

Experts Quoted on Obscenity

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of human conduct never are to be noticed.

It was suggested that newspapers should publish a list of newsstand operators who failed to cooperate with the committee, but no one offered to defend the paper in an ensuing libel action, want with the magazines the.

What any purchaser would group displayed is more than a sane person can imagine. The poses are ridiculous, the models mostly revolting, and the stories absurd. The efficacy of acquainting the junior generation with quality — with the perception to distinguish a Michelangelo from an amateur creation or a Tschakowski from a hillbilly song — was not discussed, due to lack of time.

Since time began, the term "obscurity" has been utterly without meaning. That which is cherished in Los Angeles might be highly obscene in Paris or Las Vegas, and vice versa. The meaning varies from city to city and year to year. In Queen Victoria's time they put panties round piano legs.

The committee has bitten off a great responsibility and is chewing mightily.

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Torrance Birth Rate Soaring

During the past 10 years, the birth rate for Torrance residents has far exceeded that for California and the United States.

That is the gist of a report compiled by the Torrance School District's department of special services from records of the county Health Department. The birth rates are important in planning for schools in the future.

Records show that Torrance's birth rate has topped both state and national figures for several years.

Last year, Torrance residents produced 26.8 babies for each 1000 residents, while the state residents had 24.6.

During the period since 1950, state and national birth averages have run between 21 and 25. Average birth rate for Torrance since then has been 32.4.

Letters

Lomita Annexation

EDITOR THE PRESS:

Sunday my phone rang, and a neighbor wanted to know what qualifications Torrance required for their city employees when one of them was so stupid, according to the Sunday newspaper story, stating she didn't know 24663 Pennsylvania wasn't in Torrance when she moved in about a year ago. (Does this also apply to City Councilmen Beasley and Jahn?)

Now she says she has to circulate a petition to annex the area to Torrance in order to keep her job.

We see many for-rent signs in Torrance, so all she has to do is move into one of them, then her job should be secure. She no longer would have to pester people in Lomita with phony promises in order to entice them to sign annexation petitions.

We in Lomita are not interested in paying Torrance city expenses, including her salary.

DESSIE G. MYERS
 LOMITA

Sadistic Dope Laws

EDITOR THE PRESS:

Thank heaven someone has the courage to look into a problem and call for sense rather than retribution. Certainly our dope laws are too tough; they are sadistic.

An enlightened approach, rather than an emotional tirade, is the only way in which we can correct the narcotic problem—or any other, for that matter.

SCHOOLTEACHER

Boost in Gas Supply Sought to Cut Smog

The two Southland gas distribution companies have sought to help meet provisions of anti-smog legislation when air-pollu-

tion factors appear to be most severe, the County Board of Supervisors has been told.

Guy W. Wadsworth Jr., president of Southern Counties Gas Co., appearing as spokesman for his firm and for Southern California Gas Co., told the Super-

visors the gas utilities were seeking supplies to serve 75 per cent of the industrial fuel needs of Southern California.

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