EDITORIALS

First Robins of Spring

Supervisor Burton Chaes, who represents this area on the governing board of the county, opened a branch office here on a partitime basis to provide a more localized service to his constituents. His field deputy, Richard Newton, will be here each Friday morning to see residents of the area about any problem they may have concerning the administration of

county affairs.

Tomorrow morning at 8 a.m., the first of many thousands will begin trekking through the new Department of Motor Vehicles branch office at 1317 Cravens Ave. For the first time, local residents have a place at home where they can go to take care of ALL of their driving needs any day of the week. The office is starting out with service only, on auto registration, but the complete service has been promised by Feb. 8. And, it will be more than welcome.

another phase of Southland activity will be transferred to Torrance.

In the matter of population Torrance is one of the fastest growing cities in the United States. Very few cities can boast a doubled population in the past three years. Many of those that can started with next to nothing—but Torrance started with more than 20,000

persons.

And experts who predicted the city's growth, and a bit conservative at that, have been saying right along that Torrance will have a population of 100,000 by 1960. That's only six years away. As the city grows, more and more attention will be focused on it. More state and county services will be centered in the city, more shopping facilities will be provided, and areas now containing homes will give way for freeways and other phases of a rapidly expanding section of the world.

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The opening of an office by the County Supervisor Friday and the scheduled opening of a Department of Motor Vehicle office to-morrow morning are like the first robins of spring to an easterner. They are the first of

Installment Buying Drops

The Federal Reserve Board said early this, month that credit buying during November had slowed considerably and that for the tenth successive month, the public had cut its credit-buying sharply. The increase in the credit debt was listed as \$86,000,000 for November. When these figures, showing the slowing pace of credit buying, are compared with others showing the continuing sharp increase in savings, one cannot find anything seriously disturbing about the trend in the economy, except that toward cutting inventory and conservative spending. In other words, the present tightening-up process is similar to one which occurred in 1948 and 1949, when a recession was aggravated at least partially by general inventory cut so the part of business. Since that time, the 1945-49 recession has been known as the inventory-recession. Something of the same thing is occurring today.

The latest figures from the Federal Reserve Board are encouraging and prove that the public is highly susceptible to gloomy economic forecasts. In fact, the forecasts might have more of a cumulative effect on business than has heretofore been recognized and, apparently. President Eisenhower had this in mind when he assured the American people, in his opening speech of the year, that the Government would, not allow a boom-and-bust economy to play havoc with the average citizen.

vember.

To get an idea of the slower pace of credit buying, one should look at the figure for November, 1962. In that month, a little over a year ago, credit buying increased by some \$464,000,000. That was more than five times the increase which occurred in November, 1955.

the increase which occurred in November, 1953.

The most drastic outback in credit purchases in November, the Board's figures showed, was the slowed pace of automobiles on credit, whereas in November, 1952, the total was an amazing \$225,000,000.

Glancing over these figures, it is not difficult to see why a glut in the automotive market developed in November and December, 1953. Because these figures are far out of line with the prosperity which prevalled in November, 1953, they are highly indicative of an appiety about future business conditions in the mind of the average buyer,

Nation's Health Better

Senator Boosts Alaska

A major insurance company reported re-cently the 1958 death rate had averaged 6 per 1,000 inhabitants. This matched the rate

per 1,000 inhabitants. This matched the rate in 1952 — which was a record low rate.

For six years now the death rate in the United States has been below ten per 1,000 inhabitants, As medical treatments and advances are recorded, medical science is reducing the death rate proportionately.

The createst factor is the low death rates

The greatest factor in the low death rates in 1952 and 1952 has been the reduction achieved in the nortality rate from tuberculosis. As an example of how new treatments have reduced deaths from this disease, statisticians figures show that in 1953 the mortality rate from tuberculosis was less than thirteen persons per 100,000 population! In 1949 — only a few years ago—the death rate was more than twice that, or more than 26 persons per 100,000 population

100,000 population.

The death rate from pneumonia has been sharply whittled in recent years, as well, and there is now some promise that the death rate from polio will be reduced. New anti-coagulant drugs also hold out the hope that the deaths resulting from strokes and heart ailments might be reduced in the next few years.

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Allogether then, the health record of the
people of the Unfted States is the best it has
ever been and while such diseases as cancer,
heart disease, mental disease and others continue to exact a heavy toll, your chances for
survival today—amidst the many germs and
diseases that attack the human animal—are
the best in history.

Senator John Sparkman, Alabama Demo crat, said recently Alaska should be admitted to the Union as a state if Hawaii is granted admission. Sparkman did not say he would oppose statehood for Hawaii but said he would

oppose statement for rawaii out said ne would press an effort to have Alaska included in the same movement for admission.

The Alabama Senator said he thought it would be a mistake to admit one of these territories without admitting the other and expressed the belief that such a move would have unmistakable political connotations (it is widely believed that Hawaii would elect two Republican Senators if, it is admitted as a

Republican Senators if it is admitted as a state).

The argument against admitting Alaska has revolved largely around the fact that over ninety per cent of the territory of Alaska is under Federal ownership and, therefore, exempt from state taxation. Sparkman says this situation could be gradually remedied since the Federal Government does not intend to maintain ownership of this land indefinitely. There seems to be merit to Sparkman's argument. We do not believe that because the Federal Government owns a large percentage of the territory of Alaska this situation bars statehood for that strategic territory. The remedy to this situation need not come before statehood but could easily be worked out after statehood but could easily be worked out after statehood for Hawaii is near a reality and that Alaska may be lett out, we believe that there is much merit in Sparkman's suggestion that both territories be made states at the same time, if they are to gain statehood.

WHICH PARTY WOULD GET THE NEW CONGRESS ported out by a con the new session—aut

STANLEY JAMES

Texas Given Inside Track To Get Air Force Academy

The multi-million-dollar Air-Force Academy, proposed in Congress, will probably be started at Randolph Field, Tex., on a temporary basis, but the permanent location is anybody's guess.

Informed Congressmen say Randolph Field has the inside track because it was originally the "West Point of the

Final Authority

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THIS UP WITH THE
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Air Force to spend up to twen-ty-six million dollars. One mil-

WASHINGTON — President Dwight D. Elsenhower's speeches opening the 1984 political season were proof of the Chief Executive's sound political insight and some Democrats who thought they had like on the political ropes are now admitting the President's speeches made a broad appeal to the average voter.

In fact Democrats say both the President's brief report to the nation over television and radio and his State of the Union message to Congress were speeches in the best "Democratic traditions." Republicans of the Tom Dewey wing, point out Ike's speeches have always been of such composition.

and the President could turn this psychology into an effective pry.

The President himself has certainly left Democrats with little ammunition. Only one field—that of farm legislation—is considered highly vunerable. And if the Republicans do not restore some measure of farm prosperity lost in 1983 the Democrats will undoubtedly make heavy gains in farm areas like the Midwest.

The argument in Congress over the President's farm proposals may hold the answer ta, between the proposals may hold the answer ta, between the confidence of the proposals may hold the answer ta, the year's election. If the Republican program is adopted and farmers fail to get relief the Republicans will be bogging down into serious trouble.

WASHINGTON — President

Air." when the Air Force was only a part—and not the major part—of the Army.

However, powerful interests from many other localities are bidding for the school, which will cost at least \$125,000,000 and maybe much more. Its annual operating expense will be about \$10,000,000.

The House bill—the first re-

LAW IN ACTION

SUBPOENA, A TOOL OF FREEDOM

You may run across a curious phrase in the sixth amendment to our constitution. It says, "The accused shall enjoy the right and the sixth amendment to our constitution. It says, "The consultation in the sixth amendment to our constitution. It says, "The consultation in the sixth amendment to the compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor."

You may run across a curious as says, the says the sixth of the sixth amendment to the right and the plantiff the district attorney has must awear to tell the truth, the does not tell the truth, and nothing but the whole truth, and nothing but the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. It he does not tell the truth, the commits "perjury" that is, bears false witness—and could be sent to prison. Or if he falls to show up, he may be guilty of contempt and be punished.

The reasons go far back into the history of tyranny, Suppose and was a sight to be confronted by the light of a full moon. Lincoln took out his almanac. It was the saw the accused do the crime the story of how lincoln saved one of his saw the accused do the crime the story of how lincoln saved one of his left. The key witness said that he saw the accused do the crime the story of how lincoln saved one of his saw the accused do the crime the story of how lincoln saved one of his left. The key story of the light of a full moon. Lincoln took out his almanac. It was the moon wasn't out that night at all. Lincoln's characteristic and the save the accused to the crime the story of how lincoln saved one of his left. The key story of the light of a full moon. Lincoln took out his almanac. It was the moon wasn't out that night at all. Lincoln's characteristic and the save the accused to the crime the story of how lincoln saved one of his left. The crassons go far back into the history of tyranny, Suppose a support of the district attorney has a support of the dist

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THE MAIL BOX

For the Birds

Editor,

I read that we finally are to get more traffic signals—this time on 174th Street. Thank goodness. But can't we have the new fangled traffic light on the corner instead of Torrance's Own "Center-of-the-Street" contraption which can't be seen by anything short of passing sea gulls?

These new horseless carriages just aren't built for lights thirty feet high in the center of the intersection.

JACK M. BEACH

Council Thanked

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Editor,
To the City of Torrance a
vote of thanks but also a No
Thanks on the offer to annex
the Kolling Hills area. We appreciate the "big brother" attitude since the recent Dust
Bowl ballyhoo, but I can't see
what we can offer you—and
you can offer us.
We're happy with our own
bumpy roads, chlorinated (but
not fluorinated) drinking wa
ter, and the many fine County
serve es — fire department,
sheriff, dog pound, etc.—that
we now pay for.
So please, City Councilmen,
go back to figuring out how to

keep the refineries and st mills from smogging up to area, and we'll tackle the "Di lite" dust ourselves, come i September winds. In short, we like the life the unincorporated areas of i

Police Defended

Editor,
A recent item in the par

A recent item in the parconcerning a Torrance poliman and brutality in the los
jail has prompted me to pa
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to me by a local police offic
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the plugs of my car so
would start and I could go my
way.

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It was a little thing but, the and many other acts of kir less by Torrance policern have led me to look at stori of police brutality through weathered cyc.

MRS. F. M. B.

HOWARD GOTLIEB

McCarthy Outranks Movie Stars in English Papers

LONDON — By far the most talked about American here is Senator - McCarthy, That the English and French newspapers and magazines now devote more space to his activities than to revealing the private lives of our film stars is a measure of the fame that has been achieved by the Senator. In Europe.

However, few of the people I have discussed him with here really understand what the entire question is about and still less how the situation came to be in; the Unite d States, Without exception, Mo Carthy has been played up as something dangerous and evil in the American system, an individual who is intent upon causing disunity within his cwn country and between America and her European friends. He has become in many instances a whipping boy whereby and Americanism which has already been here can be openly expressed.

For many Europeans the question centers around President Eisenhower himself and the general disappointment which is folt here in the job he is doing in the White House. The General has a great reputation as a military leader and the general disappointment which is folt here in the job he is doing in the White House. The General has a great reputation centers around President Eisenhower himself and the general disappointment which is folt here in the job he is doing in the White House. The General has a great reputation as a military leader and the general disappointment which is folt here in the job he is doing in the White House. The general has a great reputation as a military leader and the general disappointment which is folt here in the job he is doing in the White House. The general has a great reputation as a military leader and the general disappointment which is folt here in the job he is doing in the White House. The general has a great reputation as a military leader and the general disappointment which is folt here in the general disappointment which is folt here in the disastrous folly of the din Air Force to spend up to twenty-six million dollars. One million for the temporary site and the rest to prepare the permanent site, wherever it may be. But there is no money in the bill for construction. Representative Paul Kilday of Texas, a member of the House Armed Services Committee that approved the bill unanimously, declined to comment for publication about the chance of placing the school in Texas. Representative Percy Priest of Tennessee, the House Democratic assistant whip, said he would be glad to see it in his state, but doesn't think Tennessee has a chance.

A dozen other members, though, are sponsoring bills to place the school in their states.

The committee bill empowers Air Secretary Harold Talbott to choose the site upon the recommendation of a survey board.

"I think it will be pretty

IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

point out like's speeches have always been of such composition.

The leaders of both parties in Congress make no secret of the fact the key question is whether the President can get most of his program through this last session of the 88rd Congress. Democratis say he will have a hard time putting over such a broad program. Republicans generally predict progress — but the degree is where they differ.

Nevertheless like has started off strong is the first round. He has put forward a broad program and done a pretty fair job of selling it to the people. If more conservative members of his own party block that program they will have a heavy responsibility to bear in the coming elections, and the President could turn this psychology into an effective pry.

The President himself has World's FIRST AIRPLANE CARRIER EUGENE ELY-American on on January 19,1911 Flew a urtigs biplane from San Son To A

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