

EDITORIALS

Vote Tuesday!

Three important decisions will be made Tuesday by the city's 33,318 registered voters. They will decide whether to incur a bonded indebtedness of \$3 million for new park sites and improvement of existing parks, and another \$1 million to acquire land to clear a safety zone on the west end of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

And, they will decide whether a seven-man council should replace the present five-man body with the mayor to be elected at an election rather than serving by appointment of fellow councilmen.

City officials, leaders of industry, business, labor groups, have endorsed all proposals on Tuesday's ballot, and have asked for a "Yes" vote by Torrance voters.

The ballot measures are sound—and the city's bonded indebtedness is so relatively small that the \$3 million park issue would not add any appreciable burden to the taxpayers. Officials have estimated that it would add not more than \$4.50 a year per family.

The cost of the airport bond issue is to be paid entirely from revenues from the airport and would not cost the taxpayers anything.

The HERALD urges all of the city's registered voters to visit their polling place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday and vote "YES" on all measures.

FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

Coming Elections

Letter Answered

Editor, Torrance Herald: We of the park and recreation commission wish to answer Mrs. Carl Lane on her inquiry about the \$3,000,000 bond election Oct. 29.

We are 100 per cent in union along with the city council agreement that this amount is adequate at the present time for our needs.

WHY: To provide for the much needed facilities for the thousands of our new citizens, who have moved to our community and for those to come. To provide wholesome recreation areas near your homes: Families who play together stay together.

SITES: \$2,000,000 to be spent. We need to buy sites now while vacant land is available. Location of the sites: 166th and Arlington, 6 acres; 178th and Western, 10; 190th and Crenshaw, 25; 186th and Prairie, 5; Civic Center, 15; Victor Precinct, 5; Border and Plaza Del Amo, 5; 231st and Arlington, 6; Walter Lake, 42, and south end of Madison St., 13.

There will be 19 neighborhood parks from 4 to 10 acres. Major parks with 20 to 40 acres will be located in north Torrance, central Torrance, and south Torrance.

IMPROVEMENTS: \$1,000,000 to be spent. Present sites, particularly those unimproved, landscaped, and equipped with park and playground facilities.

A community youth center building with restrooms will be provided.

THE COST: The cost of the bond issue will be \$4.50 or less for the average homeowner for the first year, decreasing steadily each year thereafter. And, don't forget our new shopping center, which will bring approximately \$600,000 in sales tax.

It means recreation for the whole family for less than 40 cents a month.

I, A. GITSCHER, Recreation Commissioner.

Airport Election

Editor, Torrance Herald: Mr. Richard Schroeder's arguments advanced for the ballot literature on Tuesday's election deserve an answer.

It is a provision of the grant deed to the city of Torrance from the U. S. Government that this area be used for "airport purposes only." Should we attempt to ignore this stipulation and develop this area along different lines, we would be in violation of the terms of the deed and the property would revert back to the U. S. Government.

Secondly, since public airports are becoming more and more obsolete (the primary reason for this provision in the deed) the Federal Government would, on their own, operate this area as an airport.

In view of these facts, we may conclude that this area will always be an airport, and if so, we should develop it into one of the finest, safest, and largest assets of this community.

A quote from the CAA Policy (July 1, 1957): "The basic objective of the Fed-

eral-Aid Airport Program is the establishment of a nationwide system of public airports adequate to meet the present and future needs of Civil Aeronautics."

To this end, the CAA in administering the program, has responsibilities and interests in the safety of airport operations, the efficiency of airport layout and facilities from the standpoint of traffic control and public use, and in the economic aspects of airport perpetuation or obsolescence.

THOMAS B. ABRAMS, President, Airport Commission

Bond Issue Endorsed
Editor Torrance Herald: It is imperative that the Recreation Bond passes so that Torrance will have land for future recreation and development.

Our assignment as Recreation Commissioners was to study the recreation needs of Torrance. During our many years of investigation and planning, one need became constantly more apparent—the need to save some of our empty land.

It is our hope that the community will see that the area acquired through the passage of the bond will be improved. We must buy the land before it is improved, because even if land values should remain the same, we would have to purchase and move houses at a great cost and inconvenience to the public.

HERMIE WILLIAMS, MARY LEE BOSWELL, J. H. PAGET, Former Recreation Commissioners

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

Life Is Easier—and Harder

All these gadgets they've got to make modern living easier are great—when they work.

But when they don't work, it can be mighty inconvenient and dogged expensive.

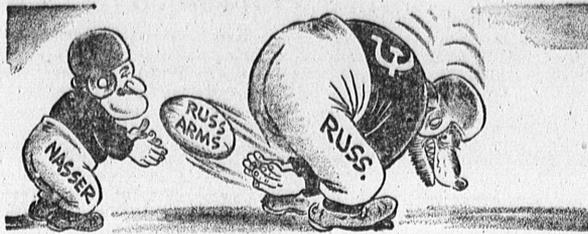
In the old days, when Grandma did her washing in the stream, she didn't have to worry about the rock or the washboard breaking down. She could count on its being there, whenever she took a notion to do the family laundry.

Today's housewife has no such certain life. She may find that the washing machine stops working when the tumbler is full of clothes. It may stop with a shudder, sending a mighty burp of water all over the kitchen floor.

Life was simpler and harder, back in the days when the flatiron, icebox, wood stove, wooden spoon, the broom, garbage pail, washboard, and clothes line were in style. All of these items had no moving electrical parts and lasted for years.

The average life of today's timesavers is shorter and for the most part, sadder. Today, we're used to rapidly changing models of self-

Tricky End-Around Play



-BUT THEY PICKED THE-



-WRONG END TO GO 'ROUND!



GOIN' SOMEWHERE?

YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

Keep Your Lip Zipped, Sis

Dear Ann: A close friend of mine is getting a raw deal. Her husband has been stepping out on her for over a year and everyone in town knows it but her. They've been married 18 years and have four fine children.

My husband and I have seen his car parked in front of the home where the divorcee lives and we've run into them at various eating places. We pretend not to see them but they have waved greetings from a nearby table as if everything was just lovely.

I somehow feel I'm a false friend by keeping this information from the wronged wife. My husband says to keep out of it. Should I ask her minister to talk to her—or to him? Please give me the word.—UPSET FRIEND

The word I'm giving you is NO. Your friend may know and has chosen to handle the situation in this way. This is not your problem—or your business. Keep your lip zipped.

Dear Ann: I'm a girl 19 who went steady with a boy 21 for five months. He said he loved me and I thought I loved him. I let my emotions get out of control and we went too far.

When I told him I was pregnant he said it was all my fault and that he would not marry me because I was

"dumb" and he didn't love me after all.

I had the baby last month and my folks have been wonderful. We started a law suit to get child support but the fellow is denying everything and has tried to make me look like a common tramp. The case is still pending.

A good friend of mine said when this fellow saw me and the baby in court he almost cried. He admitted to her that he'd like to marry me and patch things up.

I don't trust him. I think now that he sees he's beat in court he figures this is the easy way out. My mother says maybe I ought to marry him so the baby will have a natural mother and father. What is your advice?—J.W.

Your instincts are right. This fellow sounds as no good as they come. He not only left you stranded when you were in desperate trouble, but he was perfectly willing to blacken your name to save his own hide.

As long as you've managed this far without a Mrs. in front of your name, carry on until you meet a fellow you can respect. If you married this heel he'd probably send the rest of his life reminding you of how you tricked him into it.

Dear Ann: My kid brother

is 27 and old enough to know better—but he doesn't. He's been an easy touch for the girls all his life. He lends money, buys them presents, and is always in debt. The last filly gave him a sob story about how her kid sister needed a hip operation. He borrowed \$75 from me which adds up to \$425 since last January.

I know he's being taken for a ride but he says he has faith in human nature and his greatest pleasure is to help people. He makes me feel like a jerk, sometimes. What should I do?—ZOLLY

Very big-hearted of your brother to finance a private Marshall-Plan with money that he borrows from you. "Having faith in human nature" and "helping people" is very fine, but a guy who finds himself playing the role of a year-round Santa to "girls" could very well be getting the works. Tell the Great White Father that he can continue to be taken for a ride, if he likes, but that you are through buying the gas.

CONFIDENTIALLY: STYMIED: Apparently you've been stripped of everything including your dignity. Leave this man strictly alone. If he wants you back, let him cool his heels for a few months then tell him "you will think about it."

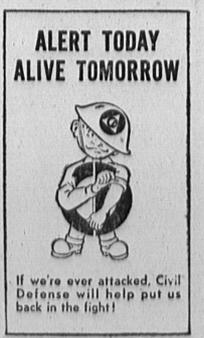
A. D. T. P. E.: I see nothing wrong in a girl wanting to buy a car if she's willing to work and pay for it.

KITTY: Don't knuckle under to please him. Stick to your principles and if you lose him you haven't lost much. In fact, if he becomes too persistent, you'd better tell him to get lost.

THE PORCH SITTERS: Remove the porch furniture and tell the boys if they want your company to call on the phone and make a date—or find another porch and other girls.

(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.

ALERT TODAY ALIVE TOMORROW



If we're ever attacked, Civil Defense will help put us back in the fight!

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Productivity Fights Inflation

Most economists agree that a high productivity rate in manufacturing can act as a powerful deterrent to either a serious inflation or a serious business depression.

Increases in output per man-hour can cut labor costs and thereby pave the way for lower prices. Even though the general impression is that the price of almost everything one buys today is up, there is evidence that productivity gains brought about by mechanization have kept prices of many items in recent years lower than they otherwise might have been.

The government's Bureau of Labor Statistics points out that productivity gains in manufacturing industries during the postwar years have averaged from three to three and one-half per cent a year. There was marked improvement in 1950, but this was dampened during the later years of the Korean war. There was also sharp improvement in 1954-55, but a leveling off in 1956.

For the private non-farm economy as a whole, output of real product per employe hour ran somewhat ahead of employe compensation per hour expressed in constant dollars during the first half of the 1946-56 period. In the second half of the decade, compensation ran somewhat

"Installation financing has become the rule today rather than the exception in buying heavy equipment," says Lenihan. "That's because heavy construction equipment not only gets bigger, faster, and more efficient every year, but it has become more costly, too. Very few contractors can afford to pay cash for this machinery and still keep sufficient working capital on hand to meet current expenses."

THINGS TO COME—A deicer chemical that prevents ice from forming on auto windshields soon will be marketed in pressure spray cans. No more sore thumbs for the home handyman: an all-purpose hammering tool is available as an accessory for quarter- or half-inch electric drills. A portable gas refrigerator for campers is said to operate as long as two and a half days on a single disposable cylinder of propane gas.

KING-SIZE CARS—A railroad car builder has borrowed a term from the cigaret makers and come up with "king-size" tank cars. The acceptance by the railroads of the bigger cars—19,000-gallon capacity as against the conventional 10,000-gallon cars for petroleum products, to cite one example—seems to be opening up a new field for the car builders.

The Shippers' Car Line division of ACF Industries, which leases railroad cars to industry, has proved to its customers that maximum load cars can effect considerable savings in the hauling of low-pressure commodities. In the case of the petroleum products car, 90 per cent more lading capacity is possible for only 27 per cent more cost, it has been found.

This has led railroad tank car users to begin thinking

in terms of jumbo-sized cars for high-pressure commodities (liquefied gases) and has resulted in a change in ICC regulations to permit maximum loads. The car builders believe that large-scale production of cars of this type represents the coming decade's major potential for the industry.

RECORD IN SIGHT—This country's total steel production for 1957 will probably exceed 115 million tons and may be in the vicinity of the all-time high, 117 million tons, set in 1955.

This optimistic picture is viewed by the industry as it looks back at its production achievement for the first eight months of this year when 78.7 million net tons of ingots and steel for castings were produced—more than in any previous identical period.

In producing the record tonnage, furnaces were operated at an average of 88.5 per cent of their capacity. In 1955, when the previous eight-month mark was set, the industry would have had to operate its furnaces at about 95 per cent of their ten-rated capacity in order to make an equivalent amount of steel. Capacity then was about 7.7 million tons lower than at the start of this year.

BITS O' BUSINESS—"Movies are better than ever"—for the popcorn and soda pop purveyors, anyhow. U. S. moviegoers spend \$300 million a year on in-theater refreshments, estimates a soft drink manufacturer. Rising trend in outdoor vacations is expected to boost sales of sleeping bags, tents and related camping equipment 25 per cent next year. Asian flu scare has upped the price of eggs. How? They are bought up by drug companies to produce vaccine.

GEARED FOR FUTURE

The nation's \$50-billion highway program has thrown an illuminating beam upon two factors that play vital roles in such a gigantic project—the finance companies and the banks. Almost 15 per cent of the money spent on any major road program goes into the purchase of equipment, according to Thomas E. Lenihan, vice president of C.I.F. Financial Corp. and executive head of its industrial financing subsidiary, C.I.T. Corp.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE By Reid Bundy

Government By Minority

It's a painful admission, but probably less than half of Torrance's 33,318 registered voters will bother to go to the polls Tuesday to vote on issues which are important to each man, woman, and child of the city.

In a city where officials estimate a population in excess of 90,000 persons, slightly more than one-third have registered to vote and a small part of them will bother to

visit the polls on the occasion of a special election.

The important issues at stake in the Tuesday election could actually be decided by a few thousand voters—a small minority of the city's population.

As I say, it's a painful admission, but it's true.

Which reminds me of the campaign conducted by a Jaycee group in the east a

few years ago. The Jaycees put a duck in a cage and paraded it around town during an election registration drive. A neatly painted sign on the cage quoted the duck's views on the matter: "I don't Vote—I just 'Squawk!' That's about the way it goes."

The advertising department boys at the Montrose Ledger recently had a card made for their clients reading: "We guarantee our work—we never make mistakes."

LAW IN ACTION

Executing Wills

With certain exceptions, the law will let you name anyone "executor" of your will. Your executor must be over the age of majority, must not have been convicted of an infamous crime, and must meet certain other requirements. The law leaves it up to you to pick an executor with good judgment.

When the "testator," or will-maker, dies, the executor goes to work to carry out his wishes.

The court confirms the executor you name in your will.

If you make no will or do not name an executor, the court names an "administrator."

Either the executor or the administrator gathers the estate together and out of it pays off taxes and debts, and sees that the rest of it goes to your heirs as you direct—under court supervision.

Your estate? It is all your property which does not go automatically to others, such as life insurance or property in joint tenancy.

To do his work, your executor may have to back track over years of your active life, looking into business records, investments, bank accounts, and tax returns—to say nothing of contracts, old legal papers, and property titles.

Meanwhile, the executor may have to manage your business.

As he locates your assets, the executor (or administrator) takes them into his control.

Out of your estate your executor pays federal and state income, estate, and gift

Headline this week: BILLY GRAHAM HURT BY BUTTING PET RAM To which we say: If you go around butting pet rams, you're gonna get hurt.

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STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	1 Friends	31 A	61 Friends
APR 21	2 You	32 New	62 And
MAY 21	3 Don't	33 Conditions	63 And
JUN 21	4 Mist	34 Every	64 May
JUL 21	5 Uprising	35 Vowing	65 Expenses
AUG 21	6 Mix	36 Or	66 Social
SEPT 21	7 Sured	37 Rejection	67 Pleas
OCT 21	8 With	38 Refreshing	68 Guilt
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DEC 21	10 How	40 Spend	70 Work
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FEB 21	12 A	42 New	72 Matters
MAR 21	13 Day	43 Favorable	73 Confidential
APR 21	14 Interested	44 By	74 Rest
MAY 21	15 You	45 Benefactor	75 And
JUN 21	16 Support	46 Tom	76 Or
JUL 21	17 A	47 Keeping	77 Needs
AUG 21	18 A	48 Light	78 Charm
SEPT 21	19 Proposals	49 To	79 Or
OCT 21	20 Youth	50 Romance	80 Elders
NOV 21	21 Accomplish	51 Concentrate	81 On
DEC 21	22 News	52 Live	82 Plans
JAN 21	23 The	53 Today	83 And
FEB 21	24 To	54 And	84 Talents
MAR 21	25 The	55 Possible	85 Health
APR 21	26 That's	56 On	86 Interests
MAY 21	27 Don't	57 Don't	87 Your
JUN 21	28 And	58 Crown	88 Finances
JUL 21	29 Mind	59 Neglect	89 And
AUG 21	30 Display	60 Children	90 How
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OCT 21	72-76	77-81	82-86
NOV 21	87-91	92-96	97-100