

**PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD**

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The best place to look for buried treasure is right within yourself. You have more talent and beauty hidden away than you ever imagined. To start excavating and bringing it to light, let us consider a facet of personality that perhaps we have given little thought to before.

I am going to talk today to the "critic." I can just hear you say, "Well, she doesn't mean me." Oh, but I do... so please don't stop reading. You may be surprised to find that what is said does fit you. Also you may take some comfort in knowing that the majority of people to some degree have to be on the lookout to make certain their "inner treasure" does not remain buried by the habit of criticism.

We all have a tendency to feel that when another person acts badly, they are ugly; when we do it, it is nerves. When they pick flaws, they are cranky; when we do it, we are discriminating. When they are set in their ways, it is being obstinate; when we do it, it is just firmness.

**Criticism Easy**

The easiest thing in the world to do is to criticize. No doubt that is why we hear so much of it. The line of least resistance is very appealing and before you know it, you find yourself looking for flaws. Naturally then, you will be finding them. You may even fool yourself that you are sounding wise when you point out everything that is wrong. Don't you resent it though, when others do it to you? Right now you can think of someone who always makes you feel ill at ease and on the defensive by their ever critical opinions.

There are many whose tone of voice usually implies that they can't understand how you could be so dumb. Some have only negative reactions to any suggestion. They always have a number of reasons why anything you suggest is absolutely impossible. They ask for your opinion, then proceed to make it seem as though you certainly did not use any brains, in giving what you think is a helpful answer.

To see if you qualify as a "critic," listen to yourself. Are your conversations full of the negative responses of "ridiculous, absurd, no, can't, won't, hopeless, perfectly silly, and on and on? In other words, would you classify yourself as a "be-littler," or a "bulldozer?"

Everyone is attracted to the one who gives credit where credit is due and who has a kind

band and wife, friends or relatives, is this habit of thoughtless, ego-deflating, through constant criticism.

We all have faults and we instinctively turn to, and love dearly, those who help us to think better of ourselves by remembering to praise us when we do something well, and withhold too liberal a dose of reminding us of our errors.

Be kind to yourselves and start tomorrow to look for more chances to give a deserved pat-on-the-back.

Torrance Press Classified ads get many service awards for recapturing pocketbook-power for South Bay residences!

**Scientist Gives Church Lecture**

"Liberation from fear and discord of materialism through spiritual understanding of God is a practical opportunity today," Richard Knox Lee of London, told his audience here Friday, in his lecture, "Christian Science, the Law of Spiritual Dominion over Material Domination."

A member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Lee spoke under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist. He was introduced by Mrs. Ruth Brossart, second reader.

"Christian Science shows," he said, "that the way of deliverance from error of every kind is the way of perfect, spiritual

thinking. As we perceive and realize God's spiritual ideas in consciousness, they meet our human needs, destroying our iniquities and healing our diseases."

"Working without God's wisdom and love is like the sun-

light trying to shine without the sun," he stated.

"The aim of Christian Scientists in studying the Bible and 'Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures' by Mary Baker Eddy, is to spiritually understand God and demonstrate

man in God's likeness, thus evangelizing the human self," he said.

The power of prayer can be applied with equal effectiveness to problems of business, the home, and the world, Mr. Lee stated.

**CLEAN WINDSHIELDS**  
Windshields should be kept clean, particularly at night, says the Allstate-Safety Crusade. Not only can a film of dirt reduce visibility as much as 40 per cent, but it can cause blinding glare from oncoming lights.

(Political Advertisement)

**ATTENTION DEMOCRATS!**

**VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 8, FOR**

**THIRVIN D. FLEETWOOD**  
**FOR CITY COUNCIL**

ENDORSED BY: State and County Democratic Central Committee, Torrance Democrats, Inc., AFL-CIO

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

(Political Advertisement)

**VOTE APRIL 8, 1958**

For City Clerk Vote for One

First on the Ballot   
INCUMBENT (in his 80th year)

DISQUALIFIED   
Second on the Ballot

HERMA TILLIM   
QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED

**COMPARE the RECORD!**

**FROM OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**Incumbent-ALBERT ISEN**

- HAS ALWAYS FIRMLY OPPOSED any kind of gambling in Torrance.
- BLOCKED ALL ATTEMPTS to make political footballs of our Commissions.
- ELIMINATED RED TAPE in conducting city council meetings, thus permitting more time for the ever increasing load of important work.
- PUT AN END to "Star Chamber" meetings. All Council meetings are now open to the public as required by law.
- ESTABLISHED the Annual Junior Citizens' Day
- LED THE DRIVE to ban sale of obscene magazines and comic books in Torrance.
- SECURED SAFETY FENCING of Dominguez Channel by Los Angeles County.
- Now actively working on program for REDUCTION OF TAXES.
- Now actively working on project 'TORRANCE JOBS FOR TORRANCE RESIDENTS.'
- Now actively WORKING ON PLANS FOR SOLUTION OF DRAINAGE PROBLEMS.
- WON FOR TORRANCE the "All America" city award.



**RETAIN**  
**ALBERT ISEN**  
**MAYOR**  
**OF TORRANCE**



LOOK MAGAZINE (Nov. 26, 1957) called him Torrance's "Dedicated Mayor" and says "Crime problems do not exist in Torrance." Under Mayor Isen's leadership, our city has emerged from obscurity to become known all-over the United States for its clean, progressive City Government.

Endorsed by: Labor, AFL-CIO Central Labor Council, Home Owners, Business and Labor

FOR MAYOR

**VOTE APRIL 8**

**ALBERT ISEN**  
INCUMBENT



**Opponent - DRALE**

- VOTED TO ALLOW Pinball and pay-off machines to be licensed in the city of Torrance. (Prohibited by Ord. 540.)
- HE ALONE, last month, VOTED to license GARDENA taxi 'shuttle service' in Torrance.
- VOTED AGAINST ORDINANCE to establish an official Library Board.
- VOTED AGAINST ORDINANCE controlling Billboards throughout the city.
- VOTED AGAINST ORDINANCE aimed at wiping out dread rabies. This matter attracted widespread attention from surrounding communities. The following appeared in the Los Angeles Mirror-News.

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**Paul V. Coates**

Confidential File

"This is written with a real sense of hopelessness. . . . Last Tuesday the Torrance City Council met to vote on a compulsory rabies inoculation law . . . and a City Father named Nicholas O. Drale, who led Council opposition to the ordinance, explained his stand with the incredible statement:

"I talked it over with my dog and he told me he doesn't want to be shot."

"I wonder if this WOULD-BE COMEDIAN took the trouble to ask any children if they wanted to be bitten by a rabid dog?"

Fortunately for us all, and especially for our children, who are the most common victims of rabid dog attacks, the inoculation ordinance was passed and is now law. We have had no cases of rabies in our community since. Recently, the State of California adopted similar humanitarian laws.



**Sure!**  
**But**  
**fly 'em**  
**safely!**



Here's how—explains Reddy Kilowatt

1. Fly kites in an open field, away from electric power lines and other overhead obstructions.
2. Be sure string is perfectly dry.
3. Never use wire, tinsel or metallic string.
4. If the kite catches in a power line, let go immediately.

"LIVE BETTER—ELECTRICALLY"

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

