

EDITORIALS

Time to Give

There is no better time than the present to discharge your obligations as a good citizen by making your contribution or pledge to the Community Chest. Your good friends and neighbors currently are making a canvass of Torrance offering you the opportunity to give conveniently and finally to the many worth-while agencies which depend on the Community Chest.

To be sure, every individual these days feels as though he is approached almost daily to give to some cause or campaign. Yet, one can only imagine the impossible situation that would result if the Community Chest were suddenly to fold.

Each of the scores of agencies that depend on the L. A. Area Community Chest for their financial support, is worthy in itself of a substantial gift from anyone with a regular income. Your single gift takes care of all because of the faithful and successful work of good men and women who have sacrificed their time to building up the Community Chest.

There should never be any question in anyone's mind as to whether he will give to the Community Chest. It simply is a matter of how much.

Opinions of Others

There are those who mourn the progressive nature of the public schools, where the 3 Rs are said to be slighted and social problems occupy too dominant a place.

But, like the riddle of the hen and the egg, the situation leaves one wondering whether the schools are the cause or the victim of the extra curricular worries.

Item: At Topeka (Kans.) school administrators have acted to establish a smoking room for students in the high school. Its purpose is to prevent smoking in corridors and classrooms.

Item: At Ulysses (Kans.), the Grant County Rural High School board has taken action to ban the married and divorced students from extracurricular school activities, to require students to report their marriage to school officials, and to require pregnant students to drop out of school within five months of confinement.

Schools have changed. But so, it seems, have the problems the public dumps in the schools' lap.—Hutchinson (Kans.) News.

The products of American industry—undreamed of luxuries a century ago—could not be distributed until advertising created new demands. The early Communist government in Russia considered advertising to be an economic waste. However, Russia found that people accustomed to doing without would not buy even necessities once they became available without advertising. Today, consumer advertising is common in Russia.—Piger (Neb.) Enterprise.

America's growing labor force needs thoughtful leadership bent upon serving its legitimate needs in an era of swift change. What it can do without is the kind of irresponsible leadership that simply dangles bigger bunches of bigger carrots in front of the workers each time major negotiations come up.—Tifton (Ga.) Gazette.

FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

The School Fight

A Loaded Question

Editor, Torrance Herald: Thank you for your comprehensive coverage of the recent bond issues for a better airport and for park improvement and expansion.

Good government depends upon participation of everyone. Had the majority of our people voted, I am sure the results would have been substantially different. Too many depend on others to successfully carry the worth-while issues.

Over one half of our 92,000 citizens are children. What I want to know is this: What do we tell them when they ask where they are going to play?

ALBERT ISEN Mayor

Editorial Loaded

Editor, Torrance Herald: We wish to thank you for your fine editorial of Thursday last, Oct. 31, with regard to the taxation of private religious schools entitled "School Fight Renewed."

We certainly appreciate your stand on this matter and we drew it to the attention of all our people at the services yesterday, Nov. 3.

You will find attached also our church bulletin which contains a public appreciation of our gratitude.

NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, Rev. Patrick McGuinness, Pastor.

Working Conditions



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

'Plain Guy' Told to Go Jump

Dear Ann: The letter from that "Plain Guy" in Washington, D.C., who is trying so-o-ooo-oo hard to find a "decent girl" made me purple with rage! Why is he having such a tough time when there are millions of females around the nation who would give their eye teeth for a "plain guy"?

I'm 24, no mud fence, and still get a few wolf whistles when I walk down the street. I'm self-supporting and have an interesting position but I'd cheerfully chuck it all if a "plain guy" came along and talked marriage.

These grippers (particularly the Washington variety) give me a pain. If they want a "decent girl" all they have to do is open their eyes. We are tramping the streets to work daily in every city, town, and hamlet in the country. These boys who duck responsibility and complain that the American woman is nothing but a cash-register with silk stockings bore me to death... the coward. — Miss Represented.

Dear Ann: I live in Washington, D.C., and "Plain Guy" must keep himself pretty well hidden. I've been looking for just such a specimen for years with no luck. I'd like to tell you what my experience has been with men in this town. It's enough to send a girl back to Water-town, S.D.

I was married for five years to a man who was having an affair with his old girl friend, cheating with his boss' wife, and pinching the baby-sitter all at the same time. I divorced him and decided to concentrate only on the most respectable types.

The minister's wife introduced me to a "widower." As it turned out he had a vile temper and four divorces to his credit. Next was a bachelor who was such a conceited ox he thought any woman should be thrilled to cook dinner for him night after night. After six meals I took a look at my grocery bill and cancelled the friendship.

Next was the lonesome, sad-eyed man who told me he was eager to get married but he needed a woman with money because he wanted to devote himself to science. I never did find out what kind of science he meant, but I'm sure it had to do with sexology. This guy wasn't as lonesome as his friends thought.

My most recent experience ended quite differently than most. When I told him I wasn't interested in learning in advance whether or not we were "meant for each other — permanently" — he said,

Dear Miss Represented: Your point of view is WELL represented. I received many letters from gals who feel just as you do. Here is a gem... and right in "Plain Guy's" own back yard.—Ann Landers.



The truest greatness lies in being kind; the truest wisdom in a happy mind. — Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Worry is interest paid on trouble before it falls due.—Dean Inge.

The more fears we work up, the less initiative we have. Do not cultivate fears, cultivate hopes.—Selected.

Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.—Cardinal Newman.

A contented mind is the greatest blessing a man can enjoy in this world.—Joseph Addison.

We never know what riddles of healing we set in motion by simply smiling on one another.—Henry Drummond.

Men of humor are always in some degree men of genius.—Coleridge.

"You are a fine person—much too good for me. Good-bye."

So please, Mr. Washington, D.C., don't give us any more of your banana oil about the average American female. I AM one, and I live in your town, and there are thousands more just like me. As Ann Landers says, "Why don't you surrender, dear?" —Lonely Heart.

Dear Ann: "Plain Guy" sounds very interesting. Goofy as they come of course and filled with senseless misconceptions but very interesting.

I'm a "Plain Girl" who lives in New York. Washington isn't very far away. I would gladly meet him in Baltimore or Philadelphia (halfway). How about sending him my name and address? Thank you, Annie... This is your big chance to be a living doll.—T.R.F.

Dear T.R.F.: I hate to pass up a chance to be a "Living Doll" but this isn't that kind of column. Sorry, no can do. You plain guys and dolls will have to find each other on your own time.—Ann Landers.

Confidentially: Skunked: You have no right to demand interest NOW. This should have been discussed at the time of the loan. Settle for the initial amount and call it a day.

(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. (C) 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Get A Space Suit, Lassie

Every dog has its day and the Fido can proudly inform his master that a canine was the first living thing to make it into space.

Lassie has become a second-rater now that Kudryavka—"Curly" for short—is now circling the earth in her own private earth satellite. No other dog or human being can make that statement.

Everybody — well, almost everybody—knows that dog is man's best friend and the information that "Curly" sends back will pave the way for man himself to take to the spaceways.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and dog lovers all over the world has protested over this "inhuman" treatment and one local dog lover declared, "I think it's horrible. These same people were yapping when rabies shots — which have proved effective both for man and beast—were initiated.

If and when the U.S. government decides to make its own space tests, they might see if one of these dog lovers would like to go in place of a dog. If it was up to the dog lovers, the information never would be obtained at all.

The eyes that cry so profusely for Fido and Kudryavka might well cry for their fellow human beings.

Like most other scientific developments, space travel and missile development can be used either for human betterment or for its destruction. Whether the U.S. likes it or not, it has to equal, or possibly better, the Russian achievements, as a matter of survival.

Five hundred years ago, man's frontier was the ocean; yesterday, the sky was the frontier. In the world of tomorrow, there are no limits to what man can do. His horizons are the universe.

We must do whatever we can to further that end. The dog is having his day, to pave the way for man to have his. That's as it should be.

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

Oman War Hits Front Pages

KUWAIT, Saudi Arabia—Probably not one in a thousand Americans ever heard of Oman—and fewer of his sultan, or his troubles with Arab enemies. And had the Oman war been confined just among primitive Arab sultans and tribesmen, it would not have made the front pages of the world as it did.

However, there is another side to the crisis, which made it all-important around the world and which did not end with the intervention of British military power in favor of Sultan Said Bin Taimur of Oman and Muscat, and the defeat of his arch enemy, Sheik Ghalib Bin Ali.

And that all-important side is Britain's insistence never to allow her dwindling empire to further disintegrate by default. For the Oman war was not only between two rival Arab factions—but a war of one Arab faction to depose British rule in Oman and Muscat, right in the heart of one of the richest oil reservoirs in the world.

From what we picked up on the spot here in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, close to the war zone, the sultan of Muscat and Oman, a British puppet, double-crossed his arch rival, the imam of Oman, in the spring of 1956 and had him expelled out of the country. The feud between their tribes dates back to 1800. But in 1914 the imam was chosen as religious leader and given control over the entire interior, while the sultan, backed by Britain, got control of the Indian Ocean coast and the oil.

When oil was also discovered in the interior, the

greedy sultan and friends attempted to depose the imam again to gain control of the new underground wealth. The sultan, without consulting the imam, gave British-controlled oil companies oil drilling concessions running into millions of pounds sterling. When the imam mobilized an army to defend his area, the sultan, with the aid of British air, land and sea forces, attacked the imam's desert fortress, Nizwa, and captured it a few weeks ago.

This is the second war between these rivals in the past two years and opinion here is that it will not be the last.

The British-controlled Iraq Petroleum Co. holds the sultan's biggest drilling concession in Oman. But on the border of Oman to the north is Arabian American Oil Co.'s (Aramco) Saudi-Arabian concession which is extending its drilling and nibbling near the British concession. King Saud has openly supported the imam against the sultan of Oman, obviously because he could gain control over Oman oil and sell it to the highest bidder.

In the recent war the automatic weapons captured from imam's troops were of U.S. make, supposedly transferred over by King Saud in an attempt to depose the sultan who refused to sell his oil through a middle man to either the British or anyone else.

Britain had no alternative but to back the sultan, with whom she has a treaty (connected with the British oil concessions), or to lose pres-

tige and property all along the entire Arabian oil fields, from Kuwait to Aden. Britain intervened at Suez against Egypt to protect another life line to oil in the Indian Ocean. Some \$800,000,000 annually come to Britain through these Middle East oil concessions, in addition to lubricating oil-starved British industry. Without this oil Britain faces economic disaster, not to mention political disaster, not to mention political or defensive consequences.

The stakes are always high for Britain in the Middle East, and go far beyond the mere expedient of colonial control or even prestige. Even the chance of another great war, as in the attack upon Egypt last fall, had to be assumed by Britain as a calculated risk. For even war could not bring any worse disaster to Britain than allowing the process of economic disintegration and decay to destroy the commonwealth from another direction.

Middle East oil is the last frontier beyond which Britain can only hold or fall. With Suez gone, Cyprus on the verge of independence, and 40,000,000 Arabs and Moslems sniping her lifeline from every direction, Britain is really without choice but to act in self-defense of her interests, with or without the help of the United States—with or without the support of public opinion. As one British ambassador put it to me: "We must hang on in the Middle East, or be hung with it."

Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH

Cancer Quacks Most Vicious

The "cancer quack" who represents himself as a doctor ranks close to the drug peddler in viciousness.

At a recent meeting of the California division of the American Cancer Society, two housewives told how they posed as cancer patients in order to expose a pair of incredibly heartless money-grabbers.

Neither actually had cancer. In each case they were told that they did, then offered costly and useless "cures."

One of the heroic housewives told how her "doctor" instructed her to place her feet against a machine which resembled a table model radio with one side covered with glass tubes that produced seven colors. When she did, the machine made a hissing sound and emitted fumes that gave her a severe headache.

When asked for an explanation of the machine, the "quack" said, "Science tells us that a person must absorb and use 37 units of blue color a day. That's energy. That's why the sky is blue. So people

would have to look up.

"That's why the eye is a mirror, so we absorb this blue color into our being. We must use the same amount of violet. We must use 31 green; 22 of yellow, rose, white, orange. These seven colors we claim represent the seven organs of the body which means health!"

The other woman was treated for a mole on her shoulder. After diagnosing the mole as a malignancy, the "quack" applied "killing ointment" and "drawing ointment," which produced a serious burn and left an ugly permanent scar on her shoulder.

As a result of the evidence gathered by these two courageous women, both men were convicted of violation of

the Medical Practices Act. One man was sentenced to 60 days in jail, the other was fined \$400.

These light sentences hardly can be called deterrent measures when the sale of another "cancer machine" two, or the peddling of a few bottles of "medicine" will amply reimburse a phony "doctor" for a small fine or few brief weeks in jail.

The alarming increase in cancer quackery in California during recent years can be attributed to the lenient Criminal Code on "cancer quacks."

Very little can be accomplished in ridding our society of these human vultures until our lawmakers decide to make the punishment more suitably fit the crime.

(Presented as a public service by the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn.)

LAW IN ACTION

New Responsibility

You can recall the days when you cringed to see a jalopy on the road. For if you crashed into it (or vice versa) you stood to lose; who could collect from an uninsured, financially irresponsible owner or driver?

Well, back in 1951 our lawmakers tried to make such people "financially responsible," and this year the legislature tightened the requirements.

Under the law the Department of Motor Vehicles may suspend an operator's license and any other person's vehicle registration who cannot show that he can satisfy a judgment against him for damages in an automobile accident up to certain amounts. The department may also lift his license if he fails to post security as the department requires. Compliance: Proof that you are insured to the legal extent will do. But beginning next July the present minimums go up to (1) \$10,000 for injury or death to any one person; (2) \$20,000 for any two or more persons; and (3) \$5,000 for damages to property.

Besides the cash deposit permitted for other forms of ability to respond in damages goes up from \$11,000 to \$25,000.

At present the law does not distinguish between

"owners" and "operators" insurance policies. But new law will do. Under it, you may well decide between two types of minimum policies: (1) An owner's policy. It designates all motor vehicles covered. It insures the person named and others permitted to use the vehicle(s). (2) An operator's policy insures you against damages arising out of your operation of ANY (not just certain) vehicles not your own.

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Your Daily Activity Guide
To develop message for Thursday, word words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth signs.

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