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THOUGHT FOR TODAY—We all recognize that the path to individual prosperity is to save. Why then do so many assume that the way to national prosperity is to spend?

For a 'Greater Torrance'

Torrance, which by history and tradition has been cast in the role of a lone wolf through the years, has suddenly found itself a much sought-after companion.

Although it is rightfully not a part of the so-called South Bay area, it has apparently provided the leadership to create a super booster group to be known as the "Greater South Bay Area Council of Chambers of Commerce," with the announced goal of coordinating community calendars, brochures, industrial development, public works programs, and retail sales problems.

Why Torrance has decided to lend its support to an organization whose goal is to promote areas outside of this city we cannot say. We can only guess.

Torrance, which is already emerging as the business and industrial center of the entire southwest county area, has plenty of work for its promoters right at home without lending them out to less fortunate neighbors.

What does Torrance stand to gain by the formation of the super Chamber group? Very little, we would estimate.

As for the brochures, industrial development, and public works programs, our own condition is not such that we can spare a nickle of our money nor a minute of our time to aid in the creation of a mythical "Greater South Bay." Selfish non-Torrance interests are cleverly operating behind such a facade to the general detriment of Torrance.

By placing the emphasis in the right spot, creation of a "Greater Torrance" will be a certainty, not a myth.

Any funds spent for other than the selfish interest of Torrance cannot be justified to the businessmen and industrialists of Torrance who make it possible.

From the Mailbox

By Our Readers

Editor, Torrance Herald
On behalf of the Aviation Committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the Airport Commission and the City of Torrance, may I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the tremendous job of publicity the Torrance Herald did in conjunction with the Second Annual Torrance Airport Day held on Saturday, September 12.

I can't remember when a civic event received better

press coverage and the fine job that your paper did was largely responsible for the great success of the event.

Next year's Airport Day will be held in conjunction with the world famous "Powder Puff Derby" on Saturday, July 9th at the Torrance Municipal Airport. Plans indicate that this event will far surpass anything ever held in this area.

Thank you again for a tremendous job of reporting.
JOE M. DOSS, Chairman

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Law in Action

Speeding Up Justice

Courts and lawyers keep on trying to simplify our legal procedures, for California courts are hard pressed to keep pace with our population and business expansion. California has led the country in streamlining our court rules.

In 1958, for example, under legislation, the courts adopted pre-trial procedure to speed up trials and to try to settle disputes before they get to trial. By new pre-trial and discovery procedures both sides in a dispute may get to see the evidence before the case goes to trial.

In recent years, the federal courts have also adopted simpler rules.

They have used "masters"

to help narrow the legal or factual issues in a case. Such masters are not judges but act for them under instructions.

After a master's findings are filed, a judge may then try the case on its merits on the remaining undecided facts, thus cutting the trial short.

Such masters have helped in many a long and complicated case, like the one now before the U. S. Supreme Court over California and Arizona's water rights on the Colorado river.

Without such spade work, the Supreme Court could handle few other cases. In one complex anti-trust case, the master held 350 days of hearings, reviewed 100,000 pages of evidence, heard 173 wit-

nesses, and looked into 45,000 documents.

Since 1938, referees in bankruptcy have helped to relieve federal courts by handling much of the bankruptcy work.

English courts have used masters and other extra-judicial officers to speed up cases for centuries. Indeed, some such practices go back to the Tenth century.

Although California as well as federal courts have advanced the speedy handling of cases, they are still hard at work to find better ways to move the nation's legal business through the courts.

NOTE: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

'Smell-O-Vision' Is Next

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT

The movie moguls are trying all sorts of novel film techniques to woo patrons back to the theaters.

Not since the dark days of the Depression has there been such an epidemic of movie house closings. Hollywood is countering by trying to give filmgoers something they can't get on TV.

Soon to bow will be "Smell-O-Vision," a process that will wait 35 smells through theaters in synchronization with the action of a mystery film. Odors will include those of roses, garlic, banana; a sooty railroad tunnel, and the Mediterranean sea.

One producer has wired seats in several theaters with an electrical device to deliver "sensations" to audiences during a new thriller. A horror film is accompanied by a filmed hypnosis demonstration in which they're told they'll experience horrors first-hand through the power of suggestion.

Theater owners like novelties, but complain there's a shortage of good new films. To help fill the gap, producers are dusting off more old films for re-issue.

Lewis S. Rosenstiel, board chairman and president of Schenley Industries, Inc., decided to make his own survey among the liquor industry's distillers, importers and wholesalers to obtain a "sounding of opinion" on the industry's most pressing problems.

The survey covered 14 different subjects and elicited a 37 per cent written response, a "broad sample" from 940 companies polled. One of the findings of the survey was the approval by four out of five respondents of a "moderation incentive" tax plan to encourage the marketing of distilled spirits of lower proofs.

The moderation incentive was first suggested by Rosenstiel last May in addressing the annual meeting of the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America. It follows a formula already established in law. The formula laid down in Federal law provides for an excise tax of \$10.50 per proof gallon on distilled spirits, but allows a reduction of one per cent per proof on spirits bottled "under proof"—that is, below a base of 100 proof.

The Schenley chairman is recommending an additional

one per cent reduction for each degree of proof below the 100-proof base, or a total of two per cent for each proof point. This, he said, would give distillers an incentive to market lower-proof spirits, and give consumers an incentive to buy them.

A leading paper products maker offers pocket-size tissues in "flare red" to cut down hunting accidents. . . . A food company has introduced dehydrated sliced potatoes that can be prepared by adding water and cooking for 15 to 20 minutes. . . . And for the hostess who really wants to dress up the lowly spud, gold-colored aluminum foil is available for baking and serving potatoes.

No doubt about it, the moon's the "big cheese" these days. First came the Russian moonshot, then the recent eclipse, and at the end of this month, by the light of the moon, those gals on broomsticks will be orbiting the heavens.

Just in case you're not up on your "moon talk," and we don't mean romantic notions, there are some helpful hints in "Space Talk"—a down-to-earth glossary of astronomical terms published by Republic Aviation Corp. For example, the term "lunar orbit" means the path the moon follows around the

earth. It's not, as you might think, the path of a satellite to the moon.

In addition to these hints for your space age vocabulary, Republic also helps keep visitors to New York's Hayden Planetarium up to date in the satellite, rave with a giant scoreboard that's part of the company's educational exhibit there. The scoreboard shows only one Soviet satellite circling the earth, to nine for us. As far the race to the moon, it's 3-0 in favor of the Russians. But as the Dodgers used to say, "wait 'till next year."

They have nothing to do with missiles or space, but the "moonlighters" are giving industry, labor, and government people pause these days. A "moonlighter" is a person who holds down two or more jobs. It's estimated there are at least 3.1 million such workers, against 1.8 million in 1950.

Employers dislike the practice because it increases absenteeism. Labor leaders are against it because it nullifies the share-the-work effects of shorter hours. And now the government has stepped into the picture. The Labor Department plans to take a regular monthly census of the two-paychecks crowd in order to learn more about what makes people take these jobs.

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