

EDITORIALS

Building vs. Knowledge

Stewart Alsop, nationally syndicated writer on current affairs, recently made a little tour of some suburban schools. He was motivated in this by the proposal that the Federal government provide funds for classroom construction.

At the beginning of his trip, Mr. Alsop was inclined to agree with the proposal. But at the end of it, he was no longer sure.

One reason for that is that the school situation, while serious in many places, "is not quite so desperate a crisis as it has sometimes been painted."

Another is that "if the federal government does move in, the federal government will stay in, despite the President's fond hopes."

Still another cited is that "surely there is something to be said for the notion" that the citizens of a state should be financially responsible for the education of their children.

Finally, Mr. Alsop came away from his tour with this impression: "That the teachers and officials I met, all admirable people, were a little too much interested in the buildings the children were taught in, and not enough in what they were taught."

All of these moderately-phrased observations are important — and the last is the most important of all. We will put the cart before the horse with a vengeance if we lay heavy emphasis on the physical characteristics of our schools — and only secondary emphasis on what goes on in the classroom.

Opinions of Others

As early as 1653 there appeared this sign on a businessman's door: "I have laide aside business and gone a-fishing," which prove they were smart in those days, too — Mooselake (Minn.) Star-Gazette.

We usually criticize the post office department. It wouldn't be playing fair if we failed to give it credit when it is due. This is on the brighter side. A mountain of red tape consisting of 1685 different government forms has been eliminated by the department's forms control program since January, 1953. — Tell City (Ind.) News.

With a socialistic trend developing in government, more and more people are losing their initiative. They are wanting security with smaller prospects. This information has been learned from surveys of high school and college graduates. Let's hope there are enough fighters left in America to keep the small, independent businessman going. — Panhandle (Tex.) Herald.

The United States will participate officially in a trade fair behind the Iron Curtain for the first time this summer — at the Poznan Fair in Poland. The Exhibit is designed simply to show the people of Poland what typical Americans wear and what they pay for their clothes, but the revelation may explode a chain reaction of dissatisfaction when these people, starved for consumer goods, weigh their lot with Communism and our under private enterprise. — West Point (Miss.) Times Leader.

Home accidents in America cause one death every 18 minutes, one non-fatal injury every 13 seconds. Among the nation's 17,000,000 children under six year of age, accidents cause more deaths than disease. — Winslow (Ariz.) Mail.

Did you celebrate on May 10? Being an average American perhaps you should have, or at least underscored it as a Red Letter day. Why? Simply because on that day, theoretically speaking, it was the "last day of bondage" so far as 1957 taxes are concerned. What you earned up to that time will just about cover your tax bill for the next year. — The (Liberal, Kans.) Southwest Daily Times.

Headless Horsepower

by O. Soglow



The Travelers Safety Service

83% of the fatal accidents in 1956 occurred in clear weather.

Scared 'T' Death Of Clippers



FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

Kathy Fiscus Law Urged

Club Assistance

Editor, Torrance Herald: The members of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for all the wonderful publicity you and your paper have given our club during the past year. It was with your generous help our press book was awarded first place in the Marina District. It has, indeed, been a pleasure for us to have such a cooperative and wonderful staff representing the Torrance HERALD for us to work with. MRS. LEE ALLEN, Secretary.

PTA Support

Editor, Torrance Herald: On behalf of the Howard Wood PTA, I would like to thank you for your support in the past year. Thanks for being so patient and cooperative with my efforts. MABEL G. CROSSMAN, President.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Ready for Success

Thousands of students this week will complete their final school exams and get their diplomas.

But they'll go on to an even bigger exam—the task of facing life, earning the dollars that keep the stomach and the wife happy and meeting the problems that go along with being "grown up."

For lots of students, there will be "no more school and no more books and no more teachers' dirty looks."

Most graduates of high school and college look forward to a rosy future in which the world is their oyster. It won't be long, think they, until they are rich and famous. They are there waiting for the world to discover them.

It may take just a wee bit longer than some of them think.

At any rate, this is the time when everybody rushes around getting everybody else to sign his yearbook, full of reminiscences about things that happened that "I'll never forget." In about a year, they will be hard put to remember what it was they were never going to forget.

There will be frantic exchanges of addresses and phone numbers and promises to get together "real soon." Most of them never will.

There'll be snickers and giggles as the students look at the graduation lists and discover that the star half-back's middle name is "Pre-cival" and that the class pre-

Patient Welfare

Editor, Torrance Herald: The Torrance JayCettes would like to take this opportunity of thanking your fine newspaper for the many services which you so freely give for community welfare. We especially would like to thank you for your continued interest in the welfare of patients at Harbor General Hospital and your furnishing us with copies of your newspaper for their use. Your continued cooperation in furnishing publicity for the various activities of our group is also greatly appreciated. MRS. CHARLES HERREN, President.

Club Coverage

Editor, Torrance Herald: The Torrance Woman's Club wishes to thank the Torrance HERALD for the excellent publicity coverage of our activities throughout the past club year.

Miss Cloyd has been most gracious and cooperative with our publicity chairman, Mrs. R. J. Triplett.

MARGUERITE MELVILLE, Corresponding Secretary.

First Experience

Editor, Torrance Herald: I should like to thank you for printing so many articles concerning the Casimir Elementary PTA. It was my first experience as a publicity chairman and your many kindnesses helped to make it a very pleasant experience. VELMA YORK

Kathy Fiscus Law

Editor, Torrance Herald: We, the Dale Park Parents Assn., are deeply concerned with protecting our children from hazards which present a continual threat to their lives and to the lives of other children throughout the State of California.

Therefore, we are asking that the Kathy Fiscus Ordinance be made a State Law along with amendments stating:

1. All drainage ditches, and excavation holes be covered.
2. All gravel pits, flood control channels, and oil sumps be properly fenced.
3. All latches be removed from stored or abandoned ice boxes.

The first two requests apply only to hazards existing in or around residential areas, and will exclude irrigation ditches.

Our organization needs the backing of all clubs, organizations, lodges, associations, and groups that are interested in joining our campaign.

MRS. JOAN ANN HANING, 11852 Nearing Drive, Anaheim

Finals Cast Gloom Over El Camino

Summer weather will be dampened by the dark cloud of finals on the El Camino College campus this week.

Started on Friday, the examination schedule will run through June 13, with the final test paper due in the last class at 10:10. The 10:10 paper will mark the conclusion of the tenth anniversary of the college, which will graduate 400 with the associate of arts degree at 4 p.m. ceremonies June 14.

Registration for summer classes will begin on June 17, in the Campus Center from 1 to 4 p.m. and will continue from 5:30 until 7 p.m. that evening. Monday's enrollees will be present or former students of the college.

On Tuesday, registration will occur during the same hours for students new to the college. The six-week summer session will open on Wednesday.

YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

They'll Need Crutches Then

Dear Ann: I feel foolish at my age writing for advice, but I think you can help me. I'm 24 and have three years of special training ahead before I can practice my profession. Also there is the Army.

I'm very much in love with a charming woman who is also 24. She has an excellent position and would like to get married, but I feel it would be unfair to her, under the circumstances. You've probably had many such problems. Can you help?—Undecided.

Unfair, my eye. If you two wait until all the "circumstances" are perfect, you'll need crutches to get down the aisle. You're both old enough to know what you're doing. If you're in love, go ahead and get married. The important requisites you've got—the rest can come later.

Dear Ann: I'm one of those "rotten" fellows you wrote about who picked up a "respectable" girl at a public dance hall. Now may I tell you how it looked from where I was standing?

This girl was good-looking, well-built and she gave me the "come-on." The first question I asked was her age. She replied, "I'm out of school, and old enough to know what I'm doing."

I intended to take her straight home after the dance but she wanted to go for a ride and get some "fresh air." We ended up parking under a bluff for two hours.

I had a devil of a time getting her out of the car when we finally pulled up in front of her house. Then SHE asked for MY phone number. So, please, Annie Old Girl, don't make off like it's the fellow who is the bum, when sometimes it's the one in the skirt.—Picked-Up Male.

Dear "Lily-White": Didn't your mother teach you never to fiddle with strangers, Sunny? If you're a lad who prefers cavlar, why didn't you pass up the beans when they

were offered? The fact that the girl gave you the "come-on" means nothing. She didn't hit you over the head and drag you into your car. If this pick-up date had led to that well-known garden path, you'd be just as responsible as if the whole thing was your idea.

Life is a series of choices and this kind of a choice could fix your check for keeps. My advice is, don't associate with dogs if you don't want fleas.

Dear Ann: Every summer we have a problem with the staff at the library where I'm employed. The annual riot results because the library heads dictate what we should wear to work.

Their theory is, "modern dress is immodest and tantalizing and the men can't keep their mind on the reading."

If we wear a simple scooped-neck dress we're asked to go out in a sweater. A summer cotton with low back is absolutely out of the question, even though the front may be high enough to turn your face blue. What, please, is "vulgar" about the skin on one's back?

We have no ventilation or cooling system, only a few ineffective fans. Apparel which is "indecent" for us is O.K. in banks, offices, and department stores. We don't want to wear bathing suits or grass skirts, Ann; we just don't wish to bundle up in turtle-neck sweaters all summer. Please suggest something.—Wilted Workers.

There must be a happy medium somewhere between the naked back and the turtle neck sweater. I suggest the Wilted Workers sit down with the library heads and decide where comfort and modesty end and teasing the readers begins.

Why not invite a local buyer of ladies clothes to meet at this battle? Also, it might be wise to include the finance committee and discuss 20th Century methods of fighting the Fahrenheit.

Dear Ann: A "friend" sent me your column about the two dogs that ran loose and ruined a dinner party. I'm furious at the implication. There was no name, of course.

I have a female boxer who is a perfect lady. There's no parallel between my dog and the ones referred to in your column. Why this was sent to me I'll never know.

I've visited in homes where children behaved much worse than animals. Recently a guest visited me and I was shocked at the behavior of her child. He broke a flower pot, pulled the plants out by the roots and scattered the dirt on my living room rug. The mother's only comment was "Mustn't honey." My dog sat there in wonderment, blinking his eyes.

I hope this makes your column, Ann. I'd love to send it to a few of my "friends"—Miss Jay.

Dear Miss Jay: You're in and I'm happy to oblige.

Confidentially: Eloise: Of course you ought to buy her a new water pitcher. You broke the old one, didn't you? Don't make a federal case out of "where" and "how much." Duplicate it to the best of your ability.

Betty L.: When a boy gets so far that you have to slap him, he usually had some encouragement.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (C) 1957, Field Enterprises, Inc.



LAW IN ACTION

THE JUDGE AT WORK

The judge has many duties in a trial. He sees that it goes in an orderly way and according to the rules—in selecting the jury, presenting evidence, hearing the lawyers' arguments, instructing the jury, and bringing in the verdict.

Before the trial starts, the judge sees that the questions put to prospective jurors are proper. He excuses jurors. He must see to the proper conduct of the litigants, lawyers, and witnesses. He must put down public disturbances.

The judge must see that the lawyers keep within due limits in questioning witnesses, in arguing to the jury, and in their attitudes toward each other and the judge.

The judge tells the jurors their duties and what questions of fact to decide. He instructs them on what law controls the rights of the parties. He sees that the verdict is due in form. He must decide any requests for rulings by lawyers.

For example, after the plaintiff's lawyer has made his opening statement or presented his evidence, the defendant's lawyer may move for a judgment of "nonsuit."

This motion grants the plaintiff's facts but denies their cogency as a matter of law. If granted, the motion will not allow the plaintiff to recover judgment.

A directed verdict also ends the case before the jury can decide it. It is a decision by the court on a question of law. Either plaintiff or defendant may concede the facts but deny, as a matter of law, their power to sustain the other party's case.

A judge may render a "judgment notwithstanding the verdict" after the jury has brought in its verdict, when he should have granted, but mistakenly denied, a directed verdict.

The judge now and then may rule on the law and thereby take the suit out of the jury's hands. His ruling in no way reflects on the jury, but works to keep down needless litigation. When he does this he usually expresses the sincere thanks of the court for the time of the jury in standing ready to do its work.

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



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GLAZED BITS by Barney Glazer

Aids Kidnappers

Walter Ames was "kidnaped" recently by the pretty McGuire Sisters who are currently singing at the Coconut Grove, but the gals being as extravagantly on the yummy-yummy side as they are, Walt admits to slipping on the handcuffs himself.

In the new Hollywood flicker, "Desk Set," Katherine Hepburn says to Spencer Tracy, a stranger aboard a steamship: "Is this your first Mediterranean cruise?" Tracy: "Yes, but don't tell anybody." Hepburn: "Why not?"

Tracy: "Because I'm the captain."

Am advised by Saskie Stinnett, timplani tapper for Holiday Magazine, that a certain Halsey P. Duane is known for his three best-seller technical books, "The Textile Industry in North Carolina, 1054," "The Textile Industry in North Carolina, 1955," and "The Textile Industry in North Carolina, 1956." But, continues Caskie, "it is to be observed from the author's latest book, 'The Rayon Industry in North Carolina, 1957,' that he is interested in practically everything."