

LOOSELEAF NOTEBOOK

PROGRESS DEPARTMENT

By ALAN ANTHONY
Progress isn't much good, really.

If you don't believe it, try to buy a cotton shirt—just a plain, white cotton garment that can be ironed flat. You'll find orlon, dacron, nylon, krypton, fluffron, fizzron that you can damp dry, fluff dry, drip dry, soak dry, or wear into the shower.

It is well known these articles will dry wrinkle-free. That is, it is known to all but those who have tried it.

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Well, I don't want to take care of a shirt. I want a shirt that will take care of me—just a plain, white, cotton shirt that won't turn brown under an iron. Try

Now, some progress is good. We have noticed the stores now have a new kind of vegetable that don't even have to be torn out of a box and thawed. They are right out in the open and can be taken home in a sack and used. This is true progress.

Bakeries, on the other hand, are going off hog wild in another direction. Our gal at the next desk is an unpretentious sort of soul who takes life as she finds it, and the less she finds the better. Her one outstanding eccentricity is a preference for plain doughnuts.

Try and find one. There are cream doughnuts, custard doughnuts, jelly doughnuts, sugared doughnuts, fig doughnuts, kumquat doughnuts—coco- nut, pecan, litchee, and sauerkraut doughnuts.

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So much for progress. It's an old man who remembers when things were good.

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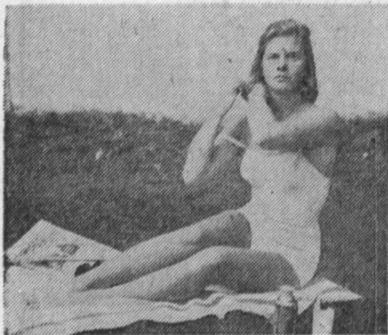
The 1960 Neptune Days Marinara Art Exhibit will be juried by John P. Leeper, according to South Bay Art Association chairman, Darrell Brandon.

The 10-day art portion of the West's most complete water spectacular will include an indoor exhibit for the full 10 days, an outdoor exhibit June 25 and 26, and an art auction on June 26. The three part art program will attract work from Southern California's Art Centers.

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Letters

Justice for DeArmitt

EDITOR THE PRESS:
Is there justice in Torrance? As the mother of Fireman Richard DeArmitt of the Torrance Fire Department, I was shocked that the Civil Service Commission and the Torrance City Council would uphold tyranny and petty spite.

This was done when they allowed Richard to be discriminated against and penalized with a five-day suspension. Not only has this deprived him of livelihood but placed a blot on his record with the fire department that will follow him wherever he may go. The only charge brought against him at the Civil Service hearing was that he had 10 or 12 campaign stickers on his personal vehicle. He is forbidden his privilege of voicing his choice of candidates in a free Torrance election.

He has always pictured Torrance to me as a real American city, populated by the average hard-working family, upholding the principles of a free democracy as good citizens do.

My husband and I are very proud of Richard as one of these citizens. As a volunteer paratrooper of the 11th Airborne Division he served in Japan in World War II. This was followed by two years at El Camino College where he met his wife-to-be, Loradelle. With the addition to his family of three fine children he bought a home in Torrance where he felt his family would get all the advantages of clean living and good schooling. Soon after this he became a Torrance Fireman.

Aside from earning a living at his job, Richard has felt a lot of satisfaction in serving his community in his work. In spare time he also carries out community activities as co-manager and coach of a little league team, activities in Cub and Boy Scout groups, co-chairman in fund raising for the late YMCA drive, and president of Fire Fighters Local 1138.

Many firemen, who like Richard had never been told campaign stickers were taboo, appeared at Richard's hearing and admitted using campaign stickers on their vehicles. Though they ran a risk of being penalized for their admission they put American fair play ahead of personal welfare. God bless them.

Was Richard discriminated against because he was president of a union, or because

of the personal prejudice of Fire Chief Benner and City Manager Stevens. Is he "too good" a citizen who insists on fair play and good working conditions for himself and his fellow workers where he has any voice in the matter? The unjust action of the City Council has made this an issue of public importance to every Torrance citizen and every newspaper in the area. What are they going to do about it?

Is there justice in Torrance?
JUNIAH CONTRERAS

Justice for Teacher

EDITOR THE PRESS:
Three hundred years ago there were sacrificial fires burning on the bleak shores of Massachusetts. Engulfed in these fires were a few faceless and anguished figures, twisting in the glare of unfounded accusation and savage penalty. The "witches" of Salem were innocent, but they went down to defeat in a storm of blood lust and intolerance.

Are these fires being rekindled today?

Shall we take from a man the right to his livelihood or his life without honest accusation and punishment according to law?

Have we descended to the methods of the enemies of the human spirit who in Russia today mete out brutality on the basis of suspicion?

Not long ago Mr. Robert Schlihs, an instructor at El Camino College, was informed that he would not be retained as an employee of that institution for the coming school year.

He was given no reason for his dismissal.

We believe that Mr. Schlihs has proved himself a competent and dedicated instructor and an asset to the college. He has worked closely with school officials on plans for a new audio-visual building and language center under a tacit understanding that he would play a key role in seeing the project through to completion. He has also invented two machines aimed at facilitating the teaching of speech arts and foreign languages, for which he has received recognition which reflects favorably on El Camino College. Mr. Schlihs has never during his entire two years at El Camino been notified of any deficiency, academic or otherwise, as a hint of impending dismissal.

Why has he been dismissed? We have reason to believe that Mr. Schlihs has been dismissed on the basis of sus-



MOUNTAIN SUSPENSE—"Third Man on the Mountain," Disney film, is showing at Roadium Drive-in today, tomorrow, with "Men of the Fighting Lady," starring Van Johnson.

picion of the most nebulous sort. He was one of over seventy Los Angeles teachers subpoenaed to appear before a hearing (later cancelled) of the House Unamerican Committee last spring. Mr. Schlihs' subpoena was cancelled and he was never again asked to appear before the committee. Furthermore, he was never informed of the charges against him or of the source of the information which formed the basis of the committee's interest in him. We believe that the Board of Trustees' action in dismissing Mr. Schlihs was prompted entirely by the fact that he had been subpoenaed by the committee, even though no actual charges were ever brought against him.

Perhaps we are accusing the Board of Trustees unjustly. Perhaps the board had a valid reason for refusing to retain Mr. Schlihs as an instructor at El Camino. We realize that the board has no legal obligation to inform Mr. Schlihs of the reason or reasons why he has suddenly become unwelcome on the El Camino campus. We believe, however, that because of the shadow of suspicion which has been thrown on Mr. Schlihs as an instructor and a loyal American, the board has a moral obligation to make its objections known to him.

Mr. Schlihs has over 12 years experience as an English and Speech instructor and as an audio-visual specialist. He is responsible for the support and protection of his wife and four children. His entire career and livelihood has been placed in jeopardy by the suspicious cast on him by the Board of Trustees' action. Most important of all, Mr. Schlihs has and will discuss his political views and opinions freely, but he cannot defend himself unless he is directly informed of the charges against him. We ask only that the Board of Trustees give Mr. Schlihs a reason for his dismissal. The Faculty Council of El Camino and private citizens have written to the board asking

that this be done, but we need your help.

To ensure that this man is given adequate opportunity to protect himself and his livelihood, we ask that you submit letters to the President and Board of Trustees, care of El Camino College. The next regular scheduled board meeting is to be held Monday evening, June 13, (El Camino College Administration Building, room 2, at 7:30.) A special closed meeting is to be held Friday, May 27, to reconsider the action taken against Mr. Schlihs.

If your conscience tells you to care, please write.

We thank you sincerely,
CLARK ROBBINS,
Chairman
Student Committee for Academic Freedom 14817
Chadron Ave. Apt. "S"
Gardena, California

Rest Home OK'd by Council. But No Bongo Drums

Permission has been granted by the city for Jessie L. Lounsbury to continue operating a home for six aged persons.

The City Council concurred with a Planning Commission recommendation that the permit be extended on a year-to-year basis.

Mayor Isen said OK, provided no bongo drums are played after midnight. Residents near the home, at 3315 W. 187th St., had complained this was a custom, although the source of the controversy still is a mystery to Mrs. Lounsbury and her guests.

Gamma Phi Beta Sets Floral Talk

Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae of the South Bay will hear a program on dry-flower arrangements Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Virgil Hawks, 1006 W. 137th St., Hawthorne.

Virginia Ulva will be guest speaker. Mrs. Raymond Lewand, president, will preside.

Open Play Bowling
In open play at Palos Verdes Bowl, 200 scores were made by the following: Ruth Candler, 214; Lil Fehring, 210; Dee Showalter, 256; Joe Karuzza, 252.



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