

EDITORIALS

New Court Demanded

The Torrance Municipal Court Steering Committee has completed its preliminary study of the needs for a court in Torrance and has rendered its report to the City Council. Their report, although not lengthy, contains the fruits of many hours of work by members of the committee and others interested in correcting an incompatible situation.

Issuance of the report last Friday evening might be called Step No. 2 in the series of procedures needed to secure a proper court facility for Torrance and its neighbors. The first step was made by the City Council last week when that body instructed the City Attorney to prepare a resolution formally offering a site on the city's new civic center at Torrance Blvd. and Maple for court purposes.

Both of these procedures were necessary preliminaries to a formal demand for establishment of a court here.

The committee's recommendation that the South Bay Judicial District be split and a separate Torrance Judicial District be established has considerable merit. In the report prepared for the Supervisors by the County Administrator's office, the possibility of splitting the district or establishing a branch court for Torrance was not reviewed because "Board (of Supervisors) policy has opposed the division of existing judicial districts or the establishment of branch municipal courts."

The committee's report now goes to the City Council, which can logically be expected to add its weight to demands for a Torrance court.

The HERALD believes the committee acted properly in presenting one recommendation to the Council. Their recommendation is the culmination of serious study and not to be taken lightly.

The growth tendency in the southwest section of the county is being concentrated within the city limits of Torrance. Apparently, there is to be no change in this trend for many years. Torrance will be a city of 150,000 persons in another decade, while Redondo Beach, the present court city, can never exceed one-third of that total.

Torrance is going to furnish the major portion of all cases to the court—wherever it is. It is only a matter of simple economics to have it as near the center of the area it serves as is physically possible, and the new Torrance Civic Center at Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave. is at the center of the area.

It is time that local officials and others in a position to influence a decision on the matter make their voices heard in the highest places.

Shrinking the World

That 8-hour round trip transcontinental flight by a new jet transport plane has stirred up quite a bit of interest. And no wonder. To think that whereas our California pioneers took four months, or more, to span the continent, their descendants now make it in four hours!

In fact, one of our esteemed contemporaries dreamed up this thought-provoking little drama. A California-bound traveler has breakfast in a New York City airport, then boards the 7 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) jet for the Coast. Somewhere over Iowa he is served a complimentary breakfast by a jet-haired stewardess. And at 7 a.m. (Pacific Standard Time) he alights at San Francisco International Airport just in time for breakfast! Gastronomically speaking he's gotten nowhere—but gotten there fast.

However, that really isn't so new. We see many a day when, try as we may, we just can't seem to get the day really started.

IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

NEXT ISSUE
ARMY
REVIEWED
BY A MULE!

EMMA ELLEN MANDERS—
A SHAKE CHARMER—
IS EMPLOYED IN ONE OF
ENGLAND'S BIGGEST
SAPPHIRE FACTORIES!

DOUBLE HEADER
BUTTERFLY—
NATURALLY MARRIED
TO A GIRL WHO
LIVES WITH THE
ENEMIES

A JAR OF
"DRAGON-BONE DUST"
SOLD BY A CHINESE
ARTHEMIST SHOP AS A
CURE-ALL REMEDY
LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF
THE GREATEST KNOWN DEPOSIT
OF DRAGON-BONE REMAINS!

DR. WALTER SCHUBERT
DISCOVERED THAT
HE LEARNED THE SECRET OF THE
GOLDEN BONES FROM THE
"DRAGON-BONE DIGGERS"
CHILD

Second Sight



PTA Seeking Improvement of Schools, Perry Group States

(The PTA seeks the improvement of schools and classroom conditions in cooperation with school officials, but avoids interference in direction of policies, a statement prepared by officials of the Perry PTA declared Friday.

The last two Perry PTA meetings have been the scene of considerable discussion about double sessions at the school and in other Torrance schools, with some members of the PTA criticizing the Perry PTA officers and Torrance school officials.

A resolution, reaffirming the PTA's faith in the school administration, passed by a majority of more than 90 per cent, the PTA said.

In an effort to clarify the situation, the Perry PTA officials issued the following statement:

"Through the years, progress toward a better school, laws, and communities has been made in this state through the action of hundreds of local Parent-Teacher units. Improvements in schools, not perfection, can be achieved with the loyal cooperation of PTA and schools working together.

"With this object in mind, the Perry School PTA has for the past two association meetings endeavored to work toward this end.

"In the September meeting, an irate group of people met in a meeting continued after the regular session had adjourned, to discuss half-day sessions. The group was not representative of the PTA, for parent-teacher conferences were being held at the same time.

"Out of this group came a resolution, which, in part, demanded that Perry School go off double sessions," and was directed to the Board of Education. The resolution received a well-tempered reply from the Board of Education in this regard.

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"I move that we as a PTA go on record as affirming our confidence in the school administration, our willingness to cooperate with it and our intention to adhere to the policies of the PTA.

"Attending the meeting was Mrs. L. O. Anderson, 33rd District PTA legislation chairman, and Mrs. M. L. Sellers, 33rd district PTA corresponding secretary, acting as advisers in PTA status.

"Informed people in PTA, Mrs. Kenneth W. McVey, realizing all is being done that can be done at this time in the school building program, felt further information should be given this minority group.

"In the October association meeting, representatives from the School Board, school administration, Torrance Council PTA, and long-time residents of the Perry School district, were presented to give up to date plans and reasons we are not able to go off half-day sessions in Torrance.

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"Foremost among the obstacles to good working relations between parent-teacher associations and members of the teaching profession is the lack of mutual understanding as to what constitutes PTA interference in school affairs.

"PTA is interfering if it seeks changes in the school calendar, curriculum, or methods without making an effort to understand the reasons for established procedure.

"Be sure you understand the present curriculum or program before you suggest any changes. It is the joint responsibility of parents and teachers to evaluate the school curriculum or school programs; leave the job of working out the various courses, and methods to the professional personnel of the school.

"In cases where changes may seem advisable make your proposal constructive. Point out specific ways in which the program could be made to satisfy needs that it does not now satisfy. Let all proposals deal with needs to be met and purposes to be accomplished.

"Mrs. R. F. Dolmer, president, presiding at the October meeting, kept complete order of the meeting and there were no heated discussions from chair to speaker on the floor. The North Torrance Fathers' Club is not a recognized organization within the Perry PTA. PTA is not connected with their procedures as such.

"The Perry PTA Association has had an unfair picture presented to the general public by reports of a person not receiving the approval of the PTA president and publicity chairman. The association, working under the policies and by-laws of PTA, will continue to cooperate with any constructive program to further child welfare. To think objectively, to be able to sift propaganda, to assume responsibility in cooperating with our partner, the school, in getting more classrooms for the ever-growing population of Torrance, is our aim."

Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

If you know a robustly healthy and radiantly virile man who has just purchased his first automobile, you can actually watch him kill himself. He gives up all exercise and you can see him slipping from then on. The lazy and shiftless man who insists that the world has an opening for him is absolutely right because he's always in the hole.

Five-year-old Howard was beginning to learn the true meaning of a padded compliment. People were always saying what a big boy he was, and he certainly talked more like he was seven years old than five, and he behaved like a 10-year-old. Therefore, it was inevitable that one day Howard would attempt handling out a compliment of his own. "Mommy," he said, "you look wonderful today. You look like a hundred!"

Laziest man on earth is the one who is permitting his religion to fall into a state of decay. He has a prayer framed and hanging right over his bed. Every night, as he retires, he points to the sign and says: "Dear God, there's my sentiments" . . . During our last gasoline price-war, my Uncle Shloomp drove into a station and asked for 10 gal-

lons. While pouring in the gas, the service station owner kept chucking as crazy like as a coot. "What's so funny?" asked Uncle Shloomp. "You're the last person to be served with gas at the old price of 35 cents," explained the attendant, adding: "From now on, we're charging 30 cents."

Mary had a little cash. And there she was in her house. Everywhere that Mary went Her friends all said: "It shows."

So Mary took it to the bank. And there she wisely hid it. Which brought her far more interest.

Or did it?

I asked a woman how she earned her first dollar and she said quickly, she got it from her husband. "But that isn't a husband," I objected and she replied: "Then you don't know my husband" . . . Jackie Gleason told it to Bennett Cerf who told it to Robert McCracken, the Wyoming Eagle columnist who told it to me. A husband came home very late and exclaimed lamely to his wife: "Honey, we had sort of a drinking contest at the club tonight." "Fine," snapped his wife, "and who came in second?"

The Squirrel Cage

By REID BUNDY

City Manager George Stevens is getting a little perplexed with the slowness one of the larger appliance firms of the nation has shown in repairing the electric water fountain in the City Hall corridor. With the help of a volunteer sign painter, he has put up signs around the fountain indicating that as of last Friday, it had been out of order for 53 days. Pictures are on the way to the company's main office. Should get some results soon . . . One of his worries has been eliminated, however. Somebody finally filled in the engraved stop signs at 182nd St. and Crenshaw.

Councilman Willy Blount, himself a non-smoker, tells about the time recently when he and five other men who had just stepped out onto the sidewalk in front of one of Los Angeles' finest hotels following a Trojan Club meeting when a panhandler came along asking for a cigarette. He asked each one in turn—and none of the six smoked. The panhandler walked away shaking his head in disbelief. "Probably numbing some thing about cheapskates," Blount says.

Speaking of the Trojan Club—and we did just a minute ago—somebody who doesn't think Bruinville is as bad off for talent as its No. 1 coach sometimes hints took the trouble to add up the All-League, All-City, All-CIF, All-etc. players who are out at the Campuses-By the Sea this year. Fifty-three of them.

"Style note for fall and winter: Little change in married men's pockets."—Frank Farrell.

"There's a couple from my hometown who married early so's they could have young babies. Who wants O.L.D. babies?"—Herb Shriner.

"A smart girl quits playing after she's made a good catch."—Patti Ross.

"Middle age is when you step on a scale and the balance is no longer in your favor."—Jan Bart.

"Strange how some folks get discovered, while others just get found out."—L. S. McCandless.

Well, maybe next week for Torrance High Tartars and North High Saxons. We can always hope.

The proper steps to follow when drinking that potent Mexican firewater, Tequila, was outlined in the November newsletter of the Beveridge Paper Co. which reached this desk last week.

You get the drink, a whisk broom, and a salt cellar. You sprinkle the salt on your tongue, drink the Tequila, and take the whisk broom and dust off a sizable place on the floor so you won't get your clothes dirty when you fall. Or, so the newsletter said. Make mine milk.

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The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

One local football father, apparently mindful of the notorious adventures of Harvey Knox, and his son, Ronnie, nipped his own grid criticism in the bud last week.

Sports Editor Jim Crumpacker received a letter from the father of a local high football player, criticizing the coaches' handling of their grid team. The boys should call most of the plays, said he, not the coaches. In it, he hinted that the ability of these particular coaches left considerable to be desired.

The letter followed a severe drubbing by another school. Then, a couple of days later, Crumpacker got the following letter: "My son gave me hell for writing you my own comments. He is correct. Dads should keep their mouths shut and observe only.

"The coaches are swell, among the best we ever had. They have done wonders for our sons."

Showing remarkable sense, and restraint, the man withdrew to the stands and let the coaches run the show.

Nearly everybody is familiar with the spotlights of Harvey Knox, who has loudly proclaimed the virtues of his son.

Parents, however, do have a point. There are incompetent coaches and incompetent teachers, as are incompetent doctors, lawyers, and Indian chiefs. It's only natural that there are a certain amount of misfits anywhere. Parents, however, sometimes rush into a situation like bulls in a china shop, without understanding it, while others have just gripes that go unheeded.

It's tough to be a parent and see Johnny not do as well as he could be. It's tough to be a coach or teacher and try to make a number of Johnny's perform well. It's tough to be Johnny and try to do as well as he can. Life is a tough proposition.

Very Grateful
Editor, Torrance Herald:

Belated thanks to you and the HERALD staff for coverage of our most recent production, "The Rose Tattoo."

Certainly, after the consistent attention you have given us since our start last spring with "Night of January 18th" and "The Fourposter," you have established your paper firmly behind our movement for fine theater in Torrance and we are very grateful.

We feel that at last we have reached full community theater stature and accept the responsibility of our position joyfully. Much credit goes to you and the HERALD, for, without publicity, our drive would have been abortive and there would be no cause for optimism.

JACK HUDSON
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