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Thoughts

For the second time in a row The HERALD'S questioning reporter challenged a psychiatrist's statement and once again found Torrance residents didn't particularly agree with the doctor's theory.

The psychiatrist recently put the blame for alcohol husbands on the shoulders of "hen-pecking wives." He said if wives would treat their husbands like kings, they'd never have to play second fiddle to a bottle. Here are the answers a few localities gave when questioned about this theory:

Earl Wells, 22528 S. Vermont Ave., barber:

"I don't think 'hen-pecking wives' are the cause. It is a deeper reason than that. It takes more troubles than a nagging wife to cause husbands to drink."

Frankie Talbot, 32015 Pennsylvania Ave., telephone operator:

"He's crazy. The husband does it on his own. A nagging wife might contribute to a husband's reason for drinking, but she is not the sole cause."

Mrs. Barbara Bardini, 1515 W. 214th St., housewife:

"It's hard to say... depends on the person I believe that a wife could contribute some, but a man who wants to drink will do so whether or not his wife hen-pecks him. It is a weak person who goes out to drink and who can't stand up to his wife. He has no backbone."

Mrs. Lois Elliott, 22015 S. Normandie Ave., housewife:

"If wives treat their husbands decently and co-operate with them I don't think the men would drink. Wives have to be interested in things their husbands enjoy and they should share these activities together. They should interest their husbands in sports and things like that."

J. H. Johnson, 1515 Carver St., a life m-liter:

"If a psychiatrist said it, I don't believe it. The psychiatrists deal with people who have mental difficulties and it warps their personalities. I've never met anyone who was helped by a psychiatrist yet."

George Miller, 1520 Cousins St., service station owner:

"I think he is wrong. A guy who is going to be an alcoholic is going to be one. A nagging wife will encourage the weakness for drinking if that weakness is already there. If the man has enough will power, he won't be an alcoholic."

# TORRANCE VALUATIONS TOP ENTIRE SURROUNDING AREA

## Officer Takes Count As Fireball Explodes

A fire-foot-low ball of fire tangled with the long arm of the law yesterday morning, and spectators wildly discussed who emerged the victor.

The 17-year-old girl, who weighs 107 lbs., reportedly struck, bit and scratched Police Officer Glynn Boyce who was working off duty as a special officer at a club dance in the National Guard Armory, 2505 Cabrillo Ave.

According to the officer, he saw four persons in an argument and then one of the men struck the 17-year-old girl. Attempting to intercede, Boyce suddenly became the victim.

He broke the strap on his sap trying to keep the two men from striking him.

About that time, the small package of dynamite tore into Boyce and the others escaped.

By the time he had her subdued, he had a torn hat, badly soiled uniform with buttons missing from it.

Boyce, however, had the last word.

The 17-year-old, who reportedly has a tattoo on her chin, landed in jail on charges of disturbing the peace, interfering with an officer and numerous other charges.

## Boy Finds Chum Dead on Floor

Investigations into the death of 18-year-old Neil Arthur Henkel, of 4979 Bluff St., continued late yesterday after he was found on the floor of a friend's home earlier by another chum.

Henkel was pronounced dead at Harbor General Hospital before noon yesterday after a fire department resuscitator crew was unable to revive him at the scene.

Officer Glynn Boyce said the coroner's office was still seeking to determine the cause of death.

Events leading up to discovery of the youth's body yesterday as reconstructed by investigating officers indicated that the Henkel boy, who was living with his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horner at the Bluff St. address, had spent the night with a friend, Dennis Harvey, 17, at 4092 Newton St.

A third lad, Dale Kinyon, also 17, spent the evening at the home of Harvey.

Drive to Balboa  
The trio drove to Balboa Friday night and, after spending a short time there, returned home because Harvey had to go to work early Saturday.

## Ex-cellmates Again Jailed in Torrance

Two former Sea Queen cellmates, who were back in jail for a brief spell here were freed Friday in Superior Court because of insufficient evidence.

Arrested as suspects in the burglary of a local restaurant, 4020 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. were Albert R. Bralovich, 34, of Anaheim, and William H. Darbold, 35, of Whittier.

The pair was arrested by local detectives who found Bralovich and another man parked in a car near the restaurant last Monday.

Both the men previously had served time following conviction for burglaries involving safes.

Local officers found the restaurant safe opened, and \$250 in rolled coins missing last Monday.

## The Road to Nowhere



JUST A MIDDLE... The road with a middle and no ends is the strip of Arlington Ave. between 190th St. and Del Amo Blvd. Here City Councilman George Bradford gets an on-the-spot idea of the situation. A full report on the steps in opening the road is due before the city council Tuesday. (Herald Photo)

## City Council to Hear Report On 'Road that Goes Nowhere'

Arlington Ave. between 190th St. and Del Amo is a street with a middle and no ends.

The only way you can get onto the graded and paved thoroughfare is a climb over a fence and a pile of rubble.

Opening of Arlington Ave. from North Torrance into downtown Torrance has long been sought by residents and businessmen on both ends of the line—North Torrance residents who now must go to Crenshaw or Western Ave. to get to downtown Torrance, and Torrance residents and businessmen who must depend on the same two out-of-the-way arteries for travel between the two areas.

A number of obstacles stand in the way of getting the street open on both ends, City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop reports.

He will make a complete report to the city council Tuesday.

According to Bishop, a stockpile of broken asphalt and salvage on the north end of the "endless" road at 190th St. can be moved out on a few days' notice when the rest of the street is ready.

What is really holding up the project is erosion damage in the vicinity of a double-box culvert north of Del Amo Blvd., an easement for crossing the Santa Fe Ry. tracks near Del Amo, protection of a series of pipelines running east from the General Petroleum refinery, crossing of the Dominguez Water Corp. water main which lies just below the surface of the street grade, getting an easement to cross the unim-

## City Worth Up By \$25 Million

Assessed valuation of Torrance has zoomed to a stratospheric \$189,271,540 far outstripping all nearby areas, even surpassing the combined valuations of all South Bay and Peninsula cities. The report is dramatic evidence that Torrance is the focal point of growth in Southwest Los Angeles.

The figures, announced Friday by County Assessor John R. Quinn, included assessments land, improvements, and personal property for the fiscal year 1958-59. Public utilities assessments will be added to these figures next month.

The preliminary figures for assessed valuation nearly equaled the total valuation estimate used by City Manager George Sievers in preparing the preliminary budget estimates for the city for the 1958-59 fiscal year. The increase in valuation over that estimated by the City Manager should mean an additional \$90,000 to \$100,000 to the city during the coming year.

Huge Increase  
The \$189,000,000 assessed valuation figure for Torrance represents an increase of more than \$25 million over the figures of last year.

Valuations for other cities and the increase over last year: Redondo Beach: \$42,669,710, up \$5,693,850.

Manhattan Beach: \$32,529,180, up \$3,573,850.

Hermosa Beach: \$16,780,430, up \$268,740.

Palos Verdes Estates: \$22,362,660, up \$3,571,500.

Rolling Hills: \$5,744,440, up \$504,960.

Rolling Hills Estates: \$3,226,250 (no previous figures).

The report is the first for the city of Rolling Hills Estates, incorporated last year. It is the second year for the city of Rolling Hills.

New Construction  
Much of the increase in valuations throughout the county was due to new construction and to rising land values in subdivisions.

Locally, much of the increase was credited with the development of a huge shopping center at Hawthorne and Sepulveda which has sent property values upward in the surrounding area. New industrial facilities are coming on the assessment rolls here annually.

Anticipated heavy demands for automatic navigation systems in which Ryan has pioneered for several years, brings about the electronics division expansion, the HERALD was told.

"The long period of research and development is nearing the culmination point of large orders for national defense projects with additional potential application to commercial work." Ryan employees were told last week by a company announcement.

Transfer of the electronic production department of Ryan Aero from San Diego to Torrance will probably be announced in a few weeks, a company spokesman told the HERALD Friday.

Commenting on reports here that the transfer of the electronics division might involve employment here of an additional 3000 persons, the Ryan spokesman said current plans are only for the transfer of the production department. Engineering and research would be maintained in San Diego. The employment figure here might be exaggerated, it was indicated.

The facilities here, recently enlarged, have space for additional production operations, Ryan officials say. An expansion program designed to provide room for production on the DC-8 components made by Ryan left the space available when Ryan officials determined to keep all of the DC-8 program in San Diego.

The three new buildings at the Torrance plant, located just north of the municipal airport, contain a total of 149,400 square feet.

PLAN STRATEGY... Mike McDonald, 16, and Steve Handman, 9, are entered in some heavy thinking as they ponder their next move. The youngsters are taking advantage of chess games, a regular feature of summer recreation at Muller's Park.

## Vickers, Inc. To Receive Key to City

Another "Blue Chip" Torrance industry will be honored at the regular monthly membership breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, at the Torrance YWCA Building, 2320 Carson Ave.

Vickers, Inc. a top electronic firm, a division of the Sperry Rand Corp., will be guests according to Co-Chairman, T. C. Coleman and George A. Bradford.

J. H. Rae, plant manager, will explain his firm's local operation and a movie will be shown on the overall activity of the Sperry-Rand Corp. in the field of missiles, electronics, etc.

Mayor Albert Ben will present Rae with the traditional "Key to the City" and Pres. Sam O. R. Truesdell will formally hand over the "key" to President-elect Fred W. Mill of the National Supply Co.



MAKING THE ROUNDS... Dr. Stuart E. Marsee, who arrived on the El Camino College campus by the official capacity as associate superintendent July 1, is shown greeting those of the college directors. Marsee takes over as the school's president Aug. 1. Directors shown from left are: Carl G. Arfvedsson, Marsee, Dr. William H. Harlow and Miss E. Sloan.