

EDITORIALS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY—Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern make the field ring with their importunate chink, whilst thousands of great cattle, reposed beneath the shadow of the British oak, chew the cud and are silent, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the only inhabitants of the field.—Edmund Burke in his "Reflections on the Revolution in France."

Thought for the Fourth

This Fourth of July weekend we celebrate in devious and dubious ways—one of the momentous events in the history of civilized man—the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence establishing the United States of America.

In the comparatively short interval—183 years—the tiny band of founding fathers, who had the courage and audacity to defy and defeat the then most powerful nation on earth, have impressed their philosophies and their deeds forever on the history of mankind.

In many ways their descendants and beneficiaries have strayed from the noble objectives incorporated in the great American heritage. Generally, though, America has tried hard to hold the torch of liberty high and her sons and daughters have fought and died all over the world to keep the faith.

The Fourth of July should be a joyous occasion for it marks the happiest anniversary in the calendar of our national life. We should be jubilant and we can afford to be a little thoughtful and appreciative of the grand group of patriots who gave us this freedom we sometimes take so lightly.

Keep the Meters

We take exception to a school of thought in Torrance urging the abandonment of parking meters. The meters have been effective in providing parking places for shoppers and they are necessary to help pay for parking lots for which the City of Torrance is obligated.

No business center can go forward by taking backward steps. Abandoning the meters would be a step in the wrong direction, an implication of failure and an act of moral and financial irresponsibility.

As one leading retail merchant has stated, there are plenty of convenient free parking places in Torrance located no farther from the average shopper's destination than in some of the largest shopping centers. He also emphasizes the fact that a majority of the Torrance meters are now on a two-hour basis making for additional convenience at very little cost.

Every taxpayer in Torrance has a stake in the success of own Downtown Torrance merchants who help produce much needed revenue for the operation of the city through collection of the state sales tax. They are deserving of, and should have, the cooperation of all, including owners of downtown Torrance property who should have something more to offer than the suggestion that the meters be done away with.

LAW IN ACTION

Out of State Law

Suppose a California visitor drives over you; or you sue a Nevada over some California land. Can you enforce a California judgment against the out-of-stater?

Under the U.S. Constitution, yes. States must give "full faith and credit" to the judicial proceedings of sister states. This applies even to judgments (like gambling debt) which California courts do not otherwise enforce because they are "contrary to public policy."

You can challenge an out-of-state judgment only if it was obtained by fraud, or if the sister state's court lacked jurisdiction.

A judgment of a sister state may not be enforced when it had no "jurisdiction" (or power) to make that decision. For example, suppose a California husband seeks an out-of-state divorce, but does not properly set up his residence there, or fails to notify his wife of the suit. A California court may well refuse to enforce such a judgment claiming the sister state lacked jurisdiction, or holding

that the decree had been obtained by fraud or by improper notice.

As a rule, the constitution calls on one state to bow to another state's judicial proceedings, but not to all its laws. But it may do so anyhow under a rule of "comity." Comity means "courtesy; a willingness to grant a privilege not as a matter of right, but out of deference and good will."

Sometimes one can get another state to recognize a law where there are uniform laws, such as support laws (for skipping husbands and fathers), sales laws, or negotiable instrument laws.

As a rule in an out-of-state court proceeding you must follow that state's rules and laws. For example, suppose a relative died out of state where his estate was probated. Then you must present any claims you have against his estate under that state's laws.

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

Even At The Summit



RAMBLINGS by Ronnie Saunders

A Poetic Farewell to June

When June ripped from the calendar this week, the sentimental days of graduations and weddings are ended for those with a practical bent, and the time for settling down to the serious business of earning a living or making a success of a marriage must be faced. For the dreamer, the memories of June will never fade. And for a few—those rejected suitors who didn't quite make it to the altar—there will be a time for contemplation in the summer, autumn, and winter days ahead.

In musing about the latter group, your columnist this week tried to capture some of the thoughts that may be running through their minds as they contemplate that which did and did not happen this June—in verse. So ramble with me awhile, in poetry, on a trio of verses I have dedicated to unfulfilled lovers:

Then willingly, I'll be wrong.
The space in time we'd share,
my dear,
No one could take away,
And in the emptiness that
lies ahead
I'd think of you each day,
I'd dwell upon you briefly,
On how we'd never kissed,
Or spoke of love, or mentioned,
dear,
The intimacy we missed,
But talked instead, of other things,
Of peace, and war, and life,
And how we knew but never said
I could never be your wife.

We met too late for "always"
So give me just a minute
And I will try with all my heart
To live a lifetime in it.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN
It was a short-lived thing
that might have been—
A springtime promise
Of love—and sin.

ALWAYS
Always is much too long a time
For us to try to plan.
But if you'll love me but a moment
In which our lives may span
Across the gaps that lie ahead
And those that went before,
That moment will mean more to me
Than all the years in store.

The edge of romance
On which we skirted—
Led by your silence,
I fear I flirted.

Knew we both
It couldn't be
Yet yearning briefly
For familiarity.

We toyed awhile
With unsaid words
Till I one day
My conscience heard.

And knowing well
We could not sin,
Sought contentment
In "might have been."

For passions pass in time, my dear,
And other yearnings take their place.

You'll soon forget that I was near
And that you doted on my face.

My silent lips will silence yours
And all the words that were unspoken
Will echo only in our hearts
We kept them whole—they are not broken.

Grieve not, my darling,
For "might have been."
All's clean and pure—
We did not sin.

A love that wasn't meant to be
Will sadly sweeten memory
And honor kept, there is no shame
To cloud the music of your name.

So speak to me forgivingly
Thru all the years ahead,
For tempting fate with
"might have been"
For all the words unsaid.

ILLUSION
Show not what lies inside your soul,
Lift not the veil you hide behind,
But carry on and play your role
And I'll not show I mind.
Illusion's safe—you need not fear,
And small talk covers Heart,
And I will play along, my dear,
I'll carry out my part.

Beneath our talk, emotions hid,
The searing wounds may heal,
I'll chatter brightly, if I'm bid,
Till Illusion does seem Real.

In Years Gone By

Polio "clinics" had their place in the news 25 years ago today, according to the HERALD files of July 5, 1934, but with a slightly different twist. At the time the disease, known then as infantile paralysis, was thought to be curable by injection of serum compounded from the blood of the adult population, which was believed to contain protective bodies. Therefore, when Dr. Henry Smiley, district health officer, scheduled a three-day clinic, it was for the purpose of obtaining blood donors, whose contributions would be used to aid patients already suffering from the disease.

Fourth of July news made the front page of a quarter of a century ago when Spud Murphy became the first holiday firework casualty. Spud was rushed to Torrance Memorial Hospital after a

bomb exploded in his hand unexpectedly, blowing a chunk out of his palm and splitting his index finger from tip to palm.

After a service station attendant lost an eye because there were no guards around the glass section of a gasoline pump, local gas stations were advised by the county fire warden to protect the glass sections of their pump with guards and to provide vapor-proof globes around electric lights or units around or near all gasoline pumps as a safety precaution.

Shades of the depression recurred in an item about a letter from a taxpayer to the County Board of Supervisors which accused that board of "opening the way to chiselers" when it voted against

federal policy) not to demand the Blue Eagle on all products purchased by the county. The irate taxpayer declared that this policy would lead to underbidding by persons not interested in helping the economy get back on its feet.

On the entertainment front, local theaters were offering Adolphe Menjou as romantic lead against Elissa Landi in "The Great Flirtation"; Joan Crawford and Edward Arnold were appearing in "Sadie McKee," one of the new "talkies"; and ZaSu Pitts was providing laughs in "Sing and Like It." Forthcoming offerings included the Jack Haley comedy film, "Here Comes the Groom," and a Moorish version of Ravel's "Bolero," which was scheduled to open the ballet season at Shrine Auditorium for local lovers of the art.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Ski Jumps and July the Fourth

In the event that the firecracker business got you down yesterday, Al Franken, on behalf of the Mt. Baldy Chamber of Commerce, has a suggestion.

They're going to have the first ski jumping meet of the year this afternoon on old Baldy's slopes.

The 18 jumpers entered in the competition will zoom down the 100-foot runway, soar into space, and then land on the snow below—plastic snow, that is.

Alf Engen, director of the summer ski jumping school at Baldy, says it will take a leap in the neighborhood of 70 feet to win the cup this afternoon. So if the thought of summer and the Fourth of July noise is too much for you—ski jumping is about an hour or so away.

Torrance and selected other municipalities in the state observe the national Independence Day holiday as a "safe and sane Fourth." Who first referred to the Fourth as such? According to my dog-eared copy of Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, it was Thomas L. Mason, who lived from 1866 to 1934, who first coined the slogan. He was editor of the old "Life" magazine from 1893 until 1922, and called for observance of "a safe and sane Fourth" in his publication.

Generally conceded to be the author of the annual Independence Day celebration

is John Adams, second president of the United States. "Independence Day ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward for evermore," he said shortly after the United States had declared and won its freedom.

Writing to his wife on July 3, 1776, Adams said: "Yesterday the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America; and a greater perhaps never was, nor will be, decided among men. A resolution was passed without one dissenting colony, that those United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States."

The big celebration came on July 8 in Philadelphia when the text of the Declaration of Independence was made public.

Although hailed as a unanimous decision at that time, it was not until July 19 that the New York delegation to the Continental Congress announced that it favored the document.

It was in 1941 that President Roosevelt declared that July 4 was a legal public holiday—it was just a formality, however, for it had been accepted as a holiday for many years.

Enough of the history,

however, and back to firecrackers.

Firecrackers, as we knew them in our youth, were the invention of the Chinese, which the Arabs copied, and the Europeans passed along to the Americans.

Who remembers the "Yellowboys," flashcrackers, cherry bombs, spit devils, three-inchers, torpedos, and other maiming devices?

I like what the fellow said in this month's Reader's Digest: "We won the Revolution but lost the Fourth of July."

We passed along a clinical report some time ago on how a pitcher throws a curve at the batter during a baseball game, but the terms have been redefined by a National Bureau of Standards physicist and we think the Little Leaguers, at least, should know how the curve ball gets that way.

"The effect of spin and speed on the lateral deflection of a baseball has been measured by dropping the sphere while spinning about a vertical axis through the horizontal wind stream of a six-foot tunnel," the scientist said in explaining how they set out to measure the curve.

"For speeds up to 150 feet per second and spins up to 1800 r.p.m., lateral deflection is proportional to spin and to the square of the wind speed."

There, now you know as much about what makes a ball curve as I do.

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald

I would like to say thank you for Las Vecinas for all the publicity you have given us this year and an extra 'thanks' from me for being so friendly and helpful.

Mrs. William F. Reid
Publicity Chairman

Editor, Torrance Herald
On behalf of the Torrance Woman's Club, I want to thank you for the wonderful publicity you have given our club.

We have enjoyed a very successful year and through such fine publicity our community projects received a lot of public interest.

We appreciate your fine cooperation.

Mrs. Jack Dean,
Publicity Chairman

Editor, Torrance Herald
Temple Menorah Sisterhood extends its sincere appreciation to you for your fine cooperation in publicizing our events during the past year.

Thank you again.

Mrs. W. L. Frank,
Publicity Chairman

Editor, Torrance Herald

In behalf of the Meadow Park Parent-Teacher Association I wish to express our sincere appreciation for the picture that appeared in the Torrance Herald concerning our Fashion Tea, March 11, 1959.

Mrs. Herbert J. Tye,
Corresponding Secretary

Editor, Torrance Herald

As public relations chairman for the Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club for 1958 and 1959, my term of office has come to an end and therefore, at this time on behalf of the club and myself I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind assistance and cooperation in the wonderful news coverage you have extended to our club this past year.

Also I would like to thank you for your most courteous

and gracious manner in which you have set up for your Torrance Herald photographer to take pictures of our members on numerous occasions.

I will also pass on to my successor the information I gained at the panel discussion which was held at the chamber of commerce a short time ago, and to which the Torrance Herald was participant.

Muriel Whiting.

Editor, Torrance Herald

At the end of another successful year in promoting the objects of Parent-Teacher Associations, we review those to whom has made this possible.

Your newspaper is numbered among one of the means in letting the community know the activities, programs, and projects of PTA which is always planned to benefit the children and youth of Torrance.

Edna Cloyd, woman's editor, is to be especially commended for the careful and considerate planning in trying to get all of the PTA items in her pages. For at this time there are thirty Parent-Teacher associations. We sincerely wish to express our appreciation for her complete cooperation and helpful suggestions to all of the publicity chairmen.

The publicity coverage has been very fine. We received

from 33rd District and CCPT record book awards, and the greatest number of unit books in any one council. Of course filled with many, many clippings from your newspaper.

Our thanks include Bob Wilton, photographer, who has been most gracious in presenting PTA with pictures.

Mrs. Kenneth W. McVey,
President,
Torrance Council
PTA, Inc.

Editor, Torrance Herald

The support you gave our recent United Cerebral Palsy campaign was most gratifying, and we want you to know how much your help is appreciated.

We feel that you did a double job in both alerting the public to our need for funds and in furthering understanding of cerebral palsy and the program to help those affected by this number one child crippler.

Although we do not have a final count of campaign funds, contributions are ahead of those received last year at this time. Undoubtedly this encouraging response is due in no small part to your fine assistance.

Sincerely,
George M. Babbe,
President
Mrs. Toni Redfield
Public Information Dir.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1-Partners
 - 6-Beasts of burden
 - 11-Exigent
 - 12-British financier
 - 14-Region
 - 15-New Zealand parrot
 - 17-Sun god
 - 18-Fractal; not interesting persons
 - 19-Deviousness
 - 20-Container
 - 21-Proposition
 - 22-More competent
 - 23-Burrowing animals
 - 24-Broke suddenly
 - 26-Covers with mud
 - 27-Insects
 - 28-Cape-like vestment
 - 29-Portaling to the poles
 - 31-Meddlers with unruly reality
 - 34-Hebrew measure
 - 35-Gil's name
 - 36-Near
 - 37-Weight of India
 - 38-Transactions
 - 39-Name; nickname
 - 40-Spanish measure
 - 41-Laos
 - 42-Distance
 - 43-Relay on
 - 44-Schoolbook
 - 47-Trip
 - 48-Satellites
- DOWN**
- 1-Dark red
 - 2-Solar disk
 - 3-Afternoon party
 - 4-Fractal's measure
 - 5-Long steps
 - 6-Tugged mountain crest
 - 7-Chaise (colloq.)
 - 8-Distress signal
 - 9-Man's nickname
 - 10-Mexican
 - 11-Trousers
 - 13-Wise men
 - 16-Assessors
 - 19-Flute player
 - 20-Uninteresting persons
 - 22-Lance
 - 23-Mature
 - 25-More competent
 - 26-Broke suddenly
 - 28-Part of shirt (pl.)
 - 29-But for
 - 30-Egg dish
 - 31-Fresh
 - 32-Articles of furniture
 - 33-Beef animal
 - 34-China
 - 35-Force
 - 39-Military assistant
 - 41-Things, in law
 - 42-Small rug
 - 44-Hebrew letter
 - 46-Babylonian deity



My Neighbors



"I can tell what he'll order - two cups of coffee and two toothpicks!"

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	Taurus	GEMINI	CANCER	LEO	VIRGO
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1-Extending	2-Your	3-Entertain	4-Entertain	5-Entertain	6-Entertain
7-Entertain	8-Entertain	9-Entertain	10-Entertain	11-Entertain	12-Entertain
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