

# EDITORIALS

## Happy New Year

Americans this week will mark the closing of the old year and the opening of another—a happy time of resolutions, high hopes, and optimism.

Torrance is following this pattern as the old year draws to a close.

High hopes and optimism are rampant among civic and industrial leaders that 1958 will be a big year for Torrance—a city which has seen home big years in the past.

The emphasis this year will be shifted to development of the city's commercial and industrial potential, however, not the addition of thousands of new homes as has been the case in previous years.

A HERALD survey of the development and expansion programs planned for the coming year indicate that Torrance will be a city with a new face by the end of 1958. Millions of dollars' worth of commercial and industrial development are in the actual construction stages, other millions are ready for construction contracts, and still more millions are appropriated for projects nearing the big stage.

With all proper discounts for a natural "New Year's" optimism, it is safe to say that 1958 will be a memorable year for Torrance and its residents.

And to all of them, the residents, businessmen, industrialists, and those contemplating a new Torrance home, the HERALD extends its sincerest wish for a happy new year.

## Opinions of Others

The dog has many friends because the wag was put in his tail instead of his tongue.—Mount Ayr (Iowa) Ring-gold Record.

In gloating over Russia's achievement in putting the first earth satellite in motion, Nikita Krushchev gives credit therefor to the socialist system of government under which the Soviets operate. He implies, of course, that this socialist or communist system is superior to the capitalistic system that we know in America. For our part, we'll take the good old American way over the totalitarian way of Russia, even if it means that we're later than they in making a spectacular demonstration of our ability to get a "Sputnik" circulating around the earth. We hope the day will never come in this land of ours when even the most amazing scientific achievement is put ahead of the freedoms we are wont to enjoy.—Fort Payne (Ala.) Times New-Era.

The United States as a nation and educators as members of a profession must re-examine their own attitudes toward scientists and the educational process. Mathematics may not be for the millions but more pupils would take it if Americans put greater value upon it. There will always be some "eggheads" who will study science out of innate curiosity.—Quincy, Mass., Patriot Ledger.

### OUR WISH FOR '58



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

## Free Love is Expensive

Dear Ann: I've been reading (and hearing) a great deal about free love. Several friends have returned from the Scandinavian countries and they report that it's working over there. The divorce rate is much lower than in the United States and the people seem less tense and much happier.

A Danish author who is a leading proponent of free love is gaining in popularity in this country. Her theory is that uninhibited expression of emotions is healthy both physically and mentally, and this freedom should be enjoyed by both sexes if we are to have a well integrated society. She claims America is 50 years behind the times.

I admit this makes sense intellectually, but I can't accept it morally. Would you say a word about free love and explain why it seems to be working so well in other parts of the world? —Aphrodite.

Dear Aphrodite: "Free" love can be very expensive. True, there are fewer divorces in the free love countries, but this is understandable, since there are fewer marriages. (It's a universal male trait . . . men would rather "move in" than get married.)

And while we're talking statistics, did you know that the birth rate in free love countries is DOWN, but the percentage of illegitimate children is UP? Also, the suicide rate has risen sharply in the past 15 years. This is progress?

Dear Ann: My sister-in-law has a very big mouth. She's always bragging about her kids, her home, her husband's promotions, and so on.

Last week she started to brag about her dog. She was telling a group of us how her dog sings. I took her aside and told her she'd better stop saying such things or people will think she's nuts.

She swore up and down that this dog sings with certain Jerry Lewis records, especially "Rockabye My Baby With a Dixie Melody." She invited me over to prove it.

Yesterday I went to her house and she put on the Jerry Lewis record. God is my judge, Ann, that darned dog started to sing. It wasn't on key or anything, but he definitely was not barking. I was never so shocked in my life. I apologized and left. Please tell me if you've ever heard of anything like this. I'm beginning to question my own sanity.—L.L.D.

The dog wasn't singing, Dummy . . . he was CRYING! A dog's ears are particularly sensitive to sound vibrations. When a certain pitch irritates the dog's ears he makes his discomfort known by yowling. If a crash of thunder frightened the mutt and he leaped on the piano keyboard you wouldn't say he was playing it,

would you? Well, this is the same thing.

Dear Ann: I've never seen a problem like this in your column and I need an answer. I live in a furnished apartment. The question is this: Does the manager of this building have the right to come into my apartment when I'm not at home? I'm pretty sure he's been using my phone because I've seen footprints on the carpet and the phone is seldom in the same spot where I leave it.

I suspect he's been showing my apartment to prospective tenants, too, although I can't prove it. Please don't tell me to move, Miss Landers. If I wanted to move I wouldn't be writing to you. All I want to know is whether or not the

manager has a right to enter my flat when I'm not at home.—El Paso.

No one has the right to enter a home without permission . . . not even the police, unless they have a search warrant. This is invasion of privacy and it involves one of our basic freedoms.

I suggest you put a brand new lock on your door. The manager will get the hint.

Confidentially: Information Please: If you don't know the answer to this question, you don't know enough to get married. How old are you, anyway?

(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.

## From The Mailbox

Need Common Sense Editor, Torrance Herald,

Vincent Lechner's article from the "Mail Box" in the Herald, is very interesting indeed, and somewhat alarming to some sincere people that are interested in the preservation of private aviation.

A few years ago, I had occasion to be a resident in Mr. Lechner's neighborhood and I have had the privilege to operate aircraft from the Torrance airport approximately three years, and I would like to emphasize that, the noise, low-flying over the residential areas, which create the dangerous nuisance, can and must be eliminated. Supervision, management, enforcement, and the exercising of common sense by the pilots will certainly do the job.

The increase in the number of planes and operations at the

field is mostly due to the sharp rise in hangar and tie-down fees at other airports in the Los Angeles area. Any so-called improvements on the Torrance facility should have been made from the money derived from its operation, including the bean fields, right down through the past seven years.

Surely it is beneficial to realize that the operation of an automobile in an unlawful, noisy, reckless manner by some unscrupulous individual, does not compel a desire in some of our citizens, to eliminate all the automobiles from our streets and highways.

I believe the Torrance Airport, is and can be a definite asset in the future, in several ways to the City of Torrance, Lomita and the whole Harbor Area.

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THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

## Maybe 1958 Will Be Better

This should be either the soberest or the drunkest new year in a long time.

Not since Jan. 1, 1942, right after Pearl Harbor, has the news on a national, and international level seemed so depressing.

Although a lot of people claim to have the inside dope on what's ahead, it's a good bet that most of them don't know any more about it than you and I.

Fortune tellers are trotting out crystal balls, star gazers are peering anxiously at the stars, and so-called experts are settling back in swivel chairs to conjure up visions of the future.

Let's hope they come up with something good. All around us are signs of the greatest building program in the history of the world. We can't help but

wonder, however, when and if a missile from the blue is going to blow it all to smithereens.

A year ago, we were confident that we had the best technology in the world and that we were going to create the best possible world for everybody.

This year, we aren't so sure that our technology is the best and that it isn't going to destroy our world, rather than create a better one.

The past year brought a number of surprises to Americans—and most of them were unpleasant. Our pride, more than anything else, appears to have been badly shaken up by Russia's Sputniks. Nobody yet has been able to give a clear picture of who's on first, so to speak, or, more important,

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

## Leisure Time Goods Gaining

The average American today earns many more dollars for fewer hours than he did a decade or two ago—the countereffects of minor recessions and inflation notwithstanding.

This has created a new "leisure mass" to replace the old "leisure class." A new multimillion-dollar industry has sprung up to fill the needs of more people with more time on their hands. Whether you're an audiophile, a bird-watcher, a model train builder, a bowler or a hunter or fisher, you're the darling of that segment of U.S. industry catering to the high cost of leisure.

What your pursuit of fun means to the investing public has been pointed up by the New York Stock Exchange in reporting on the market values of 20 leisure-time stocks. These 20 Big Board issues scored advances in the last ten years ranging from slightly under 11 per cent by an athletic goods manufacturer to such incredible gains as 1192 per cent by an out-board motor maker and 1285 per cent by an electronic organ producer.

The value of one Bowling equipment manufacturer's stock went up 67.2 per cent in 10 years, a photographic equipment issue was up 199.8 per cent, power tools, 211 per cent, model trains, 162.5 per cent. And, whatever the anti-TV crowd may say, the new leisure-enjoying masses are buying and reading more books, magazines and newspapers. The one publisher's stock listed among the Exchange's 20 leisure-time shares scored a handsome 607 per cent gain.

WHIRLJETS—While helicopters are not yet within the reach of the average leisure-time pursuer, their adaptability to civilian and commercial uses have been steadily improving, especially with improvements in turbine powered engines. One of the most versatile is the French-developed turbine-powered Alouette II, recently demon-

strated on a cross-country tour of the U.S.

Now comes word that Republic Aviation, which has worked almost exclusively on military contracts in the 27 years of its existence, has formed a separate helicopter division to handle sales, service, and eventual production of the Alouette II on this continent through a licensing arrangement with the French company, Sud Aviation.

In addition to its obvious military uses (the French Air Force has a fleet of them), the Alouette II has many features to appeal to the U.S. commercial market. Its 360-horsepower gas turbine engine permits instant takeoffs, eliminating lengthy warmups. It can be equipped with wheels, skids or floats to permit landings anywhere. It can be used in fire fighting, as a civilian air ambulance, as a crane to lift cumbersome materials, as a camera stand for aerial movie work, as a tow or tug for stranded ships, as an aerial bus or even as a ranch wagon to herd cattle and patrol fences, pipe lines, make heavy aerial deliveries to inaccessible places, including high mountain peaks. Its rotor-jet principle gives top performance at high altitudes, and last year an Alouette set an altitude record of 26,931 feet.

THINGS TO COME—A new beverage thermometer eliminated the burnt-tongue problem. Its measurement scale indicates a "safe" drinking zone. . . . For children who refuse to swallow an aspirin tablet, there's a new raspberry-flavored liquid medication on the market in a non-spill bottle. . . . You'll soon be able to spray barbecue sauce on your hamburgers and steaks. A new product in an aerosol container is ejected in a non-foaming spray for use as a sauce or a baste.

NON-GOVERNMENT AID—One of America's most vexing problems today—and certainly one of the most expensive

is our over-production of farm goods. This over-production, which is encouraged by several of our national farm laws, is costing the taxpayer billions of dollars a year. Of course, there have been many attempts at solving this problem. Two of the main and the government's subsidy on farm exports. Another important method is the processing of farm goods into new products. Many of these new products have been developed by private companies.

The largest of the so-called "creative processors" is Cargill, Incorporated. Its annual report for 1957 shows that Cargill brought more than 35 million bushels of soybeans to market—the total production of 2½ million acres. The end products of those two items were a wide variety of industrial materials and foods for people and animals. One new end product for the flaxseed, for example, is a new paint vehicle called Polyurethane 101. It comes ready-mixed; and it gives paint a surprising degree of durability, gloss and flexibility without baking. This product is just one example of the many new uses for farm crops being developed by modern research. And best of all, this trend is one aid for farmers that doesn't cost the taxpayers any money.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Dues collected by American labor unions amount to approximately \$620 million a year, which is \$162 million above the 1955 figure, the National Industrial Conference Board reports. . . . Food stores in 1928 stocked 876 items; today the typical supermarket stocks in excess of 5,000 items—so beware of the housewife who sends hubby to the store without a shopping list. . . . A quarter-century ago, railroads hauled 75 per cent of the nation's freight and 68 per cent of all passengers. Today they haul 49 per cent of the freight business and carry only 36 per cent of the passengers.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

## Oh, For the Good Ol' Days

I can remember, not too many Christmas ago, when one of the gifts under our family Christmas tree was a record player—known in those days as the Victrola.

It was a rather charming piece of equipment—it folded into a case like a portable typewriter with the crank fitted snugly inside. To play your favorite record—which might have featured the Two Black Crowns—you took out the crank, wound up the machine, put the record on and flipped a little lever that started the turntable going. No worries about volume controls, bass and treble adjustments, or diamond-studded pick-ups. It just had a needle, which traveled along a groove in the record, and made music, and bright sayings poured into the room through an ingenious speaker arrangement which was built into the case.

A friend of our found something like that under his Christmas tree this year. It has changed a little, however. His Victrola came equipped with a 15-inch low frequency driver, a coaxial mid-bass and

treble driver horn assembly, a very high frequency driver, the whole thing complete with crossover level control and wiring harness, indirect, radiator-folded corner horn, high gain stable tuner, amplifier, preamplifier, and output transformer. And they don't call 'em Victrolas any more. They're now called hi-fi. The end result is the same, however. You drop a needle-like thingamajig on a grooved record and sound is reproduced. Progress—it's wonderful. But I really wonder if my friend with the expensive, multi-unit hi-fi is any happier with his Christmas present than was the one who received that simple little gad-

get years ago. I doubt it. Of course, Christmas presents are all more complicated these days. I can also remember a past Christmas when father's greatest worry was getting the little train track level enough on the floor so the little wind-up engine wouldn't tip over coming around the corner. Nowdays, father has to be an electrician and mechanical engineer to set up Junior's train set. It comes complete with transformers, reset buttons, and controls for crossing guards, carloaders, switches, tunnel lights, semaphores, and the hundreds of other attachments now available for train layouts. Oh, for the good ol' Christmas!

### LAW IN ACTION

## Appeals Lessened

Lawmakers have made our court procedures so simple that today California ranks at the top in efficiency. Much of our good work in speeding court action grows out of small changes.

See, for example, how our legislature has cut down on appeals to higher courts in one type of case.

Formerly, if you won, your opponent might appeal your case to a higher court, even to the California Supreme Court, claiming perhaps on a narrow point that the trial was unfair.

But, as winner, you could answer that one point only. You couldn't show that, all things considered, the trial was fair.

But today you can, thanks to the last legislature. For example, you might show, if it is true, that in the heat of the trial the judge did err, but both ways on one point or another, and that the errors cancelled each other out.

The old idea of an appeal was that since you won you had no complaints; only the loser had.

Yet if the loser went on to a higher court, you might need to tell the whole story instead of merely answering his points.

So sometimes the court of appeal might send your case back say, on that one narrow point, and you'd lose the case in retrial.

And so you'd again have to trudge in turn to the higher court and raise the very same points which that court should have heard in the first place.

Today you can tell your whole story on the first appeal and the court can wrap the case up once and for all.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

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