

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS
By Jimmie

Care and Feeding of Pedestrians



When you drive, think of the pedestrian—when you're a pedestrian, think like a driver.

In downtown city traffic, that simple rule can save a lot of grief. Traffic these days, like matrimony, is a matter of give and take—especially for the pedestrian, who is somewhat more fragile than an automobile.

Most people have better manners than to push and shove, bawl at the tops of their voices to clear the way, or otherwise make bores of themselves. But, strangely enough, many people forget these manners when they are driving—and the result is not good for the defenseless pedestrian.

Maybe you forget, too, that when you step out from behind that steering wheel, you're a pedestrian yourself. It may make a difference if you remember that.

About 25 per cent of all fatal accidents are "collisions" between pedestrians and automobiles—the "collision" in this case, being somewhat like the pedestrian's hitting somebody in the fist with his nose.

But not all the blame is on the driver. Observation of a few simple precautions on both sides can make you safer:

For drivers: Don't depend on the pedestrian to do the right thing in a tight moment. Go out of your way to avoid trouble. A hospital bill or a manslaughter charge can give you little satisfaction, even if you're in the right. Always stop for pedestrians in crosswalks—lights or no lights. Above all, before the tight moment comes, be sure your car is in the safe operating condition that means quick, safe stops and reliability in emergencies. The safe way to be sure is to have it checked by the man who handles your make of car.

For pedestrians: Be alert—and think about your walking. Don't jaawk or cross against the traffic signals. On the open road, walk on the left, facing traffic.

When you're driving, remember always to give a pedestrian the breaks—and the brakes.

County Takes Over Western Golf Course

The Western Ave Golf Course had new owners and operators this week as the escrow proceedings closed with ownership vested in the County Employees Retirement Association.

Operation of the course by county employees was immediately begun as the Retirement Association had previously entered into a lease to be effective upon change of ownership.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who led the fight to save the course from being subdivided for residences, expressed his gratification that the people of the county will have the golf course permanently preserved as a recreation area and a welcome "open space."

Under the lease arrangement, the golf course will not cost the taxpayers a cent as the green fees will meet all costs and return a substantial net income to the county.

Hahn has also added B. F. Gruendyke, superintendent of

Adult Class Slate At Narbonne Told

Schedule of classes for the Narbonne Adult Evening School was released this week. Registration is held each Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 104, the Administration Building of Narbonne High School.

Tentative classes that are in the process of being formed pending a sufficient number of requests, include House Construction for the layman, 7-9 p.m.; landscaping and designing, Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.; beginning shorthand, Tuesday, 7-8:15 p.m.; advanced short hand, Tuesday, 8:15-9:30 p.m.; and physical fitness for women, Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.

Following is the schedule of classes:

TUESDAY EVENINGS

Instructor	Room	Time	
Animal Husbandry	Mr. Curtis	201 7:00-9:30	
Bookkeeping and Accounting	Miss Cicorio	102 7:00-9:00	
Business Machines	Miss Cicorio	102 7:00-9:00	
Food I (Cake Decoration)	Mrs. Kelly	141 7:00-9:30	
Home Decoration III, IV	Silpovers, drapes, lamp-shades	Mrs. Mohler	142 7:00-9:30
Interior Decoration	Mr. Schafer	222 7:00-9:00	
Office Practice	Miss Cicorio	102 7:00-9:00	
Textile Arts—Knitting, Embroidering, rugs	Miss Hoyle	181 6:30-9:30	
Real Estate Law and Appraising	Mr. Reeves	202 7:00-9:30	

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Instructor	Room	Time
Clothing Construction I, Beginning and Advanced	Mrs. Charvoin	224 6:30-9:30
Food I	Mrs. Kelly	105 7:00-9:30
Home Decoration I—Copper, Leather, etc.	Mrs. McCormick	181 7:00-9:30
Orchestra (Instrumental)	Mr. Weeks	122 7:00-9:00
Painting and Sketching	Mr. Cost	132 7:00-9:30
Spanish, Conversational	Mr. Madden	200 7:00-9:00
Typing, Beginning and Advanced	Miss Gustafson	101 6:30-9:30
Woodshop	Mr. Teague	136 7:00-9:30

LAW IN ACTION

WHY WRITE DECISIONS?

While not all cases in our courts are printed, nearly all cases decided by our higher courts are. Is this a good idea? Let's see some days you get into a dispute, say over property. You go to your lawyer. He "looks up the law", that is he reads the cases similar to yours, and can tell you how he thinks the court would decide your case.

Knowing this, you may not have to have a trial. For your opponent's lawyer also looks up the law. In this country most cases are settled out of court.

Or even better, before you get into the dispute—say when you first think of making a contract—you can check with your lawyer. Since he can look up the law on contracts like yours, he may suggest ways to write it, if you haven't signed yet, to define your rights and duties more clearly.

Good Judges and Good Law

Well, you say, this makes it vital to have good, honest and able judges. Though you never go to court, these men may be deciding your rights and duties every day.

Strange, isn't it? Why wouldn't it be better, many have asked, for our law-makers to draw up such good laws that nobody would have to go to court to interpret them?

Well, law makers can make only general laws. They cannot make specific enforcing laws. After the facts are found, somebody must decide if a general law applies in your particular case. The person for this is a judge.

NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

Coming Events

Saturday, Jan. 16—Reunion 57th Co m & t Engineer Battalion, VFW Hall, Lomita.

Thursday, Jan. 28—Chamber of Commerce Installation dinner, Civic Auditorium, "Chuck Wagon" dinner.

Public Notices

TORRANCE HERALD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a public hearing will be held before the Torrance Planning Commission on January 20, 1954, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, on the following matters:

Case No. 306: Petition for Change of Zoning from Residential to Commercial, from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and R-2 (Two-Family Residential) in the City of Torrance, Tracts 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Supreme Court of the State of California, and for the County of Los Angeles.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY THORNBERG, also known as MARY BAIRD THORNBERG, also known as MRS. W. D. THORNBERG, and IRABELLE BRYLY, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to creditors having claims against the said decedent to file said claims in the office of the clerk of the said court, at the office of Chas. T. Rippey, in proper form, within the time specified in this notice, or the claims will be barred by the statute of limitations.

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