

EDITORIALS

Blout for Council

THE HERALD believes it is essential that Willys Blount be re-elected to the city council of Torrance. Over the past eight years, Mr. Blount has had a stabilizing influence on the council. He has proved his ability to counsel with the majority; he has proved his capacity as an effective member of the minority. He is keenly alert to the needs of the city and he has the courage, the ability, and the capacity to deal intelligently with any situation. His experience and his all around ability will be needed during the next four years in solving the many problems that will come before the Torrance city council. A vote for BLOUNT next Tuesday will be a vote for the future security of Torrance.

VOTE FOR:

WILLYS G. BLOUNT
for City Council.

GEORGE BRADFORD and GEORGE VICO also are recommended to the voters, although THE HERALD considers VIRGIL HANCOCK, of WALTERIA, JIM THOMPSON and CLIFFORD J. PETERSON as qualified.

For City Clerk, the veteran incumbent ALBERT H. (Bart) BARTLETT is strongly recommended for re-election.

For City Treasurer, THE HERALD chooses HARRIETT V. LEECH for re-election to the post she has held with distinction.

The Campaign for Mayor

For the first time in the history of Torrance, voters will be called upon next week to elect the man who will represent them as mayor of the city. This method of choosing the city's top elective officials was endorsed by the people at a special election last October. It was endorsed by a large majority of those voting.

For that reason, and because this is the first time the mayor is being elected at the polls, the HERALD feels it should not place itself in a position of endorsing or recommending the first mayor. It should be left up to the voters, who will be called on in succeeding elections to check the successes or lack of success of the office holder.

To the credit of the principal candidates in next Tuesday's city election, it can be said at this point that their campaigns have been conducted on a high plane. There are the usual recriminations and threats that always seem to underlie local politics; but, generally speaking, the campaign thus far has been a decent political contest.

The temptation to reach for the mud is ever present in a heated campaign and in this respect the most ardent supporters of a candidate are more inclined to let their hearts rule their minds. Doubtless there has been some pie making but, thus far, they have not been thrown in the open.

Both Albert Isen and Nick Drale—principal candidates for mayor—have conducted vigorous, objective campaigns. Both have served the city as mayor and have acquired the kind of leadership experience that makes them wise in political campaigning.

Issues, in our opinion, have not been brought clearly into focus. With the election only five days away it is too much hope that they will be. The public is left in the position of choosing between two men as individuals, their records in public office and the character of the people who have come out into the open to back them.

In the matter of endorsement both mayoral candidates have high class, effective backing. The long list of individuals of prominence appearing on an advertisement for Mr. Drale today is impressive. It comprises the names of many who always have been in the vanguard of those interested in the welfare of the community. Included are several former mayors, the winner of last year's "Citizen of the Year" award and many other men and women with records of unselfish public service. Individuals and organizations announced for Mr. Isen give him powerful support. His resourceful efforts toward bringing the "All America City" award to Torrance has attracted many followers to his camp and helped him in his campaign.

Voters will make their final decision at the polls next Tuesday. It is important that every registered voter take part in the election to the end that there will be a clear cut decision. You have no more important engagement next Tuesday than that of going to the polls. A heavy turnout will auger well for the future of Torrance.

Opinions of Others

Jules Verne wrote about space travel back in 1865 and predicted that the Americans would be first to reach the moon, and the Russians second. If it works out that way, we'll forgive and forget those spunkies.—Cuero (Texas) Record.

If They Spring You—



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

How About a Man's Answer?

Dear Ann Landers: Your contemptuous and vicious reply to Sophist was an excellent example of the poison you constantly inject in your column while disguising your hatred for all males. Your sadistic glee when you know you've struck a blow was never more in evidence.

In your feeble attempt to defend women against the title "The Stupid Sex" you stated "Women may not be as smart as men, but have you ever heard of a woman marrying a dumb man for his shape?"

Why not be fair for once and print a man's answer to a question? Mine would be: "No, but I HAVE heard of women who marry dumb men for their MONEY—and this is legalized you-know-what."

—A SOPHIST SUPPORTER

Dear Ann: How in the world do you get rid of guests who hang around long after the party is over?

A certain couple in our crowd is famous for this. They outwait everyone then sit around and drink and talk and suggest frying eggs. The host and hostess practically fall asleep on the rug.

The hour never matters to them. They stick like glue. What can we say when they put it this way: "Do you mind if we stay for a night-cap?" Please, Ann give us an answer.—BLEARY-EYED.

A gentle pat makes no impression on an elephant's hide. The only way to deal with brassy people is directly, like this: "YOU may have a night-cap if you like, but WE are getting into our night-clothes. Why don't you take the bottle home with you?"

Dear Ann: My boy friend is too good-looking, if you can imagine such a thing. We've been going steady for 13 months. I'm 17 and he's 19. He's been giving me a hard time from the beginning, but I can't figure out how much of it is HIS fault.

I'm a high school senior and he's a college sophomore. I've taken him to a few school socials and the girls go wild over him. He's a terrific dancer and everyone wants to dance with him. Some girls have had the colostrum nerve to walk up to us on the dance floor and cut in.

My mother thinks I should stop seeing him. She says her cousin married this type and he dealt her a fit all through their marriage. She finally divorced him. Please give me some advice.—LOIS.

P.S.: I'm nutty over him!

Why don't you just put a gunny sack over his head so the girls can't see how handsome he is—then break his leg so he can't dance? Honestly, Lois, for a girl 17 you sound childish. There's nothing wrong with having

an attractive boy friend. What you need is confidence. The smart gal who is relaxed about her fellow can hang on to him forever, if she wants to. Nervous Nellies who shake in their boots when faced by competition invariably wind up on the outside—looking in.

Dear Ann: My husband and I have been married three years. His mother has always been the interfering type, but she never gave me much trouble because they lived on the other side of town. I put up with her 10 phone calls a day silently.

Now his folks have bought a house three blocks away and already I'm beginning to see signs of what's ahead. My husband wants to give his mother a key to our house. I say nothing doing. He says it's only fair since he has a key to her house. What is your opinion?—LIZ.

Tell Junior to give mama back the key and call it a day. There's no reason for him to have a key to her house and she shouldn't have one to yours. Don't lose this battle or you'll open a whole new can of worms.

Confidentially: MY BEST SHOT: You've got a wrong number, Suzie, dial him out. He's not worth your wiles.

(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) 1958, Field Enterprises, Inc.

THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

An Old Fable Needs Revision

Although the long arm of the law has always reached out to grab speeders, it finally has taken steps to give the highway slowpoke a kick in the tail, or at least to get him off the road.

Under a new law, a motorist can be arrested for going too slow on a freeway if he is holding up the normal flow of traffic. Even if he is dawdling along in the right lane, he can be arrested if he is hindering traffic from traveling at its normal rate of speed.

And if this slow poke is on a two-lane highway, he must get off the road and let traffic pass, if there are five or more cars behind him. If he doesn't, he can be arrested.

If I needed any proof that such a law was needed, I got it Sunday, as I got stuck behind one of these characters on a busy two-lane highway in the mountains. He pattered along at 25 miles an hour and I counted 28 cars behind him. I had plenty of time to count the cars at that speed, and I was number 15 in line. With traffic whizzing by in the other direction, and so many curves that the unfortunates behind him couldn't

see to pass because of the winding mountain roads. I'm sorry to admit it, but the dawdler in this case was a man.

We've all been lectured on speeding until it's coming out of our ears. Speed does kill. If the speeders were the only people that got killed, it wouldn't be so bad, but plenty of innocent people get killed as well.

Nonetheless, we've been a long time realizing that the timid soul who creeps along the highways is also a menace. It's fine to be cautious, but can you imagine what the freeways would look like if everybody went 25 miles an hour?

Although the freeways are overcrowded, they are cleared faster with people driving 55 miles an hour than if everyone had to go 25. The idea is for people to get on and off the freeways faster in sprawling Los Angeles.

The average motorist drives as safely as he can, but if he gets stuck behind some turtle on the highway, he's liable to take chances that he might not take otherwise.

The dawdler also may be responsible for traffic deaths, just as much as the speeder.

There are a few slowpokes who feel that they are acting as traffic cops and are saving their fellow drivers from speeding. What they may actually be doing is forcing their fellow drivers to take reckless chances in order to get around them.

If the traffic officials think that 55 miles an hour is a safe speed, there's no reason why a citizen shouldn't be arrested if he tries to lower it to 25 just as much as the guy who tries to raise it to 80.

Everybody is familiar with the old story about the tortoise and the hare and its moral, "Slow and steady wins the race."

It's pretty clear, however, that the tortoise and the hare didn't stage their race on the Harbor Freeway. If they had, the tortoise would have been steamrollered flat, while the hare might have been able to outrun the 300-horsepower buggies which zoom down the roads.

It's an old fable which needs a little revision in the Space and Jet Era.

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

Do We Really Want Economy

Tonight after hours we're thinking of people with two faces. Lots of them. The single face—the truly honest man—is so rare that it stings us when we meet him. By honesty we don't mean just the man who doesn't cheat a widow out of her inheritance, but the morally honest man, who is what he is when no one is looking—especially where selfish gain is concerned.

For years and years people have been clamoring for economy in government in order to reduce taxes. But at the same time we have also been clamoring for more and more government handouts, more unemployment insurance, more social security, more federal, state and county services—and more "trash collections."

You may say that everybody knows this and everybody has heard it before. But have they considered what it's doing to the nation? For almost everyone just doesn't think about where the money comes from, or where it goes, or cares a hoot about it, until tax time April 15.

The largest segment of our people—the masses—just do not appear to us to be thinking about very much other than themselves, their own problems and how they can get something more out of the "government" than they now get. The unselfish, the frugal, the hard-working, the civic-minded, the patriotic are in the great minority. This division is not only among the educated and the uneducated—or the employer and the employe. It is in every standard of life, in every

class, in every social position.

Funny thing, but "government" is the same as the taxpayer, for "government" is people who pay taxes, same as everybody else. When it comes to taxes, the people who work for the government have it worse than those in non-government jobs, except for a few who use their governmental tie-up improperly or illegally for personal gain. The government employe is on a fixed income which suffers most during both inflation and deflation. For government incomes go down in depressions, too, but without the backlog of savings which others had accumulated in the more prosperous years.

When we accuse government of being extravagant, we don't realize that it is we, the people, who are extravagant. We simply refuse to work as hard as we used to for what we want, but look to government more and more for what we would be doing for ourselves. This costs billions in extra taxes.

Both political parties and most politicians, in varying degrees, are simply fulfilling our desires. They have to in order to be elected. The more they give in government handouts, the better their chances of election. One political aspirant tries to outdo the other. The one with courage is usually out of luck, unless he, too, gives a little. Most people don't want economy or "statesmanship"—they want a federal highway through their town and a Congressman who will get them \$30 more a month in old-age pensions. This repre-

sents the bulk of the voters, in our opinion.

If people wanted government economy, they could get it. But they don't. What they want is lower taxes and a higher number of services and frills at the same time. What they want is lower prices in what they buy—and high prices in what they sell. They gripe at having to pay \$2 for a haircut, but think nothing of \$6 for a bottle of booze. They scream about increasing taxes, but think nothing of operating a second car on their one-car income. They sell an old house for three times its 1935 value and brag about it, but call it a "hold-up" when a new one is offered at three times the 1935 level of value.

For years we have been lecturing in Seattle to an audience which includes a number of Boeing Aircraft executives. During each program the discussion invariably would get around to more economy in government. We agreed that economy was essential and mentioned it when ever possible.

However, on a recent trip the attitude of the same Boeing executives had mysteriously changed. The discussion this time was about cutbacks caused by government economies at Boeing, forcing layoffs of thousands of workers. When we expressed the opinion that government economy meant cutbacks somewhere, the astonishing reply of one of them was: "Why in the hell does Washington have to start economizing with Boeing—why don't they start with Lockheed, Douglas, or Convair?"

REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Nation Needs Housing Boom

If our economy were automated to the point where someone in Washington could push a button to start building 200,000 new houses, what would it mean in terms of boosting us out of the recession?

About 3000 different items go into every new home. The 200,000 houses would consume 3.8 gallons of paint, 200 million square feet of asphalt roofing shingles, 1.9 billion board feet of lumber, 280 million square feet of wall and ceiling insulation, one billion square feet of gypsum wallboard and lath.

Add 60 million square feet of asphalt, rubber or vinyl tile and linoleum, 230 million board feet of finish flooring, 208 million square feet of softwood plywood, 940 million bricks, a half-million tons of steel, 22 million square feet of ceramic tile, 250,000 sets of bathroom fixtures, 200,000 heating units, plus thousands of washers, ranges, water heaters, clothes dryers, dishwashers and refrigerators.

It's estimated that a new home generates the sale of about \$1500 of furnishings and equipment just in the first year of occupancy. And, of course, more homes mean

more schools, churches, stores and utilities.

Boost housing activity back to the 1955 level—which would mean an increase of 400,000 houses over the current building rate—and you'd double every statistic above.

Such a hoped-for jump in building would, of course, work in favor of the fast-growing gas appliance and equipment industry. Manufacturers and utilities in this field are helping in new home promotions and to spur modernization projects.

In fact, a leader in that field reminds us that businessmen should not be dismayed every time a year comes along that fails to produce a new all-time record in every department.

Clifford V. Coons, president of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Assn., puts it this way: "The peaks of the future loom larger than the peaks of the past. The business fraternity has no right to feel that its success can be measured only through the establishment of new peaks, year after year."

Coons, who is executive vice president of the Rheem Manufacturing Co., forsees a

bright future and urges: Let's extract the maximum that the present economy will permit. Let's imbue our consumers with an optimism born of the modernity of our fuel and our products."



"The way you get experience quickly is to start looking for something else."—Barry Sullivan.

"I can't understand why it takes a woman as long to dress now as it used to when they wore clothes."—L. S. McCandless.

"By the age of 50, most men have certain well-defined convictions—most of which are wrong."—Ted Lusich.

"Can you ever remember a time when there weren't some people worried about conditions?"—John Nance Garner.

LAW IN ACTION

The Supreme Court

The U. S. Supreme Court can hear only a small part of the 1500 cases in which review of a lower court's order is sought. In certain kinds of cases the appellant is entitled to a review. But in the majority of cases the court must decide whether or not it will review.

So the court's first job is to pick out the cases it will hear. Aside from cases which the justices must hear, this is a hard job on which the justices often disagree among themselves. It takes four justices to bring such a case up for review.

This done, the clerk sets a time for oral argument. Before the parties come into court they must submit briefs and records often running into thousands of pages. Next the justices hear the lawyers speak—and often break in with questions. The oral argument is an hour or less for each side.

Afterwards the justices talk the case over in conference. In a difficult case it may take months before the justices vote on it.

Finally, one judge gets the job of writing the opinion, and he must get more than half of the court to go along with his way of seeing it. The others can, and often do, write out their own views as well, in concurring or dissenting opinions. Once in a while the court may agree on the outcome of a decision, but for different reasons.

The decisions not only quote cases already decided, but they may go elsewhere for their authority. A Supreme Court opinion may quote senators as well as judges, presidents as well as statutes. It may find in Greek history aids in resolving the struggle between freedom and order. It may cite the battle for legal guarantees in Great Britain, or give the views of economists or men of literature and poetry or philosophy, as they may bear upon the problem.

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