

EDITORIALS

Changing the Weather

February, the weatherman pointed out, is usually a dull month characterized by several days of rain and very little sunshine. Weatherwise, he was correct. But his complicated weather instruments failed to register a very special ray of sunshine which manifests itself here each February. It can be seen throughout the Southland in the very eyes of its residents. . . . For February is the month that the public opens its hearts and its pocketbooks to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

Clad in their crisply feminine uniforms, the Girl Scouts will set out Feb. 17th to insure continuance of their all-important program. This year's cookie sale will come to a whirlwind finish on Feb. 25th.

In past years we have pointed out to our readers that the purchase of Girl Scout cookies is one of the most economical purchases on the American market. The cookies, in four choice varieties, are well worth their 50 cent price tag. Basically, they are good to eat and worth the price for that reason alone. But, your purchase goes further than that. It insures continuance of the program for another year; it makes it possible for other girls to join the movement, and it deals another killing blow to juvenile delinquency. All this for just 50 cents.

Between now and Feb. 25th a little girl will no doubt approach you and offer up a box of Girl Scout cookies for sale. Before you turn her down, remember this one thing: "Sugar 'n spice and everything nice, that's what Girl Scouts and their cookies are made of."

A Growing Thing

The Daughters of the American Revolution are to be commended for their energetic promotion of February as "American History Month." The Governor of California has issued a special proclamation urging teachers, parents, civic groups, youth organizations and churches to place added emphasis upon the importance of an intelligent understanding of our nation's history.

California is one of the few states that, recognizing the social value of a well-informed citizenry, requires the study of United States history and government as a part of its educational program.

In our community, adult evening classes in American history and government are filled with men and women who, for various reasons, were unable to complete their education, or who came to California from other states. These ambitious Americans are eager to learn how our democracy came into being, how it works, and what it means to the individual.

Democracy is a growing thing. Democracy was only partially achieved by the founding fathers. It must be defended; it must be fought for; it must be constantly extended, or we are in danger of losing it altogether.

Our institutions of republican government depend upon the individual participation of every American. The future of our nation will be assured only by the universal conviction that democracy is far more than a legal document written in a past century. When all of us realize that America is living, moving, growing and breathing, our faith will be deepened.

This is our job. This is our challenge. For the future of America is in our hands.

The Kitchen Sink

By EMMER KALIGAN, Herald Staff Writer

Two men passed on a country road, exchanged greetings, and went their separate ways.

One, heading to the north, said, "There's a blight on this country, the farmers are poor and will never hire me. I'll probably starve."

The other, heading to the south, said, "The land is poor now but the farmers will need help in planting a larger crop to make up for this year's loss."

"And on the ground," he said, "I'll Irish Moss and Conder Vine; I'll never go hungry."

An Indian traveling cross country came to the road. Looking at the two men in the distance he said, "White man crazy. Him spend hour on road to travel mile. Indian smart. Him go in woods."

A year later the men met again on the same road, exchanged greetings, and went their separate ways.

The man who had been in the south said, "I had been a terrible year. All I have to show for my labor is the fact that I'm still alive."

The man who had been in the north said, "Things will go well from now on. After last year I can stand anything."

The Indian crossed the road carrying a huge load of furs. "White man smart," he said, "I'll work all year and is free to travel. Indian crazy, him has furs to clean."

The moral: The man who was a spark yesterday may be a fire today. The man who is a fire today may be an ember tomorrow. For the sparks, get warmth from the fires, and don't take the embers.

By JERRY CAHILL

IT'S A FACT

CLASHLESS DAYS ARE NOT THE "CLASHLESS DAYS!"

A LIGHT HAZE DIFFUSES SUNLIGHT AND MRS. WILSON

COMFORT - THIS WAS CONNECTION - ISLANDS USED TO BURN WITHOUT AT CARBONILES

BURMA ROAD

THE 300-MILE LINK FROM SIAM TO THE BURMA BORDER, CROSSING MOUNTAINS, RIVERS, AND SWAMPY PLAINS, WAS THE GREATEST ENGINEERING FEAT OF MODERN HISTORY - BUILT IN 1955

Harry Lends A Hand



Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

My cousin Noodnik loves to play gin blindfolded with his wife. Not that he's an expert gin player. He just can't stand the sight of his wife.

I first read it in the Los Angeles Police magazine, "The Beat," and I find it hard to beat. Two men worked side by side in a large office. They were never introduced. They never spoke to each other. For some unknown reason, one man always leaving one hour early while the other regularly worked three hours overtime. One day, the tired, overworked employe leaned over and asked admiringly: "How in the world do you get your work done so early every day? I just can't do it!" The rested, untrifled man smiled casually and said: "Nothing to it. I mark most of my work 'Refer to Smith.' I figure there's gotta be a Smith in this big outfit and I must be right. None of it ever comes back. Whereupon the overworked, tired employe removed his jacket, rolled up his sleeves, and gritting his teeth, announced: "Brother, meet Smith!"

Our 1956 autos ALMOST have every gadget but they omitted one handy little item. That would be a large, imposing button on the dashboard. Press it and there will appear in flashing red on a large neon tube the date of your next car payment.

It was my happy privilege to attend a meeting of three specialists and it was just as I imagined—they closed their meeting by saying: "All those in favor will say 'Ah.'"

Never to be outscored in the game of bringing my readers the whole truth, I hereby make public statement that a raving beauty is NOT the gal who was crowned the winner. She's the one who took second place.

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Just to prove that I read the newspaper headlines as well as the comic strips, I recently observed that a holdup man netted exactly \$1.63. That definitely proves that crime does not pay—enough.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

1. Lassies
2. Operations
3. Assist with
4. Headward
5. Head of sea
6. Dialect
7. Article
8. Anest
9. Small wheel
10. System
11. Like to
12. Disintegration
13. Mission
14. Same
15. Favored
16. Pabulous
17. (Var.)
18. Good, the same

VERTICAL

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3. Tuberous
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REYNOLDS KNIGHT

January Starts with Bang Contrary to Prophets

We are now getting figures for the first month of 1956—the year in which most prophets were looking for a letdown. Happily, the further we get into 1956, the better it looks.

One of the danger spots was supposed to be automobile sales. Sure enough, there are so many automobiles in dealers' showrooms that all automobile manufacturers have cut back production. One of the Big Three is even on a four-day week. However, the steel that was supposed to be released by that cutback, when it came, is being snapped up by makers of other durable goods, and for construction—which creates more man-hours per ton than automobile production.

Department store sales were up 8 per cent in the last week of January compared to the like month of 1955. That isn't comparing good times with bad, either. January, 1955 was in the midst of the upswing that began late in 1954.

Wage agreements with unions so far contain generous increases. Some of this may be in anticipation of the \$1 minimum wage effective the end of this month. It is more likely, though, that the willingness to pay premiums to keep the working force happy is an employer's way of voting confidence in the outlook.

NEW WORD, SAME IDEA—Automation, which so many commentators persist in regarding as something new and strange, is only a new word for something as old as man's desire for hard labor, two experts in the field assured their groups of customers last week.

Harold Sholl, paper industry manager for Minneapolis-Honeywell, told an industrial conference in Chicago that the vast productivity of the pulp and paper industry stems from the fact that right now it uses 80 per cent or more of the automation devices currently available. This is reflected in investment per employe of some \$15,000—about \$2000 more than industry in general. In farm broad use of these devices means the industry gets them more cheaply—for no more than 2 per cent of plant costs.

In Inhaca, N. Y., W. T. Grove, Honeywell's hotel industry authority, told Cornell's School for Hotel Administration that automation, already a permanent hotel "paying guest" in the form of many cost- and time-saving devices, stands ready to do even more to solve hotels' cost control and service problems.

THINGS TO COME—A new remote-control light switch uses 6-volt, current and a transformer, saving 25¢ cable and installation.

Press lock disc fasteners for pins, come in pink for girls, blue for boys, naturally. . . . Ground-up cedar, with DIT mixed in, is now available for painting the insides of clothes closets. . . . A company selling live chameleons for 75 cents offers a leash in addition for 15 cents.

\$4-5 Million Business Seen For Local Co.

General Aluminum Co. of Torrance has moved approximately \$225,000 worth of aluminum fusion welding tube mill equipment from Oakland to Torrance to expand their facilities here.

General Manager J. Schmitt said: "We hope to be doing between four and five million dollars worth of business per annum within the next 12 to 18 months."

General Aluminum Co. of Torrance is the only fusion welding tube mill in California.

Cures for cancer and mental diseases; development of plastics to take the place of metals, wood, and masonry on a grand scale; new man-made textiles which will be the natural fibers of the future; better methods of food production; reclamation of millions of acres of waste land; more efficient ways to harness energy resources.

FARM LAND PARADOX—The Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture has just released figures on the course of farm incomes, prices and land values.

Since 1948 net farm is down 40 per cent; average farm commodity prices are down 20 per cent; prices of farm lands are up 30 per cent. Eight per cent of the 80 was added during 1955.

Explanation: The able farmer commanding the capital—as much as \$250,000, says one farm management agency—necessary to set-up and run the most efficient farm today, can make a lot of money under price supports. He buys smaller farms and combines them.

Moreover, city people with yearnings for country life have more money and use it to buy farms.

BITS OF BUSINESS—Personal income, the Department of Commerce calculates, stood

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The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ

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From the time that most of us were old enough to understand the meaning of "lollipop," we have heard about the great deeds of Lincoln, Washington and Edison, and how they shaped the future for us.

It's hard to imagine just how our lives might have been different had this illustrious trio ever lived. Washington guided the faltering steps of the new nation, Lincoln set it firm in its course, and Edison gave it light.

Then there are the Boy Scouts, who learn to become brave, clean, friendly, reverent and trustworthy; the groundhog, who brings us spring; kraut and wieners, which either gives us pleasure or indignation; and fable tellers, which gives many desk workers a little relaxation.

A little later this month, we will also celebrate National Beauty Salon Week. Gosh, what a mess we'd have if there were no beauty salons. It'd be enough to drive us men all to a desert island.

February also brings us Leap Year. With that eager bunch of women, fresh from their beauty salons, ready to chase after those of us who are still free and happy.



This is Harvey L. Harnes. He was born in Hillsboro, Kansas and came to California when he was a boy. He was in the Pacific Theater during World War II and was discharged as a Staff Sergeant. He is married and has two children, a boy and a girl.

He now heads an organization of Frudential Agents who are all experts in their knowledge of family protection—protection provided by the company with the strength of Gibraltar. Call Harvey Harnes or any member of his staff to help you plan a more secure future for your family.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU

Frudential's steady growth in the South Bay Area has created splendid career opportunities for men who choose to tie their incomes directly to ability. Discuss these opportunities with Mr. Harnes.

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