

EDITORIALS

City Bids Farewell

Torrance this week is bidding farewell to three of its outstanding students—Gloria Montesinos, Adrian Willemssen, and Arno Mehling—who are returning to their homes in Europe after living and studying here for nearly a year.

The three students were given signal honors Tuesday night when Mayor Albert Isen introduced resolutions to the City Council commending each of the three students for the scholastic achievement and exemplary conduct displayed while living and studying in Torrance. Greetings also were sent to city officials in the home towns of the three students in Germany, Holland, and Spain.

The program of bringing students to America to live and study with Americans has gained tremendous results throughout the United States and in the various cities where these students have been assigned for study.

Torrance is no exception. The amount of understanding that has been gained by the students and by their hosts and classmates in Torrance will never be measured. The benefits are beyond measurement, but all who have been privileged to share the interchanging of cultures and ideas will always be better for it.

The HERALD adds its best wishes for the students who traveled thousands of miles to make their home with us in Torrance for the year, and commends those who shared their homes and classrooms in a program which can only result in a better understanding of our neighbors.

Man's Greatest Army

The nation is saluting this week an army that has never fired a shot—The Salvation Army.

For 90 years this organization has marched in the darkened places of the world, standing guard over the lost, the bewildered, the forgotten, the sinful, and the wayward.

They have served in the mud of Flanders, in the blistering fire of New Guinea; in flood, fire, hurricane, earthquake; in panic and in depression. They have never failed to give practical interpretation to their simple yet forthright religious philosophy.

The Salvation Army is more than a drum-beat on the street corner—it is the heart-beat of people who are giving their lives for other people; an army without arms, except those of love and care.

It is an army with its arms around the world.

THE MAIL BOX

The Torrance Herald welcomes expressions from its readers which can be published on this page. The editors retain the right to edit the copy for matters of label and good taste. Letters should be kept brief and must be signed. The writer's name will be withheld if requested. Opinions expressed in letters here published represent those of the writer and not necessarily those of the Torrance Herald.

Word On Election

Editor, Torrance Herald: I would like at this time to express my deepest, heartfelt thanks to your paper for the unbiased help extended to all of the candidates in the recent school election. The people have made their choice for the Board of Education and I'm sure they have made a wise selection. I believe all the candidates that contested for the seats on the board fully realized the task ahead of them and they should be congratulated for their civic effort.

The superintendent of the Torrance Unified School District, Dr. J. J. Hill, surely must realize that the people of Torrance are school-conscious, after seeing 15 candidates enter the race for the board. I believe that all the candidates had but one thought in mind—the betterment of school facilities and the sound supervision of the school tax dollar.

One thought that has occurred to me was the extremely light vote cast. In an election that is as vital to the people as the school election, I fully believe that a great deal more effort should be made to inform the registered voters by mail and to publicize these school elections. In my effort to obtain a seat on the school board, I am extremely discouraging to have the people ask when are the elections and where can I vote? They asked these questions on the very day of the elections.

In the interest of better elections and to keep the American voting system on the highest level possible, I certainly do not think that holding the cost of this election to a bare minimum is the best way of doing things. As I recall, that for the election that carried a \$72 million bond issue, every registered voter received their notice through the mail and were fully informed as to when and where to vote. In the interest of better government and in the interest of our school, I would suggest that the school

district spend a little more money to better inform the voting public, even when a school bond issue is not involved.

I would like to see better relations between the school board and the city council and between the school board and the recreation department of our city. Each has a vital part to conduct in the interest of our domestic welfare and, after all, every dollar spent in these affairs comes from one source, the people. I would like to see a better information service for the people as to activities of the school board. I am sure the fine newspapers of the town would carry this as news to the people.

Again I thank you for your public effort and thank every voter who supported me in this endeavor. I also congratulate all the other candidates, both elected and defeated, for their efforts toward better education of our youth.
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Swim Pool Charges

Editor, Torrance Herald: Do you mean to say we have to pay to use the swimming pool we voted for?

With our five children it would cost us from \$9 to \$11 a week to use the pool for an estimated 12 hours each week. At that rate we could afford a pool in our back yard—but then we'd be taxed for that as well as for the municipal pool. We're already double-taxpayers as my husband has a shop in Walteria. Surely there could be some system of use of the Torrance residents out of town swimmers. At very least have season family tickets at a reasonable rate.

And how about the poor taxpayer on his way home from work must he also pay 50 cents to use the pool his taxes already paying for building and maintaining? For heaven's sake!
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His Hole Card

Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

On our block, a 70-year-old man was playing baseball with his grandchildren despite his doctor's warning that no man in his 50's or 60's should engage in active sports. As the septuagenarian told me slyly between swings at the elusive ball: "I followed my doctor's orders while I was in my 50's and 60's and I could hardly wait until I was 70 so I could play baseball again."

I loved this dialogue out of Paramount's movie "The Man Who Knew Too Much." Jim Stewart's tiny son says to a Frenchman: "Do you really eat snails?" and the Parisian replies "Sometimes." "Well," suggests the youngster, "if you ever get hungry we have a lot of snails in our garden. We tried everything to get rid of them but we never thought of a Frenchman."

After listening to The Four Aces sing at the Coconut Grove, I went home and wrote a song about all the things we used to be able to buy with a dime. I think I'll title it: "How Dimes Have Changed."

For longer than he cared to remember, the small boy had been told constantly: "Eat! eat! so that you can grow!" One day, the disgruntled lad

remarked: "Daddy, are you going to grow any more?" "I don't believe so," replied his father. "Well, how come," asked the boy, "that you keep eating?"

Am I the very first person to refer to TV commercials as: "Jabbering?"

Sign on a church in my neighborhood: "For Heaven's sake, what on earth are you doing?"

Yesterday, I met a young Frenchman, newly arrived from Bordeaux. "What was your first impression of our country?" I ask and he replied: "Your vairee fonnle akshent."

Door-to-door salesman waxed a bit too insistent today so my wife, who never buys anything at the door, finally made a purchase from him. She bought a sign reading: "No Peddlers or Salesmen Allowed."

Yesterday I observed the aftermath of a traffic accident between a woman driver and a male driver. While the police were jotting down the details involved, poor male

driver, he never had a chance! It was his word against 3000 of hers!

Household hint: In order to get the most out of your household scraps, open your windows wide and let your neighbors hear them.

He had been working on the motion picture lot for 20 years but he was still a lowly member of the prop crew. One day, a friend chided him: "Mike, you could be manager of the prop department if only you'd cut out your drinking." Smiling benignly, the prop man replied: "When I'm drinking, I'm president of the whole studio."

What's money you ask? Well, sir, let me tell you what money really is. It's something that things run into and I run out of.

While watching a recent movie about the African jungle, the thought suddenly struck me that African natives who beat their drums to drive away evil spirits aren't much different from American autoists who blast their horns to cure a traffic jam.

Notice to all churchgoers: Those religious articles you carry on your person don't work over 45 miles per hour.

After 24 years of marriage to the same woman, I can now honestly admit this: It was the thrill of a lifetime.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ

The Department of Motor Vehicles seems to think that too many weak-eyed people are driving these days.

Accordingly, the eye tests for getting driver's licenses will be tougher, starting immediately. In fact, anybody who can't pass the test may be sent to an oculist before he can get his driver's license.

The new test will replace the old eye chart on the wall with a more scientific type. The days when the motorist could memorize the eye chart while standing in line, in a take off his glasses, and recite the chart for the examiner, will be gone under the new system. People who wear glasses will have to have "Glasses Required" stamped on the license.

A bespectacled friend of mine stood in line memorizing the eye chart by making words out of the letters. For instance, he remembered "JFPUL" by saying "Jeff Pull" and "CTEPZ" by repeating "steps."

keep all of them in mind. Then he took off his glasses. The examiner called upon him to read the second line from the top, which happened to be "CTEPZ." Reciting the words that he had memorized to himself, he recalled the magic word, "steps."

"Oh that's easy," he said. "S-T-E-P-S."

The examiner took another look at the chart and suggested that he try it with his glasses.

Sheepishly, the applicant put on his glasses, read the chart, and got his license stamped "Glasses Required."

Seriously, however, the new test should weed out a few people who are reckless merely because they are nearsighted. They may serve to avoid such accidents as occurred last week when a blind man was arrested for drunken driving. It won't serve to stop the drivers who would suffer from the "Speeditis" or "Absent-mindedness" disease. Nor will it stop the strong-eyed people who like to take a little nap before they hop in the car. Every little bit helps, however.

Behind the Scenes

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Being relieved from a sentence to be swallowed alive would come as a delightful relief to most of us. The indignity who would just as soon be gulped down include a number of the nation's banks.

President Eisenhower has just signed into law a measure curbing the expansion of bank holding companies. While it was written in general terms, it was actually aimed at Transamerica Corporation, big West Coast owner of many banks and some industrial enterprises.

Between the passage and the signing of the bill, vigorous if belated efforts were made to induce a veto. These efforts came from the independent banks for whose protection the bill was ostensibly written. It suddenly occurred to many small banks that the problems that had driven many of them into the holding company folds would remain, while the doors of heaven would be closed. The growth of the economy has made many banking units too small to be economic. A bank can get bigger, quickly and profitably, by entering a chain. It can get bigger slowly and painfully, by retaining all its earnings and building up capital. Under the new measure the hard way is the only way left.

Widest Aid Program—Economic pressure has been increasing to the point where tuition and grants normally received by many a college or university are no longer sufficient to cover the school's costs of providing education. Some industrial companies, recognizing industry's obligation to higher education, are working in various ways to help make up the difference.

Latest to enter the field is B. F. Goodrich, which has set what comes close to being an ideal pattern for industrial aid to higher education. By adapting the best features of other programs, and adding some new touches of its own, B. F. Goodrich has come up with probably the most comprehensive aid-to-education program in industry.

Supplemental grants will be made to colleges to help cover the cost of educating the program's scholarship winners and employees. Scholarships will go to children both of employees and non-employees. Costs of job-related courses will be shared with employees. Employee contributions of colleges will be matched dollar for dollar. Funds for research will encourage B. F. Goodrich to spend \$300,000 on the program's first year.

Things To Come—A personal coffee mill from Germany is available for anyone who can't be satisfied with store-bought. Charcoal and kindling now come in one paper package. Just light it and cook a meal to eight. New shoe trees grasp the shoe from outside. Helps it dry, says the maker. You can buy an imported Swedish fish-water with two stainless steel blades for \$1.95.

Versatile Bug Killer—A new type of insecticide has been developed to kill the pests both indoors and out. No more stocking of one type for household pests and another for the garden.

The new bug killer, called Raid, was tested for two years before being commercially introduced by the makers of Johnson's Wax. Laboratory and field tests showed Raid to be deadly to all kinds of household and garden pests, yet harmless to human beings and animals when used according to directions. Raid comes in an aerosol can and has a pleasant aroma.

Only a small amount of the substance is required, as only of the tiny particles left in the room from a spraying is deadly enough to take care of an insect. One can will clear the average room 60 times, if the insects return that often. Other products in the Raid line complete the home's protection against moths, roaches and ants.

Wheat, In and Out—Dredges are busy around the huge grain elevator of the New York Central Railroad in West

hawken, N.J., the Post of New York's largest private grain handling facility.

Soon some land-pull Liberty ships full of wheat will be lifted into the elevator. Then it will be pumped into ocean freighters and sent to Europe. Then barges will bring more wheat from the Kansas winter crop to be put into the Liberty ships.

All this maneuvering will be to get two- and three-year grain out and new grain in. While wheat many years old can be milled, milling is easier with comparatively fresh grain.

Bits o' Business—Chain store and mail order sales in April were 2.8 per cent below the 1955 level, says the Wall Street Journal, but food chains' sales were higher. Cash dividend payments by corporations issuing public reports amounted to \$1,607 million in March.

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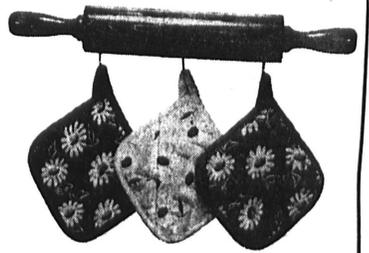
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