Economist Says Prop. 13 Is Dangerous

Condemnation of Proposition 13, the Revenue Bond Act, as "unsound and dangerous," was voiced this week by Professor Edwin A. Cottrell, nationally known economics expert of Stanford University and leading California advocate of public ownership.

"The issuance of revenue bonds is sound, but to require only a majority vote rather than a two-thirds vote is unsound and dangerous," Professor Cottrell said regarding the major provision of Number 13, which would abolish the Constitutional two-thirds vote safeguard on issuance of bonds.

"The Act has over 12,000 words, is very ambiguous, uses terms not now found in the state law," Professor Cottrell pointed out, "and would probably lead to a tremendous amount of litigation. **Although the Act specifically states that the revenue bonds are a lien on the earnings of the utility only, there is no doubt but that the government in which the public utility commission is located would have to assume any amount of defaulted bonds or other debt."**

Candy Sale for Special P.T.A. Fund

A group of girls will tour the business section of the city tomorrow and Saturday during the Factory Frolic selling candy. All proceeds from this sale will go to the "life membership fund" of the high school P.T.A., according to Mrs. I. C. Rous, who is in charge of the candy sale.

AUDITORIUM BOOKINGS FILLING UP

Organized groups planning public events in the Civic Auditorium would do well to make haste in scheduling their attractions and seeking reservations of the community building because the date-book for the Auditorium is filling up rapidly for the remainder of this month and December. Here is the Auditorium schedule until after Jan. 14:

Friday night—Fashion show by National Business and Professional Women, followed by the regular student dance.

Sunday, Oct. 30—Union service 7:30 p. m.

Nov. 1—Explanation of propositions on Nov. 8 ballot.

Nov. 3—Alondra Park Property Owners' general meeting.

Nov. 4—Student dance.

Nov. 9 and 10—Annual musical comedy stage show, "Beaux and Belles of Yesteryears."

Nov. 11—Student dance.

Nov. 12— Southern California Edison Post No. 431, American Legion, dinner and entertainment.

Nov. 16, 17 and 18—Torrance Herald-Southern California Gas Company cooking school in afternoons.

Nov. 17—Dinner-meeting of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities, Mayor Elmer E. Cox of Huntington Park, president.

Nov. 18—Police and Firemen's annual benefit shows in evening.

Nov. 19—Student dance.

Nov. 24,—Union Thanksgiving church service at 10 a. m.

Nov. 25—Student dance.

Dec. 1—Alondra Park Property Owners' general meeting.

Dec. 2—Student Dance.

Dec. 22—Tentative date for the Firemen's Annual Christmas party for all Torrance youngsters.

Jan. 12—Annual dinner meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce.

Jan. 14—Second annual Southern California Edison Masonic club "Hi-Jinx."

Dentist Out. Thief Knows

CINCINNATI, O. (U.P.)—Dr. Thomas Edwards, dentist, was visited by an unexpected "patient" while he was absent from his office recently. The "patient" walked out with $30 worth of gold scraps.

Herald Ads Save You Money

DRAMA AMONG REDWOODS . . . The Technicolor production "Valley of the Giants," filmed among the California redwood groves, with Wayne Morris and Claire Trevor opens tonight at the Torrance theatre. The companion feature is "Three Loves Has Nancy," starring Janet Gaynor, Robert Montgomery and Franchot Tone.

WHERE CHILDHOOD AND TOYS ARE UNITED FOR HAPPY DAYS

—The Torrance Toy Loan Library—

(One of the least known (to adults) but most important (to children) institutions in the city is the Toy Loan library in the 1500 block on El Prado. The following intimate account of this interesting place was submitted to The Herald this week and is published with thanks to the author.—EDITOR.)

By CLARA M. GREGORY

Some of you know what I am going to write about and are happy because of this knowledge. Other—fathers, mothers, grandparents and little children—will be glad to have you read about a pleasant place where youngsters are having grand times while a lovely lady watches over them.

There is a big room in a little house 'way back in a lot on El Prado (1500 block), opposite the park. There is a sign on the house which reads "Toy Loan Station No. 6." I walked across the lot one afternoon this week and thru an open door. Some children were reading at a big table of worn books.

There was a shelf all around the room filled with clean but rather old toys. A dear little voice called out: "Someone here!" and a bright lady, Maude Messner, Toyrarian, came out of another room which smelled very clean. She was wearing rubber gloves and she showed me where she was washing the toys which had been used.

She pointed out the rows of toy loan cards—just like library cards. Up on top of a box was a collection of things. I wanted to buy the quaint old-fashioned china chair but she said they were not for sale. These articles were little gifts which the children had brought when something they borrowed from the toy library was lost. The gifts were really forfeits. Money could not be taken as a fine or penalty. Naturally, the children are very much interested in the collection and are watching it grow. I was interested in it too—the articles were such funny, dear treasures.

I asked Maude Messner what some of the special needs were. She said the girls were asking for balls and jacks and for sewing kits. The boys wanted roller skates, a football and a bike.

"Only think," she said, "there are often 50 children here in a day and sometimes we have as many as 90." I love to think of those youngsters as our own—to love and make happy. I am going to get some jacks and a ball and take them over to that playroom.

Perhaps I can find some more things for the children. I'm sure you will all help in the "treasure hunt" for our Toy Loan, Station No. 6.

HALLOWE'EN PARTY IS TOMORROW

A gala Hallowe'en party will be held at the Toy Loan Library Friday afternoon after school and all children and their mothers are cordially invited to attend, it was announced today.

'Four Daughters' Based on Story By Fannie Hurst

What happens when four devoted sisters fall in love with the same man? "Four Daughters," the Warner Bros. picture based on a Fannie Hurst story, which is opening tonight at the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne, takes that as its theme and develops it into a richly human story.

The four daughters of an elderly musician all give their hearts unanimously to a captivating young man who comes to live at their home, and he in turn is enraptured by the youngest of them. And it is this girl, scarcely more than a child, who bravely sacrifices her own happiness because of a mistaken notion that by doing so she will insure the happiness of her oldest sister. More by chance than by design, the tangle into which the lives of the four girls is thrown is eventually unravelled so that each achieves the destiny that makes her happiest.

The cast of "Four Daughters" is of unusual interest in itself. In the first place, three of the four sisters are played by three girls who are sisters in actuality, Priscilla, Rosemary and Lola Lane—the fourth sister being enacted by Gale Page.

In the second place, two young actors of emphatic promise are both given their first big film roles in this picture. They are Jeffrey Lynn, a handsome youth who exudes so much charm that he is expected to win immediate fan favor, and John Garfield, considered the best young character actor developed on the New York stage since Cagney, Muni and Robinson came to Hollywood.

Rope Trick Enthusiast Trusses Self and Dies

CAPETOWN (U.P.)—Kurt Stoldt, chief wireless operator of the German liner Pretoria, met a strange death while his ship was in Table Bay.

Stoldt was missed when the ship was ready to sail and a search was made for him. Then it was found that his cabin doors were locked and the portholes screwed up and curtained on the inside.

When the locks were cut away Stoldt was found sitting on the couch dead, with his hands and arms bound and a waterproof sheet drawn tightly over his head and tied round his waist.

Members of the crew said Stoldt was taciturn and solitary and was keenly interested in rope tricks. He enjoyed showing how he could tie himself and others up in knots which would only be tightened by struggling.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Boys and girls away from home would like to read The Herald to keep in touch — six months, $1.