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EDITORIALS

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY—That taxpayers are faced with continually spiraling costs of public education is indicated by the fact that average daily attendance during 1957-58 increased 7.5 per cent while current operating costs were up nearly 16 per cent. During this period, the cost of living index was up 3.4 per cent. The public schools need to come up with some ideas for more and better education with less pain to the taxpayer.—E. Maxwell Benton, schools consultant, California Taxpayers' Assn.

Still No Signals

As many people had predicted, opening of the new Sears-Torrance store on the Del Amo Shopping Center ended all doubts about the necessity for proper lighting and traffic control signals at the intersection of Hawthorne Ave. and Carson St.

It was apparent more than a year ago that the intersection would soon be one of the most heavily used in the city. Yet, the city did not make its first move to obtain proper signal controls at the intersection until Feb. 25, 1959—after the roadway was opened to traffic, and after the HERALD had criticized the delays.

The city's request was apparently put at the bottom of a tall, tall pile of such applications within the offices of the State Division of Highways, when it was finally submitted.

Nothing happened. Four months after the HERALD criticized the delays in February, it was pointed out here that accidents had begun to pile up a terrible record at the dangerous intersection.

We, and others who asked, were being told that the city was "on top of the situation."

And they were—sound asleep. Last August, when Motor Sgt. William R. Lewis was killed at the intersection, the HERALD again spoke critically of the delays which had marked the installation of proper traffic control signals at the intersection. The HERALD leveled its criticism at the state and the city and each agreed that the other was to blame.

As a result of the furor raised at the death of the veteran Torrance police officer, the state asked the city to do the engineering on the project as a means of speeding it up.

The city now has made these designs and sent them along to the state for approval. City Engineer Walter Nollac, who stepped into the middle of all of this when he came here from West Covina this fall as the city engineer, told the HERALD that the state can be expected to make some changes in the design, send it back for city approval, send it to Sacramento for final approval, ask for the appropriation, call for bids, and award the contract.

It still seems like a long, long road—with no signals, riefectrpporaomgreimfpnalapoarlv

Opinions of Others

Although jokes are being poked at it, it appears that the custom of the American coffee break has become a time-honored habit, as much a part of modern fringe benefits as hospitalization and vacations.—Fallon (Nev.) Eagle-Standard.

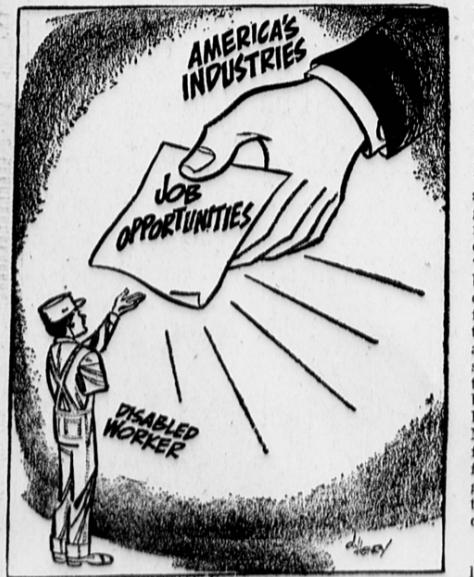
"Unfortunately, we still have too many youngsters who are not protected. . . . It seems incredible to me that a parent would not take that interest in a child," asserted U. S. Surgeon General Leroy Burney in urging parents to have their children inoculated with Salk vaccine.

He added that results of the Salk polio vaccine have been both dramatic and miraculous—protection about 85 per cent of those vaccinated against paralytic poliomyelitis.—Boonton (N. J.) Times-Bulletin.

There is inherent in \$70 to \$80 billion annual spending program much duplication, waste, inefficiency, and irresponsible fiscal oversteering. Domestic tax consumers are far more ravenous than those in distant lands, and until Congress again assumes the responsibility to oversee the spending of every dollar flowing from Washington, there cannot be an honest approach to fiscal sanity in the nation's capital.—Norwalk (Conn.) Hour.

Either teachers have authority to preserve order in their classrooms or they haven't. If, after they are given all reasonable opportunity for discipline, they fail, then it is clear that they are not cut out for the teaching profession.—Ashland (Ky.) Independent.

HELPING HAND



'Peaceful Coexistence'



Reporter Explains Job Level Phrases

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

"Seasonally adjusted" are two words used in business reports to dismiss one of the sources of job fluctuations. It's little comfort to the man out of work to be described as a casualty of seasonal adjustment, but there is evidence of recent improvement on the part of many industries which traditionally have had to lay off workers at one period of the year and rehire them at another.

A study of one area of the country particularly susceptible to seasonal factors finds that in 1947 there were 260,000 workers affected by seasonal layoffs. In 1958, only 250,000 workers were affected, despite a large increase in the work force.

Much of the improvement is the result of objective effort on the part of employers. This is especially evident in two problem industries, food production and shoe and leather manufacturing. Seasonal instability increases a firm's costs in many ways. Some of the extra tangible costs are in recruiting, hiring and retaining, and in increased unemployment compensation rates. The cost to the worker occurs both in loss of income and in unmeasurable costs such as insecurity and loss of skills. The study was made by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

NEW "RACE"—The progenitor of a new "race" of mechanical men—an electronic materials-handling device for roles too dangerous for humans—will soon be doing work for the Atomic Energy Commission.

It is the Mobot Mark I, a 4300-pound, remote-controlled machine built by Hughes Aircraft Company's new nuclear electronics laboratory. It does not look like a man, or even like Frankenstein's monster. It resembles a small tractor and is said to be the first completely mobile and remote-controlled. Its actions are directed, through TV eyes and ears, by a human operator in another room or building.

Hughes built Mobot Mark I for the Sandia Corporation, which operates the AEC's labs at Albuquerque, N. M. Sandia will use the new machine in its soon-to-be-completed underground reactor facility where radiation tests will be performed on materials in rooms too "hot" for a man to enter. Mobot Mark I can "walk" in and out of radiation rooms, performing a variety of lifting, turning and placing operations, and can handle wrenches, screwdrivers and other tools to dismantle radioactive assemblies. Hughes engineers said later generations in the Mobot Mark I "bloodline" may fight fires, do rescue work in mines, farm ocean bottoms—and even go to the moon and scoop up the first spoonful of moon dust.

THINGS TO COME—A new line of typewriters makes it

simple for stenographers to replace standard alphabet keys temporarily with any desired special character such as an accent mark, foreign letter or technical symbol. . . . A transistorized telephone-answering gadget that answers calls, records and transmits the messages over the phone when called by the owner will soon be available on monthly rental.

SUCCESS STORY—One of the more versatile building materials winning increasing acceptance with the ever-presenting need to speed home construction is fibreboard, sometimes visible, sometimes invisible to the home buyer.

Fibreboard, also called insulation board, appeals to builders and buyers because of its versatility. H. Dorn Stewart, president of the Barrett division of Allied Chemical Corporation, estimates current production at three million square feet a year. He predicts increased use of the material—in the form of sheathing for the exterior, and planks, wallboard and tiles for finishing interior walls and ceilings.

Approximately one out of three new homes today is sheathed in fibreboard, Stewart added. In 1920 the material was one out of 25. The material is made of wood fibres formed and pressed into a rigid board ranging in thickness from three-eighths inch to two inches.

SEAT SALES—If you've got holdings in companies catering to the school-age population, your broker is likely to tell you to "sit on them awhile." This year 42 million children are attending elementary and high schools throughout the nation. By 1962, enrollments are expected to be 47 million and by 1967 somewhere around 53 million.

That's why the school equipment suppliers—makers of chairs, desks, pencils, paper, etc.—aren't particularly worried about the fate of Federal legislation designed to help construct more schools. They know the backlog of classroom need is going to keep on building, with consequent pressure on all agencies, federal, state and local, to meet that need.

Even without the burgeoning school population, there's still a tremendous replacement demand, with obsolete public school facilities everywhere.

BITS O' BUSINESS—The do-it-yourselfer buying material for a bookcase or a hi-fi cabinet probably won't notice it, but wholesale lumber prices are down as much as \$8 a thousand board feet since August. . . . Food news: Mounting hog population means continued good buys on bacon, but macaroni makings grow more costly as durum wheat crop feels the hurt of dry weather in the Dakotas. Money pinch has spurred banks to keep a closer watch on big borrowers' balances, usually held at 15 to 20 per cent of the loans.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Budy

The Sightless Can 'See'

With the annual "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" opening today, a moment to consider just one phase of the magnificent job being done along this line might be in order.

Information compiled by the Braille Institute, which conducts a year-round job placement program for blind people, shows persons with what many consider the maximum handicap, are now employed as laborers, senators, telephone operators, chiropractors, dishwashers, automobile assemblers, piano tuners, executives, and safety razor riveters.

Others have become clergymen, stand keepers, film developers, typists, package assemblers, social workers, and entertainers.

"Although great strides have been made," according to Edwin Sorrels, chief of the

Braille Institute's vocational rehabilitation department, "much remains to be done—mainly with the sighted public."

He pointed out that it is difficult to place sightless persons in managerial positions in business and industry, although they might be capable—in fact, highly qualified—for executive production.

Concentrated thinking, Sorrels points out, requires no sight and is one of the talents most prized by industry. . . . yet blind people are often excluded from consideration by personnel officers.

Quoting a succinct observation of a blind man in one of the classes at the Institute Sorrels added:

"The average sighted person invariably closes his eyes when he wants to concentrate."

It's food for thought.

October also ushers in another observance which is highly important to Californians and to us here in Torrance. The month is being observed as the centennial of the petroleum industry.

While most of the celebrating will be done in Pennsylvania where the industry really began about 100 years ago, some special note of the occasion will be taken here of the growing importance of the industry.

California oil firms today employ 131,000 persons, nearly 12 per cent of the U. S. total, and these California firms total more than \$6 billion in assets.

As the principal supplier of fuel for the nation, the industry's importance can not be over emphasized.

Our autos, trucks, trains, ships, planes, and industrial power plants here and throughout the world move on fuels supplied by the oil industry.

Here in Torrance we have a huge petroleum refinery, a huge industrial plant supplying much of the world's drilling equipment, and hundreds of industries and businesses depending in total or in part on the oil industry.

On top of all this, the by-products of the industries have grown to include such diverse products as synthetic fibers and rubbers, plastics, cosmetics, films, drugs, medications, insecticides, waxes, paints, fertilizers, and many others.

So when you go by the refinery, filling station, or an allied oil industry facility this month, bow low. It would be a far different world without oil.

We might point out, also, that the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce has made the HERALD one of the "first owners of outer space in El Segundo."

It came complete with deed. . . . a gilt-edged job, describing the particular quarter-inch of the universe which has been surveyed and staked out in our name.

In return, all they ask is that we plug their annual Showcase of Progress which has the outer space theme this year. So in all fairness, we should tell you it will be held Oct. 16, 17, 18 and will feature "Miss Showcase," as the Queen of Outer Space, along with a big selection of exhibits.

Might as well admit also that we won't be there. The Walteria folks are having their annual round-up the same dates, and any spare time we get to attend such events will be spent in Walteria.

Law in Action

Protecting Kids

What are the landowner's duties toward children who come on his property without permission? In what circumstances does he have to pay when they get hurt?

A landowner has a special duty to trespassing children to see that they do not get hurt on highly dangerous things about his place. He can well expect them to wander on his place; it is up to him, within reason, to see that they don't get hurt.

Must he pay for their injuries? Not, for example, if the child should have recognized the dangers, or if he could look out for himself, but doesn't.

The law expects only what is reasonable to protect the child without excessive costs.

In one case a 12-year-old girl played hide and seek on a lot the owner was building on. Chasing a playmate, she failed in a jump over a stack of windows, and fell and hurt herself.

fort as you want to expend.—Herbery Shelley Good.

A budget is something that tells you two weeks in advance why you are going to go broke in two weeks.—Art Linkletter.

Hard work is still important in becoming successful—but it runs second to knowledge of the tax laws—Mort Lawrence.

The worst thing about crossing a bridge before you get to it is that it leaves you on this side of the river.—Sunshine Magazine.

The judgment of the Lord to Adam about sweat has not been repealed.—Herbert Hoover.

Safety tip: Passing on curves is best left to judges of beauty contests.—Anonymous.



If we want to hold what we have and provide any kind of guarantee for the future, we must be willing to stand up and be counted, and speak loudly and firmly for what we believe.—L. B. Worthington, U.S. Steel Co. executive.

Those who prevent our schools from really educating our youth undermine the foundations of our freedom and national power.—Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover in L.A. address.

Any major government policy that is irreversible should be avoided as long as possible.—Dr. Ian Aird, British surgeon visiting L.A.

The love of money may be the root of all evil, but let's face it—we're all evil minded.—J. C. Salak.

In free countries every man is entitled to express his opinion—and every other man is entitled not to listen.—G. Norman Collier.

A diplomat is one who can tell a man he's open-minded when he means he has a hole in the head.—F. G. Kernan.

In Balaam's time it was considered a miracle when an ass spoke. Now we think nothing of it when the drive cars.—Frank Lawrence.

About the only thing you're sure to get by asking for is trouble.—Carl Ellistam.

Giving up a bad habit takes half as much effort as you think—and twice as much ef-

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1-Everybody's uncle
4-Dravidian
9-Triangular
12-Guido's high note
13-Silly
14-Cantabrigia
15-Cloth measure
16-Kind of cloth
17-The heavens
18-River island
20-Corruption
22-Advantage
24-In music
25-Halfpenny
28-In India, resign
29-Exile
30-Allude
31-Sounds having rhythm and melody
32-Malodorous
34-Great
35-Throng
36-House net
38-Preposition
39-Cubism
40-Masculine
41-Fertile to the cheek
45-Skill
46-Garden tool
48-Possessive pronoun
51-Hoaxster
52-Warship
53-Native metal
54-Encountered
55-Tropeans
56-Breed of pheasants
57-Clergyman
58-Symbol for tellurium
59-Raccoonlike animal
60-Title of respect (abbr.)
61-Observe



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 APR. 21 7-8-39 22-28-39	Taurus APR. 21 MAY 21 34-37-41-44 50-59-73	GEMINI MAY 22 JUNE 22 15-23-48-52 60-77-81-88	CANCER JUNE 23 JULY 23 20-29-40-43 64-67-74	LEO JULY 24 AUG. 23 6-18-27-32 63-72-86-90	VIRGO AUG. 24 SEPT. 23 4-7-8-43 53-54-71	LIBRA SEPT. 24 OCT. 23 1-23-47-61 69-70-80-84	SCORPIO OCT. 24 NOV. 22 21-25-35-51 56-58-68	SAGITTARIUS NOV. 23 DEC. 22 19-26-30-42 55-72-79-80	CAPRICORN DEC. 23 JAN. 20 10-12-31-49 57-66-79-85	AQUARIUS JAN. 21 FEB. 19 2-17-24-36 38-44-52-53	PISCES FEB. 20 MAR. 21 11-13-16-55 62-73-76
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