

*Here at Home*  
By Maude Miller

Credit!  
Thanks for all the kind inquiries... must be true after all... absence makes the heart grow fonder! Feels good to be back on the job column-writing after a week's hiatus. No vacation either... just a household crisis caused by the leaving of our beloved housekeeper for Switzerland. Makes us nostalgic... just a year ago we were flying to New York en route to England and the Continent. Truly, if you gotta go... Switzerland's the place to go!

Supposed to tell you about Credit today. Credit may best be defined as something when you haven't got it, you sure wish you had! And sometimes it seems you've got least of it when you need it most! Like the man who met his friend on the street, "Gosh, Bill, you're not looking well. Is something wrong?" "There certainly is," replied Bill. "I've had to give up drinking, smoking and playing the horses." Gee, it must be serious," exclaimed Jim. "But your reforming is certainly to your credit." "That's just where you're wrong," snapped Bill. "It's all due to my lack of credit!"

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4. Sam Levy didn't used to send out statements... thought people might be insulted... but we gals have convinced him it's just good business procedure and no one will feel hurt. So... our Charge customers get a monthly notice... and everybody's happy!"

**Woman Side**  
For cash or credit... you'll want a coordinated cotton outfit from SAM LEVY'S! Shirts, skirts, belts, bags and shoes... all in pretty pastel colors for prettifying you!  
"Catalina"... what does the name mean to you? A charming island not far off-shore? More than that, gals. "Catalina" this season means the most glamorous line of bathing suits and play clothes in many a sun-baked day! Come to the Store and see!

**Man Side**  
When is a sport shirt not a sport shirt? When it can double as a dress shirt... like the good-looking McGregor ones we've got at the Store! They come in a subtle, narrow line check or plaid, with button-down, easy collar, and short sleeve for comfort and ease. Cool, man, and handsome! Some real head-turners too, also by McGregor (best name in male sportswear)... gay, bold plaids in warm, loud blues and pinks!  
**Our Side**  
What's the good of a charge account? While stock is fresh and new, and all sizes are available, you get what you want when you want it! Pay later, with no extra charges attached! It's just one of the reasons for shopping here at home... especially at 1311 Sartori. SAM LEVY DEPT. STORE. Naturally!

**DEAR EDITOR....**

**SEGREGATION**

Editor: Torrance Press.

Segregation in Torrance?

Certainly there is segregation in Torrance, but any part of it is only incidental, and is not intended to single out any one regardless of race or color.

Since the first news was chiseled on a stone there has been segregation, and it has always been fostered by a proud tribe or colony that desired that their people be marked indelibly in the history of their era.

Unfortunately the Negro today is the unfortunate political scapegoat in a controversy that involves the possibility of a rapid deterioration of his race through unwise and hasty inter-social problems.

The American Negro today is a great and talented race, their athletic and musical abil-

ities are legendary and they surely carry their fair share in the tolls of our economic and political existence. They are surely not willing to subject themselves to a racial deterioration by intermarriage and living as an extreme minority group settlement. He doesn't expect or desire inter-marriage and inter-social life, but he desires to be treated in business and on the streets as he should be, an equal to anyone. He gives courtesy and receives it on the same level.

The Negro desires a home that in their leisure hours they will be at home among a people who understand each other's traditional social heritage.

I would ask the "Nelsons," is it fair for their children to romp and play with negro children, but turn up their noses when asked to inter-marry their boys and girls with negro

children? How can they refuse? That would be "racial discrimination."

However the building department of Torrance protects the "Nelsons" by "segregating" any one from building a home in their area unless it is a comparable to their spacious home in the remote outskirts of Torrance.

This custom is a hard and fast rule in every building department — they issue permits for certain minimum priced homes in selected areas everywhere.

But they are segregating people to their own kind not to their color.

Through history segregation has been the key to a survival of mankind. The Indians hunted together but their social life was strictly to their own tribe. Like other historic races, although they perhaps had the same hunting grounds, they had separate "Segregated Camps" and as like in the biblical days the few renegade "party crashers" were dealt harshly with, by their own people.

But let us not judge harshly the many "Nelsons." They are only innocent victims of oily-tongued politicians. However

**Walteria Park Rumor**

At the regular meeting of the Walteria Civic Organization held on April 3, 1956, it was brought before this body that a rumor is circulating of the proposed intent by the City to abandon the present Park and Recreational facilities now situated along 242nd street, Ocean avenue, and 101 Highway in Walteria.

After a thorough discussion of such a move, the members of this organization sincerely request your thorough consideration of the following:

Members of the Walteria Civic Organization have worked

let me remind our hasty neighbors, that while we owe our deepest respect to our fellow American, the Negro, and help him with his problems as he helps with ours, we certainly cannot advocate an inter-social, white and black inter-marriage as it would lead to a general dissipation of both races.

Let's quit head-hunting, let's live among our kind and solve our many problems. Let each race form its community, its schools, teachers, officials and representatives — that's the American way.

(S) Ivan Strunsky  
(The Arlington Ave Baron)

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for a recreation building for Walteria since 1937. Funds have been budgeted several times only to be used for something supposedly more necessary than recreation. This organization worked long and hard to initiate the ground work for the old recreation hall and furnishings thereof. Through the combined efforts of the various clubs and organizations in Walteria, the interior was painted, electric clock installed, silverware, dishes, etc., were provided. Subsequently this building was made available for the use of all clubs and organizations in the area including youth activities. Residents will recall that this building has now been moved to make way for the present construction and is being well used for scouting activities.

Large amounts of money have been spent on improving the park, grass, flowers and trees have been planted. Some trees and shrubs were the gifts of veteran organizations and some were planted in honor of pioneer settlers. A ball park was established with flood lights, tennis courts installed, a modern and complete patio was built and now at long last a recreation building is under construction.

Now, when the long awaited building begins to materialize and is actually being erected, it is rumored that the park is to be relocated. We believe people are being misled as to the reason for the relocation; namely, "It is too close to the highway." Should the Council abandon our present park facilities and rezone permitting business establishments, said business could include issuing of licenses to add liquor which is the rumor as we have heard it. Certainly parents would not approve such a setting for a public library which is patronized mainly by their children.

It is true that a park is needed in the vicinity of Pacific Hills. Abandoning the present Walteria park to a proposed area in Pacific Hills would endanger the youngsters who take advantage of our present facilities inasmuch as they would be obliged to travel across busy Hawthorne boulevard and undoubtedly would continue via Newton Street. Kindly note there are no sidewalks along Hawthorne boulevard and none along Newton street easterly to Madison street. Traversing the streets either singly or in groups, walking, roller skating and bicycling in the haphazard manner youngsters employ, is not only frightening for their safety but terrifying to the motorist.

From the rapid growth in this area and including the 35 new

**West Basin Pumping Plan Pays Off**

The pumping curtailment program began last June has resulted in water levels rising as much as 15 feet in the West Basin area, it was announced by the West Basin Water association.

The pumping restriction was agreed upon after levels dropped dangerously low and sea water began entering the underground basin, Carl Fossette, association secretary said.

Increases in the levels in the Carson-Dominguez area have gone to between 12 and 15 feet. Increases in Lomita have been reported between eight and nine feet, but the levels here have gone up only about a foot or two, officials said.

homes presently under construction, Walteria could well use two parks. The present facilities are well within reach of those youngsters on the West side of Hawthorne including the new Ellinwood area. This park is well equipped with rest rooms and well lighted thereby insuring the safety of youngsters during play hours. The out-of-door cooking facilities are a much needed improvement not only to the residents but a welcome invitation to the tired traveler to stop and enjoy the beauty as well as the picnic facilities of Walteria. The only other park available would be El Retiro which would necessitate crossing busy Calle Mayor and then walking or traversing on busy 101 highway.

Certainly there would not be any financial gain in starting all over in establishing a new park in a new location and if, as has been suggested, the new building were to be used as a library, would we have to wait another 20 years for money from the much over-worked budget for another recreation building? We, as tax payers, do not feel that we should be further bonded and taxed in order that a few people might further their own personal gains...

Respectfully yours,  
WALTERIA CIVIC ORGANIZATION  
(S) BESSIE SLONECKER, Secretary

**Parking Problem**

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:  
With all the trouble we are having over parking why is one auto dealer able to fill the street with his new cars?

The day before Easter one couldn't find a place to park yet there were seven new "Fords" on Cabrillo ave., nearly in one group — no telling how many used cars they had parked there.

Another thing, we should know is why the "Foord" dealer has his advertising on the license plate frames of police cars.

One more thing is that the city has a little three cornered plot at Cabrillo and Marcelina which has a flag pole erected on it.

There are usually two to five policemen within a block of it. Why can't they be instructed to put up and take down, daily, our national emblem?

I can't remember when I saw Old Glory flying there.  
Bert C. Lamphere  
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**Crossings For Avalon Approved**

At the request of Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the county board of supervisors this week appropriated \$4,600 for the construction of crossings over the center section of Avalon boulevard at 182nd, 184th, 186th and 189th streets.

The crossings are needed to provide residents of the Victoria park area better access to their property, Supervisor Hahn said.

Need for the additional crossing was brought to Supervisor Hahn's attention by Lester C. Dickson, 18206 Wall street.

Work on constructing these crossings is scheduled to begin within 30 days, Supervisor Hahn said.

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