

EDITORIALS

Little Leagues Lauded

To all intents and purposes, Little League play in Torrance is over for the summer. The eyes of the nation soon will be focused on Williamsport, Pa., where the national champions will be named.

Although Torrance will not be represented at the national playoffs—one in this city need apologize for the local Little Leagues' efforts.

Some of the most exciting baseball in the world has been played at ball parks here during the past several months.

The Yankees and the Dodgers, in a crucial World Series capper, never had a rooting section like some of the teams here.

Moms and dads, sisters and brothers, and friends sat or stood—big with great little Johnny strode to the plate.

Whether he struck out or slammed a long homer over the centerfield fence—made no difference in these games.

What was important, and what always will be important, is that these young lads are learning the rules of good sportsmanship.

Taking a walloping isn't so disastrous, if you can get up and come back for a second try. The keen edge of friendly competition, the team working together, and the love of good, clean sports—these are the important things.

These qualities in abundance make a nation strong, and able to cope with keeping the world a better place in which to live.

Baseball is well-named the great American pastime. Not only is it the national sport, but it has become a training field for young Americans.

In what other country could youngsters from all walks of life—all races and creeds—stride out onto the same field, play their hearts out, get the same kind of treatment no matter what their color or station in life?

The umpire doesn't see a nationality—he sees whether or not the player struck out or tipped a foul.

So with the closing of another Little League season, uniforms are tucked away for next year. But the ideals these young champions learned are not put in moth balls.

And America will be a better country because of the Little Leagues.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

East is East and...

"Oh, East is East and West is West, and often the twin do meet." (Apologies to Rudyard Kipling.)

When vacation time rolls around, Westerners head East and Easterners head West, proving the old saying about the grass always being greener somewhere else.

With people from all 48 states coming to eye the wonders of California living, it behooves all of us to behave like people from the rest of the nation think Californians ought to behave.

Californians, used to their own harum-scarum type of driving, sometimes find the harum-scarum brands of driving from the other parts of the country rather hard to take. You can usually tell an out-of-state driver, even without looking at his license plate. Generally, they fall in two categories:

1. The "Omigod, how do we get around in all this traffic" type. They are scared to death by whizzing traffic, freeway, three and four-way stop signs, and crosswalks for pedestrians. This type is apt to poke along a busy free and making sudden right and left hand turns in the wrong places. They are dangerous.

2. The "Gee whiz, isn't this kind of driving fun?" type. They race along as if their car engines suddenly had been unchained. They are likely to buzz in and out of the wrong lanes, and make sudden turns in the wrong places, just like their slower cousins. They try to drive as fast as Californians, without knowing the rules.

Both types are prone to stop to gawk at some landmark or movie star's home, thus threatening anyone who

happens to be driving behind them.

The driver or his companion may be driving along, peering at a map of the city, directions given by friends, or a map of the movie stars' homes.

Some visitors are so frightened by the traffic here that they persuade some friend to drive them around, and they do their sight-seeing from the right side of the car, which is the best place for a tourist anyway.

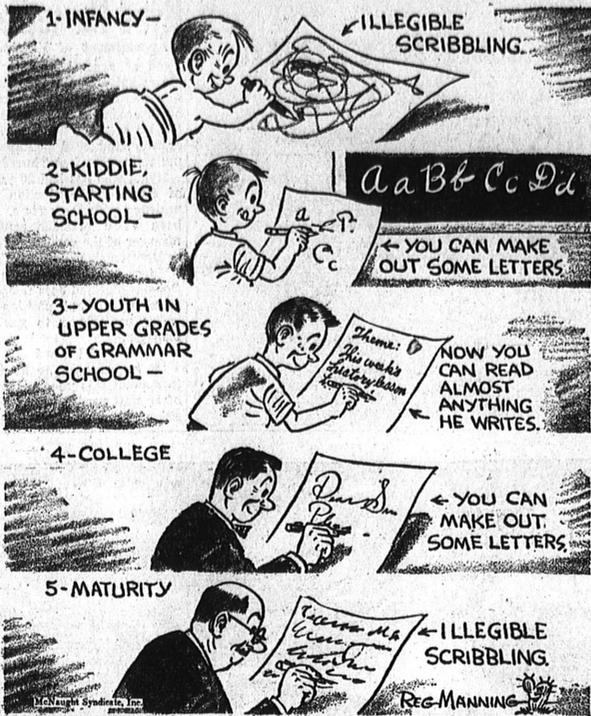
Such an arrangement offers the native or recently-transported Californian a chance to see many of the points of interest that he can see only when friends from afar come to visit. How many people go to a movie, studio, TV broadcast, Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland, or Marineland in the ordinary course of events?

Visitors also bring out a surprising amount of Chamber of Commerce-type boasting about the glories of sunny California. Farmer John, who just got here from Iowa last year, may find himself talking like the most enthusiastic booster when his friends from Iowa come to see the sights.

Representatives of more staid parts of the country are apt to lift eyebrows at some of the beach attires and some of the ordinary street-wear. Back in Dallas, Tex., a millionaire dresses like a millionaire, but in California, it isn't unusual to see somebody dressed like Joe, the rag picker, hop into his Cadillac and zoom away.

They (whoever they are) say that travel is broadening, and it is—often as much physically and mentally.

Five Writes Of Man



REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Machine Tool Makers Happy

Machine tool producers are wearing smiles. New orders received by them in June jumped an estimated 20 per cent over the May figure. This increase broke a decline in new orders that started in March and continued through May.

Producers have kept shipments at a high rate. This has cut into backlogs but machine tool executives are not unhappy with the situation. They point out that the industry's six-month backlog at the beginning of the year was an unhealthy condition and that the current 4½ months level is a much more desirable one.

The 20 per cent figure is based upon an estimated \$50 million worth of new orders for June compared with \$41.8 million in May and \$51.3 million in April. Shipments in June, as well as May, were almost \$79 million.

TENANT COMFORT—Commercial buildings of all sizes, shapes and ages are having their temperatures taken electronically these days in what is developing into one of the more significant trends in building management.

The temperature readings, designed to promote tenant comfort rather than the health of the building, represents a new technique in the maintenance of indoor climate control in office buildings and other commercial structures.

It's giving old buildings a new lease on life by improving their competitive chances and introducing to new buildings important guarantees of tenant satisfaction and operating economies.

The new systems, developed by Minneapolis-Honeywell and known as supervisory data centers, make use of a complex, thermostatic network directed by a centrally located control panel. They provide round-the-clock monitoring of indoor building temperatures and the instantaneous automatic adjustment of remotely placed temperature control equipment. This, to the delight of individual tenants, keeps office temperatures at the precise levels requested. More than 300 already have been sold.

THINGS TO COME — For those who are having trouble starting fires despite the large number of quick-starts available, there's another being marketed: a plastic bag full of corn cobs, impregnated with animal grease and vegetable oils. . . For the kiddies, who aren't supposed to play with fire, an electric toy vibraphone powered by two batteries has just been introduced. . . Another item for picnic enthusiasts is a three-way combination bag capable of separating hot and cold foods.

MORE LIVING SPACE—The swift growth of gas heating "has created a market potential for the entire home furnishings industry and will continue to do so," an appliance representative says. His explanation is in terms of living space gained.

Edward R. Martin, director of marketing and statistics for the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn., points out that in older homes alone some 600,000 new customers a year for at least three years are expected to heat by utility gas and liquefied petroleum gas. That's just slightly under last year's pace.

"Most of these customers," he says, "will gain space through the compactness of modern gas heating equipment, the elimination of fuel storage facilities and other factors, such as the opportunity to relocate equipment."

"If you figure each of our modernization heating customers gaining a mere 100 square feet and it probably averages well over that—that's 60 million square feet made available for everything from ping pong tables to illuminated fish bowls. Of course, you can't begin to reckon the impact closely because a householder often fixes up an area much wider than that directly involving the heating improvement. A new furnace may pave the way for a whole basement finishing job," Martin adds.

ENGINEER SHORTAGE—Everyone has been talking about cures for the shortage of engineers. The shortage itself appeared to be a foregone conclusion. Now there's a controversy.

According to a book published by the National Bureau of Economic Research in New York, there has been no severe shortage of engineers in the United States. It claims that except for temporary shortages of people with certain skills, or geographical dislocation, the supply of engineers has been ample.

The two scientists who made the study upon which the book is based say also that engineering salaries have been on a downward trend. They compare these salaries to earnings of all wage earners and to incomes of "independent professional practitioners."

Other experts on the subject of engineering manpower state that the new study is based on shaky statistics. However, they want time to examine the work thoroughly before commenting officially. But as practical evidence that engineers really are in short supply they cite the starting salaries being offered engineering graduates at the present time, and the want ad columns of the newspapers.

YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Problems of A Non-Genius

Dear Ann: I'm 14 years old and have a real big problem. My parents watch television and see kids like that 11-year-old genius on the \$64,000 Challenge. Then they look at the Gary Moore and a 15-year-old boy is an expert snake trainer. After that comes some Dr. Farnsworth who invented TV when he was 14 years old. To top it all off some kid on Lawrence Welk's program plays the piano like a dream and he's exactly my age.

Then my folks look at me as if I'm not normal. Can I help it if I happen to be an average boy? I haven't invented a darned thing and I couldn't answer any of those quiz questions if my life depended on it. Tell me what to say to my folks because I'm developing an inferior complex over these things. They make me feel funny because I'm just an ordinary human being. Please hurry, Ann. Every week TV digs up another genius.

—FLUSTERATED

Dear Flusterated: Most people (like 99% of us) are just ordinary human beings. That's why the geniuses look so good. Don't be uncomfortable when your parents give you funny looks just because you don't know what the Dow Jones averages were at closing time this afternoon. They don't know either.

The next time you feel the cold eye of comparison, ask

your dad what HE invented at 14. And when your mother raves about the marvelous young pianist, ask HER to sit down at the piano and play a tune.

Dear Ann: I'm writing this letter for several mothers in our neighborhood. A divorced woman in her late 30's has been bad medicine for our sons these past few years.

She kept a refrigerator filled with beer for them when they were under age and couldn't purchase it.

When they were denied the use of the family cars, she'd let them use hers. One boy who was not permitted to own a motorcycle got a "loan" from her and kept the vehicle in her garage for months before his parents found out about it.

Now several of our sons are working at a resort outside of town and they live in an apartment together. We've just learned this divorcee has rented a cottage nearby. What can we do?

—WORRIED MOMS

If your sons are old enough to work away from home and have an apartment out of town, don't expect to select their company. Something went wrong with their early training if this woman was able to exercise such influence over them. Apparently you administered punishment without explaining it was also justice.

If your boys are under 21 the woman could be arrested for contributing to the delinquency of minors but this wouldn't solve the problem. You can't legislate this sort of person out of the lives of your children if they prefer it to what is offered at home. We can't police our kids 24 hours a day. The best we can do is teach them honor and personal integrity.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

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By Fred Hartman

RED RYDER



The HERALD regrets that Little Beaver got lost en route to Torrance, while carrying the Red Ryder comic strips. To help readers catch up with Red's adventures during the time Little Beaver was fighting the smog, The HERALD is printing the back strips. Readers now should be up to date.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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2 Necessary 62 An	OCT. 23	42-50-55	
3 Ad 63 Some	NOV. 22		
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