

**Your Right to Know**  
**Is the Key to All Your Liberties**

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**Taking a Second Look**

A much needed second look at land values in the area by officials of the General Services Administration has been promised to officials of the Torrance Unified School District who have kept up efforts to obtain a 26-acre site adjacent to the Torrance Naval Annex which has been declared surplus to government needs.

The recheck of figures used in denying the school district's application for the land came after many local community leaders protested that the figures cited were inaccurate.

The school district has a lot at stake in the matter—as do the taxpayers.

If the land can be made available to the school district for educational purposes, at the federal government's educational discount, it is possible the cost of the site to the taxpayers will be around \$50,000. Purchasing other land in the vicinity could cost 10 times that according to figures compiled by Superintendent J. H. Hull.

As the officials pointed out in their letters to the government protesting the statement that cheaper land could be found, the district is paying \$30,000 an acre for land in the Waleria Lake area which is subject to flooding. The asking price was \$35,000 an acre.

Acquisition of 8½ acres of land for the new Hickory Elementary School southwest of the corner of Sepulveda and Crenshaw cost the district \$225,500. An eight-acre parcel was valued at \$25,938 an acre and \$25,500 an acre by two independent appraisers. The district bought it for \$25,108 an acre.

The one-half acre parcel which jutted into the school property was appraised at \$36,000 an acre and \$37,500 an acre by two appraisers. The district was forced to pay \$25,000, or \$50,000 an acre, for the land.

And the \$50,000 an acre for that parcel is by no means a record. Some land in larger parcels has sold for as much as \$81,000 an acre in recent months.

The HERALD believes that local officials were justified in their protests over the decision.

And the quick response of the government agency to those protests is assuring. The voice of the people can still be heard in Washington.

**A Missed Chance**

Why all the tears for skin-saving Pilot Powers? He thought it was a great deal at \$30,000 per year—until he got caught, that is.

Whether he "botched" up his capture or not is now immaterial, he still had an opportunity to stand up and be counted for the United States, as thousands of brave and often unsung heroes before him who, incidentally, valued life just as dearly. They honored their obligation, demanding as it was.

Powers could have reiterated from the Russian docket for all the world to hear President Eisenhower's reasons for the necessity of the flight. Instead he shamefully chose to save himself and thereby play further into the hands of Soviet propagandists. He has failed our country—and the free world—miserably.

**Opinions of Others**

McGEHEE, ARK., TIMES: "According to an AP dispatch last week, Premier Khrushchev is reported to have said, 'There is much in Christ common to us Communists'. 'How about the freedom loving Ukrainians in the 1930's who were resisting collectivism, and the man-made famine conducted by Stalin's lieutenant, Khrushchev, in which 7,000,000 Ukrainians died?'"

"There have been, and are, but few instances where the practices of Communists or Communism have had any resemblance with any of the teachings of Christ."

CHESTER, ILL., HERALD-TRIBUNE: "Someone has said that failure to take part in politics has its penalties, the greatest of which is to be ruled by your inferiors. This should be ample reason for all of us to vow that politics after, all, is our business, as is the destiny of this land of ours..."

"We can have good government if we are vigilant and determined in our effort to attain it."

**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.

<b>ARIES</b> MAR. 22 - APR. 20 3-6-8-34 46-75-89-90	<b>TAURUS</b> APR. 21 - MAY 21 20-21-29-44 47-72-73	<b>GEMINI</b> MAY 22 - JUN. 21 12-13-24-30 69-78-83-84	<b>CANCER</b> JUN. 22 - JULY 23 22-25-27-52 54-62-65	<b>LEO</b> JULY 24 - AUG. 23 57-59-66-68 70-76-85-86	<b>VIRGO</b> AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23 2-9-28-31 32-45-53	<b>LIBRA</b> SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23 1-16-19-24 40-48-81-82	<b>SCORPIO</b> OCT. 24 - NOV. 22 15-17-23-26 43-49-87-88	<b>SAGITTARIUS</b> NOV. 23 - DEC. 22 7-11-14-18-38 62-50-53	<b>CAPRICORN</b> DEC. 23 - JAN. 20 5-33-39-58 61-64-67	<b>AQUARIUS</b> JAN. 21 - FEB. 19 11-14-18-38 62-50-53	<b>PISCES</b> FEB. 20 - MAR. 20 4-7-10-35 37-41-74
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**You Boys Promised!**



**SHORT TAKES**

**Editor Ernst Henes, The Wellington, O., Enterprise**—The U. S. Steel Corporation is laying up fourteen of its Great Lakes ore boats, throwing upwards of 500 men out of work in the middle of the season. Great Lakes ore carriers under ruthless union pressure, pay captains \$18,000 a year and scale down to \$539 a month for unskilled porters. Foreign able seamen and oilers are paid \$60 to \$80 a month. The result is that United States steel mills import foreign ore for one-third of their requirements. The lake unions deprive American ore workers of that many jobs. That is reverse union cooperation.

**Editor Columnist Clarence Achgill, Oklahoma City, Okla., Live Stock News**—Yesterday we accidentally pulled a "lucky" silver dollar from our pocket, put it into a spin... You can extract quite a picture from that idle

pastime... As the dollar approaches the prone position the Eagle on one side will come up, quiver, shake and settle down. On the other side, the replica of the Statue of Liberty will give you a tingling up and down your spine as you see her figuratively sink into the oceans that surrounds her because our politicians are no longer concerned as much about the value of freedom and the dollar as they are their chances of getting re-elected... at the cost of their friends' and neighbors' savings.

**Editor Jim Williams, East Grand Forks, Minn., Record**—The head of a taxpayer research organization warns that all the government spending plans and programs now being hatched in Washington will have to be financed from just one source—and that's the already tightly squeezed taxpayer.

The wonder is that such a warning is needed. But it is, for, apparently, great numbers of people still labor under the delusion that government money comes magically out of the blue, not out of their pockets.

**Editor Edward J. Franta, Langdon, N. D., Cavalier County Republican**—I wonder how many people will commend the Cavalier County board of commissioners and court house officials for their very fine job of staying within the county general fund budget for the year that ended June 30. That certainly is almost unheard of in this day and age of big government and those responsible deserve more credit than they will receive. Even more, they have drawn up a budget for the year now beginning that is even under the careful expenditures of the past year.

**Law in Action**

**Right to Council**

Right to have a lawyer to speak for you in a criminal case is basic to our system of justice. Failure of a court to allow counsel may amount to a denial of a fair trial. But our law has not always given us a right to counsel.

At early Common Law no accused person could have counsel against the king. Later English law would let a lawyer help the accused on one point or another, but he could not bring out facts or present general arguments. For example, the English court denied Mary Queen of Scots a lawyer though English was not her native tongue.

Only after 1695 did the right to counsel become a part of the Common Law. Then in the crime of treason, the accused got an advance copy of his indictment and a list of the jurors. He could also subpoena witnesses and defend himself through counsel. This right extended soon to other crimes.

The American colonies took over the right to counsel: Before 1700, Connecticut allowed counsel in criminal trials. Other colonies followed soon after. After the Revolution the right to counsel became a part of our Constitution.

The Constitution also gives you the right to a speedy and public trial. More, it calls for a jury trial in the state and

**The Old Timer**

"After all is said and done, you usually find more has been said than done."

**California Golf Courses Open Fight for Survival**

Proposition 6, among others, requires some thoughtful consideration of conscientious citizens in anticipation of the general election next November.

Because it concerns tax relief for the members of private golf courses it will provoke little sympathy from the thoughtless who may let what appears to be a reasonable proposal fall on deaf ears.

Citizens for Yes on Proposition No. 6 submit the following statement in their plea for consideration of the plight of California golf courses so many of which have been taken over by shopping center and subdivisions:

The significance of recreation is no longer a matter of passing idle hours in the pursuit of some pleasant activity, generally out of doors. More and more it is looked upon as necessary for the preservation of physical and mental health.

The sport of golf, one of the more popular participation sports, and one that is enjoyed throughout the social strata of the United States from the White House to the little green house next door, is facing dark days in the immediate future unless some equitable method of taxing golf property is established.

Such a method will be presented for voters' approval on the November 8 general election ballot under the label of Proposition No. 6.

Generally a tax assessor views a piece of real estate in the light of its "... highest and most profitable use."

This means that he does not view a golf course as a recreational instrument, but rather as the potential site of a defense plant, shopping center or a housing development.

More often than not, golf courses are laid out in undeveloped or waste land. Later, the site of some 150 acres of soft, green undulating land acts as a magnet in attracting home builders and subdividers to its perimeter, thus increasing the value of the area. Once developed the needs of the surrounding area increase as it takes on the aspects of a community. As a result, taxes increase.

There is a limit to the amount of taxes a non-profit golf course can pay. If a shopping center is built alongside the course, the assessor has no alternative but to judge the value of this fairway as an extension of the shopping center under the present laws.

Under this system of assessing, a golf club cannot survive who it has to pay the same tax rate as a shopping center, aircraft plant, or an apartment development.

It is this tax policy that has destroyed almost one-third of California's golf courses since 1931. Those that have not been converted to some other enterprise have been taken over either by city or county parks and recreation departments to be administered as public projects.

This amounts to a net loss to the community. First, the

community loses the tax revenue paid by the clubs and second, few public enterprises can operate without a substantial subsidy.

Golfers are not looking for tax privileges. They are willing to pay their share of taxes as owners of golf facilities—but not as if their golf club property were a shopping center.

Civil Defense officials have endorsed Proposition 6 for the reasons that in the event of a military crisis clear areas in metropolitan districts are vital as dispersal or reorganizational areas. Civic improvement leaders are supporting this measure because they realize that open territory, such as golf courses, is indispensable in the modern congested cities.

Certainly not the least important factor to be considered in protecting California's fairways is that of the multi-million dollar tourist and convention industry for which California is famous. Resort cities without golf courses are as attractive as lakes without water.

California's golf courses are as valuable an asset as its sunshine in attracting tourists and new industry. And, the day is long gone when industrial leaders were interested only in tax rates and rail, highway and water facilities in formulating their plans when moving from one part of the country to another. Recreational facilities for employees, as well as for the boss, are now of equal importance.

**From the Mailbox**

**By Our Readers**

**What is Free?**

Editor, Torrance Herald: What is free America? We pay for Metropolitan Water District, but we have no water. We pay for L.A. County Flood Control, but we have none. We pay for County Sanitation, but we have none. We pay for luxurious schools for pupils to play ball, to eat, and when they come out from the schools to be strong enough so they can throw rocks at our windows. They are smart kids, they learn in their schools Love, they walk in pairs arm in arm, they learn to smoke, oh yes, the girls drop their skirts to make the boys blush. Many mothers took lessons from their daughters, cigarette in their mouth and no skirts.

This is civilization in California. We pay for streets, Narbonne Ave. has the same old face that it had for over thirty years. I know, city officials in Torrance changed the name to Arlington Ave., but the work on the street was not done.

One of the highest paid governments in the United States is the city government in Torrance and the L.A. County Supervisors. They play games with our money, higher taxation but no protection. They sell the water bonds, and we pay interest, but as for work, none. We pay for firemen, but for what?

What water are they going to use if we have a fire? Any-one of you know?

Governor Brown and President Eisenhower talk about the two governments and they talk about the enslaved people of the world. Talk about Berlin—we have it here in Torrance and Lomita, east side of Arlington and west side.

C. J. MAHERAS

**34,000 Thanks**

Editor Torrance Herald: 34,000 thanks! The boost that you have given the American Cancer Society by including news of its aims and activities in your newspaper is incalculable. Your concern and cooperation have made it possible for us to recruit the countless volunteers we need to carry on our battle against cancer; to raise the money to wage this fight; and to let the public know how the battle is progressing. This vital public service that you are providing has earned you the gratitude of 34,000 Los Angeles County volunteers, who—encouraged by the heartening advances in cancer research—are mobilizing for a high-key program when we begin our new fiscal year in September.

A recent survey conducted by this Public Information Department to determine how we can do a better job of

keeping county residents posted revealed that the great majority of persons interviewed are consistent and eager readers of their community newspapers.

There are still too many people, however, who do not know that the American Cancer Society is the only national health agency fighting cancer three ways—with research to find a cure, with education to save lives and with service to aid cancer patients.

With your continued help in keeping the public informed we feel certain of victory—as the New York Times stated last June 26—"possibly sooner than expected."

BILL HOWE  
 Public Information Director

**My Neighbors**



**The Dishonor Roll**

by Jerry Marcus



More than 2,900,000 persons were killed or injured in motor vehicle accidents in 1959.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

<b>ACROSS</b>	1-Pronoun 4-Collection 9-Music: as written 12-Fruit drink 13-Interior 14-Policeman (slang) 15-Determine 17-Salt of boric acid 18-Native metal 20-Sufferer from Hansen's disease 21-Sea eagle 22-Female (colloq.) 24-Edible seeds 27-Young boy 28-Edible fish 29-Recluse 30-Sea 31-Bushy clump 32-Mountain pass 33-Compass point 34-African stroke 37-A state (abbr.) 38-Furkin regiment 39-A month 40-Genus of maples 41-Rem of dried string 45-Strike 46-Time that is to come 48-Fish eggs 50-Flower fabric 52-He III 53-Total 54-Publish 55-Tetray (slang)	<b>DOWN</b>	2-Following first 3-Conceal 5-Number 6-Indefinite article 7-Revolutionary 8-Let fall (slang) 9-Frightened 10-Simian 16-Anger 18-Repulse 19-Youngster 21-Babylonian hero 22-Badgerlike mammal 23-Delity 25-Message 26-Bismilch difficulty 28-Cry of dove 29-Man a nickname 31-Common dice 32-Timid 35-Breathed with difficulty 36-Ordnance 37-Real 38-Particular to the cheek 40-River island 41-Note of scale 42-Search for 44-Macaw 46-Seed container 46-Fish limb 47-Inlet 48-Shade tree 51-Note of scale
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