

EDITORIALS

Aid to Education

The oak leaf worn by honorary life members of the California Congress of Parents and Teachers symbolizes the special recognition conferred upon individuals for outstanding service to children and youth.

The oak leaf, however, is only a symbol of the great work that is being done throughout California on behalf of honorary life members.

Since 1925, the California PTA has loaned money to high school graduates in an effort to stimulate education. Money was appropriated from the general fund of the organization for the first two years, but in 1927 the life membership plan was adopted and a fee of \$25 set for such membership — the money earmarked for the loan and scholarship fund.

How the fund has been developed is shown by the 1957-58 budget of the state PTA which shows an allocation of \$137,500 for the student loan fund. In addition to this, \$39,950 has been allocated for scholarships and fellowships, and a \$5000 reserve set up.

During the past few days in Torrance, local PTA units have been commencing the founding of their organization by the selection of outstanding members to receive life membership honors. About 50 such life members will be named in Torrance before the end of this month—and 50 time \$25 adds up to a healthy contribution to the funds available to students who are seeking an education and need financial help.

The PTAs are practicing one of America's basic rights, that of helping yourself get the job done. It is an example which might well be followed by others.

Brotherhood Week

Nationwide observance of Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, opens today with President Eisenhower as honorary chairman.

Theme for the 1958 observance is Brotherhood for Peace and Freedom—Believe It!—Live It!—Support It!—that people shall live as one family of man.

The continuing need to renew our devotion to the American ideal of brotherhood is evidenced by the events of the past year. Forces of discrimination at play among the peoples of the nation have pointed up the fact that there are times when Americans fail to measure up to the principles of freedom which have made America a great nation.

It is not in the arena of world affairs that the stress of brotherhood must start, but it must be in the daily contacts of man with man at all levels of humanity.

Only by observance of the principles of brotherhood by each individual can the nation properly point to itself as the fountainhead of moral force.

It is up to us—not the "other fellow."

Opinions of Others

A change in political administration has not made much headway against the assault on privately owned power and light companies nor socialized medicine, to name two areas. Either one, if we are to accept the socialistic trend, would jeopardize other facets of the American way and require more controls rather than fewer controls.—Burlingame (Kans.) Enterprise-Chronicle.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

All We Can Do Is Watch and Wait

Where do we go from here?

The state of the American economy has been a source of concern to many Torrance residents, according to phone calls received at the HERALD during the past few weeks.

I have talked to several people who were either out of jobs or seriously concerned about the future. They wanted me to tell them what was going to happen, and much as I would have liked to say that everything was all right, I could not.

Economics was my worst subject in college, but I see that even the economists do not agree on what's going to happen. We'll just have to wait and see.

One woman theorized that

"under the Democrats we have wars and under the Republicans we have depressions, which is a pretty horrible choice."

"It's all well and good for the government leaders to tell us that things are going to pick up in a few months, but how are we supposed to feed our kids in the meantime?" asked another.

Others reported that they had sold their homes or furniture, or had them repossessed. Some hadn't suffered yet, but were frightened about the future.

Memories of 1929 are far too recent not to frighten many people.

"They tell us to have confidence," one caller declared,

"But it doesn't fill my stomach very well."

Confidence, of course, is badly needed.

A guy who doesn't have confidence in the future isn't going to buy a new car or icebox, won't invest in expensive repairs on his house, and won't go out for dinner or an evening on the town.

This man's lack of confidence is going to affect the people who work in these other businesses, with the result that autoworkers, icebox makers, carpenters, and waiters will be laid off.

They in turn will buy less and pretty soon grocery clerks, clothing store clerks, garage men, and other workers will be laid off.

The whole thing seems like a row of dominoes. What ever happened to the confidence that we had a year ago?

What seems ironical is that while some people are being laid off, other workers are getting higher wages. There are some who feel the slump intensely and some who feel it not at all.

It is the people who do not feel it who can be far more confident than those who are out of work.

Unfortunately, economics cannot be as scientific as medicine for instance, in which a doctor can examine a patient and prescribe a cure with a pretty high degree of accuracy.

An airplane may have a million parts, all of which must function if the plane is to fly. Any faulty parts can be replaced. The economy, however, has many parts, all of which are not needed for it to work smoothly.

When it starts to skid, it is hard to find out just which parts or combination of parts are most at fault. And when it starts to work again, it often is very difficult to know why.

But while the economy is in a "temporary slump" readjustment, "recession," "depression," or whatever you want to call it, four or five million people are anxiously studying the financial reports and the newspaper want ads.

All they can do is watch and wait—and hope.

Three On The Honeymoon



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Be a Good Egg and Scram

Dear Ann: Why are you so stubborn about getting people together through your column? In my opinion you could do an awful lot of good if you weren't so stuffy.

Several times you've printed letters from women who sound intelligent and interesting. I'd like very much to get in touch with some of them.

The one who signed herself "ALL WOMAN" appealed to me. She was looking for a respectable man who liked the simple things in life. Well, that's for me, Ann.

I've had three marriage flops and now I know the score and I want to settle down. All I need is a good woman by my side and everything will be rosy. This is the fourth time I've written to you. Why don't you be a good egg and help.—The Turk.

Dear Turk: And why don't YOU be a good egg and get lost?

It's strictly against the policy of this column to put one reader in touch with another for any reason whatever.

Strangers can be dangerous, and sometimes the "nicer" they sound, the more dangerous they can be. I want no part of match-making or friend-finding.

You say you've had three marriage flops and now, if ONLY you had a good woman by your side, everything would be rosy? This is SOME recommendation. Buster. Find Rosy on your own.

Dear Ann: My sister-in-law is the type who can't stand to see anyone have nice things. She has to go out and buy the same, or something better. My brother will probably wind up in the poorhouse on account of her.

Last week I bought new drapes and had two chairs upholstered. The old drapes were sun-split and faded and the chairs were shabby.

Her drapes are in excellent condition; in fact, they are only two years old. But the minute she saw mine, she asked where I got them and how much they cost (another habit I hate)! She asked if I'd object if she got drapes

like mine, and I said it would be all right, although I was boiling mad inside.

Should I have said "NO" and risked having her mad at me? I want this advice for next time because I know I'll have this same problem as soon as I buy new rugs.—Kit.

Imitation is said to be the most sincere form of flattery, but if you would prefer not to be "flattered" why don't you say so?

She may continue to copy your ideas, but pretending that you don't mind, and boiling inside, is unhealthy. This is how ulcers are born.

Dear Ann: I am a boy. I am 11 years old. I need help with a love problem.

This certain girl is named Emily. Everyone who writes to you says, "This is not her right name." Not me. This is really her name. I gave Emily my Cub Scout pin two years ago and we have been going together ever since.

Two weeks ago I got the measles which was very embarrassing because most of the boys had measles when they were babies.

Since I've been cooped up like a jailbird another guy has been trying to cut me out with my girl. He's been walking her home every day and carrying her books. This guy was supposed to be a pal of mine. I am in great danger. What advice can you give me?—Seeing Spots.

A guy can't even have a nice quiet case of the measles without somebody trying to steal his girl. Fine thing!

The minute the quarantine is lifted, get right back in there and pitch. But concentrating on one girl makes no sense. Since you can't get a marriage license for 10 more years, why not play the field and encourage Emily to do the same?

Confidentially: Real American: You are 100 per cent wrong. All politicians are not crooks. If you think you can do better why not run for the office yourself? We've got enough Monday morning quarterbacks.

(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.

My Neighbors



"We've been going steady now for 37 years. For the last time, WHEN are we getting married?"

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Discipline Is National News

Progress note: The matter of discipline in school has changed so much within the memory of most adults that application of old-fashioned authority on the part of a schoolmaster is a matter of national note.

The Associated Press, supplier of news to most of America's leading newspapers, apparently believes it is news when a teacher keeps a student after school.

In a press dispatch from Kansas City, Mo., this week, the AP reported the decision of Principal Wayne McKanna at Northeast High School to revive old-fashioned punishment to snuff out rowdiness among pupils.

"Offenders will be staying after school," the AP reported.

Quoting McKanna on his

startling decision, the dispatch said "There has been a philosophy that it is not good psychology to keep youngsters after school. I think it is time for that philosophy to go."

This is to report that I've dusted a few erasers, cleaned blackboards, and did other vital jobs around the classroom a time or two after school as a matter of discipline. But, of course, I have a warped personality.

A man in a downtown cafe, obviously trying to recover from a bout with the grape, was shakily raising a glass of tomato juice to his mouth the other morning when the juke box blared forth with Elvis Presley singing "All Shook Up."

"Kid, you don't know from nothing," he blurted out as he

finished the juice he hadn't spilled.

A Walteria couple (we're told) came home from Texas last week after an extended visit with friends and relatives there. They came home in style: a new powder-blue Cadillac, furs, necklaces, and suitcase full of money.

"And how were you able to get all of these things?" a neighbor asked.

"Shucks, feller," the man of the house replied. "We were in Houston on Halloween and just went out playing trick or treat."

Making the rounds of California Chamber of Commerce offices is the remark that people who went to Florida for the winter this year are certainly getting what they went after—winter.

Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH

Clearing Out the Mailbag

Question—At what age is arthritis most likely to occur?—L. Y.

Answer—There is no pat answer to this. Rheumatoid arthritis, however, is more likely to occur in the younger ages from 20 to 40 while osteoarthritis, which is a degenerative process affecting the bones, develops in the later age groups.

Question—What surgical procedures are of benefit in arthritis?—R. A.

Answer—There are many surgical procedures which can be used. Generally speaking, they are used in the later stages in rheumatoid arthritis after the inflammation has subsided. One group of operations is designed to correct deformity by straightening bones or removing scarred ligaments. Another operation removes all the inflammatory, granulated tissue inside the joint, such as in the knee.

When all hope of restoring motion to a joint is abandoned, the surgeon can fuse the joint together, making it permanently stiff and eliminating the pain accompanying slight movement. Then, there are operations designed to restore motion once it is lost. These are known as arthroplasty, such as that used for the hip joint socket. Also another procedure provides for a metal knob being fixed to the main leg bone, or femur, if the neck of the femur is badly degenerated.

Q.—How widespread is arthritis today?

A.—According to the latest figures from the United States Public Health Service, there are over 10 million persons with rheumatoid arthritis, and perhaps only a third of these are crippled by the disease.

Q.—Is there any simple treatment for fingers crippled by arthritis?—W. C.

A.—Recent work has tended to show that possibly this condition, if caused by osteo-

arthritis, is due to a deficiency in blood circulation. Two simple measures that can be carried out at home can help this situation. One is alternate immersion of the hands into hot and cold water at varying times—possibly 10 minutes in the hot water, then one minute in the cold, then four minutes in hot, one in cold, and four in hot and so on for a reasonable length of time. The other method is a paraffin bath. This paraffin, with some mineral oil added to it to facilitate its removal later, is melted in a double boiler. This then is either painted on the hands repeatedly, or the hand is immersed in the hot solution repeatedly until a paraffin "glove" is formed on the hand.

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LAW IN ACTION

Executive Decision

Suppose a jury has found a person guilty of a crime like first degree murder, the judge has sentenced him to death, and the California Supreme Court has heard his appeal but upheld his conviction. Then he or she must die—unless the governor grants "executive clemency."

What is "executive clemency"? It may be a pardon, a reprieve, or a commutation of the death sentence to one of life in prison.

Here is how the governor goes about making up his mind: He gets a word-for-word transcript of the trial and a copy of the opinion or opinions of the California Supreme Court. He has the Adult Authority gather all facts about the convicted person—his full record, and the reports on him by doctors, sociologists, court and prison psychiatrists, psychologists, his chaplain, his warden and others.

The governor receives a written record of interviews by a representative of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation with those connected with the trial—the judge, the arresting officers, the chief of police or sheriff, the prosecuting attorney, the defense lawyer, and others. From these the governor may also get written recommendations. From the attorney gener-

al's office the governor receives a legal summary of the case, reporting on all actions before state or federal courts.

But with all this the governor must seek to answer a grave question, often amid public clamor:

Is there anything in the condemned person's record or in related circumstances compelling enough to warrant the governor's interference with the court's decision that this man or woman must die?

In 1833 Chief Justice Marshall traced executive clemency to English law and the king's power, calling it a private but official act of grace "which comes from the power entrusted with the execution of the laws." For it to be complete the person to whom it is offered must accept it.

But in 1927 the U. S. Supreme Court changed its idea of grace and acceptance. A prisoner had refused the President's offer to commute a death sentence to one of life imprisonment. The court said: "A pardon . . . is not a private act of grace of the executive), but it is a part of the constitutional scheme . . . It is the determination of the ultimate authority that the public welfare will be served better by inflicting less than what the judgment fixed."

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

Unemployment Facts

California employers pay the entire cost of unemployment insurance through a tax on payroll. Prior to 1946, when the disability insurance law was enacted, the state's workers also contributed to the Unemployment Fund.

Since 1946, worker contributions have been paid into the Disability Fund (or to private insurance carriers where a "voluntary plan" is in effect), which finances the program under which disability insurance and hospital benefits are paid to workers who are unemployed because of disabilities which prevent them from performing their usual or customary work.

Unemployment insurance, which is paid to eligible workers who are out of work

through no fault of their own, is financed by a tax on subject employer payrolls at a rate which currently ranges from zero to 2.7 per cent, individually determined by the employer's "experience rating." Thus, employers pay ALL the cost of unemployment insurance.

Disability insurance is financed by a one per cent deduction on covered workers' pay, up to the first \$3,600 each worker earns in the calendar year. This workers pay ALL the costs of disability insurance.

Readers of this column may obtain a pamphlet on unemployment insurance by writing a card or letter to the Department of Employment, 1628 Cravens Ave., Torrance.

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STAR GAZER

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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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13 Your	43 On	73 Easy
14 Friction	44 Up	74 Today
15 Seek	45 People	75 Wishes
16 Little	46 Their	76 And
17 Wise	47 Neglected	77 A
18 Now	48 Much	78 Love
19 Of	49 An	79 Loved
20 You	50 In	80 One
21 Con	51 Write	81 Of
22 Selfish	52 To	82 Yourself
23 Experienced	53 Today	83 Faith
24 Dreams	54 Spots	84 Courage
25 Could	55 Writing	85 Half-baked
26 Counsel	56 An	86 Ideas
27 Lead	57 Better	87 Impulse
28 From	58 People	88 Issue
29 Clean	59 Not	89 Give
30 You	60 Inspiring	90 Satisfaction

★ Good ★ Adverse ★ Neutral