hours. This is the first time in 38 years of Communism when a Russian Christian could buy a Bible in the open market. Their printing is now officially permitted.

Because the Catholic faith has been the most militant and sacrificing against Communist atheism, it has been subjected to the most cruel and inhuman treatment behind the Iron Curtain. For the first time in years there is evidence that the Catholic church has triumphed over the atheist. On my last trip I heard of no Catholic persecution from Catholic priests.

A rabbi from one of three great synagogues in Moscow told me that membership in the three Jewish temples has exceeded 50,000. More than 10,000 worship in his temple alone. This was confirmed by the report of Dr.

Van Kirk in his Collier's article mentioned above.

I saw Seventh Day Adventist missions all over the Iron Curtain. The Mormons, Quakers are very strong indeed, specially with their medical missions. The Episcopalian (Anglican) church has quadrupled its membership. Bishop Jones told me in Helsinki, after my address at the Rotary conference. He commutes between Finland and Russia twice a month.

In a church in Porkkila I saw some 50 children baptised in one weekday religious service. I was told that more than 100 are baptised on a Sunday. Moscow's Evangelical Baptist church has now more than 2,000 Sunday attendance and some 5,000 tithing members. I heard such songs as "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" in a dozen languages behind the Iron Curtain. I saw tears and dedication in the eyes of thousands as I left one church to the strain of "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

No... Faith is far from dead in Russia. It may yet prove a much more powerful weapon against atheism than the atom bomb.

Out of the Past

From the Files of The Torrance Herald

10 Years Ago This Month June, 1944

Charles Ringle and Neal Silence were Torrance High winners of the Batsch and Lomb Honorary Service Award for achieving the highest scholastic record in science courses in high school... Burna Morris was elected Queen of the Tartar Ladies... "Around the world in song and dance" was the theme of promotion exercises of Torrance elementary school.

20 Years Ago This Month June, 1936

Plans for the construction of a factory and the beginning of operations of a porcelain products plant were announced by C. R. Dennis, secretary of the Elscuol Co... More than 250 Torrance veterans started picking up \$500 bonds averaging \$5 each from Postmaster C. Earl Conner... Much comment was caused by the sale of a new car on the first day that the Lewis Buick agency was open.

30 Years Ago This Month June, 1926

Exercises announced their support of Attorney J. R. Jensen, as Lomita Justice of the peace... Eitel Barrymore was on stage at the Orpheum theater in "The Twelve Pound Look"... Decreased thinking and increased listening to the radio were considered basic causes for the waning art of conversation, according to Cale Fluhart.

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Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

I know Why they call it 'bender', Elbow bend. And so do I. — Pearl G. Gross

Dave Barry tells about the preacher who was eulogizing the deceased. "He was the greatest of all living men," said the preacher, "the greatest husband and father, and the greatest friend of the community." At this point, the preacher leaned over and glancing at the deceased suddenly stopped short and gasped: "Wait a minute! I know this man!"

Sam Minter remembers the good old days when his father created a sign over his Temple St. hardware store reading: "Minter and Son." At the time, Sam, who was the "son," was exactly 2 years old.

Plain Talker Harrison also asks: "Why is it that every time we attend a political fish fry we find that the greatest portion of the meal consists of bull?"

My Cousin Noodnik is a rich man. He contributes heavily to politics. One day, Noodnik was asked: "Who would you like to be?" He replied: "You'll find \$20,000 in my petty cash drawer. I would like to be a Congressman." The following year, he was asked: "What would you like to be?" and Noodnik replied: "You'll find \$150,000 in my petty cash drawer. I would like to be a Senator." The next year, Noodnik said to his benefactor: "You'll find \$300,000 in the petty cash drawer. I want to be..." but his friend stopped him suddenly and gasped: "But you just CAN'T BE President!" "Who wants to be President?" sneered Noodnik. "I just want to get my second citizenship papers."

The Schlitz Brewery recently invited the press to a party at their Van Nuys plant. Their invitations read: "A map will show you how to get here but will not show you how to get home."

Walter Mendenhall relays about the man who authored a book praising atheism and then prayed that the book would sell.

Al Harrison, my North Carolina correspondent, now understand why there is so much knowledge to be found in universities. "The freshmen bring in a little knowledge," explains Harrison, "and the seniors take none away."

Says Grandfather Glover: "A man and his wife are on speaking terms when he's listening again."

Mickey Rooney has a novel way of admitting that he isn't growing any more but his sons are. Says Rooney: "I'm cutting down their suits to fit me."

News reporter: "How are things?" Boss: "Rough." News reporter: "What's wrong?" Boss: "I'm always on the lookout for 25 or 30 girls." News reporter: "Who isn't?"

Johnnie Velotta received a complicated insurance form to complete. After struggling with the questionnaire, Velotta phoned his agent and remarked: "Man, if I could get on the \$64,000 Question program I could make a lot of money answering easier questions."

In MGM's movie, "The Catered Affair," Bette Davis says to her daughter, Debbie Reynolds, a future bride: "You're going to have a big wedding, whether you like it or not, and if you don't like it you don't have to come."