

# EDITORIALS

## An Ad in the Paper

One of the most valuable tools that has been used for combating the current recession is the advertising power of the hometown and neighborhood newspapers.

At the end of every production line stands the consumer and national prosperity is but the sum total of local prosperity.

In thousands of communities all across the country, the newspapers have encouraged people to buy in their own neighborhood or in their own home town. As a result of newspaper advertising programs undertaken by local merchants, local retail sales, the pulsebeat of national prosperity, has been much encouraged.

An advertisement in the local paper has always been the mark of a successful business, and the experience of recent months has only served to prove the point.

## Can't Please Everybody

Downtown Torrance today is suffering the results of too little planning for traffic and parking. It is too late to rectify the basic errors, but it is not too late to make the best of an admittedly bad situation.

Assistant Chief M. H. Porter has a proposal that will alleviate traffic snarls and if it is simply putting into effect one suggestion made by a traffic expert already paid \$10,000 by the city. He suggests that certain streets be made one-way, something that is almost universally in practice in any city of any consequence in the United States.

Porter suggests that Sartori, Cravens, Post, Marcelina, El Prado and Gramercy in the downtown area be made one-way thoroughfares, creating a loop that would improve traffic circulation immeasurably. Traffic would be directed southeasterly on Sartori, northwesterly on Cravens, northeasterly on Post and Marcelina and southwesterly on El Prado and Gramercy. Parking would be permitted on both sides of the streets.

Immediately his plan has encountered objections and suggestions on the part of individuals who think their business locations would be affected by the change. All agree something must be done, all are not willing to go along with a system they feel might divert some business across the street.

There is no possible system that could be completely agreeable to every individual and time has become of singular importance in view of competitive pressures from the new shopping centers.

We suggest Mr. Porter's plan be accepted at once in the confident belief that it will be effective in correcting some of the confusion in the downtown section. Because of the time element every individual cannot be heard and there will have to be a give and take attitude on the part of all.

## THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

### Here it Comes

The electronic sound boys have some new stuff for you. Developments in the techniques of recording orchestras, choral groups, roaring trains have been heralded as "years ahead" by the promoters of hi-fi and the record rack artists urging you to buy mood albums of music to eat by, iron clothes by, and steal hats by.

But all of that is going to be out of date as an Igham Jones dance record by fall the early birds tell us.

The newest wrinkle: Stereophonic sound.

We dropped in to have a cup of coffee and chat about the new stuff with an appliance dealer friend of ours yesterday, and were ushered into the world of stereophonic hi-fi.

It's the coming thing, we were told.

We believe it.

Demonstration records playing on the twin units of the new stereo sound equipment puts you in the middle of the Philharmonic, along the line of march in a spectacular parade, in front of a mighty chorus of vocalists—whatever it is, you're right in the middle.

It's the CinemaScope of sound.

Shut your eyes and you can see the drummer go by. He comes in on the left, passes in front of you, and booms-booms on down the street to your right. Powerful, heady stuff.

The word among the dealers is that the record outfits large and small are working crews around the clock to capture the sounds you're just dying to hear and transfer them to the stereophonic records and tapes. The big pitch is done in a few weeks.

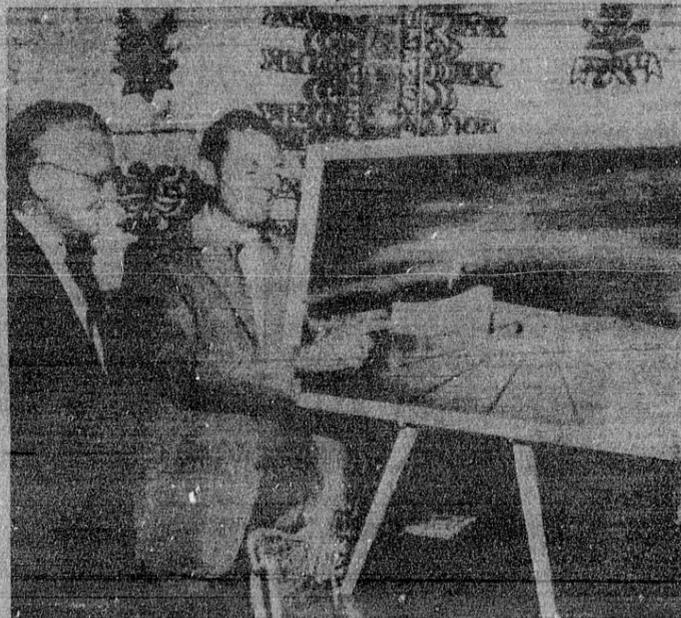
Stereophonic will replace hi-fi as the household word for reproduction.

Remember how it used to be? Gramophone to Victrola, to record player, to hi-fi?

Get ready to add stereophonic, and to put speaker units in two sections of your room. It's a comer, and you can't stop it. Just don't get trampled in the rush.

"The difference between modern and old-fashioned educational methods is simply a matter of which end of the child you get." — Changing Times.

## Latest International Sport



PROJECT WELCOMED . . . Chamber of Commerce President Fred Hill (left), one of his first official duties after taking over the office recently, congratulates Joan Hayward on his development of an industrial tract and huge bowling and recreational center at 25888 Crenshaw Blvd. Construction on the new bowling center started this week.

## AFTER HOURS by John Morley

# Report Indicts U.S. Schools

The Rockefeller fund report and U. S. education, recently released, is another of a series of indictments against our schools. It is the fourth foundation report on our schools and there probably will be more before the hysteria subsides.

At a reported cost of \$500,000 and two years' work a battery of experts came up with the conclusions that U. S. teaching is poor . . . that school administrators are incompetent because they are unaware of the decay of our schools . . . that teachers' colleges are providing poor material for our schools . . . that methods of compensation and advancement of teachers are improper . . . and a startling announcement that lack of money is not the root of the problem.

The report states: "The widely held view that all we require are a few more teachers, a little more pay and a few more classrooms and school houses to improve our education is erroneous and disastrous . . . Another part of the report (the) recommends increasing the present \$14 billion annual cost of U. S. education to \$30 billion by 1967."

This and other private reports on our educational system serve a good purpose, even though the remedies they suggest are as controversial as the faults they find. This and other reports apparently find little or nothing good about our education. Our understanding of a report is that it is expected to detail all facts . . . favorable or unfavorable. But nowhere in these reports can one find anything favorable about our schools.

The Rockefeller report contradicts all other recent reports by discounting the need of more funds "as secondary to other needs." Yet anyone with ordinary horse sense knows that school enrollment has doubled in the past 50 years and we are still trying to handle this enormous increase in school population without an adequate increase in school plants and teachers.

Foundation grants and gifts appear to serve a worthwhile purpose when well administered, but they also serve to deprive the government of taxes on millions of dollars of otherwise taxable income. It is a form of "tax-loophole" permitting a wealthy individual to spend his money for personal pet projects and preference, no matter how worthy they are, rather than for the direct support of government as millions of other citizens are re-

quired to do without choice or preference.

It is not unreasonable to assume that if the millions spent for foundation survey and contributions abroad, for example, were paid to Uncle Sam and to the various states in taxes, there would be a lot more money available with which to improve the schools which the surveys deplore.

No doubt the salaries and expenses of the panel who prepared this \$500,000 Rockefeller report on our schools were far in excess of the standard of salaries now being paid to our millions of educators. If our educators had the same generous budgets at their disposal to operate their schools and the same freedom of action as the experts—there wouldn't be as many problems confronting our schools nor the need for so much "expert opinion."

The fact is that educators are not doing their jobs. Schools, or even establish policies. In most cases it is state, local government, and the public which elects and appoints those who establish and implement educational policy. If the schools are "half-rate," then the public is "half-rate" in providing "half-rate" tools for the job. It is the public that condones an incompetent political appointee at the state or local board of education. It is the public that elects a governor who appoints state school administrators . . . or it's the public that elects the school board and the school board establishes and oversees policy on education.

And school boards are under pressure from voters who want this or that inside the school house. They demand the schools conduct paper drives, polling places, community club activities, make the gyms and swimming pools available for reducing classes. And they insist that teachers participate in programs and functions far beyond the call of education.

Just like post offices, we have imposed services and demands on them as "mail drops" for recruiting, money-raising drives, etc. and then complain about the cost of running the mails.

The average educator is not permitted to teach without interference from the high or low. The educator is required by school policy to conduct club activities repugnant to his idea of education. Protest means dismissal.

## Rx FOR GOOD HEALTH

### Clearing Out the Mailbag

Question—I know that glaucoma means a hardening of the eyeball, but would like to know how the term developed. Is there any connection between glaucoma and cataract? —L.A.

Answer—The word glaucoma is from the Greek words glaukos, which means sea-green, and oma, a general term indicating a disease condition. The word was used by Hippocrates for any eye disorder of the pupil in which the normal blackness of the pupil was replaced by a greyish or greenish color. Because of this, for many years in the early history of medicine, cataract was confused with glaucoma, although they are in no way related. In glaucoma, hardness of the

eyeball is produced by accumulation of fluid within it, the normal drainage system being upset. In cataract, cloudiness develops in the lens. The difference between these conditions was first discovered by a French eye specialist in 1709, but it was not until a century later that the real cause of glaucoma was discovered.

Q—Is nursing better than bottle feeding for the baby? —E.D.

A—It has been proved by pediatricians, by psychiatrists and by others who have studied the matter that a child does better if it is breast fed. Breast feeding helps the mother in the development of her body after the birth of her child and

it does not increase the tendency to cancer of the breast. The baby is benefited also in that it is given a sense of inner security it could secure in no other way.

Q—For some time, my voice has been slightly hoarse. Is there any possibility of it being anything serious? —T.C.

A—Just because the hoarseness is slight does not mean that it could not be a significant sign. A very serious disease of the vocal chords cancer, can cause a small degree of hoarseness for a long time. On the other hand, some very minor diseases can cause a great deal of hoarseness. The safest measure is to seek medical examination if hoarseness persists for more than a week or two.

Q—Should I avoid red meats and salt if I have high blood pressure? —W.G.

A—Meats of any kind have no direct effect on high blood pressure as such. Limiting salt intake only applies to those persons having a failing heart or a failing kidney.

"If history repeats itself in the atomic age, it may make a long story short." —Bill Ireland.

## LAW IN ACTION

### Citizen Arrests

Before England had policemen, a citizen could arrest a suspected felon by taking part in a "hue and cry." Even here a sheriff can swear in a citizen posse to pursue a criminal.

Though we have no hue and cry here, one may make a citizen's arrest. But watch out for a suit for false arrest. Take Morton Measwell. On his way to his Aunt Agatha's he saw a car race through a stoplight. With no policeman about, Morton chased and arrested the driver, who threatened to sue him for false arrest. On the phone Morton's lawyer told him that his citizen's right to arrest goes only to felonies—serious crimes like robbery or murder.

"But isn't running that traffic light a felony?" he asked.

"Nope, it's a misdemeanor," said the lawyer.

But for poor old Morton things got worse.

At Aunt Agatha's our downtown Lexus found Auntie murdered, and Morton up and arrested the butler. Later he told his lawyer, "This time I was sure murder was a felony. Besides, the butler always does it in the window."

"Here we go again," his lawyer said. "Even if you know a felony has been committed, you can arrest no one unless you saw someone do it or unless you have reasonable belief that he did it."

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

your belief was, you're not liable if it turns out you were right about the guilty one." Moral: A citizen's arrest is possible, but risky. Call the police instead if things can wait. Peace officers are likely to do a better job, and are not nearly so subject to false arrest suits in California. Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

## THURSDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWER

Grid for crossword puzzle answers with clues and solutions.

STAR GAZER by CLAY R. ROLLAN. A daily activity guide with a calendar, weather, and various tips for the month of July.

## GARDENERS CHECKLIST

- 1. Fight a relentless battle against carvings and ants which can literally eat you out of house and home. Ask your nurseryman to recommend some new and effective preparations.
2. Just keeping the flowers picked is quite a job these days. At least you can enjoy them for indoor decoration.
3. Here is a way to determine whether you are watering properly. Insert a sharp stick or other implement into the soil. If it isn't moist to a depth of more than 3 or 4 inches, watering is required.
4. Cabbage and cauliflower plants can be set out in most areas now. You can still sow carrots from seed.
5. Keep an eye peeled for gophers, especially around delphinium plants. If you don't have a cat, your nurseryman has a good trap.