

Thoughts for Lent . . .

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

By JOHN ADAMS
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We find the sun and moon, to a very great degree, influencing us. Tides are produced in the ocean; clouds in the atmosphere; all nature is made to flourish and look gay by these enlivening and invigorating luminaries.

Yes, life and cheerfulness is diffused to all other planets, as well as ours, upon the sprightly sunbeams.

No doubt, there is as great a multitude and variety of bodies upon each planet, in proportion to its magnitude, as there is upon ours.

These bodies are connected with, and influenced by each other. Thus, we see the amazing harmony of our solar system.

The minutest particle, in one of Saturn's satellites, may have some influence upon the most distant regions of the system. The stupendous plan of operation was projected by Him Who rules the universe, and a part assigned to every particle of matter, to act in this great and complicated drama.

The Creator looked into the remotest futurity, and saw his great designs accomplished by this inextricable, this mysterious complication of causes.

But to rise still higher, this solar system is but one very small wheel in the great, the astonishing machine of the world.

Those stars, that twinkle in the heavens, have each of them a choir of planets, comets, and satellites, dancing round them, playing mutually on each other, and all, together, playing on the other systems that lie around them.

One system, considered as one body hanging on its center of gravity, may affect and be affected by all the other systems within the compass of creation.

Thus, it is highly probable, every particle of matter influences and is influenced by every other particle in the whole collected universe.

North J-School Places Four in Writing Finals

Four North High journalism students have qualified for the finals of the 12th annual Southern California National Assn. of Journalism Directors writing contest at Santa Barbara, May 25, according to E. H. McCusker, assistant principal, curriculum.

Candace Bell, Jim Breitenfeldt, William Johnson and John Rance are those who placed in the preliminaries. Miss Bell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Bell, 18827 Florwood, won 4th place in the editorial writing category. She also received a 3rd place in news writing at this year's El Camino Press Day.

Jim Breitenfeldt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Les Breitenfeldt, 17010 Atkinson, placed 9th in editorial writing.

William Johnson, son of Mr. & Mrs. William L. Johnson, 16622 Glenburn, won 8th place in sports writing.

John Rance, son of Mr. & Mrs. John E. Rance, 4335 W. 176th Street, placed 10th in sports writing.

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Schools Give Answers on Bond Issue

Answers to some of the questions about the \$8 million bond issue for the Torrance Unified School District are given by the district. They are:

What will the bond issue provide?

1. Additions to the following elementary schools: Hickory, Victor, Wood, Madrona, Towers, Magruder, Arlington, and Hamilton.

2. Three new elementary schools: Joseph Arnold, Grace Wright, and one in the new Marble Estate development.

3. Additions to four high schools: Torrance High, South High, North High, and West High.

Why are the bonds needed?

1. To keep up with pupil enrollment increases.

2. To avoid half-sessions.

3. To keep the Torrance school plant up with population growth (which is 13 persons per day).

Will the bonds increase your tax rate?

No, the present rate creased.

The bond tax rate was 83 cents in 1958. The bond tax rate this year is 87 cents.

During the period 1958 to 1962, the district has sold over \$13 million in bonds.

The bond tax rate varies from year to year but remains within a few cents of its present range because the district can bond itself only to ten percent of the assessed valuation.

When will the bonds be sold?

The bonds will be sold only as funds are needed to pay for specific projects.

It is estimated that from \$1.5 to \$2 million will be needed each year for four to five years to provide the necessary buildings and sites.

Why is the decision on the bond issue important?

Because it affects the future of the children of Torrance, and our children are our future.

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