

EDITORIALS

On Fluoridation

Fluoridation of municipal water supplies has gone past the medical experiment stage—it is a proven method of lessening tooth decay among the residents of a community.

In a published report made in 1954, the American Dental Assn. stated at that time that 936 communities in the United States had installed fluoridation equipment to treat domestic water supplies. Among these cities, the findings over years of observation were almost identical:

1. Dental decay in permanent teeth among those children who had always had fluoridated water averaged 60 to 65 per cent less than children in the same area did before the treatment started.
2. Treatment of the city water supplies with fluorines in minute quantities (1 part of fluorine to 1 million parts of water) lessened tooth decay among teenagers up to 50 per cent.
3. Cost of adding fluorines to water have proven very low—averaging an annual cost of 10 to 15 cents per capita.

More recent findings such as the highly publicized Grand Rapids (Mich.) 10-year test, do not change, but add weight to the previous reports compiled by dental and medical observers. In the Grand Rapids test, completed earlier this year, the United States Public Health Service reported that tooth decay was cut about 60 per cent among children of the city.

The Grand Rapids tests, started in 1945, showed:

1. A striking reduction in dental cavities in baby or first teeth. The reduction in the case of 6-year-olds was about 54 per cent.
2. A marked reduction in cavities in permanent teeth. In children born since the experiment began, the cavity rate was reduced on the average by about 60 per cent.
3. No discoloring of the teeth because of contact with the fluorine.

And for adults, the Grand Rapids report held some hope for reduction in their tooth decay. It said:

"The effects on the teeth of adults have not yet been ascertained. However, the fact that a reduction in caries (decay) was observed for teeth which had already been decayed when fluoridation was started indicates that some beneficial effect may be gained by older age groups."

After nearly a year of study of these and similar reports, the Torrance Dental Health Assn. last week issued a resolution endorsing the fluoridation of Torrance's water supplies, and asking the City Council to "take immediate steps for the installation of fluoridation in all of the public water supplies within the city boundaries."

Considering all of the arguments for and against fluoridation, THE HERALD has concluded that such treatment of the city's water would be in the best interests of all of the city's residents, and should be given serious consideration by the Council.

The benefits far outweigh the costs.

Short Takes . . .

Santa Paula (Calif.) Daily Chronicle: "The round of labor strikes, settled invariably by granting higher wages, in several major industries has only fed inflation. . . . The big steel strike laid the foundation, as predicted, and with its settlement, new price increases in iron and steel products were immediately announced. Aluminum followed steel, with more increased prices. There is no known way yet devised to increase costs without price increases, so we travel in a circle."

Junction City (Ore.) Times: "Voting is more than just a privilege of our citizens—it's a duty and an obligation. And that's something to remember in these coming pre-election days. As individuals, we don't owe anything to these politicians—our obligation is to secure the highest type of good government, at local, state and national level."

NOGALES (ARIZ.) DAILY HERALD: ". . . To a very substantial degree, the wage gains won by steel labor are sure to be largely offset within a fairly short span of time by higher price tags on the things the worker buys."



LAW IN ACTION

FUTURE TENSE LAW
You can tell a lot about people by the way they regard time.

Do they put stock mostly in the past—their record; the present—their direct joy in work or play; or the future—their plans.

Why not use all three dimensions of time? Past experience to guide, the present for zest, and the future to realize dreams.

Lawyers report a sharp shift in the way people regard time and the law: Of old they thought of law in terms of past facts like failures to meet legal duties, misdeeds, etc.—facts useful chiefly in lawsuits.

You still have to think of the record, since you may have to go to trial some time. So keep good records of your affairs.

But more and more people now also think of the law in the future tense—in terms of built-in safeguards for plans which they want to go through without legal hitches. Our heavy income and death taxes have made people plan ahead legally, rather than wait for the axe to fall.

Any time you buy or sell a home or a business or make

an investment you have choices of how you may do it—some wise, some not, in view of your circumstances.

Should you take title in joint tenancy or as community property? Should you do business as a sole proprietor, a partnership, or corporation? Do your contracts set out ways of meeting unexpected events? How best may you serve your estate (and also carry out your wishes)—by a will or a trust, or by direct gifts?

While all of these things point forward, the past in the form of court records can serve you by showing where trouble may come from.

As more and more people know the symptoms of legal trouble—where to look for legal hitches in plans before big trouble starts, there will be fewer law suits and better human relations.

And where does trouble sometimes start? Most often where you lack a clear grasp of your relationship, your rights and duties, and your own and the other fellow's resources—in transactions involving large personal or financial stakes.

Note: California lawyers offer this column for you to know about our laws.

Funeral Wreath



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: I'm madly in love with the handsomest guy on campus. He's dated me several times but I know I'm just one of a herd who's gaga over him.

This past month he broke three dates because he "had to study." He was seen out with another queen on two occasions and I bumped into him personally on the third. His apologies are smooth as glass and I can't resist the big lug. He claims he finished studying early and decided to phone the blonde at the last minute.

My friends say he's playing me for a sucker because I have a car and let him use it often. I'm sure this guy will wind up the hero of the Cotton Bowl game and I don't want to lose him. Any advice? —KIKI

Just because this guy may play in the Cotton Bowl does not mean he can do no evil. Wake up, girl . . . how can you lose what you've never had?

Make a pedestrian out of the lad and quit looking for looks or you'll draw another dud.

Dear Ann: I'm not writing for advice; I just want you to settle something between my husband and me.

My husband always says, in front of the kids, that he does more for them than I do. True, he makes the living and drives them wherever they want to go. But I'm the one who stays up nights when they're sick. I cook, wash, iron, mend, and hardly go anywhere because I want to be at their service when they need me.

Give us your frank opinion. Who does more for the kids—their father or their mother? —MRS. L.

Cooperation between parents is more important than holding a contest to see who "does more" for the kids.

Furthermore, it's not what you do FOR the kids that counts, but what you can get them to do THEMSELVES that will help them grow to be self-reliant, responsible adults.

Parents who use their children as a battleground on which to fight THEIR wars make children insecure. Quit competing with each other and start to pull in the same direction . . . if you're interested in the welfare of your kids.

Dear Ann: I've been going with a handsome actor for two years. We're 26 and both of us have been married.

He's so gorgeous the girls ring his phone off the wall. I want to get married but he's afraid it will hurt his career. I know he's spoiled rotten by women who chase him constantly but I keep thinking if I get him to the altar I won't have to worry any more.

He tells me he may be ready to settle down in about

two years and I would wait—if I really loved him. How about it? —MISS T.Z.

Tell the big ham the show is over and he shouldn't stick around for any curtains calls because the audience has left.

In two years you'll be 28 and two years after you'll be out of your 20's. Many a gorgeous actor is married and it doesn't hurt his box-office a bit. Get a ring on your finger or let his public have him—for keeps.

Dear Ann: I'm a man 71 and I've been married to this woman 16 years. It's a second marriage for both of us.

My wife won't stay with me or live in a town where I can make a living. She wants to be with her children who are all married and have families of their own. She's especially attached to her son. She said for me to shut my mouth.

I live a lonesome life and we're separated but not divorced. Please tell me/what to do. —HARRY

If your wife would rather be with her children you can not put chains on her and keep her in the house. Since she refuses to live up to her wife's obligations, see that she doesn't share in any of the privileges. By this I mean don't give her a dime until she comes home—to stay.

CONFIDENTIALLY: HAIG AND HAIG: Ever hear of AA? Give your husband a chance to prove what he says by joining up. If he refuses, live apart until he comes through or you'll wind up in an institution.

SUE ANN: Name and address so I can help you, please.

Frank Sinatra has a novel way to keep in trim. "When I'm through bathing," says Frankie, "I pull the plug and battle the current!" . . . Joe E. Lewis says he doesn't drink anything stronger than pop, and pop will drink anything.

We like these Joe E. Lewis quips from Cabaret, the entertainment magazine: "If I said anything to offend you, sir, please believe me" . . . "That's a nice dress you have, lady. Did you run out of material?" . . . "Why don't you act like a lady and make me ashamed I'm a gentleman?" . . . "I don't know what I'd do without you, mister, but I'd rather."

"And more Lewisms . . . "My sister married a second lieutenant. The first one got away" . . . "Alcatraz, that's the pen with a lifetime guarantee" . . . "Television will never replace the old-fashioned keyhole" . . . "Money may not have any odor, but to me poverty stinks."

Someone wants to know what I think of struggling young secretaries. Frankly, I don't like any girl who struggles . . . Harvey Stone, at the Coconut Grove, says: "Please buy my record. If you can't use it, put a pin in it and use it for a lazy suzan."

When Bob Crosby introduced the Modernaires at the Coconut Grove on their opening night, Bob remarked: "I used to come to the Grove many years ago and watch my brother, Bing, sing here. I was the youngest in our family and I was 14 before I knew that Bing was my brother and not my father."

Mister, just ask yourself this personal question: now

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The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Social Notes on Thanksgiving: Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz announced yesterday that Los Angeles County Jail inmates will get roast turkey and roast loin of pork on Thanksgiving.

In addition to the pork, inmates will be served sage dressing, steamed potatoes with brown gravy, and apple sauce. A mixed green salad with French dressing, fresh buttered peas and carrots, fruit gelatin, and coffee will round out the menu.

The trustees will get roast turkey, cream of tomato soup, giblet gravy, sage dressing, cranberry sauce, buttered fresh peas, and fluffed Irish potatoes. They also will get a waldorf salad with Roman dressing, pumpkin pie, and coffee.

We thought our society section might have missed this, so we went a little afield to bring it to you.

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The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ

At a time when it seems as if life's greatest tragedy is a blown-out tire or TV picture tube, Americans will stop Thursday to observe Thanksgiving.

Visions of Pilgrim fathers in prim brown suits, Indians with feathers in their hair, turkeys, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie will be conjured up in our minds.

Thanksgiving means just what the word suggests—the giving of thanks. Minister will arise in their pulpits today and this week to tell us that we should give thanks because America is one of the fortunate nations on earth.

We will be reminded that America is, indeed, a nation blessed because in addition to Cadillacs, TV sets, automatic dishwashers, and the highest living standard on earth, we also are blessed with freedom.

We will be told that Americans should consider the fate of their brothers in Hungary, who have neither bread nor freedom though they want it both, and of their brothers in China, who have neither rice nor freedom although they do not miss them so much because they never had much of either.

Newspapers, magazines, radio and TV announcers, ministers, and an assortment of other people will call upon us to give thanks, because we are so lucky.

We will be told that we should give thanks the whole year around and not just at Thanksgiving.

Undoubtedly, we will have heard about 99.4 per cent of all this sentiment before and some of it will be quite drippy. Nevertheless, it is true, or at least, most of it is.

When you figure that for 300 years, thousands of people have been trying to think of something new, different, and inspiring about Thanksgiving, it stands to reason that most of them are going to be saying the same thing.

It's often hard to get excited about or even realize the significance of the same

old turkey hash warmed over and over, and holidays often lose their original meanings.

Halloween, when we wear funny masks, is also known as All Saints' Eve.

The Fourth of July, when we shoot off firecrackers and have picnics, is the birthday of America.

Easter, when we wear new hats, is the anniversary of the resurrection of Christ.

Christmas, when we get gifts, is His birthday.

Thanksgiving, when we eat turkey, is the anniversary of a Pilgrim thanksgiving festival.

In a way, we do, or should do, the same things at both Christmas and Thanksgiving. At Christmas, we say "thank you" for the material gifts we received on Dec. 25. At Thanksgiving, we say "thank you" for the material and spiritual gifts we received on the other 364 days.



Handy Jim's Fix-Up Tips For the Home

Wall Clip in Workshop Made of Door Spring A WORKSHOP file can be made from a length of 1/4" door spring fastened at each end to a wooden back or directly to



the wall, according to The Home Craftsman. As illustrated, the spring provides a generous clip-type holder for sheets of sandpaper, small plans or blueprints, seed packets, photographs and similar items. This type of file may be used not only in a workshop but a garage, den or darkroom. Its advantage lies in its adaptability to various sizes and thicknesses of material placed in it. All are kept within full view and easy reach.

Out of the Past

From the Files of The Torrance HERALD

10 Years Ago This Month . . . November, 1946

Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, announced that the latest map of the city was officially on file in the Library of Congress . . . Percy A. Eisen, 60, architect and builder who designed and supervised most of the construction of the Torrance civic center buildings died following a heart attack . . . Russell Lund, chairman of the local Community Chest fund raising drive, announced that \$5232 had been contributed to the chest.

15 Years Ago This Month . . . November, 1941

The most violent earth shock ever to strike Torrance, a jolt that far surpassed in strength and resultant property loss the 1933 quake, caused wide-spread damage to many homes and businesses. Estimates of the loss were almost \$400,000 . . . Despite all of the damage suffered in the big earthquake, not one single injury was reported . . . Spokesman for the National Supply Co. reported that the heavy truck scale, a massive structure deeply imbedded in reinforced concrete, was moved three-eighths of an inch off its base by the force of the earth shock.

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