EDITORIALS.

40th Year of Progress Opens

With today's issue, the Torrance Herald begins its 40th year of publication. And with this 40th Anniversary edition of the Torrance Herald a new feature is being inauguratedthe Herald's Editorial Page.

The page is being inaugurated by the Herald to give its readers an even more complete coverage of the news of Torrance and of the nation which may be of interest to Torrance Herald readers.

In line with the Herald's 40-year reco of growth and achievement, the new feature of the paper will have as its main objective the development of Torrance industrially and commercially, and to assure that Torrance will be an ideal community in which to

This is not a new policy. Such a policy has governed the publication of the Herald since its first issue on January 1, 1914. During that time the Herald has been instru-mental in the progress of Torrance.

Among the achievements in which the Herald played a major role were:

Participation in the formation of the Metropolitan Water District. To join the district now would have cost the city millions of dollars, and the tremendous growth

the Colorado River water made available through MWD.

Formation of the Torrance Unified School District by withdrawing the local schools from the Los Angeles City's system. The move has enabled the citizens of Torrance to have a voice in the policies governing their schools and it has en-abled the local school system to keep abreast of the explosive growth of the

Annexation of a strip of land to Redondo to prevent encirclement by the City
of Los Angeles. Later annexations were promoted by the Herald in cooperation with the civic leaders of the community.

The establishment of many of the city's industries here was promoted through information supplied by Torrance Herald editors and its publisher for many years, the late Grover C. Whyte.

The often repeated phrase, "The achievements of the past are a challenge to the future," is appropriate here. The Herald's New Year's resolution is to continue through 1954 to work—for the development of Torrance into the business and industrial center it is destined to be.

Shortage Of Titanium

Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbott recently told a Senate Interior subcommittee the United States supply of titanium was very short. He even apologized to the subcommittee for his failure to learn of the matter sooner and said he was ashamed that this shortage hadn't "come to my attention sooner." Titanium is a light-weight metal, resistant to high, temperature and extra-strong. Aircraft engine producers prefer it to stainless steel, especially in jet engines, in many cases, and it is also used in air frames. Republican chairman George Malone, Nevada Senator, of the subcommittee, says the committee has been told that substitution of titanium for stainless steel might reduce the weight of big bombers by several thousand pounds. This would obviously be a major reduction in weight and might possibly provide the extra range necessary to reach certain vital targets in case of war.

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in the United States and that this program should get under way at once. He said he saw "no reason" for getting our supply of titanium from abroad.

The news that the United States is very short of titanium comes as a bitter blow, especially since the U. S. taxpayer has been paying millions of dollars for three years to stockpile critical materials. The Secretary of the Air Force, in describing us as "weefully weak," in the supply of titanium, reveals alarming news. In an age when war may strike with only a few minutes or seconds warning, after which time the accumulation of strategie stockpiles will be a very difficult undertaking, we cannot properly meet any emergency without a supply of this superior metal. Not only should Congress enact legislation inducing American producers to get into quantity production of titanium, but it should also investinews that the United States is very American producers to get into quantity pro-duction of 'ttanium, but it should also investi-gate the laxness which allowed the stockpiling of this strategic metal to be overlooked, with-out due regard for national security.

Last Polio Battle The Breath Test

What might be the last major battle in man's attempt to solve the terrible puzzle of polio will begin Feb. 8, 1954. At that time, the newest anti-pollo vaccine will be used in quantity.

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Over 200 counties in the United States will be affected in this mass vaccination attempt, which is one of the largest projects of its kind ever undertaken. The newest vaccine is a triple-vaccine, and its developers hope it will prove far more effective than that used in tests this summer.

Approximately 500,000 to 1,000,000 children will get shots of the new vaccine in the drive which begins in February. The immunization drive will probably start in Louisiana, Texas or Alabama, where pollo strikes earliest in the year and then include other states. The immunization effort is scheduled to end prior to summer, when pollo begins to strike.

Children who receive the injections, consisting of three shots over a period of five or six weeks, will take them on a voluntary basis. It is estimated that most of the injections will be given to school children of second grade age.

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The great hope concerning this new serum is that it will provide immunity against each of the three known types of polio virus. After 500,000 to 1,000,000 children have been vaccinated, between Feb. 8 and June 1, experts will keep records on the children, and the success of the immunization shots, as the polio season develops in 1954. If the vaccine lives up to what some expect it to, results might show that an answer to polio has at last been found.

The National Safety Council recently said breath tests for intoxication have proved re

breath tests for intoxication have proved re-liable, and recommended such tests be used on those accused of drunken driving. In the past there has been a controversy over the accuracy of such tests, and this controversy has been a factor in blocking adoption of this test method.

The National Safety Council says the reliability of the test has been established by studies at Michigan State College, in a project under the auspices of the Council. "A proper interpretation of results obtained from the test is necessary," according to the Council, but either the blood or the breath can be tested.

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Moreover, the Council says results obtained "will be reliable" if the tests are conducted correctly. If the Council's finding is an accurate one, there seems to be no reason why such tests should not be initiated by law-enforcement agencies in the various states.

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The psychological effect will be considerable upon drivers whether the tests are admissible as evidence or not, as long as drivers know they will be made.

If drunken drivers know no scientific test of their condition will be made, they are more inclined to take chances and liberties with the law. If they are fully aware that scientific tests on their blood or breath will be made, they will be less inclined to gamble on drinking and driving.

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GENERAL IKE LOWERS BOOM ON HIS MILITARY FRIENDS

By EDWARD H, SIMS Washington Analyst

WASHINGTON. — President WASHINGTON. — President Dwight D. Elsenhower is a life-long military man, but this isn't making it easier for service chiefs to bilk the Federal Treasury. In fact, Ike seems to know money can be saved in the military machine and shows little inclination to be patient with rivairy among service chiefs for more and more money.

service chiefs for more and more money. The President has every reason to understand the military process. He saw the Army operate at close quarters for many years, and watched the service chiefs' annual fight in Washington (Army versus Navy) for the biggest silee of the appropriations pie. Now it's a three-way fight for the money, the Air Force actually getting more than either of the other two services.

One of the ways Defense Sec-retary Charles E. Wilson thought he could save money was through cutting non-com-bat personnel. He ordered such a cut. Maybe he hadn't been around long enough to know that such a cut actually caus-es more of a ruckus than a cut of combat strength. The desk-sitters become very vocal when their jobs are threaten-ed.

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Such wailing resulted from the Army, that pressure built up on Wilson, and even Ike himself—to reached the personnel outs. Instead, Ike backed his Defense chief to the hilt and the order stood. The personnel cuts are due to be carried on.

Recent studies have shown the U. S. Army requires more men behind the lines and in easy chairs back home, percontext man on the front, than

any other army in the world. While we may have a higher standard, and give our men

while we may have a inglestandard, and give our men better protection and equipment and services, the ratio is still too high.

The Navy has long maintained duplicate facilities and airfields in numerous placeswhere savings could be effected if the services had joined in the use and upkeep of a joint installation, And personnel cuts are in 'order in the Navy just as in the Army-especially since that service saw little combat in the Korean conflict, and since the Communists possess little in the way of naval strength.

These cuts will be made—or at least have been ordered—and there is no chance that the present administration will back down on this count. The services will have to tighten their belts.

Kefauver Facing Tough Reelection Fight in '54

WASHINGTON. — Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee who still has aspirations to become President, frankly admits that he will have a tough battle getting re-elected in 1954, but he thinks he can win.

Kefauver, who is back in Washington for a second crime investigation — this time a probe of juvenile delinquency—is facing a hard fight in the Democratic Primary next year.

The conservative Democratis of his home state would like to replace him with a Southerner of their own type, like most of the Disk Senators. One man mentioned as able to give Kefauver a real battle is the young handsome Governor, Frank G. Clement, The Governor also has been in Washington within the past few days but would not reveal, even to close friends, his linentions for next year. Clement's term ror a Tennessee Governor. The voters of that study at a remote of a Tennessee Governor. The voters of that study at a remote of a Tennessee Governor. The voters of that study at a mended their constitution to make the governor probing juvenile delinquency, but there is no television again.

WASHINGTON NOTES

RECORDING SPEEDOMETERS

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Gov. Dan Thornton, of Colorado, has made a proposal which is sure to be unpopular with motorists. He has asked the Colorado Legislature, to consider a proposal that all automobile owners be required to install recording speedometers, which would make a permanent record of all speeds traveled. Periodic inspections would be made by the State and if the speedometers showed any speed in excess of the legal limit, the motorists would be fined.

INDIA-RUSSIA PACT India and Russia have signed India and Russia have signed a five-year trade agreement—the first between the two counties. According to an Indian government communique, the agreement provided for "werry possible development and strengthening of trade relations between both countries on principles of equality and mutual benefit."

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PLANT BUILDING OFF
The Office of Defense Mobilization has reported that defense plant expansion is still short of the Government's goal in '88 essential industries. Arthur S. Fiening, ODM Director, called on private firms in these fields to apply for "certificates of necessity" entitling them to Federal tax assistance in building up—defense, important plants and equipment.

NEW JOBS
To keep pace with the nation's rapidly growing population, American industry must create 1,000,000 new jobs a year for the next 20 years, according to Earl Bunting, of the National, Association of Manufacturers. Bunting predicted that the nation's present labor force of 65,000,000 will rise to 87,000,000 by 1978.

TRAFFIC TOLL

A total of 3.640 died on the highways during October, approximately the same number as in October, 1982, but the 31.060 deaths for 1983's first ten months was up one per cent from the corresponding

period of last year. The ten-month toll in 1952 was 30,670.

SPENDING CUTS
In an address prepared for
the annual convention of Investment Bankers Association, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey declared that if large cuts in Federal spending are to be made next year, they are to be made next year, they must be carved out of national security outlays. Otherwise, the Government will run \$8,000,000,000,000 or \$9,000,000,000,000,000 in the red next year.

CORPORATE TAX YIELD

The Internal Revenue Bureau reports that a sharp drop in corporation tax payments is holding Federal revenue collections below last year's rate. Corporation income and profits taxes totaled \$1,767,000,000 in September, compared with \$2,42,000,000 in September, 1952. This brought total corporate payments to \$2,744,000,000 since the fiscal year began July 1—about \$1,000,000 below the same period of 1952.

HAWAHAN ECONOMY
From 1939 to 1952, Hawaii's economy outpaced that of the Commerce Department. Total production of goods and services in Hawaii expanded from 2770.009,000 in 1959 to \$1,050,000,000 in 1952.

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TAKE-HOME PAY
Take-home pay of workers in the United States, beginning Jan. 1, 1964, will increase slightly. Withholding taxes will be at the rate of 18 per cent instead of the present 20 per cent, but social security taxes will be higher—the rate being two per cent on the first \$3,600 of salary instead of 1½ per cent as at present.

THE B-52
The new heavy bomber, the B-52 is "faster" than even the swift medium B-47, which has flown 656 miles per hour, according to Roger M. Kyes, deputy secretary of defense. The first production models will be delivered late next year, according to Kyes.

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