

# EDITORIALS

## Costs of Education

According to Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn of New York, the Kelley bill providing for Federal aid to education would be a losing proposition for the nation's six leading industrial states, California included.

Mr. Gwinn's figures for California under the terms of the bill show that taxpayers of this state would be asked to provide \$30,480,000 in taxes for the program and would receive a return of \$27,545,819 in Federal aid.

Other states more fortunate on the terms of the proposed bill include Texas, which would be called on to contribute \$12,000,000 but who would receive \$21,000,000 in Federal aid.

The same would probably be true in Los Angeles County, but Congressman Gwinn cites the case of a New York county which would contribute enough funds to the program to build eight classrooms just to get back enough to build four.

Education is a local problem, and should not be made the pawn of political paternalism, Mr. Gwinn maintains, a theory in which The HERALD concurs.

## Traffic Law Contempt

Due to intelligent cooperation of the Legislature, the Knight administration and the State Highway Patrol, this state is better prepared to enforce common sense use of its highway than ever before. Funds voted at the last legislative session to augment the patrol, in manpower and equipment, and strict enforcement of traffic laws is the order of the day.

Despite all this, the traffic picture blackens — and heaven only knows how much worse it would be if conscientious officials were not doing their utmost in enforcement. The Highway Patrol has announced that 187 persons were killed on highways in unincorporated areas of the state during April—32.8 per cent more than the April record of 1955. For the first four months of this year drunk driving arrests were up 21.3 per cent, and the total of traffic deaths, 650, represents an 11.5 per cent rise over the same period of 1955.

Can there be an answer to this bleak situation? Commenting last week on the special toll of holiday traffic deaths, Iver C. Larson, vice president of the San Francisco chapter of the National Safety Council, bluntly blamed "speed, discourtesy and almost universal display of contempt for traffic laws."

In another field of law-flouting, the Highway Patrol has just reported an even more startling increase this year—103 per cent—in the amount of overload removed from commercial vehicles using the highways!

It just seems that all too many people, for whatever purpose they may use the highways, can't learn—or more accurately, won't learn—that traffic laws can be made workable only if honored by each of us for the good of all of us.

## 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 taste 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.)

### Dangerous Corner

Editor, Torrance HERALD.

The people who thought up the scheme of permitting cars to park near the corner of Crenshaw and Torrance Blvd. again must be bloodthirsty, indeed!

I drive through that corner every evening and it is really a mess now for cars going west.

There are three definite lanes of traffic which narrow to two lanes where the left turn island starts east of Crenshaw. There are no warning signs saying the street gets narrower. I nearly got hit there twice already since it was changed.

What was wrong with the way it was? I and my neighbors who have to use that street think there will be some serious accidents there soon. Wait and see.

Can't you do something about it?

DAN SIEBERT, Redondo.

### American Red Cross

Editor, Torrance Herald:

With the close of our fiscal year on June 30, the officers and directors of Torrance Branch, American National Red Cross, wish to thank you most sincerely for the publicity which your paper has given our various activities. We know that our endeavors would not have been so successful were it not for the fine publicity given them in your paper.

ELIZABETH K. COCHRAN, Secretary

### Just One Regret

Editor, Torrance Herald: Just a short note to thank you for the wonderful notices

your paper has given Las Vegas the past year.

Being press chairman for a women's club, I've found out, is no bed of roses — just thorns.

As June 28 approaches, bringing with it the end of my term, I have a big sigh of relief, that it's over — the fact that I'll no longer be seeing all the swell people on the Herald staff.

Meeting them has been a pleasure and a privilege.

ALICE M. BYRD

### Fatal Fallacies

by Ted Key



The Traveler Safety Service

## Or So It Seems



## YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: In 1926 my mom died and dad deserted me.

I was shifted from aunt to aunt never feeling at home any place. I suffered the humiliation of wearing patched clothes and never had a penny in my pocket.

For 17 years I never heard a word from my dad. Suddenly one day he turned up — flat broke and like a stranger to me. By then I was married, but struggling and in debt. My dad mooched off us for two months and drank till he fell flat on his face.

My husband can't stand him around. He picks fights and is always finding fault. But how can I let my own father die in a cheap room somewhere? If I let him stay with us it means trouble with my husband. If I don't I'll feel worse than if I'd thrown a dog in an icy river to drown. Help me, Ann, I'm a nervous wreck.

MRS. BEA D.

Your first obligation is to your husband. Don't allow your father to wreck your life out of a sense of duty and guilt. If you want to do something for him, encouraging the poor man to free load is not the answer. Take him to Alcoholics Anonymous and help him get back on his feet. He needs to gain self respect and be self supporting. Instead of a diffuser on the bum, help him to find a job so he can pay for a room somewhere — not with you. This would be the greatest service.

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ALICE M. BYRD

Dear Ann Landers: We are two very respectable girls and wish to remain so. Please give us a little information on an intimate subject. We'd like to know the difference between a hard kiss and a soft kiss. Also when a boy and girl are kissing — who breaks first? Thank you very much. —W.G.

Congratulations on being respectable and by all means, remain so. The difference between a hard kiss and a soft kiss is simply this: A hard kiss is hard and a soft kiss is soft. As for who breaks first — there's no set rule but it's generally the one who thinks of something to say first.

Dear Ann: I'm 27 and have four small children. I own my own home and am comfortable. A few months ago I married a man and we get along fine — except for one thing. I can't stand to have him correct my children. I feel no one but a blood father should do this. He pays all the bills and is a good man but he thinks he is entitled to have a say where the kids are concerned. We argue about this constantly. I've no one to ask and would be grateful if you would print some advice for us. —DESPERATE.

You don't say where the children's "blood father" is — so I assume you're a widow — grass or sod. In either case, you have a husband now and if you hope to make this marriage work, turn over 50 per cent of the child-training program to him pronto.

You do both your husband and the kids a disservice when you deny him authority in the home. If the children find you are divided on the matter of discipline it could be the beginning of the

end. In unity there is strength — amen.

Dear Ann: I'm sweet 16 and I've never been kissed — actually. I dream of being kissed but when I get the chance I can't go through with it. At parties I am known as a bad sport because I won't let any fellow kiss me in a harmless little game. But it goes even deeper. Ann, on a date, I can't bear to have a boy that I really like give me even a good-night kiss. I even feel funny when my dad and kid brother kiss me on the cheek. What's the matter with me? —MISS ALLERGIC.

Somewhere along the line you picked up the idea that kissing is wicked, wrong, forbidden, and the guilt has you tied up in knots. I'm not giving you the go signal on kissing games. I think this is cheap. But a girl who feels uncomfortable about kissing the male members of her immediate family needs help. Have a talk with your family doctor, clergyman, or an older person who understands teenage problems.

CONFIDENTIALLY: ANXIOUS: Your husband's request is cruel. No wife should be reduced to thanking her husband's girl friend for not breaking up her home. He must be a beast.

MRS: Marry him. His ex should have no call on him whatsoever and when you're his wife he won't have time to run her errands. Good luck.

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

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## The Squirrel Cage

By REID BUNDY

Mayor Albert Isen apparently made good his promise to give Torrance a "king-sized plug," on his Groucho Marx show appearance last week.

I can't give a personal report on the program because I was sitting in a train in the Los Angeles Union station waiting for it to pull out for Palo Alto during the show. But during a two-day editors' meeting on the Stanford campus I had a lot of persons say they knew "all about Torrance." They'd heard about it on the show. Among those impressed with the mayor's statistics on the city were Mr. L. W. Lane, publisher of Sunset magazine, several northern California editors, and the porter on car 785 of the Lark coming down from Stanford Saturday night.

The mayor's appearance on the popular show started a flow of mail into his office, one coming from an Albert Reischetter of Pennsylvania who said California sounds like a good place to live and work. The mayor mentioned the letter to Hampden Wentworth of Longren Aircraft who said his firm had a place for the Pennsylvania.

Realtor Bill Tolson stopped at an outlying filling station Sunday on his way back from the desert, and when he flashed his credit card, the station attendant said, "Oh, you're from the place where the mayor doesn't know how to spell fluorescent."

The mayor is being recognized wherever he goes now, he says. He and George Vico, former Detroit and Hollywood ball player who is now chairman of the civic center

dedication parade visited Disneyland the day after the program in an effort to contact Walt Disney. They were going to invite him to the dedication ceremonies here in August. A man in the Disneyland office recognized Mayor Isen immediately — "I saw you on TV last night," he blurted out as the pair walked in.

A waitress in the Disneyland Hotel restaurant recognized him, and was visibly impressed at being in the company of a Groucho Marx contestant, we were told.

Someone who signed a card only as "A Client," wrote "Turn on the Lights — f-l-u-o-r-e-s-c-e-n-t."

If nothing else, we'll bet right here and now that the mayor can now spell fluorescent. But, he says he will stick to his simplified spelling of the word: n-e-o-n. Ah, fame!

On a different level of fame, I was interested to see a crowd of people around Ivy Baker Priest, treasurer of the United States, getting her autograph on one-dollar bills Monday night during her appearance at a Hotel Bel-Air meeting of the Vision Conservation Institute, Inc., a group formed by the American Optometric Assn. to stress safety through good vision.

Mrs. Priest, whose signature is on all U.S. currency issued during the Eisenhower Administration, graciously re-signed a number of bills for the guests at the affair.

"Don't worry, I'll see them again soon," she said. "The Internal Revenue service is just next door to my office. It got a big laugh. Jokes referring to taxes always do.



For those stood beside me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and Whom I serve. —(The Acts 27, 23.)

The wonderful, all enveloping presence of our Heavenly Father, His love and protection, His never-ending good, are ever with those who love and serve Him, whose surrender to His will and guidance are complete, without reservation.

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