

DEAR EDITOR....

Stolen Bikes

Editor,
Torrance Press:
To get to the point of my letter right away, WHAT is happening to the parents in Torrance and vicinity? My son's bike was taken from the front of our garage. My husband and his brother were working on a car and came in for coffee about 9:30 in the evening, which took about one-half hour.

In that length of time, with the front door open, someone came up to the garage, which

is attached to the house, and took the bike.

I reported it to the police the next day and they said that there are from five to 15 bikes taken from the Torrance pool alone almost every day. Are the parents so busy that they do not know or care that there is a bike at their home that does not belong there?

If they do notice it why don't they either have the child return the bike or turn it into the police station so that they can return it?

My son rode his bike continuously and is lost without it. Like most working people we

cannot afford to be buying bikes for our children all the time. I also might mention that most of the bikes taken seem to be racing bikes like my son's.

From my point of view the parents are just helping their child along the road to more serious trouble in their older years.

Aren't there any honest people left in this world?????
A VERY IRATE MOTHER
(Name withheld on request)

Swimming Pool... It's Cold Out There

Editor,
Torrance Press,

Yesterday for the first time my little girl and I patronized the new Municipal Pool in Torrance. I was surprised when I was refused permission to carry a towel with me in the pool—particularly when in the open and under rather cool atmospheric conditions.

We swam for about 20 minutes, however emerging from the heated waters, I realized that I would have to be a seal to enjoy such arctic conditions—but as for us, it would have meant a possible pneumonia or some other complications due to exposure.

My 8-year-old was near tears from the cold, shaking, and almost blue, exposed to the wind, dripping wet, and NOT A THING to put over her shoulders—suggested we go to the Biltmore hotel pool where we used to go.

Although it was only 3 p.m. I noticed more youngsters leaving than coming, obviously for the same reasons as ours. How many youngsters can stand a cool wind, dripping wet?

I was under the impression that one of the reasons this pool was built, was to keep the boys and girls off the street.

However, with the policy of preventing to take a towel or robe in the pool, we are far worse off, because as everyone knows the youngster in general anticipates great fun when visiting a swimming pool, but all

Oil Bill

Editor,
Torrance Press

I am writing to urge all voters to vote 'no' on proposition No. 4 on November 6. We should be against it for many reasons, including our disbelief that the major oil companies are spending \$5,000,000 in the public interest.

This is a workingman's fight, a fight between monopoly and consumer.

Everybody is for "conservation." I am. You are. But proposition No. 4 is an oil control bill written by Standard Oil and seven other oil importing companies. It will shut in California oil production in favor of their vastly more profitable imports from Middle East concessions.

The AFL has condemned this bill as a job-wrecking scheme. I urge all voters, Democrat and Republican, to vote 'no' on Proposition No. 4.

Sincerely,
Thirvin D. Fleetwood
Los Angeles County
Democratic Central
Committee

he gets in return (as in the case yesterday) is FRUSTRATION, if he is made to leave, because of the conditions, simply because he can't stand the cold, and is not permitted to do a thing about it. So what else is there to do for him, but return home early, a thing a youngster usually will do with reluctance unless he has had some fun.

So he will ride, and ride, or turn to some other recreation more or less desirable.

I mentioned this "towel business" to the manager, who told me there was little he could do, since this was a city ordinance. So please lets modify this ordinance, but real soon, because who will be responsible for the children that contract pneumonia, and perhaps hold the City of Torrance responsible.

Yours very truly,
(s) Mrs. John P. O'Neill
21329 Palos Verdes blvd.
Torrance

(Editor's note: Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation, stated that there are three reasons why towels are

LETTER OF THANKS

Editor,
Torrance Press

Every citizen who has been reading your paper without doubt has been aware of your efforts to encourage voter registration.

This publicity has played a great part in substantially increasing voter registration.

As Chairman of the Registration Committee may I express the appreciation of all those who have participated in this activity.

Very truly yours,
(S) Donald W. Mansfield
Assistant City Manager

not permitted around the pool: 1) they might drop into the pool and plug up the supply lines which could cause serious damage; 2) the Health Department would object for sanitary reasons; and 3) the possibility of horse play (snapping towels at others). VanBellehem has recommended the erection of a wind-break.

ALL THAT is worth reckoning is what we do, and the best of everything is not too good, but is economy and riches.—Mary Baker Eddy.

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Red Cross Volunteers Needed Here

Mrs. Edith Meskimen, staff aid chairman of the Torrance branch of the American National Red Cross, is seeking volunteers to staff the local Red Cross office, 1347 El Prado.

"Women volunteers are needed," she said, "to give two hours a week of their time, answering the telephone and aiding persons who come into the office."

"Typing is not essential," she added, "and the hours are from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday." Mrs. Meskimen may be contacted at the local office FA. 8-0510 or at her home DA. 6-8196.

Blood bank chairman, Mrs. Gordon Jones, also is in need of canteen workers and volunteers to assist in the blood program.

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