

EDITORIALS

The Torrance Float

Torrance's entry in the Tournament of Roses last Wednesday—conceived and constructed on the shortest of notices—was a credit to the city and to the world-famous Pasadena event in the opinion of the throngs who viewed the colorful spectacle.

Entering the parade with slightly more than month's notice was a difficult task and one which should not befall the city again, now that it is on the parade list.

Credit for the city's fine response to the last-minute invitation to enter the tournament goes to a large group of people—to the Chamber of Commerce for undertaking the fund-raising phase of the project under the Chairmanship of George Bradford; to the large crew of volunteers who spent long hours putting flowers on the float under the direction of Mrs. Victor E. Benstead Jr., and to the many contributors to the fund which financed the city's first float in many years.

Torrance's Tournament of Roses Float Assn. has been formed and should be a continuing organization throughout the coming years with interested citizens assuring a working fund for the entries of coming years. The time to start is now—we are sure the many persons connected with this year's entry would not want to go through another 30-day blitz again this fall.

A New Problem

Torrance will gain a new high school tomorrow with the opening of South High on Pacific Coast Hwy. at Calle Mayor—and it will also gain a new headache.

Location of the new high school on a major U. S. Highway presents a traffic problem which is accentuated by the total absence of traffic control signals in the area.

Police will be on hand during the time students are crossing the busy highway, and signals for the intersection of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Calle Mayor are scheduled to be installed in the immediate future. The new signals will offer considerable protection, but it is always perilous for students to cross a busy highway, signals notwithstanding.

School officials have sought installation of an overhead crossing, which would eliminate the highway hazard. Such a solution to the traffic problems brought on by the new school sound reasonable and should receive the most serious consideration by state and other officials concerned.

A Second Look

The decline in new polio cases in 1957 was truly one of the year's greatest blessings. But while we're saying "hat's a picture. Is it really over? Can we now sit back and say "goodbye" to one of the most dread, costly and tragic of all diseases?" to the Salk vaccine, let's take a closer look at the polio human diseases?

Tens of thousands of disabled polio patients know better. And so do March of Dimes volunteers now conducting the annual fund drive here and throughout the county. They can show you how visible polio is on the national scene.

The volunteers will tell you about the 57,800 polio patients who needed care and rehabilitation in 1957. That took \$21,700,000 in March of Dimes funds. What is especially significant is that only 4,800 of them contracted polio last year. The rest—53,000—were victims of former years who still needed help. They'll need help this year too, many of them. The March of Dimes has allocated \$21,100,000 for their care and rehabilitation.

The March of Dimes continues to carry on its important role in serving humanity. The success of its current campaign will be measured in the success stories of polio's remaining victims—those who have not only survived the disease but are learning to live worthwhile lives again. The March of Dimes deserves all-out support.

LAW IN ACTION

Before the Trial

Civil lawsuits start when a "plaintiff" files a complaint with a court clerk.

The "defendant" may challenge the plaintiff in a "demurrer," denying for example, that the deeds complained of—though possibly true—are legal wrongs. He has a perfect right to do them.

Or the defendant may file an answer. It may deny some or all of what the plaintiff contends. For instance, in an automobile damage suit the defendant may say that he did not cause the accident, or that he could not avoid it, or that the plaintiff himself is to blame for it, wholly or in part.

Pleadings can get complex. The defendant, instead of merely denying things, may himself sue the plaintiff for damages in a "cross complaint," claiming the plaintiff was to blame. And again, the plaintiff may in turn answer the cross complaint to his first complaint.

About this time much of the skirmishing is done, and the parties go before a judge for a pre-trial conference. There they seek to simplify questions of fact which a trial would answer. To save time the two parties may agree to many facts which they otherwise would have to prove. Where they cannot agree, either party can demand that pertinent facts—witnesses'

testimony, documents and records—be handed over. In fact, the judge can order either side to produce facts before trial under our new "discovery" procedures.

Such pre-trial and discovery moves tend to bring about settlements and avoid trials. If the cases go to trial, the number of questions to be answered or facts to be proved tend to be reduced, and the trial is accordingly shortened.

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Activity On The Launching Pad



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Man Picked for Moon Trip

Dear Ann: You do not deal in scientific problems, I know. But I'm interested in learning if the United States Missile Department has asked for volunteers to go up in our first satellites. I would like to nominate my husband.

He is 38 years of age and has not been able to live peacefully with a single human on this earth. Perhaps he'd fit in better on another planet. Or maybe there is someone on the moon he can get along with.

My husband thinks women were made to wait on men and give them pleasure. Children, to him, are noisy brats who should be slapped down the moment they show any spirit. Relatives are all insane. A man's salary is his alone, to spend as he sees fit. Everyone is crooked and out to "get" him. In short, he thinks the world is no darned good.

If the government will take him, I'd be glad to let him go.—Mrs. G.L.

Dear Mrs. G. L.: Thanks for your remarkable patriotism. Your husband sounds as if he's already out of this world.

Any guy who has so many cockeyed notions in one head (he DOES have one head, doesn't he?) is sick, sick, sick. I don't think he could stand the trip. And Dear Readers, if the "Spouse-nik" ever becomes a reality, remember, you read it here FIRST!

Dear Ann: Maybe you'll tell me I'm immature. At any rate, I'm going to tap you for some advice and hope you'll deliver.

I don't like fat women—never could stand 'em. Maybe it all goes back to my maiden aunt who weighed 230 pounds and bossed the whole family. She was my mother's sister and everyone feared her sharp tongue and ugly disposition.

I've met a girl who is intelligent, charming AND interested.

She's not exactly fat, but very large boned, and if she turns out like her mother, she'll be about the size of my miserable aunt. Whenever I find myself thinking seriously of her, the comparison always looms up. If you've got any ideas on this subject I'd like to hear them.—Ralph.

Remember, Ralph, when you ask for this girl's hand, you have to take the rest of her, too. You aren't childish; you're wise to look at a girl in terms of what she may be 10 years from today. If more people viewed marriage with an eye to the future, the divorce courts wouldn't be doing such a land-office business.

If you habitually identify this girl with your miserable aunt (for whatever reason) it could ruin the marriage. Some men don't care if their wives look like fire hydrants, they love 'em madly—and

this is fine. But since your girl seems to be a reminder of someone you detest, it could be a risky marriage through no fault of HERS, but rather yours.

Dear Ann: I was given the honor to speak for our troubled group of four. We all have the same problem and hope you can help us.

A certain guy in our crowd is a nice fellow but he has one fault. He borrows small amounts of money and forgets to pay us back. We've all been nicked at one time or another. It's embarrassing to ask this mooch to return the money he borrowed six months ago.

Some of us think we should ask his parents to square the debts. They are not poor peo-

ple. In fact, far from it. What do you say?—The Suckers.

Why not consider yourselves "The Former Suckers" and let it go at that? Sometimes it takes a lesson to learn, and you've had it.

Going to his parents is out. Why bother them? They didn't borrow the money. Simply tell the dead-beat that his credit rating has hit bottom, and from now on the answer is no.

Confidentially: Whip-Poor-Will: This isn't marriage—it's armed neutrality. I suggest separate roofs.

(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) 1958, Field Enterprises, Inc.

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Upturn Seen by Midsummer

Business, buffeted by a bad case of fourth-quarter jitters, enters a new year with a near-term outlook dimmer than any of the last four. But 1958 still holds plenty of signs of optimism.

The current "slide"—some call it a "shakeout," some see it as a genuine recession—has much in common with 1953-54. Then the Federal Reserve production index dropped 14 points in 15 months to 123. For 1957's first 11 months, the index fell eight points to 139, and the experts agree it's still dropping. Unemployment in 53-54 hit a high of 3.7 million. It is now 3.2 million and may go to 3.6 million.

Impetus for the recovery started late in 1954, as then-lagging auto sales began spiraling toward the all-time high of 7,200,000 set in 1955. Home building also took off toward the record 1,328,000 housing starts that the industry set in '55.

Neither of the bellwether industries—auto or housing—is at this point hopeful of breaking recovery year 1955's peaks, but most experts agree that by mid-1958 the outlook will be a lot more cheerful than it is at the moment.

BRIGHTER—There are those who, even in a record year, will say that business could be better, and the average businessman hates to admit that he is satisfied with the status quo. However, it is heartening at this time to note an industry that anticipates a 1958 wherein sales volume will be close to 1957.

The Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn. sees in official forecasts of 1.1 million housing starts valued at \$17 million and another \$15 million worth of home improvement projects a "basis for enthusiasm." Domestic gas range sales, for example, should approximate the 1957 mark of 1.9 million units, with a whopping 19 per cent increase in sales of built-in units more than compensating for an anticipated 1.5 per cent decrease in free-standing models.

The demand for bigger new homes and the expansion of existing homes, as American families grow in size and numbers, is reflected in the industry's forecasts of a 1.2 per cent rise in automatic gas water heater sales—and an 11.2 per cent rise in sales of 40-gallon-and-over heaters, as multi-bath homes call for more hot water and improved laundry facilities. Gas central heating equipment sales, according to GAMA's 1958 forecast, should top the million-unit mark, which would be a 2 percent increase over 1957.

THINGS TO COME—A cellular concrete, so light it actually floats and can be sawed, chopped with an axe and chiseled into a multiplicity of shapes, has been developed as a multi-purpose building material. . . . A shatterproof metal and plastic window comes preassembled, requires almost no maintenance. . . . For the man who has everything, there's an 18-carat solid gold lawn sprinkler for \$12,500—made only on special order, obviously. A cheaper model in aluminum retails for \$12.95.

GROWING PAINS—New-family formations and larger families generally gave the melamine dinnerware industry "growing pains" in 1957. When the industry totals up the year's results, it will have hit an all-time sales peak in excess of \$70 million, up 16 per cent from the 1956 volume.

An even better 1958 is anticipated by the Melamine Council, the trade association of 24 melamine dinnerware molders in the United States and Canada. Suppliers of raw material and the molders who convert it into dinnerware have been alert to the growing demand which is expected to double their sales by 1960. They have been following a consistent program of reinvestment in plant and equipment. Several new molder factories will go into production in 1958, and a major expansion of a molding compound plant is expected to be substantially com-

pleted before the year is out. Although the industry is barely eight years old, trade authorities estimate that 25 per cent of all dinnerware sold in this country is now made of melamine. The majority of users are young marrieds in the 24-30 group—a bracket that accounts for 82.2 per cent of all consumer purchases.

EASY MONEY—The venerable Wall Street Journal never opens its news or advertising columns to get-rich-quick schemes, so it was quite a surprise to open the paper to the editorial page and be greeted with a "How to Retire on an Assured Income."

Having studied Agriculture Secretary Benson's proposed new version of the soil bank plan, the Journal editors advise readers—facetiously, of course—to rush right out and buy a farm and immediately put the whole thing out of business. If you promise not to grow anything anyone can eat or wear, Uncle Sam will rent the farm, kit and caboodle, with a firm ten-year lease. Furthermore, Uncle will pay up to 80 per cent of the cost of planting trees on your land.

Then all you do is sit on the front porch, enjoy your current income and listen to the trees grow up laden with capital gains.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Auto dealers' stocks of left-over 1957 models totaled 90,000 at the beginning of December; a year ago, the 1956 models were almost all gone by that time. . . . Some 1500 of the 9000 employees in the stainless steel tableware industry are idle as imports of competitive Japanese utensils currently account for 41 per cent of the U.S. market against 4.5 per cent in 1953. . . . American and Canadian companies increased the compensation paid to their top executives by an average of 5.1 per cent last year, compared with a 5.9 per cent increase the previous year, the American Management Assn. reports.

and I Quote . . .

Beside everyone through life moves the image of a past potentiality, the thing he could have become had he held along another course.—George A. Hibbard.

No man is good enough to govern another man without the other's consent.—Lincoln.

He is not laughed at that laughs at himself first.—Thomas Fuller.

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.—Thomas Jefferson.

No brain is stronger than its weakest think.—Tom Mason.

Many a true word is spoken through false teeth.—Joseph Bayoregon.

"The saddest thing about a woman with a mind of her own is her husband."—Warren Hull.

"Hope is unwinding a piece of knotted string you suspect won't be long enough anyway."—Frances Rodman.

"If you think children do not know the value of money, try giving one a nickel."—Joe W. Berry.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Are We Glad We Did It?

The teen-age heads which sport the latest in bush-styled haircuts got bopped with a gavel last week as a Long Beach municipal judge ordered one hepcat to have the barber shear off the long strands and shave the sideburns.

The judge was no doubt silently applauded by many parents who would like to be able to put on judicial robes and order their offspring to "cut 'er off."

A few years ago, many moms were gazing with horror at the nearly bald effect of the GI haircut. In the intervening years, however, women's skirts have lengthened and to compensate, the mere male has lengthened his hair, or at least the younger males have.

The same moms who were horrified to see Junior's golden curls fall victim to the barber's shears are today wishing the barber would do his worst on some of the ducktails which flourish atop teen-age domes.

The "butch," say they, was at least neat and there wasn't enough of it to get messed up. When a strong wind blows, the ducktail is likely to look something like a dried-out mop or an isolated clump of jungle grass.

One of the leaders in making "long-hair" a respectable word among the younger set is one of the heppiest cats around—Elvis Presley.

The Long Beach judge who ordered the hopster to shave off his crowning glory felt that there was some relation between juvenile delinquency and long hair.

To be sure, many of the bad boys do wear their hair in assorted styles of bushiness, but so do many of the non-delinquent variety. It's a fad which is gaining respectability. It's hard to imagine President Eisenhower or Billy Graham wearing a duck-tail haircut, but it isn't beyond the realm of possibility that some future president or religious leader may sport a bush something similar. (Just take a gander at a picture of President Chester Alan Arthur if you think teen-age styles are so bad.)

Nonetheless, it's true that appearance makes the person. Teen-agers in formal attire behave more sedately than those in blue jeans and sweaters. This is partly through necessity, due to the limitations of a skirt or a pair of freshly cleaned slacks.

Why do teen-age boys have their locks sheared in such a peculiar way (to us anyway)?

For one thing, it makes them stand out like a sore thumb. Their shimmering locks become conversation pieces and it gives them an identity and importance in their own little world. Once the fad becomes popular, the leaders move on to something else.

Today, perhaps more than ever before, teen-agers have developed their own culture. Advertisers have discovered a tremendous market and are beaming their commercials that way. Frantic psychologists have tried to isolate the characteristics of the teen-ager so that it can be understood and shaped scientifically.

Not so long ago, a teen-ager was neither a child nor an adult, but something in between. He was, however, preparing to be an adult and tried to act like he was, with many childish antics thrown in en route.

Today, we have, by common consent, the teen-age phase, in which teen-agers have a sense of their own importance and are encouraged to enjoy a kind of twilight zone between childhood and adulthood. The result is fads like the bushy haircuts and hot rods.

We did it. Are we glad?

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.

ARIES MAR 22	1 Speak	31 Support	61 Year
APR 20	2 Present	32 Present	62 Of
15-17-23-26	3 Don't	33 People	63 The
43-49-85-88	4 Keep	34 Too	64 Side
TAURUS APR 21	5 Intentional	35 Plans	65 Ideas
2-9-28-31	6 Give	36 Hoarding	66 Meet
7-25-53	7 Those	37 Under	67 Today
GEMINI MAY 22	8 Up	38 Issues	68 An
10 Private	9 You	39 Are	69 Improve
11 See	10 That	40 Resentment	70 Interesting
12 Work	11 See	41 Your	71 Way
13 On	12 Work	42 Are	72 Hand
14 That	13 On	43 Confidences	73 Now
15 Be	14 That	44 Steady	74 Hat
16 Out	15 Be	45 Your	75 Be
17 Cautious	16 Out	46 Easily	76 Person
18 Financial	17 Cautious	47 Reassuring	77 To
19 Frankly	18 Financial	48 Wonders	78 Your
20 Folks	19 Frankly	49 To	79 Future
21 Post	20 Folks	50 Crystal	80 Attainments
22 Two	21 Post	51 Need	81 The
23 Of	22 Two	52 The	82 Situation
24 Ideal	23 Of	53 Requests	83 Environments
25 Heads	24 Ideal	54 Number	84 Now
26 Disclosing	25 Heads	55 Clear	85 At
27 Double	26 Disclosing	56 Successes	86 Church
28 Need	27 Double	57 You	87 Doubtful
29 May	28 Need	58 On	88 Persons
30 To	29 May	59 May	89 Firm
31 To	30 To	60 Open	90 Resolute

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