

THE MAIL BOX

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Her Children Helped

Editor, Torrance Herald: I've been a homemaker in Torrance for only five years, but I am very proud of my own. In the past few weeks I've been reading in the Torrance HERALD about the method of grading in our elementary school.

I seldom moved to actually write, but now my greatest pride is being slandered. I mean the Torrance school system. At this time, I have six children, of which three are in school. When it comes to schooling, there is no comparison between my three normal youngsters and my sister's three normal youngsters. They go to the Los Angeles schools. They receive the grades on report cards on each subject.

I can always tell when they have received their report cards. Each one is either "smart" or "dumb," depending on their grades. Nothing seems to matter but that silly little letter. It seems that consideration of individual ability and stage of development is unimportant. No, thank you! Here in Torrance a child is given the chance to advance in his class if he is capable. In Los Angeles, there is a daily routine, and the brighter ones can be bored to death but they will stick to routine, and the slower children can be left in the dark until passed on the next grade anyway.

I feel that the first five grades do more to make good citizens of the future than any other stage of a youngster's life. Even more important than academic achievement is the learning to live together. Believe me, our present system of grading as individuals is harder for the teacher, but she makes the next teacher's job a little easier. This couldn't be so if one little girl or boy could say to another, "Yah, yah, yah, I'm smarter than you. I got an A and you only got a C."

At conferences, teachers tell me what is expected of my child in comparison to what she should be able to do at her age. If she needs extra help, I'll be told and even invited to school to assist the teacher in developing my child into a well-adjusted student.

In Torrance, teachers are never to busy to talk with a parent on the problems of a child. Even the self-sufficient third grader needs help even though he won't always admit it. But bless the time when the conference comes around. The teacher can speak of your child as though there were not another child in the class. The best part is the pleasant informality of it. The teacher in the Torrance schools will come to your home if it is more convenient, and even seems to enjoy it.

I just hope that more mothers can and will speak up against giving grades on individual subjects instead of our present system of explaining the progress each youngster is making.

MRS. DORIS HALL

Her Heart Bleeds

Editor, Torrance Herald: I've been interested to read all the letters on the grading system and will toss in my two cents' worth. I'm a former schoolteacher and my husband is a social worker, so we have learned just a little bit about children. We're not experts, but we've had considerable experience with the problems.

One conclusion we have reached is that there is no quick answer to the problem of how to give children the best that will make them get ahead. It's largely a problem of the home environment in many cases—and how well we know that the schools have been thrust into the babysitting role.

cases, the behavior he sees at home isn't even decent. The schools have a problem with these children. How well I know it! My hat's off to the teacher who is successful in bringing something good out of a poor home environment.

On the other hand, are we parents who try to train our children to be clean, honest, and decent forced to receive less attention than these problem youngsters and our children's educations to receive less attention than they might because the schools have to fool around with a bunch of kids who have no home training?

Is the squeaking wheel to get the most grease? Don't get me wrong. I'm not blaming the children—but the parents. What the answer is, I don't know. My husband says he would like to punch a lot of these parents in the nose for the way they are treating their children. So would I.

What I do want to know is how every child can receive the best education possible, despite the sins of these lax parents. Do we lower our standards so the dumber ones won't feel bad? Do we keep hoping that something eventually will get through to the less fortunate children, when maybe it never will?

My heart bleeds for some people's children. It bleeds more for my own.

JUST WONDERING

'Punishment' Named Topic This Sunday

The nature of crime—or all evil—to react upon itself to its own undoing is illustrated in the Lesson-Sermon "Everlasting Punishment" in the Christian Science churches on Sunday. "Surely it is meant to be said unto God, I will have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more" are the words of Job which constitute the Golden Text (34:31).

Christ Jesus' rebuke to Simon's self-righteousness during the healing which transformed Mary Magdalene's character is used to illustrate the theme where he says, "I say unto thee... to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little" (Luke 7:47).

This leads to the closing reference in the sermon, a statement by Mary Baker Eddy from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures": "For victory over a single sin, we give thanks and magnify the Lord of Hosts. What shall we say of the mighty conquest over all sin? A louder song, sweeter than has ever before reached high heaven, now rises clearer and nearer to the great heart of Christ; for the accuser is not there, and Love sends forth her primal and everlasting strain" (p. 568).

St. Philomena's Holds Carnival This Week End

A carnival is being held this week end at the new St. Philomena's parish, according to Fr. Frederick Callahan. The festivities will continue today on the parish grounds at 21849 S. Main St., with games, rides, and prizes. Construction of the new church school will begin in a few days.

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LAW IN ACTION

Jury Requirements

Our courts make up lists of prospective jurors and ask these citizens to come to court to hear lawsuits as needed.

A juror must be at least twenty-one years old and a county resident for a year. He must also possess "his natural faculties and have ordinary intelligence," with a "sufficient knowledge" of the English language.

No one can serve if convicted of malfeasance in office or of any other serious crime; or if within the year he has served as a juror or a grand juror.

Exempted are judges, certain other public officers, lawyers and their employees, the clergy, teachers, physicians, dentists and certain others needed for the public health and safety, or whose positions are likely to make them familiar with the facts or parties in lawsuits.

Many of these people waive their exemption to serve when otherwise qualified.

One day the court calls in the "venemen" or the jury panel, and the clerk, writing their names each on a slip of paper, puts them into a box and draws out by lot the names of twelve men and women who take seats in the jury box. They and the rest of the panel take oaths to answer truthfully questions as to their jury qualifications.

The court then tells them the nature of the case, the parties and the lawyers in the case. The judge and the lawyers then question the prospective jurors.

How may one fail to qualify as a fair and impartial juror? Often because of kinship or business relationship with one of the parties, or the law-

yers, or because of personal knowledge of the case.

A "challenge" in now way impugns a juror's honesty or intelligence. It simply means, in this one case, the judge and the lawyers thought it best to excuse him; everyone has a right to a disinterested jury to try his case.

Each side may excuse some of the panel without giving any reason. The number of such "peremptory" challenges varies. Lawyers may also challenge prospective jurors for cause stated in the law.

Council Not Pleased By Hotel Plans

The Lon-Ja-Corp. plans for development of Torrance Beach property has drawn the displeasure of the Torrance City Council.

That is the substance of a letter sent to the firm, which earlier had announced plans for a resort hotel along the beach, just across the border from Palos Verdes Estates.

This week, however, the council received a letter from the firm stating that it planned a first section of 80 furnished hotel-apartment units.

"That sounds like they're thinking about a motel," Mayor Albert Isen noted.

The land is zoned for a hotel, but City Atty. Stanley Remelmeier was asked to see if the zone could be changed back to its original single family residential status if the resort hotel is not built.

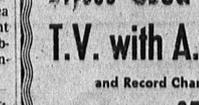
Meadow Park Dedicates Its New Plant

Dedication and open house was held at the Meadow Park School Wednesday.

Principal Herbert Farris and teachers were on hand in the classrooms to show the progress of the students and to acquaint the parents with the work that is being done in the classes. Speakers for the evening were introduced by Judy Allison, student council president. The speakers for the evening were Mike Arnold; Farris; Mrs. J. T. Anagnost, PTA president; Mrs. V. Redding, teacher; S. Waldrip, assistant superintendent, business, and G. Petrie.

The school orchestra furnished the music for the evening. Coffee was served by the PTA hospitality chairman, Mrs. Z. Turner.

My Neighbors



"Union welfare funds"



THE WAY IT GREW... A sweet potato with a built-in handle was discovered in his garden by Marvin L. Kossey, 1445 W. 222nd St. Kossey said the sweet potato apparently grew around a discarded hose clamp. He said it was the first time he had ever seen a potato grow around an object.

Jaycees Annual Convention Opens On Catalina Island Next Thursday

The largest convention in the 30-year history of the California State Junior Chamber of Commerce will begin on Thursday, May 9th when some 3000 delegates arrive in Avalon, Catalina Island, it was announced today by Co-Chairman Ted Hill and Russ Hiles of Southwest Los Angeles and Culver City, respectively.

The conclave, which will continue until Sunday, May 12, will be hosted by District 12 of the State Jaycees, consisting of 13 chapters in the southwest section of Los Angeles County including Culver City, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, Southwest Los Angeles, Torrance, Westchester, and Wilmington.

Robert Brown of Ventura is the only announced candidate for President of the 12,000-man organization consisting of organizations from 217 communities in California. State President Irving Gold of Redwood City will officiate with...

Councilman Gibson Hurt In Accident

John S. Gibson Jr., Los Angeles Councilman for the San Pedro-Shoestring Strip area, received minor injuries in a three-car crash at 190th and Figueroa Sts., Thursday afternoon.

The 54-year-old city council president was riding in a car driven by his chauffeur, Edward Brinegar, 27, Wilmington. His car collided with a car turning left, driven by Gary P. Cagle, Los Angeles. Cagle's car also collided with one driven by Robert Cransfield, 25, Los Angeles, who was stopped awaiting a signal change.

Gibson and Brinegar were treated at San Pedro Receiving...

Cash Stolen While Lady's Eyes Diverted

While one man diverted her attention on a bogus errand, another made off with the cash box. Eldora Clark of the Klamath Kleaneers, 1933 Pacific Coast Hwy., told sheriff's deputies Friday. There was about \$216 in the cash box, she said.

Mrs. Clark said she answered a knock at the rear of the cleaners, and a man told her he was canvassing for maintenance work and gave her a slip of paper with his name on it. A second man with him announced that he was going to canvass the other side of the street.

Instead, witnesses said, the man went around to the front door of the cleaners and stole the cash box from under a counter while Mrs. Clark was talking to the other man.

Garden Chatter

Each year the American Rose Society publishes a guide of National Rose Ratings. A national rating of 10 is a perfect rose, (and this has never been attained), a rating of 9 to 10 are outstanding varieties, 8 to 9 are excellent, 7 to 8 good, 6 to 7 fair, 5 to 6 questionable and below 5 poor. Between each whole number there is a division of 10.

In the popular hybrid tea roses we find the three leading red roses to be: Crimson Glory 9.1; Charlotte Armstrong 9.0; Chrysler Imperial 8.8. These are followed closely by Tallyho and Rubaiyat. (I don't recommend Crimson Glory in this area, however. Please remember that these are national ratings.)

In the pinks we find Fort Vancouver (new) 8.9; Dainty Bess (single) 8.4; Rose Marie Reid (new) 8.1. The next two are First Love and Picture. Yellow Golden Wings (new) 9.6; Burnaby (new) 8.4; Eclipse 8.1 Lowell Thomas. Golden Dawn are the next two.

There are no white hybrid tea roses in this year's ratings higher than 7.5. This may be remedied when the 1958 winner White Knight, is tested. The rose with the 7.5 rating is White Wings, followed by Pedalbes with a 7.4.

You have probably been wondering where the popular rose Peace comes in this rat.

ing. It is included in the Blando Peace 9.6; Tiffany 9.0; Bings (new) 8.8; Helen Traubel 8.7; Tziganne 8.7; also a new rose whose rating might possibly change by next year.

The leading red floribunda is Spartan (new) with a 9.3 score. This is followed by Red Pinocchio 8.8; and Wildfire (new) 8.8.

Betty Prior 9.0, The Fairy 8.6, Pink Bountiful 8.2 are the leading pink floribundas with Golden Fleece (new) 7.5 and Goldlocks 7.3 in the yellow color. There is only one white floribunda higher than 7.4 and that is Dagmar Spath 8.2. This might possibly change after the 1957 winner White Bouquet has been rated.

In the floribunda blends we find Fashion leading with a 8.9 score. Vogue next with 8.2, and Chic (new) 8.1.

The most popular red climber in the United States today is Paul's Scarlet 9.1. The ratings are not complete on the climbing form of Chrysler Imperial. In the pinks: New Dawn 8.8. Climbing High Noon is a popular rose in this area but is second to Paul's Lemon Pillar nationally with a score of 7.9 and 8.2 respectively.

City of York is the most popular climbing white with a rating of 8.6; and in the blends climbing Mrs. Sam McGredy wins with a 8.9 over my favorite Mme. Henri Guillot 7.9.

Free copies of these ratings may be secured by writing to the American Rose Society, 4048 Roselea Place, Columbus 14, Ohio. Although we do not always fall in to the national order when we compare our results with the others in the nation, it is fun to see just where the rose that we think so much of and does so well in our garden lies in the final scoring.

Public Notice

Torrance Herald-254, 47448, No. 386418. In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, in the matter of the Estate of SAMUEL BERLEY, A Missing Person. Notice is hereby given to creditors having claims against the said decedent to present them to the undersigned at the office of Chas. T. Rippey, Attorney at Law, 1331 Post Avenue, in the City of Torrance, in the aforesaid County, which latter office is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to said estate. Such claims with the necessary vouchers must be filed or presented as aforesaid within six months after the first publication of this notice. Dated April 30, 1957.

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