



**DUTCH SPEAKING**

A century ago the Japanese government which had discovered the study of the Dutch language, permitted only physicians to learn it. According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the result was that everyone who wished to learn Dutch professed to be a medical student and 3,000 pupils are said to have passed through the medical school at Osaka in 24 years.

The fastest trip made by the famous "Pony Express" between St. Joseph, Missouri, and the Pacific Coast was seven days and 17 hours, when Lincoln's first inaugural address was carried, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The regular schedule was 10 days—about 24 days faster than the schedule of Butterfield's Overland Stage line traveling on the Southern route.

**Letters to Editor**

21930 S. Main  
Torrance, Calif.  
Editor Torrance Herald:

We moved into your sphere of influence in December of last year and shortly thereafter I called at your office and subscribed to your newspaper. For this act I have been very happy, as we have found it to be a very high quality representative of the community. The character of the news and comments carried in its columns has been of such local interest as to be far more than worth the nominal sum to keep one's name on the subscription list. We are therefore inclosing another six months pay for same.

However, the above is not what I started out to write about. My real purpose was to compliment the merchants who have been making use of your columns to attract new customers to their places of business while giving their old customers advance notice of the bargains they have been able to place on their shelves through careful and wise buying. When we started to take notice of these advertisements and follow through in our buying we had been spending \$125 per month to feed a family of six, in other stores. The good wife decided she could feed the family better on less money by making a list of items from these advertisements. She made the list and I spent two hours a week shopping. The result: We were enabled to cut our budget from \$125 per month to \$80 per month, a net saving of \$45 per month for about two hours on her part and the same for myself each week.

During the past four months the subscription price of your paper has returned us the tidy sum of \$180.  
L. E. McCoy

Editor Torrance Herald:  
By vote at their meeting on July 15, 1947, the Board of Education of the Torrance City Schools instructed me to express their sincere appreciation to you for your cooperation in helping us to keep the story of the schools before the people.

I am sure that this service is appreciated by the community and I know that the people will better understand the schools as a result of the efforts of you and your staff in presenting the school problems and program as you see them.

Let me reiterate my desire to have a member of your staff present at any school function or meeting of the Board of Education.

Yours very truly,  
J. HEINRICH HULL  
Superintendent Torrance City School District

Editor,  
Torrance Herald:  
In behalf of the Torrance Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, I wish to thank the staff of the Torrance Herald

**Supervisors Fail To Order Dump Burning Stopped**

Operators of dumps will have to be allowed to burn combustible rubbish until such time as incinerators can be constructed and installed.

Such was the recommendation of the Regional Planning Commission in a report submitted to the Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting.

Chairman Raymond V. Darby's was the only dissenting vote in approving the recommendation. In an explanatory statement he said that he firmly believed that all dumps should be closed to burning.

The recommendations of the commission included the statement that in the event that all burning permits were revoked or modified, and no provision made for the disposal of this material, there would be a tendency for rubbish to be disposed of by dumping promiscuously along the highways and on vacant lots.

In its report, according to Supervisor Darby, the Commission stated that insufficient evidence was presented by property owners attending the public hearings to prove that dumps were being operated as a nuisance and that permits should be revoked or modified.

**New Details Of Rent Decontrol Are Explained**

The rent regulations under the Housing and Rent Act of 1947 provide that all housing accommodations even though eligible for decontrol shall be subject to this regulation unless the landlord files in the Area Rent Office a Report of Decontrol on a form provided by the expeditor within 30 days after July 1, 1947, or within 30 days after the date of first renting, whichever is later, according to C. H. Blaylock, associate rent director, Long Beach. If a landlord fails to file said report of decontrol within the applicable specified period, such housing accommodations shall be and remain subject to the provisions of this Regulation until the date on which he files said report, he said.

In substance, this means that landlords are eligible to file application for decontrol of their rental properties and have increased their maximum rents above the ceilings in effect on June 30, 1947, have collected rents above the maximum allowable and subjects them to the penalties prescribed in the Act, according to Blaylock.

"Landlords who are eligible for decontrol and anticipate increasing the maximum rents which were in effect on June 30, 1947, should file applications immediately to avoid violation of the Regulation."

**U. S. POST OFFICE**

The revenues of the U.S. post office for the fiscal year 1946 amounted to about \$1,224,572,170, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica Book of the Year.

Business Manager E. W. Ingram's recommendation to the School Board that a full-time painter and a full-time carpenter-repairman be hired for maintenance and upkeep of the buildings of Torrance School district, was approved Tuesday night.

Pointing out that a full-time carpenter would be able to construct much equipment which would have to be purchased, Ingram said the schools would save money by having the work done themselves. In accordance with the recommendations Woodrow Hanley, painter, was hired at \$220.00 a month and Charles F. Conze, carpenter-repair man, was hired for a similar amount.

Employment of the following non-certified personnel was also authorized at the Tuesday night meeting: Custodians: Robert E. Fulton, Harry B. Oliver, Harold E. Werson, Chester Crawford, all at \$180.00 per month. Robert Chambers was hired as playground laborer at \$0.75 per hour and Mrs. Helen Faupel as substitute housekeeper at \$0.86 per hour.

**Three Teachers Hired By City School Board**

Three additional certified teachers, recommended for employment by the Superintendent's office, were approved by the Torrance City School Board at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

Merlyn X. Anderson will assist in the music department at a salary of \$2800. Gilda Benstead has been hired to teach kindergarten at \$2700 and Phyllis Hitchener-Cramer will instruct the first grade at \$2700 per year.

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**Peach Canning Urged In View Of Big Surplus**

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Mrs. Todt has printed material on "Home Canning," "Drying of Vegetables and Fruits in the Home," "Freezing and Storage," "Home Bottling and Canning of Fruit Juices," "Frozen Desserts," "Making Velva Fruit at Home," "Peach Pickles and Preserves," and a special mimeographed sheet on "Peach Canning." These are available without charge at Mrs. Todt's office, 808 North Spring Street, Los Angeles 12. Tested recipes are included in these publications.

**PROFESSORSHIP**  
According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, the first endowed professorship at Oxford was that of divinity, founded by the mother of Henry VII in 1502, and named the Lady Margaret Professorship for her.

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