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By  
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**ECONOMIC UTOPIA**  
Right before my eyes on the front page of the Los Angeles Times yesterday morning were two "lead" stories, which, of themselves were . . . to me at least . . . the essence of depression, the crux of our depression problems, the panacea for every economic disease.

The headline on one story read:  
**"DOUGLAS PLANT RAISES WAGES."**

The other banner ran like this:

**"GAS RATES REDUCED 15 PERCENT IN SOUTHLAND."**

Over a year ago, after reading several books on Economics and what's wrong with the country, and agreeing with some of them, I came upon an article by a Professor Moulton of the New York-Brooklyn Institute, which article was a summary by the prof of three years' work and three immense volumes compiled by him and a group of stooges.

Now the good professor had a two-word solution for the nation's ills that struck me square between the eyes. It sounded so logical. It seemed to beat any cure or analysis I had ever read or heard about.

His answer was **"REDUCE PRICES."**

In brief, the prof's argument was this: Peg wages at a standard which would be high enough to satisfy the worker and enable him to have ample purchasing power . . . something never reached to date . . . and then, either by legislative force by the government or arbitrary action by the manufacturers, **REDUCE ALL COMMODITY PRICES—EXCEPT FARM PRODUCE—TO A POINT WHERE THE AVERAGE MAN COULD BUY ALL THE NECESSITIES PLUS ALL THE LUXURIES OF LIFE.**

Now doesn't that sound simple?—Of course, there are many other pros and cons to be considered, but the general philosophy of the plan clicked with me. The two Times articles were certainly along this line. Wages increased . . . commodities reduced.

I've bored many people with strong talk about the old prof's cure, have to date found few believers in this, my Economic Utopia.

Maybe the prof and I are both wrong.

**30 YEARS COME MARCH 1**  
Thirty years ago last Monday, March 1, in the little Idaho town of St. Marys, Harry Alcorn opened a drug store. Twenty years later he sold it and with Mrs. Alcorn spent a year roaming about and later landed in Torrance, where Harry went to work for Art Plinster in the Beacon Drug store.

Three years later he quit and on March 1, 1931 . . . just six years ago . . . he started the store at his present location.

Thirty years in the drug business! That's a long time in ANY business, but Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn carry on, and from all appearances have retained all the old time zipper and good nature so often lost after being in one field so long.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn on their "thirtieth" birthday.

**COINKEDINK NO. 1**

And speaking of birthdays, I was reliably informed today that Grandpappy Lovelady, Pappy Lovelady and Sonny Lovelady were all born on the same day . . . March 3. Pappy Lovelady, ya know, runs the Torrance Feed and Poultry Market, and has had THREE years of real prosperity, has THREE boys and THREE girls, owes THREE thousand dollars, has THREE dollars in his pocket, gets up at THREE o'clock every morning and usually has THREE eggs for breakfast.

Life to him is just one darn three after another.

(Some of the above statements may be a little garbled, as I had spinach for dinner and spinach never agrees with me.)

**NO, IT WON'T BREAK!!**

Sam "Sandow" Levy one day this week set a pile of heavy sheets down on a glass showcase. Ye goode wife Frances remonstrated with ye old maestro, told him to take care lest he crack the glass. Whereupon, "Sandow," with a cheery "Break this heavy plate glass!" Bahl! picked up the sheets, let them drop again, hurried off to fetch the broom and dustpan as the sheets went smashing thru the case.

Last week I mentioned the medicinal and curative powers of the lovely onion as believed in and practiced by one, Mrs. (Continued on Page 6-C)

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COUNCIL RE-ALIGNED IN FIVE MINUTES

Proceedings Fail to Attract Any Spectators Last Week

Three reporters were the only spectators last Thursday afternoon when this city's 10th mayor resigned, a former mayor was inducted as a city councilman, the 11th civic administration began under William H. Tolson and the municipal water department got a new full-time manager.

All this occurred within a space of five minutes, the formalities clicking like clockwork and according to The Herald's news-beat of the details published earlier in the day.

When the council meets again March 9, Mayor-appointee William H. Tolson will launch his administration with announcement of his committee-personnel.

**Resignation Is Read**  
Here's the minute-by-minute proceedings which followed The Herald's advance account of what was to happen with only a minor hitch:

4:38 p. m.—Council concludes regular business and Mayor William H. Stanger asks Councilman Tolson to take the chair. 4:38.5 p. m.—With Tolson presiding City Clerk A. H. Bartlett rises to read a communication. It's from Mayor Stanger and offers his resignation "as of this date" as mayor and city councilman, expresses his pleasure at being of service to the city.

**Letter Is Re-read**  
4:39 p. m.—Councilman James E. Hitchcock's motion that the resignation be accepted unanimously adopted and Stanger rises from Tolson's seat on the council table, a private citizen once more after three years and 42 days as a council member, 10 months and five days as mayor. He retires to the adjoining room, lights his pipe and leans in the doorway observing the remaining proceedings from that vantage point.

4:39.8 p. m.—Clerk Bartlett announces: "You have a candidate here for the office of councilman." 4:39.9 p. m.—Councilman Hitchcock, interrupting: "Just a minute—the mayor resigned as mayor but not as councilman—he's still a member of the council, isn't he?" 4:40 p. m.—City Attorney C. T. Rippey says he understood Stanger's resignation to be as mayor and city councilman. This is confirmed by Bartlett after re-reading the letter, thus ending the only break in the order of the proceedings.

4:40.4 p. m.—Hitchcock moves that Robert J. Deininger, who arrived just before Stanger asked Tolson to become temporary chairman of the meeting, be appointed city councilman to fill out Stanger's unexpired term until April, 1938.

4:40.7 p. m.—Motion carried unanimously and Deininger is sworn in by Bartlett, borrows the clerk's fountain pen to affix his signature to the required form and takes Tolson's chair next to Councilman George V. Powell.

4:41.3 p. m.—Hitchcock moves (Continued on Page 6-C)

LOCAL SCOUT WINS HIGHEST EAGLE RANK

The highest award in Scouting was conferred upon Army Dowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong Dowell, last Thursday night by the Court of Honor held at the Recreation hall when he was raised to the rank of Eagle Scout. Young Dowell's achievement marked the first time in more than a year that any local Boy Scout has won this honor. He is a member of Troop 219, sponsored by the Kiwanis club, with Elmer Riley as scoutmaster.

Nearly every Boy Scout in Torrance was present at the Court and rally which followed. Robert Lewellen presided over the Court of Honor ceremonies. Bronze Eagle palms were presented to Joe Bay of Troop 216 and Tommy Yasuiro of 218. Acorn awards were given Berkeley Mass and Norton N. Herr of 215; Ernest Banks of 218 and Robert Lewellen, Jr., of 219.

Scouts raised to second class were Charles Prowten, Jr., and Don Seematter, 219; and Donald Bechtel, 217. William Buckley, 219, was made a "first class Scout and merit badges were awarded to Tommy Yasuiro, 218; Bill Tagawa, Jimmy Dowell, Army Dowell, Addison Smith, Jean Bordeaux, John Schwartz and Bill Stewart of Troop 219.

Moose Ask Council For \$500 to Publicize City

Some weeks ago the Torrance Moose lodge asked the city council to help defray expenses of "advertising the city" by means of a float and a revival of the "animated letters" spelling Torrance at the state convention in Sacramento this coming fall. At that time the council requested the Moose to be more specific in their request, name the amount desired from the city.

Last Thursday afternoon the lodge replied with a request for \$500, the amount deemed necessary to carry the fame of Torrance to the state gathering. Councilmen blinked and then referred the matter to the Finance committee for investigation and report.

LIBRARY PARK PLANTING DUE

If the present warm weather continues and the rains hold off, Street Superintendent William Gascoigne plans to seed the formal garden at the rear of the public library building early next week. The plot, which is inclosed by a stucco-covered brick wall on three sides, has been graded and prepared for the planting.

Charlie Says:

"J. KENFIELD MORLEY Philosophizes Thus: 'I believe that those who sit around and wait for prosperity will always work for those who don't.'"

"I believe that the itching sensation that some people mistake for ambition is merely inflammation of the wishbone."

"I believe that diplomacy is the art of letting someone else have your own way."

"I believe that life is very much like a bridge game; you must play the game with the hand that is dealt you."

"Yours for Stewart-Warner, 'Charlie LeBoeuf.'"

MODERN APPLIANCES



Rivals of the Dionnes



When a female goat gives birth to three kids it is considered unusual, four is phenomenal and five is really an event in the goat world. This picture shows Wanda Henderson proudly displaying a mother goat and the quintuplets she gave birth to recently near Tucson, Ariz. In honor of the Dionnes in Canada the new arrivals were named Annette, Cecile, Yvonne, Marie and Emilie.

BOYS CAUSE DAMAGE AT H. S. GYM

Contractors building the new gymnasium at the high school have been victims of a series of losses allegedly by young boys for the past several months. The most serious damage was caused sometime last Friday night, according to police reports.

Marauders pushed two carts down from the roof of the building, breaking the tires, threw down roof jacks and roofing felt and broke a tile partition during that night.

Crowd Attends Amateur Show

Public interest in the amateur contests conducted at the Civic auditorium by the Recreation department is increasing, it was noted by the large attendance at last Friday night's show. The winners of that entertainment feature were Sally Richards, vocal soloist, first; "The Top Hat Ramblers," an instrumental group, second, and Donna McCutcheon, vocal soloist, third.

Haskins' "Internationals," a WPA orchestra, furnished splendid music for the free dance which followed the stage attraction.

**Town's Streets Safe**  
GRAND RAPIDS, Minn. (U.P.)—Grand Rapids has not had a death due to an automobile accident since early in 1927.

Delinquent Tax Payments Exceed Three-Quarter-Million In February

Six New Babies Born This Week

Napier Mite Now Weighs 4 Pounds 5 Ounces

Six new babies, five of them boys, arrived during the past week at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. The institution's tiniest infant, the 26-day-old Diana May Napier who weighed three pounds, three-quarters of an ounce, at her Caesarian birth, now tips the scales at a brave four pounds five and one-half ounces.

When she reaches the lusty weight of five pounds she will be taken home by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Napier of Terminal Island.

The new arrivals were: A son to Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Bahler, Wilmington, born Saturday night. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lisoni, 1917, 220th street, born Monday morning. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Marsh, 1837 Lomita boulevard, born Monday morning.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waser, Gardena, born Tuesday morning. A son born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard F. Wilson, 2268 Sierra street, born last Thursday, and a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Waller, Redondo, born last Thursday.

**New Campus Slang Heard**  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif. (U.P.)—Stanford's "Open Forum" has decided that you no longer say you have kissed a girl. The proper expression is that "you have hung one on."

Payment of delinquent taxes on Los Angeles county property exceeded three-quarters of a million dollars during the short month of February, according to the county tax collector's office.

The total collected, \$792,354, was more than double the amount collected during February of 1936. Reason for the abnormally large month was the payment of approximately \$450,000 in delinquent taxes on beach frontage owned by the Residential Land company, this being the result of a lease negotiated between the county and the city of Los Angeles on one hand, and the company on the other. The \$450,000 was the total consideration involved for a seven-year lease, and the land owners deposited the city and county warrants with the tax collector to pay up back taxes.

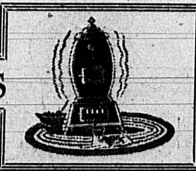
**\$100,000 Paid Daily**  
For the year to date, collections up to March 1 were \$6,587,417, or some \$605,000 ahead of the \$5,982,240 that had been paid in the last fiscal year up to the corresponding date, the tax collector stated. April 20 is the deadline to pay delinquent taxes without penalties, unless the present session of the State Legislature extends the privilege.

Meanwhile, collections of current taxes are increasing daily. Much of this amount is paid by money order or certified checks, for which the tax collector's staff mails out receipts. Collections of current taxes were climbing toward the 70 percent mark this week.

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