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## EDITORIALS

TORRANCE HERALD

### A Struggle for Wages

A titanic struggle looms over the current movement for a guaranteed annual wage in the automobile industry and the outcome may have a bearing on the future of the nation's econom

All political attempts to make us think we are in a depression have thus far failed and the nation approaches the second period of what may well be the most solidly prosperous year in history. Less than a year ago, Mr. Rueth-er and some members of congress were demanding that the administration prepare for widespread unemployment. They demanded great public works projects to take up the slack that would surely come in the "cold-hard months just ahead." There is some unemployment; but, by and large, any capable, reasonably equipped individual can find a job.

The guaranteed annual wage has always been an in-triguing appeal to the average workman, particularly if he is employed in the automobile industry where the very nature of the business is such that seasonal shutdowns, usually between models, is a necessity. In years past this has worked a hardship on some automobile workers, but, it will take smarter men than Ruether and some of our lead-ing economists to find out a fair solution to the problem.

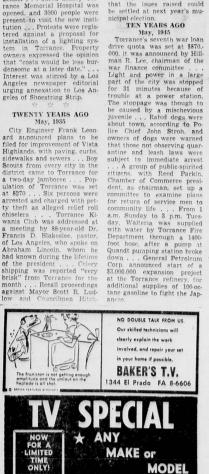
Who can guarantee the annual sales and income of any manufacturing company? Or of any newspaper, re-tail store, or any business or professional man? Sales, profits, and income rest in the hands of customers and communications. consumers

Workers cannot help but be harmed by a breakdown of our prevailing economic system. They should be made aware of the perils of anything so nebulous and, conceiv-ably, meaningless as a "guaranteed annual wage."

## OUT OF THE PAST

#### By JOHN BECK

reles of Shoestring Strip. TWENTY YEARS AGO May, 1985 City Engineer Frank Leon-ard announced plans to be filed for improvement of Vista Highlands, with paving, curbs, sidewalks and severs. . . Boy Scouts from every city in the district came to Torrance tor a two-day jamboree . . . Pop-ulation of Torrance vas set at \$270 . . . Six persons were arrested and charged with pet-ty theft as alleged relief roll chiselers . . . Torrance Ki wanis Club was addressed at a meeting by 88year-old Dr. Francis D. Blakeslee, pastor, of Los Angeles, who spoke on Abraham Lincoln, whom he had known during the lifetime of the president . . Cleary shipping was reported "very shipping was reported "very prisk" from Torrance for the



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#### AFTER HOURS By JOHN MORLEY

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\$50,000,000,000 to provide it, since the end of World war 2 alone, President Eisenhower's add another \$3 billion to this total. total. In making the rounds of the Department of Commerce here in Washington, I learned that we funneled about \$48. ob0.000.000 in aids and credits abroad between July 1945 and January 1955. This is in addi-tion to the \$50,000.000.000 we gave our allies during World war 2. Out of this era

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some \$5.000.000.00; West Ger-many about \$4.000.000.000; Greece \$1.300.000.000; Holland \$1.100.000.000; Yug os lavia \$275.000.000. In the Far East, Korea received \$5.000.000.000; Japan \$3.000.000.000. not in-cluding special grants during the Korean war to both Korea and Japan. Contrary to popu-lar opinion. Formosa received it in military assistance. For-mosa has been self-sufficient since 1953. receiving mostly military and from the US, at present. At the present rate of spend-ing the United States is go-ing about \$86,000.000 in the fact that we are collecting more taxes than ever before in history in a period of un-precedented prosperity. In spite of the figure-juggling in Washington we are inviting economic disaster unless this reckless spending is stopped ... and people are given real relief In taxes. Here are the facts: The two mistory bilb even greater. Yet in 1953 we went over \$8 billion in the red ... and in 1964 over 35 billion. The es-timate in Washington today is that we will go into red ink about \$50 billion periore and the figure factor factor Yet in 1953 we went over \$8 billion increase in the \$275

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By REID BUNDY

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"Marriage is an institution," The bards say time and

(It's run entirely by women, The financing's done by men).

Which is about in line with which is about in line with the definition of marriage re-cently published by the Jack-son (Ga.) Progress. Accord-ing to a sage writing in that journal, marriage is a con-stant test to determine if the husband is faster on the de-posit than the wife is on the draw.

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The Kiwanis Club bulletin for this week quotes one of it's members as saying, "It isn't surprising our present day girls are live wires—they carry practically no insula-tion."

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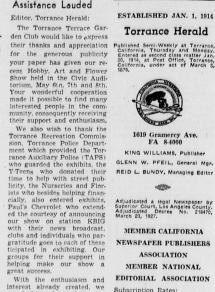
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great success. With the enthusiasm and interest already created, we are looking forward to an-other successful year with support from our growing community. ☆ ☆ ☆
Father's Day means a lot of things to a lot of families, but the word already has been passed at my house on what it is going to mean this year. It means it's going to be my day for breakfast in bed (Tm going to fix it and take it to mama), my day to mow the lawn, my day for this, and my day for that. The list is verry long.

Speaker at the Thursday meeting of the Rotary Club was A. L. Thomas, superin-tendent of Harbor General Hospital. His program, accord-ing to the advance publicity in the club bulletin, was to be a "report on operations dur-ing the past year." What else ... from a hospital official?

Willfrid Dellyuist relates the yarn about the "Romeo and Juliet" of a Shakespearean company giving it their all on the stage, then battling about the allmony payment back-stage. Must have started out something like the one we heard the other day. The young nephew of a great ac-tor had ended a summer stock company tour with a Shakes-pearean troupe and was comtor had ended a summer stock company tour with a Shakes-pearean troupe and was com-paring notes with his great uncle. A witness to the discus-sions broke in and said: "Now tell me, You're both experts on 'Romeo and Juli-et,' was their really an affair between the two?" To which the young actor replied. "There was in our company."

billion debt ceiling. Our na-tional debt has aiready topped \$278 billion. Recent tax col-lections have reduced this to about \$276 billion, but th e treasury department predicts that this summer it will go up about \$8 billion to \$288 bil-lion . . . a record high.





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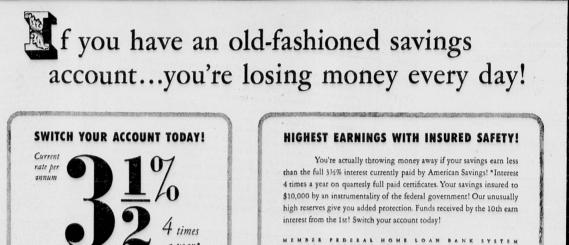
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cock, Stanger, and Tolson, were dropped. The recall group, headed by Albert Isen, expressed satisfaction with re-duced water rates, a city council report on water sys-tem expenditures, and added that the isues raised could be settled at next year's mu-nicipal election.