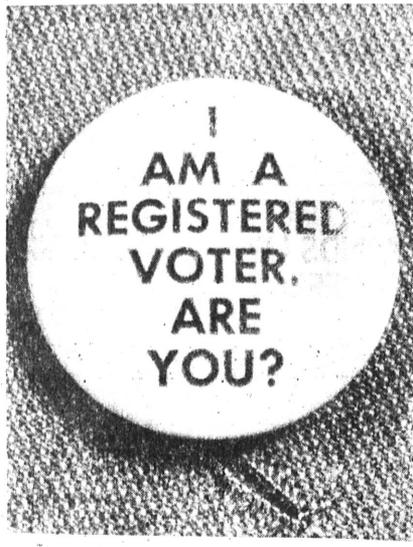


EDITORIALS

The Badge of Honor



A Salute To Labor

Tomorrow is one of America's most important national holidays—Labor Day. It is a day set aside to pay tribute to the men and women of America who have contributed their skills and ideas to making this nation the industrial empire it is.

Torrance is particularly indebted to labor for the heavy gains in the city has made during its 40-plus years of existence. Torrance was founded as, and remains, a workingman's town.

A large portion of its population is composed of laborers, ranging from unskilled to the most highly skilled technicians in electronics and aeronautics. Each will be on the receiving line for honors tomorrow as the city joins in paying its tribute to these men.

The men and women who have acquired the skills needed in the city's diverse and complex industrial system have made this city a prime producer of materials to supply the demands of Americans for steel, oil, chemicals, synthetics, aircraft, and other 20th-century necessities.

The nation is a potent force in the world today and is able to stand its ground against the designs of ruthless aggressors because Torrance and cities like it throughout America can depend upon its workers to produce the most and the best products in the world.

To these men and women of Torrance, any tribute paid to them tomorrow can be only a partial payment for the contributions received.

Casualties of Peace

A California spokesman for the National Paraplegic Foundation, Ed Fitzharris, made a startling revelation the other day in San Francisco, where a benefit polo game was played for the foundation.

The 2800 service paraplegics from World War II, who are cared for by Uncle Sam, are only a handful in number compared with the civilian victims—100,000. And it's the people who get their spines broken in auto accidents, Fitzharris said, who really build up the civilian total.

All so useless. So terrible. Men sacrifice their bodies for a cause in war. But the casualties of peace are tragedies without purpose, without reason, without sense.

Can there be hope that the lesson of such statistics will bear fruit in highway caution in the future? The hope appears dim, for the present. Last week the National Safety Council sadly estimated that one of every two cars being sold at present will be involved in a serious accident.



LAW IN ACTION

Settlements and Judgments

Under the Canons of Ethics lawyers and judges try to get people to make a fair settlement of their cases out of court. Both sides gain and the court saves time, the taxpayer money. So for every case that goes to trial, scores never reach the court room.

But when settlement fails, cases do go to trial, and somebody wins and somebody loses. In its "Judgment" the court decides the rights and duties of each side.

1. "Judgment" creditors have the state's backing to collect their due. Our law goes a long way to help the judgment creditor. Our financial responsibility law, for example, calls for drivers and owners to be able to put up money or show insurance coverage to meet possible judgments up to a certain amount for damages or injuries in highway accidents.

2. But the law also puts certain property of the judgment-debtor or his family, beyond the reach of the court through orders, writs, attachments, etc. For example: Homesteads (up to \$12,500 for the family head, \$5,000 for others) "necessary" furniture, clothing, food. Work and professional tools—certain farming equipment and two horses (but no race horses), a sailor's nautical instruments, a lawyer's books, a surgeon's instruments, a fisherman's boat and net (\$500). The debtors' house trailer worth up to \$2500 if he lives in it, and half his earnings where necessary for him or his family for work done within 30 days before the levy of attachment and other things.

The law tries to protect the debtor and yet to enforce the creditor's rights. In the main, its policy seeks to collect just debts but not take away a man's means of getting back on his feet.

Note: California lawyers offer this column for you to know about our laws.

Big Furniture Sale



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a mail carrier and I'm sure you never got a letter like this in your entire life.

I'd like to state my job starts about 8:30 in the morning. In my opinion this is time enough for the women of America to get a dress on and run an comb through their hair.

You would be shocked, Mrs. Landers, if you knew how many wives answered the door in their nightgowns and barefooted. It's positively frightening!

Please print something in your column to advise these women that they have an obligation to those of us who have to look at them. Most housewives are enough to spoil a man's day.

—THE MAILMAN

Dear Mr. Mailman: In defense of the Women of America, all I can say is—you ain't never been a woman at 8:30 in the morning!

Dear Mrs. Landers: My brother is to be married soon. It will be a big wedding. His fiancée lost her mother two months ago. She wants the entire bridal party to go out to the cemetery after the wedding ceremony.

Is such a thing proper?

Should they go in their formal clothes or change? Please give us your opinion. We are depending on it. —J.E.

I think it would be a mistake to haul the entire wedding party out to the cemetery before the ceremony. This would cast a cloud of sadness over an occasion which should be joyful and gay.

If the bride wants to visit her mother's grave on her wedding day, I suggest she and the groom go to the cemetery before the ceremony—alone. Why inflict personal grief on others?

Dear Ann: I'm in the U.S. Navy, stationed on the southern coast. I share an apartment with four navy men. We have no telephone and refer our calls to the bar next door.

"One of my pals" frequents the bar and takes my calls in my absence. When my girl friend asks for me he never fails to tell her I just walked out with an attractive chick.

Right now I'm in plenty of trouble, Ann, and no amount of explaining seems to satisfy her. This isn't a gag—it's serious business. Can you help me? —ROBERT S.

If "your girl" would prefer

to take the word of some clown who happened to be hanging around the bar, you are in more trouble than you think.

Dear Ann: Our 21-year-old niece is a problem. She's a beautiful girl who insists on throwing her life away on a bum.

She was engaged to a fine boy and broke off with him when she met this scoundrel on a summer vacation. He got her in a family way and refused to marry her.

She had a nervous breakdown, lost the baby, and almost didn't come through herself. Now the boy is in a T.B. sanitarium and our niece won't go out with anyone else. All she does is sit around and cry. She thinks because she got into this trouble with him no one else would have her. Please help us explain to this young girl what she's doing to her life.

—THE FAMILY

Everyone gets one hand to play—his own. If your niece chooses to wallow around in self-pity there's nothing anyone can do to help her. This is strictly a "Do It Yourself" project.

A young woman is a fool to sentence herself to a life of misery because of one mistake. She'd better forget about the past and start to think about the future—since that's where she'll be spending most of her time.

CONFIDENTIALLY: MAE: Separate, and make him support you. You've had it—in my book.

WORRIED MOTHER: Of course your daughter is too young. Too bad she can't read my mail. This would convey her.

Out of the Past

From the Files of The Torrance HERALD

10 Years Ago This Month September, 1946

Winds, estimated at 40 to 45 miles per hour, pushed flames over more than 1500 acres of Palos Verdes Hills, destroying two homes and a rifle range. Fire departments from Torrance, Lomita, Welteria, Miraleste, Rolling Hills and the county forestry service fought the blaze for nine hours before it was brought under control.

The local OPA announced that Spare Stamp No. 51 in family ration books could be used for five pounds of sugar, and would be valid until Dec. 31.

20 Years Ago This Month September, 1936

Louis Zamperini, member of the United States Olympic track and field team, returned to Torrance after the Berlin meet. Raymond J. Deerloo, 909 Eshelman Ave., an employee at the Pacific Coast Borax Co. and amateur



PLANNING AD SERIES... Preparing final draft of series for National Newspaper Week are (left to right, seated) Ted Stromberger and John B. Long. Standing are Jack Leener and Dick Miller. National Newspaper Week will be Oct. 1-8, and will stress the theme that newspapers are the key to better living.

Key to Better Living Is Newspaper Week Theme

"The symbols of progress in your community came from stories carried on the pages of your newspaper," is the dramatic advertising message to be carried nationwide by newspapers participating in National Newspaper Week, Oct. 1-8.

Theme of the 1956 series, "Your newspaper is freedom's key to better living," has been prepared by a leading advertising agency of the Southland, Stromberger, LaVene, McKenzie of Los Angeles. It will be used extensively throughout National Newspaper Week.

Working on the ad series are Ted Stromberger, agency president, and Jack Leener, account executive at the agency. Cooperating with the advertising officials will be Dick Miller, assistant general manager of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn., and chairman of the national committee preparing for the annual observance.

The series of advertisements will portray the influence newspapers exert for the prosperity of each community. "Our nation's business system is built on moving goods... and newspapers are helping to move goods, create jobs, and to build prosperity for Americans," the advertising points out.

The series was created when Miller asked Stromberger to devote the talents of his agency in the cause of promoting National Newspaper Week.

National Newspaper Week was founded and has been promoted through the years by John B. Long, general manager of the California Newspaper Publishers Assn. Area chairmen for the 1956 observance include Robert S. Baram, New England Press Assn., representing New England area; Stanford Smith, American Newspaper Publishers Assn., representing the mid Atlantic states; John Paul Jones, Florida Press Assn. for South Atlantic area; William Canfield, Inland Daily Press Assn. for Upper Mississippi area; Vernon T. Sanford, Texas Press Assn. for Lower Mississippi and Texas area; and Lew Selvidge, Allied Daily Newspapers of Washington, for the Pacific Northwest area.

Newspapers nationally will tie in classified advertising, Newspaper boy day, circulation, and other subjects to aid in stimulating enthusiasm locally for the job being done by papers in each community.

The Squirrel Cage

By REID BUNDY

Milt Svensk, who snaps a few pictures around here for us, has been trying to fill me in on the details of a complicated series of auto thefts which have complicated the life of Lew Blake, who lives at 26322 Delos. Blake, known to many in the downtown area where he was employed in an auto agency for some time, is now working for a beach city dealer.

But let's let Milt tell it—it's his story:

"Lew Blake has had an experience recently he doesn't like to have repeated.

"Lew handles the book-keeping for a car agency in Redondo Beach, and on the night of July 8, the agency was burglarized and cash,

auto pink slips, and other papers were stolen. Among the pink slips stolen was the one for Lew's car.

"Two nights later, thieves stole Lew's car. It was sold the same evening in Los Angeles, and the ownership confirmed through the use of the pink slip apparently stolen earlier. That night, the Los Angeles agency which purchased the car was burglarized and its auto records stolen. (Begin to get the plot?)

"The agency had a record of a check made out to Blake, so in clearing up their records, contacted Lew only to find that the car they purchased had been stolen.

"Lew was able through police records and others to prove that he was the owner of the car, and got it back the next day.

"About a month later, another burglary occurred at the agency in Redondo and the suspect was nabbed on the property. He apparently was the same guy making a return visit.

"The suspect told police that he had used the money obtained from the stolen vehicles to make payments on an auto purchased from another beach city dealer.

"There's more, boss, but that should give you the picture. Lew says he's going to start chaining his car to the porch to keep from going through that again."

—MILT

We were amused at the comment on television credited to Victor Borge, noted pianist: "My greatest achievement in television has been performing on it as little as possible."

We think, however, that Mr. Borge is just being clever—he could easily replace a lot of the television programs we've seen recently—a and should.

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