

EDITORIALS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY... "He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out of their substance."—Declaration of Independence.

The Dope Law Battle

Wide scale arrests of suspected narcotics violators in the Southland last week end — in which more than 200 persons were arrested — once more points up the seriousness of the dope problem in this area. It is a threat to all Californians, a fact which apparently has not been recognized by many whose positions of trust call for them to stem such threats.

As one example, we might cite the state legislature. Although a number of individual legislators — particularly those from the Los Angeles area — have been working valiantly for strengthened laws as a weapon against the narcotics peddlers and suppliers, their efforts seem to be blocked at every turn by others in positions of power who either shrug off the pleas for new laws through indifference, or those who actively oppose such laws for varied reasons, mostly inspired by the fuzzy thinkers of our day.

Judging from the tremendous number of bills which go across the desks of California's editors, the members of the State Legislature are abnormally preoccupied with trivia. The lawmakers continue to busy themselves with laws ranging from petty to the ridiculous while ignoring the pressing problems of the day, seemingly as a mute tribute to the powers of a noisy minority. Californians have said they want stiff dope laws.

Our own area legislators have backed the Elks proposal to stiffen dope conviction laws, and have tried to push through laws which would free the hands of law enforcement agencies in their battle against the dope pusher.

For all of California, we hope they can win some support.

A Monopoly in Fact

Numerous Supreme Court decisions hold that monopoly is inherently bad public policy.

Monopoly-in-business is variously proscribed by our anti-trust laws. Legal watchdogs of the Justice Department are ever alert to roadblock corporate mergers which would not be monopolies, but by legal definition "tend to be monopolistic."

More monopolistic tendencies are viewed with suspicion when corporations are judged.

Yet, by some paradox of illogic, monopoly-in-labor arouses no alarm.

Consider the automotive industry. On the corporate side, we have the Big Three (General Motors, Ford, Chrysler) and the Little Two (American Motors, Studebaker-Packard) in the passenger car field.

Opposed to the Big Three and Little Two at any industry wage-hour bargaining table is the Gigantic One — the United Auto Workers Union.

Here is not a giant with "monopolistic tendencies," but a monopoly-in-fact.

This union, for all practical purposes, controls the labor market in the automotive industry.

Labor components constitute some 60 per cent of the cost of building a car.

Yet those who have a monopoly of the major cost-component of nearly all industrial production are exempt from the anti-trust laws which govern the suppliers of inanimate components, such as steel, rubber and copper.

Why is one monopoly malignant and the other benign? The great unions today are on an equal footing with the great corporations in power, wealth, and influence. No logical case can be made for special treatment of one over the other.

If monopoly, as the Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled, is inherently adverse to the public good, monopoly should be curbed wherever it develops, in Big Labor or Big Business.

Opinions of Others

The almighty dollar commands a lot of respect. But it doesn't go as far as politeness.—Cuero (Tex.) Record.

If we must have additional taxes to build roads, let's collect it locally where we can exercise some influence over how it's spent and where.—Grants (N.M.) Beacon.

A tax expert received a call from a woman who asked, "How much tax is due on \$75,000 income?" About \$41,180 not counting deductions, she was told. "Well, how about \$150,000?" she asked. The bill jumped to \$101,980. "Thanks for your help," said the caller. "I'm just deciding whether to buy one or two tickets on the Irish Sweepstakes."—Cripple Creek, (Colo.) Gold Rush.

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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★ Good ★ Adverse ★ Neutral

Dulles



More Special Tags In Times Gone By

A couple of weeks ago we said that before you are privileged to take your new car out on the highways, "a lot of law has to be observed." And we dwelt briefly on those provisions of the Vehicle Code relating to manufacturers and dealers, which are virtually identical so far as licensing is concerned.

From the factory or assembly plant, your car has to be delivered to a dealer. And this introduces another link in the chain of events leading to your possession of the car.

Before the dealer can deliver the car to you, he must receive it from the factory. Enter now the transporter. Like the manufacturer and dealer, the transporter must be licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The licensing procedure is the same for all three, with the exception that the transporter is not required to show an established place of business.

The fees are the same: Fifty dollars for investigation charges, plus \$8 for each set of special vehicle license plates. As in the case of the manufacturer and dealer, the applicant for a transporter's license is investigated as to financial stability and moral character.

The special transporter's license plates, like those of the manufacturer and dealer, are issued on an annual basis. They are easily identifiable by the capital letters TRP placed one above another, followed by four numerals. The numerals identify the license holder.

Also like the manufacturer and dealer, the transporter may transfer his special

plates from one vehicle to another. But here's the big difference: Whereas a dealer or manufacturer may use his plates for any purpose other than on a vehicle for hire, the transporter's use of special plates is restricted solely to the delivery of the vehicle to a dealer. Unlike the dealer, he can't go fishing in a car bearing transporter plates.

Many transporters engage in moving vehicles for sale from one state to another. For example, a transporter may have contracts to deliver cars from a plant in Texas to a dealer in California. So he obtains a California license, together with a set of special plates for each vehicle he may move across state lines. Forty-six of the states have reciprocity agreements honoring California transporter plates. Texas is one of them.

But in order to get the vehicles into California, the transporter must at least move across New Mexico and Arizona. And neither of those states will honor California transporter plates. One requires registration of caravanned vehicle, while the other issues caravan permits.

My Neighbors



In Years to Come

(An open letter to Mr. Kingsley)

Dear Mr. Kingsley, Thirty-five years ago, as you sat in the editor's chair, you saw big things ahead for Torrance. The coming of the railroad, utilities, and an oil firm had put Torrance on the map. As the years rolled by, you saw the fruits of your predictions. Industry came. People came. A progressive school system came. A prudent administration so wisely handled the sudden post-war expansion with its accompanying problems that could have taken years to unravel, that in recent years you saw this city win the title of ALL-AMERICA CITY.

Within the past month events have happened so rapidly, one wonders if 35 years ago you could have envisioned all these happenings taking place in even the space of a year. Three new schools opened early in February; within the past two weeks a gigantic department store opened an ultra-modern local branch that is bigger than many of the older downtown

chains; and Thursday a flying car landed at the local airport!

In thinking ahead now of Torrance 35 years from now, one realizes that at the pace we're going, some of our wilder predictions might be only five or ten years away. But to be conservative, let's say the following picture of Torrance is as it will be on March 1, 1994...

A quarter of a million persons live in that part of the giant megalopolis which stretches from San Francisco to the Mexican border known as Torrance. The children attend 75 elementary schools and 15 high schools.

Driving along the radar-beamed superhighways of the city in smog-free wheelless cars propelled by electronic beams is an industrial force whose leisure hours, (which take up more than half their walking hours) are spent at the various community recreation centers run by the city.

Hourly groups meet to hear

IN YEARS GONE BY

"Big money is coming to Torrance" predicted the editor of the TORRANCE HERALD in the issue of March 4, 1924, according to the files of 35 years ago. Lauding Torrance as a "vast industrial district," Editor Harold Kingsley advised readers, "Torrance has its second wind. It is going strong. There are great things in store for us. Now is the time to buy Torrance real estate. Buy before the rise. That is the way to make money."

Citing the coming of the Santa Fe railroad, the opening of offices of the gas company and electric company, and the coming of an oil company "with a string of filling stations," the editor foresaw promise of growth.

And as the editor envisioned a glowing future, the advertising columns also concerned themselves with "big money." In a half-page advertisement jointly undertaken by 8 realtors, investors were lured with the invitation, in bold face, "Want to Make Real Money?" hitting them with the three-fold appeal: "buy real estate intelligently; you can buy on easy terms; buy through a good realty firm."

Competing with local realtors for some of the money supposedly abounding in Torrance was a Riverside Tract which offered five, 10, and 15-acre rural tracts at \$150 per acre. Terms were available, too—10 per cent down and 1 per cent a month.

For those whose thoughts were less on investments and more concerned with tangible goods, the auto dealers were in there pitching. "Buy now"

stereophonic recorded concerts; develop pictures in the local camera club room; or play golf on one of the dozens of recreation-department golf courses.

Before leaving a meeting or work a housewife dials a special number on her push-button telephone and an IBM machine sees to it that the proper buttons are pushed on at the stove at home to start the family dinner.

The latest tract homes offer community hallports, pools, and subterranean parking garages for the persons residing in the dust-free electronically-controlled homes.

Vacationers are offered a choice of packaged tours to Venus or Pluto for a low down payment and "pay-as-you-go" terms. Wardrobes for the exotic resorts on several of the planets are described in the HERALD as "strictly out of this world."

Fascious? Perhaps. But one wonders if it will be an actuality in 35 years. Or would you guess be 25? —Ronnie Saunders

'The Singers' Plan Busy Year

Long time residents will remember Los Cancioneros, "The Singers," our community mixed chorus, as a group of men and women who have brought many fine moments of music to local audiences. Always striving for perfection, Los Cancioneros has achieved recognition in this and other communities as a "near professional" group.

This year the chorus is well-coming back, after a three-year leave of absence, its original director, Mrs. Thomas Mabin, who was an inspiration to the group in its early years. The degree of quality which she expected from the group meant hard work, but the members could be proud of the "end result."

Mrs. Mabin received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Occidental College, where she majored in music and later attended the University of Southern California where she was within a few short months of attaining her Master's Degree in Sacred Music when the third little Mabin girl, Marianne, put in an early arrival.

The Mabin family, and their two older daughters Melody, 12, and Kathryn, 11, who both attend Dapplegray School, make their home in Rolling Hills. Tom Mabin is also a valuable asset to Los Cancioneros, being a fine instrumentalist as well as his wife's "prize tenor."

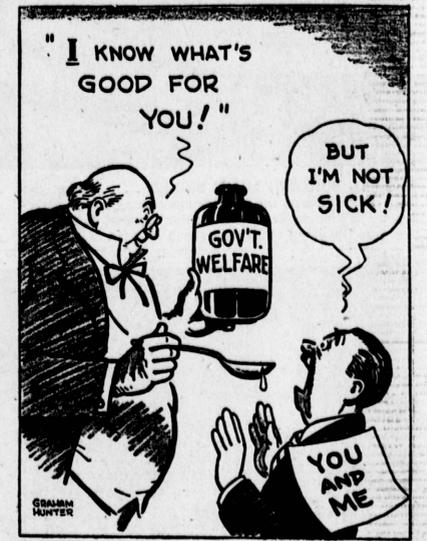


BARBARA MABIN ... Begins Another Season As Minister of Music at the

Palos Verdes Neighborhood church for seven years. Mrs. Mabin found all the activities a bit too much and made the decision to take a leave of absence from Los Cancioneros. The South Bay Music Workshop and Choral Conductor's Guild of California are two of her many outside interests.

This year, Los Cancioneros will again present its annual spring concert on May 22nd and 23rd at Redondo High School Auditorium. A challenge is necessary for any group to perform to capacity, and Mrs. Mabin selects music that is both stimulating for the chorus to perform and enjoyable for an audience to hear. Los Cancioneros will present a concert on March 17th for the Lunada Bay Parent Teacher's Assn., as the first performance of the spring season.

FORCED FEEDING



LAW IN ACTION

Heartbalm Cases

The marriage contract differs from others because of the public's basic stake in it. California law sets out who may marry, their age, physical examinations they must take, and how one enters into the marriage contract—with licenses, certificates, and ceremonies.

The law also sets out how death or divorce dissolves a marriage. The law controls many other things related to marriage such as community property and custody of children.

Up until 1939 in California, a woman could sue a man for breach of promise to marry, and recover damages, even for her injured feelings and pride. But California has long since ended civil suits for such things as "alienation of affections" and breach of promise.

Again, a woman with a good job bought things in expectation of marriage, and then quit her job. But, alas, as she proved in court, her betrothed never meant to marry her. She recovered damages for fraud.

California courts will still hear cases where a person has suffered real injury through fraud or deception, though the old heartbalm cases are over. Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Dry, as wine
- 2-Musical instrument
- 3-Baseball player in Hall of Fame
- 4-Baseball player in Hall of Fame
- 5-Trade for
- 6-Two-footed animals
- 7-Soft wood
- 8-Seed
- 9-Spanish article
- 10-Lawful
- 11-Plunders
- 12-Paid notice
- 13-Examination
- 14-Brilliance of display
- 15-21-Man's nickname
- 16-Drunk
- 17-Froced
- 18-Aged
- 19-Netting
- 20-English author called "Doomy"
- 21-Standing room only
- 22-Opera by Verdi
- 23-That is (abbr.)
- 24-Evil
- 25-That is (abbr.)
- 26-Inquiry
- 27-That is (abbr.)
- 28-Human soul
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- 1-Bishopric
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