

John Wren Opens New Law Office

... Report From Egypt

Offices for the general practice of law were opened recently by John McDonald Wren at 1607 Cabrillo Ave.

Wren has been with the Los Angeles Board of Education for the past seven years, prior to which he was the manager of the Grand and Stadium Theaters in Torrance.

A Torrance resident for more than 12 years, he and

(Continued from Page 1) Despite trade negotiations with the Soviets and the 1955 Arms deal, communism is not tolerated internally in Egypt whose spokesmen insist was made only because the United States refused to assist them when they "were helpless to protect themselves against the aggressions of Israel."

Paradoxically, the average American tourist will be received courteously and hospitably by government representatives and the people. And this while the government-controlled press pictures the United States as the arch conspirator of imperialism. Forgotten publicly at least, is the role President Eisenhower played in recovering the Suez and thus preserving the Nasser regime. And American aid to the tube of \$500 million has been received by Egypt since 1952.

The Egyptians profess to fear imperialism more than they do communism and any African issue is white hot in their concern. Patrice Lumumba is a cause celebre and his death prompted the assault on the library operated by the U. S. Information Services at the embassy in Cairo when the only public library in the UAR was stoned and cars of American officials were burned in the parking lot.

In 1957 the government set a goal of doubling the national income in 10 years. Currently the goal is not being met but a rate of increase in the gross national product of 6 per cent represents a considerable achievement and was made largely by the development of high yield cotton crops on millions of acres of rich Nile delta lands and a textile industry producing quality products much in demand in markets throughout the world.

THE AVERAGE Egyptian man in the street appears anything but prosperous. Thousands still earn an existence in the same manner as their

ancestors. Thousands of tiny cars drawn by diminutive donkeys rattle along the streets throughout the night with their owners hopefully delivering paltry stocks of farm products or handicrafts to open air markets. Many walk fantastic distances with great loads on their backs. Partially veiled women (fully veiled costumes are now illegal) balance huge loads on their heads.

But western attire is gaining daily and in the shops and offices, Egyptian men and women are smartly dressed in numbers that suggests eventual relegation of the bulky robe by all but hard core Moslems.

Our visit with Yehia Abu Bakr, director general of the Information Department of the government in Cairo, proved to be interesting if not too informative.

Bakr, a bright young man who would do credit to Madison Ave., opened his interview in comfortable air-conditioned offices with the statement that Egypt asks only for the truth.

"EGYPT WANTS to live in peace and build a future through peace and understanding," he said. "The roadblocks to such an understanding are the Arab-Israeli problem since 1958 when the Lord Balfour resolution created the Jewish state built entirely on discrimination.

"The American standard of living is a right of everybody in the world. We started from scratch in that direction. We are not anti-American as such, but we are opposed to the actions of the American press and the American government."

SALAH SALLEM, a former high ranking army officer and chairman and managing director of Dar El Tahrir publishing house, which publishes three government owned dailies and several periodicals, reported several of Director Bakr's complaints and maintained Americans should make a better effort to understand the problems.

"Americans have a tendency to think any nationalist movement is communistic," he said. "We were doing fine in 1954 when our hopes for agreement were blasted by the movements for military alliances with colonial powers such as Great Britain. The Bagdad Pact did create communist tendencies in Iraq and in some other countries where communist movements were masked in nationalism."

He also blamed the existence of the State of Israel as a block to better Arab-U.S. relations.

"THE FACT remains," Director Sahler said, "there are 1,500,000 displaced Arabs living as refugees. We are deeply grateful for aid we have received from America but it will never help solve the problem of the refugees. We feel Zionist groups have too much influence on U.S. foreign policy."

Physical evidence of the existence of the Arab League is the league's magnificent new headquarters in Cairo only one block from the Nile-Hilton Hotel. As guests of Dr. Abdel Khalek Hassouna, Secretary General, we attended a non-alcoholic reception in the quarters which were described as the "Little United Nations" of the Middle East. The building and interior decorations are a colorful and pleasing combination of the traditional and the new.

DR. HASSAOUNA, in a free exchange of questions and answers, likened the UAR to the United Nations in principle and format. He said it was meant to work in a peaceful way to settle disputes and to eventually aid in creating an Arab common market. He called the League a "grown up creature and no longer a child." He said there was no communist party in any of the Arab states.

Wives of government and newspaper officials were in attendance at the reception and mingled pleasantly with our American party. Most could speak English and many of the women were fashionably dressed and eagerly sought information on America.

A CURRENT attraction for many tourists is Sahara City, a night club housed in an Arabian Nights tent in the desert just beyond the pyramids. European vaudeville acts fill in between Egyptian belly dancers and Whirling Dervishes from Torrance's sister city of Konya, Turkey. The pyramids and sphinx are illuminated at night in the "Sound and Light" spectacle becoming



CUTTING RIBBON . . . To mark the opening of the new W. T. Grants store in the Pacific Plaza Shopping Center officials of Grants and city leaders joined in ribbon cutting last week. Shown are Linda DePena of Grants; William Shawyer, Torrance Chamber of Commerce President; Sally Yarnell, Grants; Chief of Police Percy Bennett; and Jerome VanDuch, manager of the new store.



GIVE TREE . . . Members of Brownie Troop 1165 presented a plant to Crenshaw Elementary School to aid in the landscaping now going on at the school. Pictured are: (front row) Sherrill Douglas, Sharron Butts, Edwina Volkman, Sandra Volkman, Emily Irelan, (second row) Jean Davis, Terry Boodman, Cynthia Taylor, Lynda Jackson, Darlene Boodman, Teresa Mobley, (third row) Dianne Ruth, Paula Cahill, Cynthia Cash, and Caron Robinson. With the girls are Mrs. Marlene Butts and Mrs. Shirley Taylor, troop leaders, and Mr. Hugh Dooley, principal, and Robert Cardwell, a teacher at the school.

Salvation Army Aiding Men in Service Centers

The Salvation Army is many things to many people, often depending on the department of Salvation Army work which was their point of contact with the "Army."

For instance, in a typical year in the United States seven Salvation Army hospitals provided care for 20,000 patients and in other than Salvation Army hospitals, almost 3,000,000 patients were visited by Salvation Army women volunteer workers.

AN IMPORTANT part of Salvation Army work in this area is their Men's Social Service Department where men who have suffered misfortune or physical handicap may receive a helping hand and get started on their way back to a useful place in society. In today's competitive world and lacking technical training, the handicap of "age" brings many men to a desperate condition.

At the Salvation Army they are taken off the street, provided with good food and lodging, such clothing as they may need and work at a job they are best fitted for. In addition they receive a cash gratuity sufficient to meet their personal needs.

IN A remarkable manner this work is carried on without asking the public for any cash. Friends of the Salvation Army donate used material they no longer want or use. Repairing and restoring these

so popular in Europe, but in the daytime are a disappointment to many Americans familiar with the illustrations in their geography books. They are not striking in size and certainly not in magnificence. Their surroundings are crudely surmounted but still represent a fantastic engineering and building job and a monumental tribute to the egos of the Pharaohs who built them.

Civilians Install New Officers

Members of the Torrance Civitan Club gathered at the Jump 'n Jack last week to install their officers for the coming year. Herb Kandel, Governor-elect of the California Civitan, served as installing officer. He installed Dr. Albert F. Kline as president, Kenneth Christofferson as vice-president, Eugene Dentler, secre-



DR. ALBERT F. KLINE New Civitan Club President

tary; and Fred Albertson, treasurer. Also installed were Ted Hasegawa, Eugene Genest, Dr. Aaron Rauch, and Ted Walker, all members of the board of directors for the 1961-62 term.

Lt. Governor of the California Civitan, Leon Dayton, presented certificates of merit to Dr. A. A. Rauch, programs; Dr. Albert F. Kline, shoe chairman; Henry Shigekuni, fruitcake chairman; and Fred Albertson, pancake breakfast chairman. Albertson also received the Civitan of the Year award.

Cards Trample Indians, 4 to 0

Gene Hooser allowed only two hits as the Cards scalped the Central Pony League leading Indians, 4 to 0. The Cards managed to get to Indian hurler Larry Villa for five hits. Jumping on Red Sox pitcher Donald Tippie for nine hits and eight runs, the Tigers won a comfortable 8 to 2 decision. Tiger hurler Robert Sharpe gave up only four hits.

In a battle between the second place White Sox and the league leading Indians, the Pale Hose rang up an 8 to 4 victory. Tommy Garrison was the winning hurler, while Gene Adams was collared with the loss. The Cards took a 12 to 6 victory over the Yanks in a loosely played tilt on Saturday.

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JOHN WREN Opens Offices

Mrs. Wren, the former Jean Lovelady, now reside at 3905 Admirable Drive, Portuguese Bend.

When studied at the University of Southern California where he was granted both Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Laws degrees. He is a member of both the State Bar Assn. and the Los Angeles County Bar Assn.

A veteran of World War II, Wren is currently active in service and community affairs.

Know Your Traffic Laws

Prepared in Cooperation With the Torrance Police Department

Table with 2 columns: Category and Score. Includes Fatalities, Injury Accidents, Persons Injured, Non-Injury Accidents, and Box score of all accident investigated by Torrance Police Department since Jan. 1, 1961.

In last week's column, we discussed proper bicycle riding, the responsibilities of the riders, and a special note on what each parent can do to assist the Police Dept. in the never ending battle to prevent accidents before they occur.

According to Lt. Don Nash, it was most gratifying to receive the many telephone calls and letters from parents who show interest in last week's column. Because of this interest, we would like to go further into detail on how the parent can play an important part in our bicycle safety program.

IF ALL parents would take the time to see that their children maintain their bikes in proper working order and if new equipment be needed assist the children in obtaining this equipment, this would put only properly equipped bicycles on our streets. Then if each parent would acquaint himself with rules governing bike riding and discuss this with his children, and display an interest, this in turn will cause the children to show an interest.

If a child displays signs of being careless or lacking in knowledge of bike safety rules the parent should step in and lend assistance to that child by pointing out their errors and helping them correct their mistakes. This must be done in a manner to gain their complete cooperation. If the child refuses to cooperate then it might do well to take away their bike riding privileges for a certain period of time.

ONE OF the best ways to gain and win the cooperation of our younger riders is by forming a bike riding club. This is where the dads can really do a service to their city and themselves. Dad can start up such a club and most of the other children will be very eager to join such a club. Then the fathers can spend a few hours on a Saturday morning with the children and assist them in working on their bikes, review traffic laws, help in bike inspection looking for any type hazardous condition

that may arise in the bike, and perhaps even go for a field trip with the club once a month or so.

The trip need not be very far, perhaps to a city park, to watch a Little League game at one of the many ballparks, or any other place which the club might find interesting.

Perhaps the most important part of such a club is that father and son get a chance to get together and share a mutual interest. A father would then become a real pal and would encourage our boys and girls to come to the parent with their many problems.

IN THIS DAY and age we parents don't realize we should be giving more of our time to our children but due to the fast pace we live, we just don't seem to find the time. A bike club is an excellent way to start and I think you as a parent will find it most rewarding. The time you spend working with your boy or girl now may save you many hours of heartaches later.

Words cannot express the pain and torture that appears on the face of a parent when he looks down onto the pavement of a city street and sees his son or daughter laying there injured, the victim of another auto accident.

I know because I am a policeman and see this sight all too often. Believe me when I say, no matter how hard you may be, regardless of how many such scenes you have witnessed, how many years one is exposed to this type of thing, it never gets easy or routine to handle such a matter.

LIFE IS FULL of unpleasant things and we as adults have to expect to face up to these realities but I'm sure with some effort by all of us we need not see our boys and girls killed like flies.

Again Lt. Nash requests that anyone interested in bicycle safety or the forming of a bike safety club contact him at the Torrance Police Dept. and he will give whatever assistance is needed.