

EDITORIALS

The Need For Roads

The huge task of improving Torrance's nearly 300 miles of streets and highways to provide adequate thoroughfares for the area's booming traffic would be aided substantially by the proposal to issue \$150 million in bonds which will be reconsidered Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors.

Initiated by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, the proposal was handed a set-back last week when two Supervisors, Burton Chace and Herbert Legg, voted against the matter. They were quoted as saying the proposal had been hastily drawn and that more study was needed.

Under the plan, which Hahn says he will bring up again Tuesday—the final day to get the issue on the ballot, Torrance would receive nearly \$3 million for its road and highway program. As far as Torrance is concerned, the plan is not hasty, but is the result of a continuing study of street deficiencies over a period of 10 years.

Under the formula devised to share the funds, Torrance would receive \$2,797,781 of the bond funds, and would be able to make major improvements on a total of more than 23 miles of city roadway.

Among those projects scheduled for the city under the bond issue are Arlington Ave. from Redondo Beach Blvd. through downtown Torrance; 190th St. from Western to Hawthorne; Sepulveda from Western Ave. to the western city limits; completion of Anza Ave. from Pacific Coast Hwy. to Del Amo Blvd.; 182nd St. from Western to Hawthorne; Del Amo from Western Ave. to Redondo Beach city limits (Redondo plans to carry through to the beach); and Torrance Blvd. from Madrona to Henrietta.

In addition to these projects, activated traffic control signals are planned at 17 busy intersections, including Crenshaw and Carson, Crenshaw and Sepulveda, Anza and Sepulveda, Palos Verdes Blvd. and Sepulveda, Crenshaw and 190th, Torrance and Arlington, Torrance and Crenshaw, Torrance and Madrona, and the five-point intersection at Carson, Cabrillo, and Cravens. Others throughout the city are listed also, in the reports drawn up as the result of long and serious study by City Engineer Ronald Bishop and other city officials.

City Manager George Stevens estimates that it will take at least 10 more years to do this work from gas tax monies, and the limited funds available to the city from general taxes.

The need for the roads will not wait 10 years, the need is here now.

The HERALD does not agree that the matter has been drawn to hastily—it has been proposed as the result of studies made over the years and is not designed to cure Southland traffic problems—only to help keep them from getting intolerably worse.

We believe the Supervisors should take a more realistic look at the problem Tuesday—and then let the voters decide if they want to stay on the cow trails or fix up the roadways.

THE MAIL BOX

(The Torrance Herald welcomes expressions from its readers which can be published on this page. The editor retains the right to edit the copy for matters of libel 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.)

Worthy Legislation

Editor, Torrance Herald:

When President Eisenhower recently signed a bill making the punishment for the conviction of illegal sale of narcotics more severe and even making possible the death sentence for the illegal sale and distribution of heroin, it was universally acknowledged as important and worthy legislation. There is no question but that such drastic punishment is not only very necessary but the enactment of such legislation is long overdue.

Narcotic addiction, fostered and fattered by the illegal sale of narcotics by vicious and absolutely unprincipled criminals who show complete disregard for human rights and life, is a very serious and growing problem undermining the very basis of the American way of life. All too often the victim is a youth snared in the horrible mesh of hopeless addiction.

Because of this profound affect upon youth, Optimist International viewing its Aim and Objective to "aid and encourage the development of youth throughout the world," in convention assembled at Houston, Texas, in June, 1954, did adopt a resolution that urged the enactment of severe penalties including the death penalty for the illegal sale of narcotics. This resolution, phrased in the more definite and uncompromising terms, was unanimously adopted.

Since then Optimist everywhere have worked continuously and vigorously to influence legislators and law enforcement officials to effect the enactment and passage of such legislation. Obviously it is with a sense of real pride that Optimists recognize the achievement of the goal they

worked so hard to accomplish. Now, of course, it is important that our judiciary have the strength and courage to use these new laws and punish narcotic violators in the degree necessitated by their horrible crimes.

It is our sincere conviction that this legislation will do a great deal in removing and eliminating the most vicious and degenerate criminal alive today, the illegal vendor of narcotics.

JAMES C. ANDERSON
President,
Torrance Optimist Club

Hahn Disappointed

Editor, Torrance Herald:

I was quite disappointed at the Board meeting this morning (Aug. 21) to find that Supervisors Burton W. Chace and Herbert C. Legg are against submitting to the people a \$150,000,000 bond issue to improve roads in Los Angeles County.

The Board voted two to two, with Supervisor John Anson Ford voting with me to submit this bond issue to the people of Los Angeles County for their decision.

Since Supervisor Roger W. Jessup was absent from the meeting, I am going to bring it up next Tuesday, Aug. 28, which is the final date the Board can act on this matter, and hope that Supervisor Jessup will be favorably impressed with our bond issue program.

In the meantime, I urge you to do all you can to let your supervisors know how you feel on this matter. Time is of the essence, and I trust that you will act accordingly in letting your supervisor know how important this is to all of the people of Los Angeles County.

KENNETH HAHN
Supervisor,
Second District

The 'Ordinary' American

AMERICA IS MADE OF PEOPLE—
GOOD PEOPLE—
HARDWORKING PEOPLE—
PEOPLE LIKE
THE CANDIDATE—

IN AMERICA MOST ANYONE
CAN RUN FOR OFFICE, BUT IT
TAKES COURAGE, HEARTBREAKING
WORK AND SACRIFICE TO PUT
YOUR BELIEFS ON THE LINE
AND YOUR PRIVATE LIFE
OUT FOR PUBLIC VIEW—



WE MAY OPPOSE A
CANDIDATE BUT WE MUST
SALUTE HIM—OR HER—
WIN OR LOSE, IT'S THE
CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE
WHO MAKES OUR
REPUBLIC POSSIBLE.

YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm writing this letter in hopes it may save some lonesome widower from the fate I've suffered. There's something worse than being alone—and it's being married to a lying scoundrel. I wish now I had never laid eyes on the skunk.

When we married six years ago I was 49. He was two years, three months and five days younger. He never lets me forget I'm older.

When I went to the hospital for an operation he got into an affair with a student nurse. When I was brought home he cleared out and left me without heat, light or food in the house. If my neighbors and relations hadn't come to my rescue I'd have died like a dog.

The judge told him to pay me \$22 a week or sit in the hoosegow, so at least I have that. Please, Ann, tell these "lonely" widows not to be so quick to grab the first man that comes along. It's better to be alone than hitched to what I've got. —PEARL

Dear Mrs. Landers: I'm hopelessly in love with the boy I went steady with last summer. When I quit him I decided to be "good friends" but he hasn't bothered to speak to me three times this past year.

I asked him to a dance but he said he had "other plans". I learned the "plans" included another girl and that he's going steady. I'm going with another guy, too, but I care nothing for him.

Shall I let him know I still care and leave it to him to take it from there? I'm heartbroken and carrying the biggest torch you ever saw. —MARTY W.

Put down that torch—unless you happen to be a member of the Welders' Union. On you this doesn't look good.

Your invitation to the dance was his cue to "take it from there." If he were interested he'd have called you back. This romance sounds as cold as yesterday's mashed potatoes. Do yourself a favor and face the facts. And while you're at it, write off this "guy" with whom you are going now—and care nothing about. Don't waste your time or his.

Dear Ann: I'm almost 11 and pretty grown up for my age. At least I know what life is all about. My mother has been married three times and every one of her husbands has been a drunkard. After the last divorce she said, "I'll never be fooled again."

She's about to get married for the fourth time and this one drinks worse than all the others put together. I never saw him without liquor on his breath yet. My mother keeps asking me if I like him—but she never pays and attention to the answer.

I love my mother and want her to get married, but not to another man who will be drunk all the time. My grandparents have offered to take me and I have decided to go

live with them if this marriage takes place. Do you think I am doing the right thing? —KATHY A.

You sound like a very bright 11-year-old but I wonder if you know the difference between a man who takes a social drink and a "drunkard." If a man drinks so much he can't go to work, or if he gets abusive and mean when he's drinking, this is something to be looked into. You don't mention any of these things.

Tell your mother how you feel and let her sit down with your grandparents and decide what's best. Good luck.

Dear Ann: What can I go about a husband who is so jealous of me that I've had to give up practically everything in order to satisfy him? We've been married six years and I am getting pretty fed up on this routine.

Recently I took up bowling. My average got to be better than his so he gave me orders to quit bowling—"or else." Do I have to give up everything I enjoy because I get good at it and happen to out-shine him? What's wrong with this man anyway?—T. W.

This "man" is a boy in long trousers. He's competing with you just as he competes with the boys with whom he used to shoot marbles. He was probably a poor sport then, too.

But remember, no man likes to have his brains beat out at every turn. Since you know you've got it made must you parade your superiority at every opportunity? There are times when a woman loses when she wins—and wins when she loses. Get it?

Dear Ann: Two years ago we moved to this neighborhood. Everyone is very friendly and we like it here. A boy of 18 who lives behind us is the reason I'm writing to you. He doesn't have a job—just stays home all day, sits on the back porch and plays the accordion. If it was just day-

time music we wouldn't care but he plays until 2 a.m. in the morning. On Sundays when the children are trying to nap he plays one polka after another.

His own mother has asked him to simmer down but he goes on and on. Two families have left the block because of him. Is moving the only solution?—TONE DEAF.

This "Back Porch Lawrence Welk" is disturbing the peace. The neighbors should form a committee and suggest to the young man that he go on a 40 hour week, arranging his concerts so the children can nap and the adults get enough rest at night. No matter how good the music is, no one should have to listen to it after 10 at night.

If he refuses to cooperate call the gardmies. Maybe they can find him a captive audience.

Out of the Past

From the Files of The Torrance HERALD

10 Years Ago This Month

August, 1946

A petition, submitted by 98 per cent of the downtown area retail merchants protesting the installation of parking meters in Torrance, was rejected by the city council on grounds that the matter was a "closed issue." Kenneth R. Hale was contacted by the War Crimes branch of the Civil Affairs division to give information for use in the war crimes trials. Hale was a Japanese prisoner of war during World War II. Latest figures, based upon Community Chest estimates, set the population of the Torrance area at 40,000, a big increase over the 1940 census which recorded a figure of 19,000.

30 Years Ago This Month

August, 1926

John Dennis, spokesman for the Board of Trustees, announced that municipal taxes would be reduced 22 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. Bert Sharon missed bowling a perfect game by one pin. After rolling 11 consecutive strikes, his 12th ball got only nine pins, the 10th wobbling, but refusing to go down. James W. Post, president of the First National Bank of Torrance, announced that E. C. Nelson, cashier of the City National Bank of York, Neb., had been named as cashier of the local First National Bank.

20 Years Ago This Month

August, 1936

Councilman James E. Hitchcock, and local street commissioner, assured Mayor Stanger that the dusty condition of alleys in the residential sections of Torrance would be alleviated by application of a coat of oil.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Des Moines, Iowa, area residents are facing new challenges these days, according to reports from that corn-growing country.

The telephone company there put out a new directory recently containing the new numbering system—a and a brand-new set of abbreviations. The many abbreviations, some of them confusing, prompted one subscriber to write:

"Gntlmn: Yr abbr of our town of Commerce as Come in yr br new tel drctry is unfr, unclr, unplst, unesury."

"This is one of those fires that make us look silly." Battalion Chief Gene Walker remarked at the scene of the burning boxcars full of excelsior and baled packing cartons Friday evening. "This is about the same as fighting a hay fire," he said.

Firemen were on the job more than 12 hours—from 2:35 p.m. Friday, until 7:39 a.m. Saturday—fighting what must have looked to spectators like a minor conflagration. However, the firemen had to scoop out the burning material, shovelful at a time, because the water wouldn't penetrate to the fire, just ran off like rain off a shingled roof. Attempts to get in from the top were thwarted by the steel roof.

Certainly it wasn't a great big fire, but it tested all of the skill of the department. If I had a hat, I'd doff it to the boys who lost a night's sleep on the job.

Marlin "Shorty" Modeland, manager of the New Jim Dandy Market at Western and Lomita Blvd., isn't worrying about being able to get fire equipment there in the case it is needed. The Los Angeles city line runs right through the store, with the back 10 feet being in unincorporated Los Angeles County, the rest in the city. In the event of fire, companies from both agencies probably would respond.

Another Bob Vincent story is the one about the pair of 10-year-old boys who were just leaving a Saturday movie matinee. "Don't you hate that kissing stuff?" asked the younger. "It's not too bad," replied the other. "I closed my eyes and just pretended he was choking her."

Bill Gross, the securities tycoon, says he's now work-

Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

Her time had arrived and her husband drove her to the hospital for the new arrival. They left their six-year-old son with his grandparents. A few hours later the phone rang. "It's a girl!" he shouted excitedly. Turning to the six-year-old, the grandfather said proudly: "You have a brand new baby sister." Immediately, the lad ran to the telephone and started dialing. "What are you doing?" asked the grandfather and the youngster beamed: "I'm calling mommy. I want to tell her!"

"Hello, hello!" said the voice on the phone. "Is this the American Novelty Company?"

"No," replied the weary owner; "there's no novelty about our company. It's losing money just like any other company."

Some day I'll sum up enough courage to tell a few of the ladies in our neighborhood that those tiorador pants make them look more like the bull than the bull-fighter.

One thing I've never quite been able to understand—why, business executives invest thousands of dollars and hours of energy to install air conditioning in their offices and then spend most of their time sitting in the steam room at their health club.

Bob Vincent says that many people purchase a TV set for educational purposes, claiming that TV stresses the Three R's. "And, they're right," adds Bob, "if you'll accept the fact that the Three R's are razzlin', rustlin' and re-issues!"

Mr. Vincent also lists as his pet peeve the Great Elevator Parade. This consists of his riding four floors in an elevator with his hat on while ladies are present, and then observing a man get on at the fifth floor and remove his hat.

Please, folks, be careful as you drive home today. The life you save may be your own.

Two singers were married. He was a tenor and she was a contralto. While you and your wife are constantly arguing over who will be boss, this young couple have a different problem. They're always bickering over: "Who's going to sing the lead?"

take form. Out of this system came the common law which later brought liberty back to England in the conflict with the Stuart kings and became the backbone of our own law in the new world.

Crafty old Machiavelli told all would-be conquerors to kill a free people or let them run their own affairs under their old usages.

Otherwise they "can always find a reason to rebel" in the name of liberty and their ancient customs which time, or benefits cannot make them forget.

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LAW IN ACTION

LIVING LAW

As with automobile tires, so with our laws:

If you think of them only when things go wrong, they both spell trouble. But the law works along year after year for you.

Think of the miles your tires took you, and the many things the law lets you do with ease because it worked on your side—to help you buy and sell and lease and lend and borrow; to work, get paid, to bank your money, educate your children, to go in peace, perhaps to travel the world over.

Your tires will give out, but the law lets you do long-lasting things—to set up trusts for your children after you are gone—or while you live; to contract for medical care or an annuity, or to protect your property against disaster.

The law seems almost like the air we breathe so little do we think of it most of the time when we do not run athwart it.

Scholars found that, in war after war, conquerors might come and go, but the Central European peoples went on with their old laws and customs, working, doing business, marrying, rearing children, raising crops, worshipping, dying and handing down their property.

William the Conqueror was wise to let the British live on under their old laws. Though the king's judges went along to look into the facts of a dispute, William had a local jury tell the judge what the old law was.

In time the judges jotted down the facts and the law, and our case system began to

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