

EDITORIALS

A Vote For Children

Torrance voters again have demonstrated that the welfare and education of the city's thousands of children is an important consideration...

By overwhelming votes Tuesday, the citizens of Torrance endorsed the proposal of the school board to enter the state loan program to obtain about \$14,000,000 for new school construction...

To implement Tuesday's vote, Torrance voters should now support Proposition No. 2 on the November ballot which would make the state funds available for the loan program...

Your "Yes" on No. 2 in November will support your "Yes" on the state loan vote here Tuesday.

It's Census Time

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A special census supervisor for the Bureau of Census this week began the painstaking job of enumerating each resident of Torrance in an official special census—the fourth since 1950.

The cooperation of each Torrance resident with the enumerators calling at the homes of the city during the next few weeks is needed to obtain an accurate recording of the city's present population.

The importance of the census is emphasized by the figures quoted by city officials to the effect that the cost of the census is about \$13,000 and the net return to the city the first year from allocation of state funds will total more than \$100,000.

When the official census taker calls for information about the household, each resident should be as helpful as possible.

Information obtained by the enumerator is confidential—only the total results are made public.

Cooperation of the residents means money in the city's treasury.

Short Takes...

DALLAS (PA.) POST: "In the horse-and-buggy days, flying trash—especially wind-borne newspapers—was a frequent cause of runaways. Quaint as it sounds, you'd think such accidents were a thing of the past, but they're not! Today trash on the highways kills and maims more people than ever before..."

OPPORTUNITY (WASH.) SPOKANE-VALLEY HERALD: "The Spokane Valley is an example of an area in which small business concerns predominate. . . . Most of them are doing what the founders intended, offering bread and butter while providing a measure of independence. . . . Where the small business man has attempted to give service, keep good account of his operation and stays cheerful while putting in long hours, he has survived."

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 fact 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.)

The City Entrances Editor, Torrance Herald: Now that the subject of beautifying the entrance to Torrance has been brought up again—this is about the 10th time that I can remember, having lived here nine years—I hope something can be done.

I remember when we first entered Torrance in 1947, my husband said, "Don't Judge Torrance by its entrance." He'd been here before and knew it looked better on the other side of the mess, but we were coming here to make our home, so I tried not to form any opinion by what first met my eyes. It wasn't easy, believe me!

However, Torrance was a small town then—around 16,000 population—so there may have been some excuse for the entrance looking as it did. But it's a big city now, and if we want to impress anyone with our importance, something had better be done to make people want to turn off Western onto Torrance Blvd. and see what we have to offer.

My suggestion for the entrance is to plant oleander bushes on each side of both roads leading into Torrance. They would eventually hide the tracks and the vacant fields and make a colorful, inviting "path to our door." They stay green all year, and when they are in bloom they are beautiful. They should be left as bushes, however, and not shaped into trees as they are on Plaza del Amo. They are very effective on Plaza

HELEN LORANGER



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers, I'm attractive, good family, well-connected, intelligent and desirable. I've always considered myself more the "wife" type than the "mistress"—but men look at me in reverse. I've really had rotten luck.

In the past 12 years I've been essentially involved with physicians, lawyers, educators, bankers and artists . . . both married and single. In every instance, after a brief courtship, these men have taken advantage of me.

I've always felt a certain degree of flirtatiousness added zest to living. But invariably I wind up over my head. Why is it that some men have no honor?

If you'd display a little moral fibre the men might show a little "honor." And your luck would improve, too.

From your letter I gather you're over 21 . . . way over. It's time you learned a lesson that is most elementary in the battle of the sexes. This thing you call "flirtatiousness" is interpreted as the "come-on." The wise woman learns how to dazzle her gentleman friends with small samples of her charm . . . she doesn't give away the whole store.

Dear All Landers, Our 18-year-old son graduated in June. He won't work and stays in bed until noon every day. The only thing he's interested in is bowling. He picks up odd jobs so he can make enough money to pay for his bowling. The rest of the time he hangs around the gas station.

He doesn't drink or smoke and is not what you'd call a "bad boy." We'd send him to college but he isn't interested. My husband says he should go in the service but he doesn't want that either. He's registered for the draft but claims he'll have no part of it. What can we do?

UPSET MOM

Your son didn't get this way overnight. The climate at home must have been ideal for cultivating this vegetable. You must not permit an able-bodied boy of 18 who refuses to go to college to sleep until noon and entertain himself in the bowling alleys. Tell him room and board is \$10 a week at home and double (at least) elsewhere. Invite him to take his choice. There are times when you must be "cruel" to be kind.

If his Uncle Sam taps him on the shoulder he'll GET interested, or else. Hope it happens soon . . . it'd be a blessing.

Dear Ann: I've dated a young woman for three months and she's got me baffled. She's four years my senior; never been married, has an excellent job (makes more than I do) and is wonderful company. She says she's not interested in marriage and I believe her. I AM, however, and this is my problem.

This gal can drink a Russian General under the table and never miss a syllable or but an eye. Am I wrong to admire a woman who can drink like this and maintain quiet dignity? Am I a sap to try to sell her on marriage?

—BRICK

You're sappy as a maple tree in April. A gal who has a hollow leg with sponges in the toes is not wife-material. Since she's not bucking for orang blossoms why try to sell her?

An astonishing capacity for booze is no great virtue. If you look again you may discover what you considered "quiet dignity" is just plain "stiff!"

Dear Ann: My husband stays out three nights a week till 6 a.m. We have two children and whenever I mention separation he tells me it would be bad for the kids. I'd like to know if this would be any worse than having a father who stays out all night and fights with me the next day trying to defend his actions? All our troubles began when he started to take riders to ease car expenses. I don't know why they are but I think they've put some funny ideas in his head. The big change started three months ago. What do you say? —IDA

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"Tell your husband the "economy" is too expensive and he'll have to cut it out. If he wants to save money AND his marriage he can take the bus."

Don't put up with his temptations. Tell him if he has genuine concern for his children he'll have to behave like a father or send the support checks in the mail. If he's under another roof at least the kids won't witness his disgraceful behavior.

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GLAZED BITS

By BARNEY GLAZER

Doctors say that if you want to sleep well through the night, let nothing interfere with your first two hours' sleep. "Sound sleep" will take over for the rest of the night, but if you're disturbed during the first two hours the balance of the evening will be restless and fitful sleep.

Smartest professor in our college to w'n always counts noses at the end of his class. He reasons that by that time the entire class should have arrived. . . . When Mark Twain (or was it Charles Dudley Warner?) said: "Every body talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it," little did he anticipate today's weather-changer: air conditioning!

This week's top medical yarn is about the patient who complained he couldn't stop biting his nails. Surgery was performed and all his teeth removed. Immediately, he was cured of biting his nails. Now, he's stroking his chin and rubbing his left ear.

Do you think your City Hall is the largest in the world? You're right if you live in Brussels, Belgium. . . . Best meat buy in October is lamb, when its price drops to an annual low. . . . Can you name the only actress who won an Oscar for her first movie? Her name: Mercedes McCambridge. . . . If you're old enough to remember that wonderful reading called: "The Hardy Boys" (and I am), you'll welcome Walt Disney's

series of the same name on ABC-TV. The "Boys" were Frank and Joe Hardy, teenage sons of a private detective, Fenton Hardy.

Why do they advertise them as "portable TV sets" when you have to plug them into an electrical outlet? . . . Henry Armstrong, ex-fight champ in three divisions, has written a book "Gloves, Glory and God," in which he traces his victory over Demon Rum. . . . Remarkable how the 30-year-old comic strip, "Freebies," has kept stride with the times by adopting modern teenager slang, yet adhering to the old and long extinct stovepipe pants and long stockings with horizontal ribbing.

Today's don't-miss-this-movie tip: "Written on the Wind," with Rock Hudson, Lauren Bacall, Robert Stack and Dorothy Malone. Great! with Robert Stack delivering an Oscar performance.

Alright, wise guy, hear this now! You're smart only when you know how little you know. . . . Best listening on radio today: the police calls. If you live in the Los Angeles area, ask me for a free copy of code number meanings. . . . Another Bob Vincent 'goodie' concerns the judge who was disgusted with a jury's verdict of not guilty for an obviously guilty murderer. "What possible excuse did you have for acquittal?" snapped the judge. "Insanity," explained the foreman, and the judge exploded: "What! All 12 of you?"

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Press releases we plan to read later: "The most unusual property of uranium is its susceptibility to growth during the thermal cycling, with an effect of such magnitude as to deserve special attention in reactor applications. . . . from the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers, Inc.

Bob Aguilar, active young Republican in the Charles Franklin for Congress campaign, paid me a visit the other day. His breast-pocket handkerchief carried the initials, Y.C.E.A.R.B.S.O.Y.T. Of course, I had to ask what it meant.

Have you guessed? Bob says it means: "You Can't Elect a Republican by Sittin' on Your Tail."

An air mail letter from Chattanooga, Tenn., this week informed us that W. L. Trent, representative in Torrance for the Provident Life and Accident Insurance Co., is attending a workshop in the East. The letter identified Mr. Trent as being a member of the Newell Larsen Agency in Torrance.

Of course, it's too late now, but I know how the company could have saved the six-cent air mail fee—Newell could have yelled to me out the window. His office is within 100 feet of mine.

A Long Beach newsman who set up new offices in the City Hall pressroom in this week was intrigued by the city's bulletin board. He got through the list without any trouble until he noticed at the bottom of the board the schedules for the meeting of the "Reality Board."

This, naturally, led to discussion among the civic center crowd—discussions which touched on "truth squads," and such. Was very simple, though.

Should have been "Reality Board."

W. K. "Bill" Kaps, who opened the city's first detective bureau on the first of this month, is always on the lookout for strange signs, he reports. His nomination for this week is the sign of Arlington at the Torrance-Lomita boundary proclaiming Torrance as the "City of Industrial Opportunity." Directly under this is another sign which says simply: "For Sale."

THE FREELANCER

By TOM RISCHÉ

Sometimes the mouthings of candidates for political office are reminiscent of two small boys with fingers pointed at each other, hollering, "He did it!"

Pointing with pride and viewing with alarm is common just before an election, and this one, unfortunately, is no exception. This time, the Democrats are alarmed and the Republicans are proud, which is just the reverse of the situation four years ago.

Now, the Republicans are delighted because the country is prosperous and the Democrats are alarmed because it isn't real prosperity, say they, but only looks that way. Both are in favor of more prosperity, but they can't agree on how to get it.

President Eisenhower last week noted that the Democrats were "uttering wicked nonsense" in attempts to gain votes. For his part, Adlai Stevenson assured the voters that what he said was neither wicked nor nonsense, but the truth. He suggested that it was the Republicans who were reckless with truth and virtue.

Richard Nixon and Estes Kefauver, hot on the campaign trails, each pointed fingers at the other and hollered, "Dirty pool!"

Kefauver, who suggested a certain lack of virtue on Stevenson's part before the pri-

When the junior high school, like its immature pupils, becomes just an immature high school, it has missed its calling. It is the opinion of some that pupils of this age need to be responsible to some one and have some one responsible for them all the time. A departmentalized program where these young pupils are shuffled from teacher to teacher all day long often defeats this objective and pushes many children into complete responsibility for their activities during the day at an age when they need more sustained leadership from some particular person.

The proponents of the self-contained classroom or the typical elementary school pattern under a single teacher have a real point here. They feel that the special subjects, shop and home economics and instrumental music, give the same kind of experiences to children that the junior high school does, without losing the benefits of the responsibility of the classroom teacher for her pupils.

Another point which has been made for the junior high is that it is a special school especially designed for pupils of this age and is, therefore, peculiarly adept at meeting their special needs. Those who believe in keeping the elementary school pattern observe, however, that the junior high requires a child to adjust to a change in environment at a time when he is already having difficulty adjusting to the rapid physical changes which his own adolescent growth is pressing on him.

Why, they ask, should we take a child out of an environment in which he is secure and with which he is familiar and give him a new adjustment to face at this most difficult moment of his life? Why not let him go on a little longer until the adolescent change has been somewhat adjusted, too; give him a chance to get acquainted with his new self, then move him into high school with only one change to make instead of two. They have another real point here.

Perhaps the real truth of the matter is that some children can take the junior high and need it, too. But many children do better in the self-contained elementary school classroom, and it can also give them the variety and special program they need if properly administered. Most types of school programs have their strengths and their weaknesses and few are perfect any more than are the homes in which people live or the jobs in which they work or the automobiles in which they ride.

Many a rural consolidated school has had the experience of attempting to run a six-year high school with 7th and 8th graders going to departmentalized classes and seeing the discipline and control go to pieces with the 7th and sometimes the 8th grades. The solution has often been to go back to the self-contained classroom, where one teacher is responsible for the "class" throughout the school day. Another solution which is somewhat of a compromise plan is to have a major portion of the school day under one teacher with only one or two special subject teachers perhaps one a day or two or three times per week. This can be done in either the K-8-4 plan or the K-6-3 plan.

The major fact again is that early adolescence is a most difficult period for children, for parents, and for teachers. It is the time few people would care to have to relive. The secret to the problem for schools is more often found in the quality of the teacher than in the organization, though both are important. No plan will result in no adolescent problems to cope with and it takes a broad minded approach to properly evaluate a school program for youngsters of this age child. Being chased from one organization to the other as the pendulum swings back and forth doesn't solve the problem.

and I Quote

"An old timer is one who recalls when a wife put food into cans instead of taking it out."—Vesta Kelley.

"It's human to trouble your mind wander, but the trouble comes when you follow it."—Tennessee Ernie.

"Small Town—A locality where there are no rich policemen."—Changning Times.

"Sometimes it is better to have loved and lost than to do the homework of three children."—Dan Bennett.

5. Indifference. "My husband said I ought to vote for Adlai, so I guess I will. I never listen to the speeches. They're so boring."

6. Personal contact. "Do you know that Eisenhower actually shook my hand when he came through town? He's a real man of the people."

7. Group interest. "Adlai's for the laboring man. I'm not interested in the little guy."

8. Religion. "Adlai's divorced. I'd never vote for him."

9. Reason. "I've read all the platforms and I think that I'll wait and see what the two candidates have got to say."

How do you vote?

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