

EDITORIALS

At Year's End

The year 1958 has been a big year for Torrance, just as all the forecasters said it would.

True, the building valuations will not match those of previous record years when the home building was at its height, but the type of growth the city enjoyed during 1958 will mean much in future years.

At year's end we find the Broadway Store nearing completion, work on the Sears store beginning to show above the ground level, a big expansion of Ryan Aeronautical plant here and transfer of the electronics division of the firm to Torrance, a general expansion and modernization of the downtown business district, and others . . . many others.

Construction on the Little Company of Mary Catholic Hospital at Torrance Blvd. and Earl St. is taking on its final appearances, and a new convalescent hospital on Hawthorne is rapidly rising.

Industrial development has included announcements that Magnavox will hold a multimillion dollar electronics research plant north of Maricopa St. and west of Crenshaw, Belond Muffler is now building, the AirResearch division of the Garrett Corp. plans a multimillion-dollar plant on 66 acres north of 190th St. and east of Crenshaw Blvd., Longren Aircraft merged with Aeronca to give it national scope, and activity at Torrance Municipal Airport increased in tempo, with plans now on the boards for a million-dollar hotel and other facilities.

Several strides in improving city streets have been taken during the past 12 months — Lomita Blvd. has just been reopened as a four-lane thoroughfare between Crenshaw Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave., Arlington Ave. between 190th St. and Del Amo Blvd. is nearing the day when it can be opened, and the city continues to collect easements from abutting property owners leading to the day when both Sepulveda Blvd. and Carson St. can be widened to ease anticipated traffic flows to the new Del Amo shopping center.

A continued emphasis on commercial and industrial development of the city is anticipated in the coming year, which should be a year marked by the changes it brings to the face of the city by these developments.

Falling Angels?

We have discovered very little sympathy for the cause of the striking American Airlines pilots and, surprisingly, no great public uproar over the several other strikes plugging the transportation and communications business.

The tactics of the Airline Pilots Assn., in their timing of the strike against American, approximates the level of a union of dishwashers who would walk out at the peak of the dinner hour.

Certainly the pilots have a right to organize for their common welfare and to insist that high standards of proficiency be maintained among the co-workers who make up their crews. But, if they are to continue to have the respect they have heretofore enjoyed, they will find their present methods of winning a point can reduce them to a level of groups whose bargaining they imitate.

Even with today's inflation, few will agree the pilots are underpaid. As a professional class they are aristocrats in the wonderful world of leisure time and there are few, flying modern equipment, who can conscientiously claim to be overworked even when on duty.

The public's impression of an airline pilot is that of a very competent person, cool-headed and with a great knowledge of the equipment he commands and the weather through which he flies. Airline pilots built this tradition and there are many still flying today who have made a great contribution to the fact and fiction.

To say the least, the striking pilots have delivered a master stroke of bad public relations. They may have moved dangerously near the mythical brink over which have tumbled many other fallen angels.

Opinions of Others

The Soviet government supplies MIG's to the Chinese Reds to shoot up Quemoy Island and they think it is the proper thing to do. The U. S. supplies the Chinese Nationalists with Sidewinders that hunt out and destroy the MIG's. Now that's a helluva thing to do, say he Reds. You just can't please the Commies.—Aline (Okla.) Chronoscope.

Pay for the government's 2.3 million civilian employees last year was \$11 billion. That's a lot of employees, and a lot of government, and an awful lot of taxes. Maybe we should tell our vote-hunting Congressmen that it is too much of all three.—Pocomoke City (Md.) Worcester Democrat.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

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

ARIES	1	11	21
APR	2	12	22
MAY	3	13	23
JUN	4	14	24
JULY	5	15	25
AUG	6	16	26
SEP	7	17	27
OCT	8	18	28
NOV	9	19	29
DEC	10	20	30

1-Don't
2-Be
3-You'll
4-Head
5-Be
6-And
7-Hold
8-Thrilled
9-Thankful
10-Love
11-You
12-Enjoy
13-Over
14-You
15-You
16-You
17-You
18-You
19-You
20-You
21-You
22-You
23-You
24-You
25-You
26-You
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28-You
29-You
30-You

Where The Twain Meet



THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Termites at Work

The Dec. 19 issue of the "Junior Termites," school paper at the Howard Wood Elementary School, contains a few items which should be given wider consideration. We are happy to oblige.

Steven Long's "feature" story may sound familiar to many of the older readers:

THE BARBER

"When I was about five years old, a neighbor boy and I started a barbershop in their barn. Ronny acted the barber and I was the customer.

"First he tried to shave me. The soap oozed over my face and ran into my eyes and mouth. When he started to shave me, he took part of my skin, too; and blood gushed all over.

"I imagined that I was hurt and screamed loudly. I wasn't really cut, though.

"Then he presented me with a real haircut. I knew that I received a wavy haircut. He cut it in strips, and when I arrived home to show my mother, she cried.

"Afterwards she marched me to the barber shop to see whether he liked it.

"He did not like it very much."

In the poetry department, we have Jackie Bluestein of Room 1 (PM) to thank for this gem:

ROVER

Rover brings the paper in, Isn't Rover bright? Rover brings the paper in, Bite by bite.

To Patricia Ann Patterson of Room 17, Grade 7, goes our thanks for the story about her experiences in getting ready for Ann Houston's birthday party.

According to Patricia, she was so excited she could hardly sleep the night before, then rushed around the day of the party getting the gift, brushing her hair, rushing mom to get the new dress finished, shining shoes . . . rush, rush, rush!

When Patricia arrived at Anne's house, she found she was early.

By two weeks!

And then Mrs. Christian-son's afternoon class came up with the information that skunks have a nasty smell, but because they help the farmer kill rats and mice, sometimes skunks are pretty nice." It all rhymed.

We hope your Christmas was a nice one and that Santa found his way to your house alright.

But, we are worried. All the announcements recently that the benevolent Teamsters Union is offering its "organizing services" to

firemen and police officers who want to organize a union may be a forerunner of an offer to lend the group's "organizing services" to Santa's elves in the polar workshop.

And Santa himself may be "organized" into a union contract.

Just think! With Santa's seasonal job he would have to have a generous guaranteed annual wage clause in his contract . . . and because he works at night, a night differential in his pay scale.

Then, of course, he works more than an eight-hour shift on Christmas Eve, because he starts early and works late to make all of the homes of the little boys and girls who have hung their stockings "by the chimney with care." So the only thing to do here is to give him premium pay, or overtime. And, too, it's a holiday, so that will mean double or triple pay.

And the elves will need to be organized because they don't have the benefits of a minimum wage, annual paid vacations, bargaining agreements, and a union shop.

On top of all this, Santa and his workshop helpers will need a paid medical plan, hospitalization, portal-to-portal pay, and free psychiatric treatment.

If anybody will need psychiatric treatment, Santa will after he tries to keep his Christmas Eve schedule in an eight-hour shift.

In Years Gone By

News of Christmas doings in 1933 was as scarce as jobs and cash in that depression-year holiday season, judging from the Dec. 21, 1933 issue of the Torrance HERALD.

Hidden among stories of proposed work projects by federal agencies for unemployed men and the opening of a government food store for the scores of Torrance persons on the relief rolls, are two or three meager mentions of club and office parties, a lone Christmas church service announcement, and one consoling reminder that at least for the children the fantasy existed—a notice of a holiday program by church organizations to be presented before the community tree in Arlington Park by the fire department.

A plea by the PTA for clothing for needy children brings to mind similar requests of today — with the exception that donations nowadays are more likely to go to a needy Indian reservation or an underprivileged country abroad, whereas one remembers that the clothes he spared in '33 were more than likely to appear on the back of the kid down the street the following week. For those who could afford to celebrate the holiday, the

Robots Preparing Auto Tabs

When registering your car your application for registration goes to Sacramento where it is received in what is known as the "automation section" of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

From this application, an operator of a keypunch machine produces a "set" of cards whose punched holes are read by a fabulous data processing machine as you would read a page of written text.

A "set" normally consists of two documents, a description card and a name and address card. The description card contains the license number assigned to your car, a description of the vehicle and the amount of fees you pay for registration and licensing.

The name and address card bears your name and address and the city and county in which the car is registered.



The space for your name and address is limited to 27 characters. If yours is a long name, with more than 27 letters, the excess of letters over 27 are carried over onto a second card to complete the name and address document.

If your car is financed by a lending agency (bank or finance company), your "set" will consist of a third "legal owner" card containing the license information and name and address of the lien holder.

The description cards are fed into a data processing machine to rate the vehicle for next year's fee. The machine consists of three sections—read and punch, console and power units. This is a true electronic brain, as opposed to the electro-mechanical device which it replaces in modern lightning-fast automation.

The heart of the robot is a magnetic drum four inches in diameter and 16 inches long. This drum rotates at a speed of 12,500 revolutions per minute, and at that speed it picks up and retains information in the form of small magnetized spots. It has an information storage capacity of more than 20,000 digits.

In its blazing speed this machine generates more than 48,000 BTU's of heat—enough to keep an average five-room house comfortably warmed in winter.

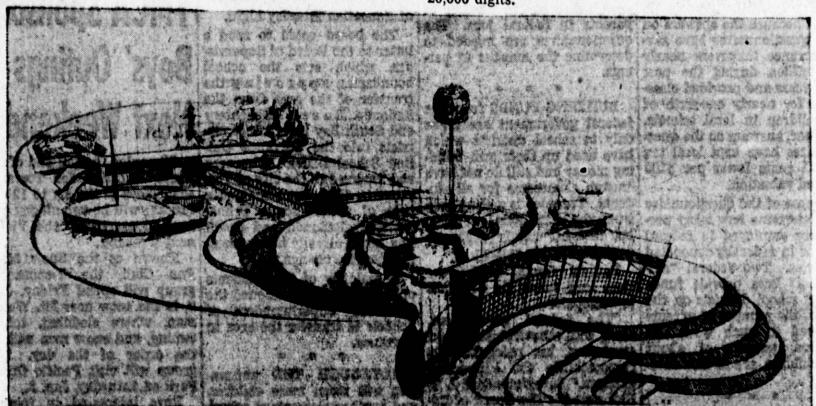
The completed sets of cards become the permanent vehicle record files at DMV. These files are cross-referenced as to make and model, license number, registered and legal owner and engine number, of any vehicle registered in California.

How this speedy check has proved to be the difference between success and failure of law enforcement officers in criminal investigations will be told in next week's column.

My Neighbors



"Hmmm—now there's an item that 'cost-push-inflation' hasn't affected too severely!"



FAIR PROPOSAL . . . Revealed in Los Angeles this week were plans for a California World's Fair, as depicted above, to be held in the county in 1963. State approval will be sought at the next session of the legislature. The proposed

is designed on a scale to exceed all international exhibitions to date. An area east of Torrance has been considered strongly as an ideal site for the exposition.

Backers of World's Fair for Southland Open Headquarters

Backers of a proposed World's Fair, to be held in Los Angeles County in 1963, opened headquarters in Los Angeles this week under the name California World's Fair, Inc.

The non-profit group will seek approval of a resolution supporting the project at the next session of the state legislature. A similar resolution was recently passed by the City Council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

If approved by the State, the fair group would then ask for Congressional backing. Final determination will be made by the Bureau of International Exhibitions. An area just east of Torrance has been considered strongly as the site for the fair.

COMPRISED of prominent state-wide leaders in industry, business, labor, agriculture, science and religion, the newly-formed corporation will serve as the fair's governing body.

CWFI officials told of plans for an international exposition surpassing any World's Fair in history at a meeting of the Downtown Business Men's Association of Los Angeles.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- More rational
- Presently
- Bring into harmony
- Wandered
- Man's nickname
- South American mammal
- Employ
- Synod for silver
- Punctuation marks
- Fasteners
- Hara legally
- Leaded property
- Set of articles
- Symbol for tantalum
- Large bird
- Pond
- Three-banded
- armadillo
- Trinker's product
- One who marries
- Boxed
- Memoranda
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- Set of articles

DOWN

- Produced
- Unit of currency
- Stained letter
- Hereditary
- Trated
- Colorful bird
- Water-cross stream
- Troopman
- Indian
- Pravola
- Short jacket
- Girl's name
- Honor
- Emmet
- Traced
- Indefinite article

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