

# RABIES--WHAT EXPERTS SAY

## UNINFORMED, HYSTERICAL BIGOTS

Always in every big city, the health officer has constantly fighting him thousands of people who, for some curious reason, do not want to be protected from smallpox, typhoid fever, dysentery, diphtheria, etc. I do not know why they demand the right to have these diseases, but they do . . .

I do hope that in this case (rabies) all antis who can still think straight, if they won't vote to protect thousands of little children, will at least vote to protect thousands of dogs.—Dr. Walter C. Alvarez, emeritus consultant in medicine at the Mayo Clinic and emeritus professor of medicine at the Mayo Foundation.

## SAFE AND SANE VACCINE

Charges by opponents of dog vaccination in the fight against rabies that animals immunized with the vaccine become rabid were branded completely false by Dr. Milo D. Appelman, chairman of the Department of Bacteriology at the University of Southern California.

"First of all, rabies in dog or man is 100 per cent fatal and this would mean every dog vaccinated would die of rabies. And I should like to call attention to the fact that persons immunized against smallpox or yellow fever with live virus vaccines do not develop these diseases as a result of the vaccination, but are protected against them just as the immunized dog is protected against rabies," Dr. Appelman said.

## 'RACKET' CHARGE UNFOUNDED

There are at least three laboratories in the United States manufacturing rabies vaccine. . . . The city is bound by law to ask for bids for any item it buys. It is unconstitutional to buy on a closed deal, or with specifications so rigged that only one firm can offer the item. — Councilman Edward R. Roybal of Los Angeles.

## MENACE FROM WITHOUT

The way of a rabid dog is always straight ahead, but nefarious. Straight ahead because it cannot see to one side. But it will bite anything that crosses its vision, and it will travel many miles before it collapses, paralyzed.

County health records tell of one rabid dog that traveled 31 miles from Redondo Beach to Glendale.—Les Wagner, Mirror-News staff writer.

## UNORTHODOX TACTICS

Slipshod reporting is not the only device used by the dog worshippers. They also employ a delicate form of blackmail in their valiant struggle against such 'subversive' activities as the promotion of public health.—Paul Coates, Mirror-News columnist.

## EFFECTIVENESS

In St. Louis, during the six-month period after vaccination of 60,000 dogs, only 18 rabid dogs were found in the city in comparison with more than 300 found during a similar period before vaccination. In Memphis and Shelby county, Tenn., it was not possible to eliminate rabies until mass vaccination of dogs was undertaken.—Dr. H. E. Pearson, professor of public health at the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

## REAL EPIDEMIC

Animal rabies has increased greatly in 1955; in fact, it is three times the figure of last year at this time. Twelve new cases were reported last week. Its occurrence is centered in the southern part of the county (which includes Torrance). . . . This is a year to take all dog bites seriously, remembering that there is no recovery from an attack of rabies either for animals or man! Mary B. Dale, M.D., Dr. P.H., chief division of acute communicable diseases, Los Angeles County Health Department.

## COMPULSORY LAW CONSTITUTIONAL

A number of other compulsory health measures are widely used to control disease: blood test for syphilis for every person obtaining marriage certificate in California; testing of dairy cattle or TB; vaccination of all female calves against brucellosis; inspection of dairies and pasteurization of milk; keeping dogs out of restaurants and markets. — "Important Considerations Concerning Anti-Rabies Vaccination" (pamphlet), Citizens Committee for Better Health, Inc., Dr. Clinton H. Thienes, M.D., Pres. WHO HAS SUCH A LAW

Compulsory rabies vaccination is required in six states

## Homeowners Meeting Set

The Home Savers League, an emergency organization formed when operations of Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. threatened hillside property in the Pacific and Weston, Hills area, will meet Tuesday July 12, at 7:30 in WALTERIA Recreation Hall at Walteria Park.

Presiding at the meeting will be Leigh O'Malley, who was appointed to head the emergency league. The meeting is to be held to determine the number and interest of membership, and whether to form a permanent organization.

## Company Celebrates Anniversary

California Precasting company at 1740 West 174th street, the world's largest manufacturer of incinerators and pre-cast concrete walls, is now celebrating its eleventh anniversary.

The firm which has always been a manufacturer, has recently gone into retail sales and is now selling direct to the public.

As a result they are having a sale to celebrate their anniversary, with the public invited to come in and take advantage of the tremendous savings offered.

throughout the country . . . The compulsory vaccination law has also been enacted in seven counties and 48 cities in California.—Citizens Committee for Better Health, Inc.

## TORRANCE

The Torrance area is one of the worst in the present rabies outbreak. It will be much worse now that there has been an outbreak in adjoining Redondo Beach. Torrance has had eight rabid dogs so far this year.—Cliff Gutting, head communicable disease inspector, L. A. County Health Department.

I feel it is very important to get this done. I have no qualms about the vaccine. It has been tested and proven over a long period of time. I don't know of any bad reaction to it, and we have inoculated many dogs here and in San Diego.—Dr. Rollin Smith, veterinarian, Harbor Animal Hospital, Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Raul Barney, of 1726 Hickory St., announce the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Sue, weighing 7 pounds and 7 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis J. Fleming, of 23644 Susana Ave., announce the birth of a daughter, Sharon Beth, weighing 9 pounds, and 2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parrett, of 1409 Wendy Way, announce the birth of a son, Bradley Glen, weighing 10 pounds and 4 ounces.

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## Health Officer Calls Rabies Threat Serious

County Health Officer, Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, said today that the animal rabies situation in Los Angeles County is before the year is over.

To date 58 dogs have died this year from the disease, Los Angeles City accounting for 35, and the remainder of the County 23. Rabies is more than 3 times as prevalent as it was last year.

The spread of the disease, it appears, started at Twenty-third and Wall streets last January and has spread to the southern and southwestern parts of the County.

More than 20,000 dog bites have been reported in the County, and as a result approximately 400 persons bitten by rabid dogs have, or are being given Pasteur treatment.

Dr. Gilbert listed the following precautions against contacting rabies:

1. Do not attempt to handle small animals such as squirrels, gophers, skunks, etc., as the disease is prevalent in wildlife.
2. Do not let a dog run loose in areas frequented by wildlife.
3. If a dog shows a change in disposition or behavior, take it to a veterinarian for observation.
4. Report to the Health Department the complete circumstances of any animal bite.
5. Have your dog vaccinated against rabies.

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## Sullivans In Santa Barbara

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sullivan of 4539 Highgrove ave., celebrated their third wedding anniversary in Santa Barbara the last weekend in June.

The Sullivans have a young son, Shawn.

about 75 per cent of the \$2,036,300 operating budget adopted by the Council, according to City Manager George Stevens.

## Dabbs Heads EC Directors

Jack Dabbs of Torrance was elected president of the El Camino college board of directors when that body met Friday, July 1.

Other officers include: Mel Allen, vice president, of Inglewood; Dr. Wallace Fraser, secretary, of Hawthorne; and School Superintendent Forrest Murdock, secretary of the board.

Mesdames R. E. Griffith, Marvin Thomas, Jerry Humble, Charles Hiler, and Mrs. Albert L. Dudley met with Mrs. Avis Creech, principal of the Harbor City school, to plan the P-TA program for the coming year.

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This Independence Day was one of great festivity. Revelers had gathered from all the surrounding ranchos for speech-making, singing, and general merriment.

Don Juan Sepulveda had unearthed the "Old Woman's Gun" from its hiding place on Rancho Palos Verdes and mounted it on the highest point of Dead Man's Island. From here he fired a salute to "dissipate the last vestige of hostility that may have lingered in the bosoms of the sons of California; to express gratitude to the founders of modern liberty; and to salute the brave mariners who lost their lives in the service of their country."

Now, as we celebrate another July 4th, we find Rancho Palos Verdes again a part of our thinking. For here in the heart of the old rancho, communities of lovely homes, both large and small, are now being built. Here in this historic place many California families will find a long-desired freedom . . . the independence and pride of home ownership.

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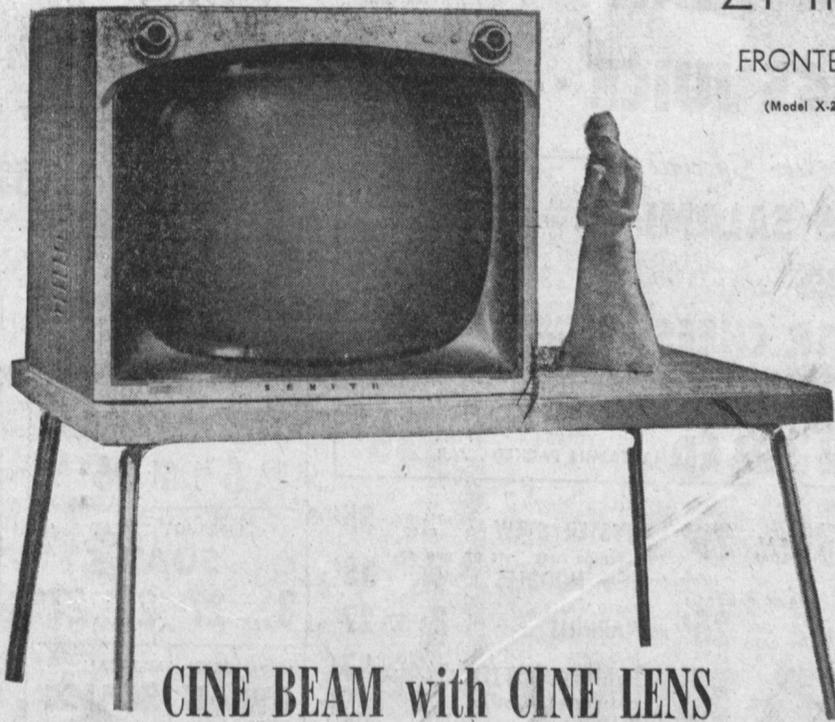
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