

# EDITORIALS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY—If ever this state—or others starts leaning on federal aid for school purposes, it will do little good to attempt to teach the free enterprise system of life to pupils receiving their education under a socialistic program.—Holbrook, Ariz., Tribune News.

## A Story to Tell

The remarks made here last Tuesday by L. B. Worthington, president of the Columbia-Geneva Division of U. S. Steel, contain many thoughts which bear repeating over and over again to Americans.

He is properly concerned with the growing emphasis on a pre-selected equality which rules out appropriate rewards for excellence and distinguished achievement, and substitutes a system of equal rewards which can become a form of despotism in itself."

Mr. Worthington spoke out on a topic on which many Americans today have expressed concern, and one in which more Americans should be made aware.

We believe top leaders in industry, business, and education should speak to today's students at all levels on their beliefs.

We believe we should have men of Mr. Worthington's stature point out the things which have made America the great nation it is today—free enterprise, incentive, and top rewards for top performance.

Students of today who will be asked to carry on the American traditions tomorrow should get this information straight from the source—straight from the men who have made a lifelong study of our free enterprise system, and who understand the pitfalls of mediocrity in whatever phase of society it might appear.

There should still be a place in American society for hard work, sacrifice, and individual effort, men of Mr. Worthington's stature will tell students. It's a story they should hear.

## Opinions of Others

It is in character that a majority of our government school supporters will do almost anything in their power rather than permit private schools to flourish as they would. Consequently, they are about the business of increasing taxes and building new and bigger school buildings from dawn to dusk. And it is self-evident that if the American people are going to be robbed in advance by the tax collector, they will have less of their own substance to bestow upon a truly free and non-political school system.—South Boston (Va.) Halifax Gazette.

While dining at a local pub the other night a local woman came over to our table and told us that Editor Branan was hated for many of his editorials, but, she bless her, loved him and he should continue his fight. . . Is telling the truth a fight nowadays? Can't men speak from the shoulder without fear of being hated, banned, or banished? Freedom of man's thoughts is America's only asset to fame, and I certainly wouldn't let a few people change by ideas on that. —Burlington (Wisc.) Standard-Press.

As long as the public demonstrates casual indifference to new taxes, the lawmakers can saddle us with any taxes they see fit to levy.—Port Huron (Mich.) Times Herald.

## Special Advisor



RAMBLINGS by Ronnie Saunders

## Viewpoint of a Newcomer

With the HERALD today inaugurating its column about newcomers, I can't help but think back to my own impressions of Torrance—not so very long ago—when I too was a "newcomer."

Having rented a hillside home at the height of the rainy season, one of my first impressions of Torrance had to do with rain. Rainy weather meant being confined indoors a great deal of time; shoveling buckets full of dirt back into the eroded front yard every time it was possible to go out again; and re-routing the family car to the flooded low areas every time we needed food.

When one is new and house-bound by rain, it isn't easy to become acquainted with either the community or the people in it. And when all the unpacking and settling down that follows a move is over, I'll confess I did begin to wonder if the sun ever shone over Torrance.

It was just about this time of year that I first saw the sun over Torrance. Shortly after finishing breakfast in a sun-flooded kitchen, on a morning

late in March the phone rang, and one of the few persons I'd met between rainstorms called to ask if I'd like a tour of the community.

And on that gorgeous sunny day in the car of a new friend sandwiched in between two tiny boys, I had my first glimpse of Torrance, and was ripe for falling in love with the place. We drove through the palm-lined streets of the downtown residential area past the oil fields that now serve as a parking lot for a glamorous department store, headed towards the ocean.

I caught my breath when I saw Torrance Beach for the first time. The beauty of the empty sands spread below the craggy cliffs, with the shoreline curving gently towards the Arabic-looking white castle known as the Riviera Club (now gone) on one side; and towards the sweeping arm of the Palos Verdes peninsula with its hillside white houses and their red tile roofs on the other side was like something out of a story-book.

After leaving the beach, we took the two boys to the Walt Erie section to show them the

color-splashed assortment of birds at the pet shop and the monkey that naps on an office shelf.

We arrived back at the house early in the afternoon; and for the first time I saw the view from my own back yard. Spread below our hilltop perch were the homes of Torrance, lining the sloping streets like toy houses beneath toy trees.

We watched the tiny cars coming and going on several streets simultaneously, and felt a special thrill at being able to see all of it at once. Beyond the hills and houses and cars we saw the limest trace of ocean where the city met the sea at the horizon on the western edge of our vista. And past the green carpet of golf course to the right (Sea Aire) and the school yard in the foreground (the Seaside), we could see the spindly towers of the oil derricks on the eastern horizon.

And at that moment, when for the first time I really opened my eyes to Torrance, I fell in love with the city. But that was long ago; and I am no longer a newcomer. You see that was LAST YEAR!

## In Years Gone By

Schools were top news in Torrance 25 years ago today. According to the HERALD files of March 22, 1934, voters a quarter of a century ago were not as farsighted when it came to dipping into their pockets for education funds as the voters here have been during the past decade.

A \$20,000,000 bond issue to rehabilitate schools in the Torrance-Lomita area which had been damaged in an earthquake the previous year failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority, despite the fact that voters in the Torrance portion of the district approved the bond issue by a three-and-one-half-to-one majority.

Despite the failure to receive the necessary Lomita votes, school board officials planned to dip into an \$11,000,000 reserve from a previous bond issue in order to strengthen and repair elementary and high school classrooms that had been weakened by the earthquake. Civic leaders also planned to ask the school board to build a high school auditorium as there were no large gathering places for any sort of public meetings here 25 years ago.

With elections to fill five vacancies in municipal offices slated to be held three weeks later, over 20 candidates had filed petitions to run for office, and a colorful campaign began with former political friendships being rapidly broken and new alliances formed overnight. Crux of the disagreements among the political hopefuls was purchase of the water company at a price in excess of that previously offered by the city.

Owners of the Marcelina Ave. property on which the government planned to build a post office agreed that week to sell the site—comprised of three lots—to the government for \$7100.

Fun-seekers twenty-five years ago today were offered an evening of dinner, dancing, fishing and boating for the total price of \$1 (steak or chicken only) at Harlow's Lake Club and Cafe. The theatre-going crowd had a good bill of entertainment in store, with Claudette Colbert's "It Happened One Night," scheduled to open that Sunday, and "The Cat and the Fiddle," starring Ramon Navarro and Jeanette MacDonald, due in town on Tuesday. Also coming up on the movie screen was Constance Bennett in "Moulin Rouge."

## LAW IN ACTION

### Sidewalk Injuries

The courts have held cities responsible for personal injuries resulting from improper up-keep, faulty construction, or failure to make repairs on sidewalks.

As a claimant you must file your claim with the city for such injuries before any law suit can begin, and very soon after you get hurt.

You may have to pay the city for any repairs on your sidewalk, but as a rule the pedestrian may not hold you responsible for your failure to make repairs.

In one case a pedestrian fell in a hole in the sidewalk and sued for damages. The city had told the land owner to repair the sidewalk but he had not. The court held the city could charge the owner for repairs, but this did not make him liable to the pedestrian.

But there are times when the land owner may be liable when he fails to use due care in protecting sidewalk users. For example, he may spill oil on the sidewalk, drop tools

## THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

# The Perils of Dope Explored

Winners in the annual essay contest sponsored by the Torrance Elks Lodge have been selected after judging of essays prepared on the topic, "The Terrible Effects of Narcotics." John Butterfield, who attends Newton Elementary School, will receive a \$50 bond; second place winner, Lenora Calitri, of Torrance High, will receive a \$25 bond.

We are giving them this space today in the belief that these students have a potent message to tell.

JOHN BUTTERFIELD  
Newton School

Narcotics are very useful if they are used right. Narcotics are used to relieve pain. They are often used to calm nerves. The users or the people who take narcotics or "dope" so that they have the habit are usually teenagers who want to get a "kick."

The addicts usually start with marijuana. This is often in the form of a cigaret. This is not habit forming. Later, the user meets a dope peddler who gives him a "free" sample of "H" or heroin.

After he takes this sample, he needs more. He finds the seller and asks for some more free samples. But he does not get any more unless he buys it or gets another person to accept a free sample.

This goes on and on until he dies or gets sent to a sanitarium.

To get this "dope" he must have money. If he has a 5-cap-a-day habit, it costs 10 to 15 dollars a day. If the addict does not have 15 dollars a day, he must get it some way. If he must steal, he will. Dope can make an average person a robber or a killer.

Addicts will do anything for a "fix." If they don't get one, they will feel bad. Their heads will burn and they would feel like dying.

This crime of using "dope" is bad for any town. It is one of the major problems of the United States today.

### PART II

The dope peddler is also a great threat to the teenager. The peddler gets his H or M or even marijuana from big dope rings. He gets it for cheap prices and sells it for large sums of money.

When the dope peddler finds a person willing to take a "free sample" of Heroin, he usually has him hooked. Heroin looks like sugar. Some peddlers mix sugar with it to make it last longer. After a peddler gets a person hooked, he can charge any price he wants to give him the "watered-down" dope. There are many dope peddlers in the United States.

The community should make more and stiffer punishments for the peddler. Until the people demand that something be done to stop the selling of dope to teenagers, this problem will go on and on and be a major cause in crimes among the young people in our country.

LENORA CALITRI  
Torrance High School

What do we really mean by the expression "terrible effects"? Think about this for a moment. The word terrible means more than bad, it means: frightening, dreadful, unbelievable effects of narcotics. If narcotics catch a school in its clutches, it may never escape.

Narcotics ruin the good name that the school has taken years to make for itself in just the snap of your finger. It takes away special privileges and rights of a democratic school. Narcotics can make a bad name for the students and teachers who attend the school, even if they are not in contact with the wrong doing.

Many scholarships were

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been lost because of narcotics. There are no students under the influence of narcotics, whom are mentally alert.

When a parent goes to enroll his child in a school, he takes time to look back on the past history of this school. He looks for the kind of reputation and social standing it has. They know if a school has been afflicted with narcotics, it can always happen again, no matter how long it had been since it was destroyed from the school. Parents don't want their children caught in the vice of narcotics, for they know they will never be freed from it, except by long, medical care.

Sports are very important to a school because it helps their social standing and they make new friends. If they are mentioned to have had a narcotics ring at their school, people are not likely to look up at them and give them medals and honors. Other schools are not interested in competition with these schools.

One thing leads to another. It has been written that "most individuals who become addicted to a drug, do so in part at least because of emotional instability." When you get involved with drugs you steal, cheat, and lie to get more. This really makes a bad reputation for you as well as the school.

Just as you have to destroy germs with a vaccine, you also have to build up something to repel the use of narcotics, in the schools as well as in the home and community.

Do you truly believe that any able, experienced teacher wants to instruct in questionable surroundings? They want morally, physically, and alert young students able to concentrate and advance from year to year.

The love of a mother for her child is no stronger than a student's pride in his school. If narcotics enter a school it will have this bad reputation for as long as the school is standing.

Now, do you know what I mean by the phrase "terrible effects?"

Help keep your school banners flying—high, by stopping the use of narcotics. Think it over, carefully, and you will find that it makes a lot of sense—to think.

JOANNE BONE  
Torrance High School

Our country is composed of individuals. What each of us does raises or lowers our country accordingly. The use of narcotics produces a devastating effect on the individual and, therefore, the country as a whole.

The habitual use of narcotics produces such a craving that an addict will go to

any means of securing the drug. An addict cannot take or leave it as he chooses, for after the effects of a dose subside, he suffers terrible physical pain.

There are many addictive drugs: morphine, heroin, and cocaine which are derived from opium. These opiates quiet and reduce awareness of pain. They are not the direct cause of crimes committed by addicts. Marijuana, being an exciting drug, is often the direct cause of crimes committed by its addicts.

The direct results of all narcotics are mental deterioration, the effect of an extreme craving for the drug. Addiction to opiates results in complete mental and physical deterioration. Almost from the beginning of addiction, the addict is lost to society. Crimes committed by opium addicts represent the indirect results of the craving for the drug. The addict loses all sense of obligation; he is left incapable of work or any legitimate means of livelihood.

Marihuana is an exciting drug and is therefore, the direct cause of crimes. While its habit leads to physical and mental wreckage, its effect upon character and morality are even more degenerate. Prolonged addiction often develops a delirious rage which culminates in crimes, such as assault and murder. Addiction to marihuana may lead to insanity. The marihuana addict steals without scruple; he becomes completely untrustworthy and drifts into the underworld where he may commit serious crimes. Marihuana produces a lust to kill, unreasonably and without motive. Many cases of murder, assault, robbery, and rape are directly traced to marihuana. Natural inclinations become completely abnormal, and uncontrollable passions often result in the most revolting crimes. No act is too fantastic to a marihuana user.

The excruciating pain caused by the use of narcotics is the reason that dope is an effective weapon of the underworld for the enslavement of youth. Dope is also an underlying cause of prostitution.

The effects of narcotics have resulted in crimes of all types, which, direct or indirect, are devastating to the country and to each individual, whether an addict or not.

Addiction to narcotics vitiates in numerous ways, physically, mentally, spiritually, and economically. It is a serious problem that concerns everyone in our country and throughout the world. Measures must be taken to halt this "procureur of evil" that has already caused so much damage and ruined so many lives.

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### STAR GAZER

By CLAY K. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

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

ARIES	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Taurus	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Gemini	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Cancer	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Leo	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Virgo	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Libra	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Scorpio	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sagittarius	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Capricorn	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Aquarius	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Pisces	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Sink in middle
- 4-County of Europe
- 9-Wenken
- 12-Kind of healing (abbr.)
- 13-Spanish for "father"
- 14-Baker's product
- 18-Containing the atom
- 17-Possessive
- 19-Vase
- 20-Move about
- 21-Written
- 22-Symbol for rutherfordium
- 24-Holds on property
- 27-Aged
- 28-Part of body
- 30-Continent
- 31-Preparation
- 32-Quintum
- 33-Symbol for scandium
- 34-Animation
- 35-Thick clay
- 38-Obscure
- 39-Trap
- 41-Parce
- 42-Intelligence
- 43-Jamag
- 45-Kind of cloth
- 46-Greyman person
- 48-Der
- 51-Time gone by
- 52-Jules
- 54-Fall behind
- 55-Measure of weight
- 56-Listened to
- 57-Unit of energy

DOWN

- 1-Ocean
- 2-River island
- 3-Turk
- 4-Mooclas
- 5-Mocasin
- 6-Paid notice
- 7-Metal
- 8-Stairway
- 9-Heavy nails
- 10-Scottish for "own"
- 11-Wooden pin
- 14-Title of respect (abbr.)
- 18-Swimmer
- 20-Act of sucking
- 21-Boiler of water
- 22-Pairlike
- 23-Rivier
- 25-Capital of Oregon
- 26-Greek letter
- 29-Variety of cabbage
- 32-Earn
- 33-Note of scale
- 36-Kind of hawk
- 38-Seat for rider on horseback
- 40-Man's name
- 42-Possessed
- 44-Great Lake
- 45-Pasteboard
- 46-Rodent
- 47-The self on horseback
- 48-Through
- 49-Mally
- 50-Gibbon
- 53-Urge on
- 54-District Attorney (abbr.)