

# From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald

Look before it's too late. Right now is the time to take action while the matter is being considered to take out of our city about 165 industrial-zoned acreage for the purpose of developing more homes. Homes that will bring with them children in need of schooling, workers in need of employment, and other services yet contribute insufficient taxes to so serve the new-comers. It is time that you and I wrote our City Councilmen that they may know of our thinking.

Our Chamber of Commerce and School District Administrator have appealed to them to retain all the industrial land as presently zoned. Here and there, others have raised their voices in protest of re-zoning industrial acreage to residential but to no avail.

Our City Councilmen have wavered time and again, under pressure of certain subdividers in cooperation with eager-beaver land owners, to allow adjustments in our

well planned community. Planning is for the entire community's benefit, not the select few. We have enjoyed the reputation of being the best balanced city in Southern California with respect to distribution of commerce, industry, and residence. Our planning expressed the theme very concisely stated in Plato's Republic, "Let our city be accounted neither large nor small but one and self-sufficing."

Perhaps, too, you moved into Torrance in the belief that it was truly a "City of Industrial Opportunity" as advertised by the Chamber of Commerce, the City's official advertising medium, paid for in part out of the city's budget. Let's help our City Councilmen keep faith with us by writing them, today. I'm writing them, how about you?

John G. L. Crain

Editor, Torrance Herald

Every since I was hunting so desperately after V.J. day

for a place to live, and moved into the block down the street, I've learned to know and love Torrance.

The friendly people have turned into neighbors and friends. Despite the fact that our town is one of the fastest growing towns I've ever seen, I still say we have room for more. Every race, color, and creed.

Many a time, though I needed something done on my car immediately, I've managed to get to Torrance to have it done. Likewise, when it comes to shopping, I've made it into Torrance.

We bought a place just half a block from the place we rented in 1945. I've been away from this corner many times, sometimes for several years; but I always come back to it.

I wish the strip could be incorporated into Torrance; but meanwhile I feel the same about Torrance as though I were in the city limits.

So I say — and I know many others who say the same thing — the areas around us including Lomita, should be as proud to join our city as we are proud to have them.

It's the nicest town I ever lived in, and the cleanest and

## LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"If money talks . . . all I can say is there's very little conversation around this house!"

the prettiest. Long may she live, and more and more become a bigger city.

Now I am going to Colorado to live, perhaps indefinitely, but I still love Torrance and will always be proud to be from here.

Sincerely,  
Mildred Collingwood

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