

EDITORIALS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY—I have never been able to understand why tax legislation which is bound to lead to such chaotic condition is considered to be "progressive and liberal," and why there is such a stigma attached to being a conservative. — James B. Utt, Representative, 28th District, California.

Ground Glass Diet

A bill was introduced in the State Legislature this week returning to the state's law enforcement agencies the right to use information obtained from a confidential source as "reasonable grounds" to believe a crime has been committed and to permit an investigation based on such information.

Recent rulings of high state courts has held that such information can not be used unless the confidential source is revealed in court—although the investigation resulting from the information may have turned up a criminal with enough evidence to convict him.

The effect of these rulings has been to dry up informers who have been able to tell police enough to warrant an investigation in past years.

The fuzzy thinking which has impaired some of these rulings was blasted this week by a Long Beach municipal judge in an 11-page opinion on a case in his court.

"Criminals are constantly being afforded new and different-judicial interpretations of existing laws, which shield them more and more from responsibility for their criminal acts," Judge Charles T. Smith wrote.

"What compelling reason requires our courts to spoon-feed criminals, while restricting police to a diet of hard tack and ground glass?" the judge asked.

It's a good question and one we think the judge could have answered had the occasion asked for it.

It's Boy Scout Week

Boy Scouts of Torrance join more than four million other Scouts in America this week in celebrating the 49th anniversary of their organization—a force for good the world over.

This special week, which opened yesterday, gives us a good chance to reflect on the volunteer movement which has made its mark in Torrance, and wherever a Boy Scout troop has been organized since the Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910.

The boys become better men because of the instructions in team play and citizenship which becomes part of the daily code for a Scout.

During their special week, the HERALD salutes the Scouts of the Torrance area, knowing that Torrance and the nation is richer because of them.

Opinions of Others

We used to put a pretty high price on freedom in this country. As the settlers headed west for the privations and hardships of months of crawling, dusty travel, all they asked of government was to keep foreigners out of their hair while they fought off the Indians, starvation, and any other obstacle to their freedom to make and build a new life in a new land.

Today, we seem to be willing to piddle away this freedom for "security," security from hunger, want, and hardship guaranteed by the government.

We forget that the plantation slaves of the south had all these things we prize so highly today as long as they had kind, benevolent masters. The only price they paid for it was their freedom.

We, too, can have complete security at the same price but who can guarantee that our masters will always be kind and benevolent?—New Plymouth (Ida.) Valley Sentinel.

In every land bent under a tyrant's yoke, two things stand out: (1) a controlled press and (2) an intimidated church. You may put it down for a truism that there cannot long be a free church in a nation which has a slave press. By the same token, a free press will not long endure alongside an imprisoned church.—Fulton (Miss.) Times.

Freedom of giving is a basic part of the democratic American way of life. We create, maintain and support charities. We help the organizations and the people we think need a lift. It is voluntary agencies that have brought our nation's health and welfare services to the forefront.—Starkville (Miss.) News.

We in the United States should spend less time denouncing Communism and more time selling Capitalism.—Maryville (Tenn.) Enterprise.

Beast Of Burden



DMV Tabs Auto Makers, Too

Before you take your place behind the wheel and drive your car or trailer out upon the public highways, a lot of law has to be observed. Let's start at the beginning:

First, somebody's got to build the car. That calls for a factory, or assembly plant, as the case may be. In either case, a manufacturer's license must be obtained from the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

This is not a business license for the physical properties of the plant, such as a subdivision issue, but a license to deal at the manufacturer's level in vehicles for sale.

A pre-licensing requirement of DMV is that the applicant, or applicants, for a manufacturer's license shall be fingerprinted and investigated as to financial stability, business reputation and moral character.

In the case of a national corporation, the person making the application usually is the company's top executive in California. (At one time, the Ford Motor Company applicant was Henry Ford III, whose completed personal history questionnaire and fingerprints are on file at DMV headquarters in Sacramento).

If the license is sought for a California corporation, the plication, together with their fingerprints, must be signed by the three principal executives.

Application for a partnership license must be signed by both partners.

For each there is a \$50 investigation fee, plus \$8 for each set of specially designed manufacturer's vehicle license plates.

A manufacturer's plate contains the large capital letters MFG one above the other, with a small numeral over a small capital letter (1 A for example), placed between the MFG and three large numerals. The latter are the identification mark of the manufacturer to whom the plates are assigned.

A General Motors Plate, for instance, would read MFG-1A-015. The license and special plates are renewed annually, and the plates are transferrable from one vehicle to another. A manufacturer may have any number

of plate sets. GM has 510 sets. The plates are registered at DMV. The vehicle "wearing" them is not, until it is sold, at which time the regular vehicle registration and license fees are due.

In Years Gone By

25 YEARS AGO

On Feb. 8, 1934, while the nation still struggled to emerge from the shadow of the great depression into the brief sunlight which was to precede a devastating war, a glimmer of better things ahead was offered to hourly employees of the National Supply Co. at the Torrance plant when a five-cent an hour across-the-board pay hike was granted by the firm in accordance with NRA provisions. Second of the raises brought about by the NRA, the pay boost brought earnings at National Supply back to pre-depression levels, according to a TORRANCE HERALD story of the day.

On the local political scene the city received its third mayor in two years when the city council met in special session to name Scott Ludlow to fill the post vacated by C. Earl Conner, who had resigned to become postmaster of Torrance.

Motorists who had let the Jan. 31 deadline for car registrations slip by were given a 14-day grace period by a benevolent Motor Vehicle Dept. to apply for their 1934 license plates.

With supplies of butter, eggs, and dry apples still holding out, persons on the relief roll were promised one more week's supply of those staples.

Thrilling hearts of local moviegoers was Mae West, who was starring in "I'm No Angel" at the Torrance Theatre. Also featured on local screens was Dolores Del Rio in the popular musical "Flying Down to Rio," at the Lomita Theatre, with Walt Disney's "The Pied Piper" as second feature. Price of ad-

mission was 10c and 15c. Travel-minded readers were offered the opportunity to ride "in comfortable coaches on fast, direct trains" to Chicago for \$34.50, New Orleans for \$32, or New York for \$62.50.

LAW IN ACTION

Mental Suffering

How much is your peace of mind worth?

In recent years the courts have made a person pay damages for invading another's peace of mind on purpose. This may be done through flagrant acts or words, insult and abuse. This mental suffering may stem from fear, nervousness, anxiety, grief, shock or humiliation.

In one California case an evicting landlord locked a woman tenant out of her apartment and then screamed abuse at her.

She suffered mental distress and some physical injury, and she recovered damages from the landlord.

In another case, a creditor called a woman to her neighbor's phone for an "emergency" message. There he falsely accused her of not paying her bills, threatened to sue for her, and to sue if she did not pay up. For her shock and humiliation she recovered damages from the creditor.

Again, a man had a dispute with a rubbish collector's association. They threatened to have him "beat up," his truck wrecked, and his business ruined unless he joined the association and paid one of its members for a lost account. The rubbish collector was so scared he became ill. The court awarded him damages for his distress, even though he suffered no serious physical injuries.

Scientists show us how to sail under the North Pole and fly over the moon, but you're still on your own when you cross the street. — Harold Coffin.

"The penalty for not having prejudices is that you have to use your head." — Franklin P. Jones.

"Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything." — Billy Graham.

"Genius is the ability to evade work by doing something right the first time it has to be done." — American Salesman.

"A rumor is about as hard to unspread as butter." — Grit.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

And They Call it Progress

Walter Hammond, agricultural account supervisor for the Tidewater Oil Co., swears he overheard the following in his neighborhood hardware store the other day:

Customer: I'd like some white wall paint.

Clerk: Interior or exterior? Customer: For painting a bedroom.

Clerk: What kind did you have in mind? Rubber base? Vinyl base? . . .

Customer: Well, ah . . . Clerk: Of course, rubber base is fadeproof—but then vinyl dries extra fast and is washable. Or how about this new acrylic paint? Or, perhaps you want the advantages of silicone paint? . . . hmmm. Customer: I just want a can of white paint for . . .

Clerk: Snow white? Egg-shell white? Off white? Cloud white? Just what shade did you have in mind?

Customer: Well, I . . . Clerk: Flat, dull, or glossy finish? Depends on what you want the bedroom to look like, of course.

Customer: (Weakly) What do you have in wallpaper?

The Christmas season has been over for several weeks, but Pearl Lindsey Conklin, who lives at 2655 W. Carson St., is still thinking about the annual ordeal of the Cards. She refers to it as the "aftermath of greeting card writing."

First night . . . cards begun. Second night . . . Gee! It's fun. Third night . . . Here's another name. Fourth night . . . Repeat, just the same. Fifth night . . . I'm worn to bits. Sixth night . . . I call it QUILTS! Seventh night . . . The 25th is near, I'll never send 'em another year."

THEN COMES THE PAY-OFF "Here comes MY cards . . . four, seven, nine, ten . . . "Sure, I'll send 'em again, and again."

Now admit it, Pearl says. We all go through that ordeal every year, AND LIKE IT!

Marc Siegel, executive vice president of the new Thunderbird International Hotel under construction in El Segundo, informed me this week that the board of directors, "after several minutes of serious consideration," has unanimously elected me as an Official Sidewalk Superintendent.

It's not an honorary title, Marc points out. It has meaning—and privileges. For example, it entitles me to wear

and official badge (right side up), make minor suggestions, talk in sign language with operators of earth moving equipment on all new construction projects, and to make suggestions on neighboring properties.

It does not, however, extend privileges to me on matters pertaining to finances, interior decorations, or landscaping.

It's all very nice, but I'm disappointed. I have some very definite ideas about decorating and landscaping.

A newspaper filler says a tomato contains more liquid than a glass of milk, which brings to mind some tomatoes I know can hold more liquid than half a dozen glasses of milk . . . especially if some chump is buying.

Think It Through

At Lexington, in 1775, "the embattled farmers stood and fired a shot heard round the world."

In 1958, at nearby Boston, the embattled farmers fired another round. It was the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Organization, the largest farm organization, representing 1,600,000 farm families.

Those who think the old American spirit of Lexington and Concord "has gone over the hill," would have been cheered by the speeches and resolutions of this notable convention of working farmers.

They were in rebellion against the whole trend of misgovernment for 10, these many years. They called for a balanced budget, reduced Federal spending, severe curbs on labor monopolies, and the elimination of Federal controls on agricultural

products at the earliest possible date.

The President of the Federation, Charles Shuman, is "convinced that without price fixing since the war ended, all agriculture would be better off."

A New Hampshire delegate said, "Every time you send \$10 to Washington, you get 50 cents back, after passing through 21 different offices, in each of which there are 33 bureaucrats, all of them not doing anything."

The President of a State Bureau brought down the house with, "There is a surplus of jackasses in this country and nine of them are on the Supreme Court."

Something is cooking in the farm kitchens. And, as Patrick Henry said, "If this be treason . . ." you know what. — E. F. HUTTON.

FOR ALL BOYS

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

49th ANNIVERSARY 1959

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Collect
- 6-Diver at gifts
- 11-Irish
- 12-Smoked
- 14-Part of
- 15-Plotted
- 17-Land
- 18-Evil
- 20-Appitude
- 21-Initiate
- 22-Prepares for
- 24-Greek letter
- 25-Measures
- 26-Cleaning rod
- 28-Paramours
- 29-Vigor
- 31-Swordsmen's
- 32-Calm
- 33-Act
- 34-Chapeau
- 41-Fornier
- 42-French ruler
- 43-French: of the
- 44-Covers
- 45-Title of respect
- 46-Mac's
- 47-Breastwork
- 48-French article
- 49-Withstand
- 52-Intently
- 53-Depressions
- 55-Finished

DOWN

- 1-Fleet of ships
- 2-Parent (colloq.)
- 3-High mountain
- 4-Having its character
- 5-Closed
- 6-Negation
- 7-Above
- 8-Man's
- 9-Nickname
- 10-Harvester
- 11-Small drum
- 13-Gown
- 16-Burmese
- 19-Depressions in cheeks
- 20-Corrupted
- 25-Avoid
- 27-Harvest goddess
- 29-Unclose (pret.)
- 32-Milk gland, as in cows
- 33-Wanted
- 34-Macaw
- 41-Sour
- 44-Observed
- 47-Transfix
- 48-Spread for drying
- 51-Compass point
- 53-Note of scale

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55

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.

1 A	21 These	41 Whore	61 Whore
2 B	22 Impass	42 New	62 New
3 C	23 Conure	43 Conure	63 Conure
4 D	24 You	44 You	64 You
5 E	25 Good	45 Frustration	65 Frustration
6 F	26 The	46 The	66 The
7 L	27 Look	47 Year	67 Year
8 M	28 Wires	48 Cheerful	68 Cheerful
9 N	29 Up	49 Integrity	69 Integrity
10 O	30 Up	50 Apparent	70 In
11 P	31 Dovich	51 Temporary	71 Attention
12 Q	32 Social	52 Very	72 Plans
13 R	33 Cheem	53 Right	73 To city
14 S	34 Be	54 Be	74 Of
15 T	35 Con	55 Don't	75 Issues
16 U	36 Display	56 Never	76 Hostile
17 V	37 You'll	57 Delays	77 To
18 W	38 In	58 Money	78 Money
19 X	39 Notions	59 Components	79 Pickup
20 Y	40 Get	60 The	80 Pursue
21 Z	41 And	61 Making	81 Making
22 A	42 Let	62 Who've	82 Now
23 B	43 Let	63 Difficult	83 All
24 C	44 Let	64 Opposite	84 Doings
25 D	45 Conservative	65 Achieved	85 Schemes
26 E	46 Display	66 Opposite	86 Incoated
27 F	47 Synchro	67 Approval	87 Situation
28 G	48 Will	68 Good	88 Top
29 H	49 Master	69 Today	89 Today
30 I	50 To	60 Force	90 People
31 J	51 To	61 Neutral	91 Neutral

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