

EDITORIALS

A Time for Decision

Several times during past months, the HERALD editors have used these columns to warn against what seems to us an over-emphasis on the construction of bedrooms in Torrance.

In the lead editorial of the Jan. 3, 1955, issue, the HERALD pointed out that the city was reaching the saturation point in the construction of bedrooms. "Serious consideration should be given to the development of residential areas which will attract the cream of Southern California business and civic leaders," the editorial stated.

Nothing during the first nine months of the year has changed the outlook—unless you consider that hundreds and hundreds of new eave-to-eave dwellings have been constructed.

Time and the city's natural resources in land areas are running out. Still no concrete measures to stem the flow of slap-bang subdivisions have been taken.

Many of the city's departments which are charged with the responsibility of maintaining the safety and welfare of its citizens are lagging behind the explosive growth: Parks and playground facilities have not been able to keep pace despite a bond issue to develop several of the city's neighborhood playgrounds. Although two new fire stations have been constructed, new equipment purchased, and a third station is to be remodeled, the city still is building homes at a faster clip than our fire protection equipment can guard safely.

A special meeting of the Police Commission has been called for next week to consider the need for increasing police patrols throughout the mushrooming residential areas of the city.

Schools have been fighting a losing battle for nearly 10 years to catch up with the added enrollment thrown onto the system as a result of the race to gobble up the city's raw land and cover it with asphalt rooftops. And, several thousand pupils today will attend double session classes in Torrance schools, despite the fact that more than a dozen new schools have been built here since the district was formed in 1947.

The HERALD believes that the City Council might well give serious consideration to a moratorium on further subdivisions until such a time as the city again can absorb the influx of residents without burdening those already enjoying the benefits of living in Torrance. Such a ban on development need not preclude the construction of individual homes, commercial developments, or industrial expansion.

Size alone is not the criterion of a good city. Torrance is a good city, but an unbridled growth which outpaces its municipal services is not making it any better.

A Story of Success

Just as individual U. S. oil companies present an annual report to their stockholders, the industry as a whole dedicates one week each year to a comprehensive report to the American people. From Oct. 9 through 15, a period designated as Oil Progress Week, it invites the general public to inspect its stewardship of a vital natural resource.

From its beginnings in 1859, when the first successful U. S. oil drilling rig went into operation at Titusville, Pa., the oil industry has grown to a point where 42,000 separate businesses serve the American petroleum consumer. The city of Torrance owes a large share of its prosperity to the oil industry—from the well to distributor.

When that first Titusville well was brought in successfully, another well was being brought in similarly in New Brunswick. The Canadian driller, hearing of the Pennsylvania find, shut down his operation. North America, he said, could support only one well. The extent to which he was wrong is staggering.

Today, we produce almost two and a half billion barrels of oil a year, over six million a day. From 1900 to 1954, crude oil production increased by 264 per cent. Exploration proceeds at such a rapid rate that, despite our high oil consumption, we find one and a quarter barrels of oil for every barrel produced. Geologists believe that over three million square miles of our land—49.6 per cent of the total U. S. land area—are favorable for oil deposits.

Oil Progress Week was appropriately named. America's free oil businesses are symbols of the industrial progress made by our country through our system of free, unshackled enterprise. America's oil men feel confident that those who take a long look at the oil industry this week, as they are invited to do, will come away more than ever proud of the land they live in.

IT'S A FACT by JERRY CAHILL

WHAT HAPPENED TO THEODOSIA?
THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF MARION BERRY'S DAUGHTER WHO NEVER BEEN EXPLAINED!
GHOSTLY AFTER A SHIP SHE SAILED ON BRIMING A PILOT BOAT WITH SHEETS LINGERED THROUGH AT KITTY HAWK, N.C., WITH AN UNTOUCHED MEAL ON THE TABLE SILK DRESSES HANGING IN THE CABIN AND A WOMAN'S PORTRAIT ON THE WALL—SHE LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE THEODOSIA!
—1913

WHAT ISSUE MARK PATROLS IN AMERICAN HARBORS
BILLION—They Dutch East India Island PRODUCES THE MORNING BEST IN—YET WHO NOT EVEN MENTIONED WHEN BRITAIN TRANSFERRED IT TO THE DUTCH IN 1814

EVANDER BERRY HALL—
socialite of the 1830s, APPEARED IN NO OTHER CHANGES OF COSTUME IN ONE DAY!
—1870s



Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Your pillar conductor received the cutest phone call from 6-year-old Gary Tobey. It seems that his 8-year-old brother, Michael, has just learned how to read and has been reading my column to him. Commented Gary: "We like your poem and we're going to try it every morning." (I had said recently: "When you get up in the morning, and all is dark and blue, just say 'I'm fine and dandy,' it will make the thought come true"). The lad's mother then took over the phone from her precocious youngster and told me: "The children look forward to your column regularly, and Gary is always asking his older brother: 'Mike, what did Uncle Barney say today?' (Looks like I've been adopted, which is nice adopting if you get it).

In a recent issue of the Los Angeles Daily Journal, Isaac M. Dore, one of Southern California's best known attorneys, reviewed the book, "Never Plead Guilty," story of Jake Ehrlich, one of Northern California's best known attorneys. Bibbing the authors, John Wesley Noble and Bernard Averbuch, two San Francisco newspapermen, Izzy states: "It is a terrible commentary on the newspaper fraternity in San Francisco that it took TWO of them to write the book about ONE lawyer. In Los Angeles, our newspaper columnist—Harry Lang, Matt Weinstein, Gene Sherman, Bill Kennedy, Art Ryan, and Barney Glazer—would not dream of working in a team of two to write a book. They couldn't agree on a title, let alone a whole story."

During the UCLA-Oregon State football game, one of those super-long ultragitter, hook-and-ladder fire wagons drove around the Coliseum track. It was the signal for 50,000 male fans to hoist their field glasses in unison to feast their eyes on this spectacular vehicle. Of course, it was merely a coincidence that aboard the wagon were 10 of the most gorgeous and shapely bathing beauties ever brought up this close to a man's eyeballs by means of heaven-sent magnification lenses. Said one fan to another: "Golly, me, wasn't that fire truck really terrific!" and his slightly bug-eyed friend whispered hoarsely: "What truck?"

Bob Vincent, Ingie Woods's Number One Columnist, tells about the waitress who was so economy minded she told her boss she was making the day's coffee with yesterday's coffee grounds. "Fine, fine," gleamed the boss, "that's using the old bean." And if you think that's a hungry pun, the same waitress discovered some soup left over from the previous day, and served it to the customers, so her boss beamed: "Fine, fine, that's using the old noodle."

Elena Salinas, lady disc jockey, says English is very funny but Spanish is even funnier. For example, the good senora points out that in English we say: "A fellow bit off more than he can chew," but in Spanish it is expressed this way: "He got into an 11-yard shirt." In English, continues Elena, we say that a talkative man "shoots off his face," but the Spanish version has him "talking through his elbow."

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The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

A south Torrance lady we know swears she was bilked the other day—what do you think?

A man in working clothes came by the house, said he had worked for her husband, and apparently knew all about the family, neighbors, and other pertinent information. Also said he once worked for a Lomita business firm. His trouble, it seems, was that his wife had fallen and that he needed \$20 to get her into the hospital as an emergency patient. Inasmuch as a similar plight had once befallen this lady, she was receptive to his plea. In fact, the gentleman knew about the time she had tried to get her daughter admitted to the hospital as an emergency patient and had to scrape up some money from neighbors to do so.

The lady suggested that the gentleman try the Lomita businessman for whom he once worked. "I called, but he was out," the man said. The lady called and the man WAS out.

Sooooo, she gave him \$20 in return for his address, name and phone number. All phony.

She hasn't seen him since, and since she told her story, others have come along with the same experience.

Things may be looking up for the Air Force in its interesting rivalry with the new Air Force Academy in Colorado takes on Navy and Army football teams in about three years. For one thing, word from Colorado indicates that the two Air Force mascots, a brace of hawks, are now being fed on a diet of mule meat and goat meat... taken presumably from potential mascots of the Army and Navy respectively.

We like the example used by Harlan Wendell the other evening when talking before the Kiwanis Club to point out how Americans have come to take progress for granted. On a recent flight from New York to San Francisco, Wendell's sat companion fidgeted during the nine-hour flight, and finally, when the plane touched down in San Francisco, he grumbled: "How do you like that?—this thing is 15 minutes late." Wendell said it showed what Americans had come to expect, griping that a cross country trip took 15 minutes longer than scheduled, not thinking that just a few short years ago it would have taken days, weeks, or even months to make the same trip.

Names in the news: Jack Martin is an instructor at El Camino College... Martin Jack is an instructor at Leuzinger High School. Southern California Political Chapter of My Name's the Same Club held a short meeting in Torrance Saturday during dedication ceremonies at the new National Guard Armory. On hand for the meeting were Richard Richards and Edward Edwards. Richards is State Senator, Edwards is Mayor of Hermosa Beach.

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What Is Discipline? Panel Presents Ideas

In the old days, when Johnny didn't behave, teacher took out the hickory stick and warmed his posterior. Nowadays, teacher is more likely to try his common sense instead of his arm.

Who's right?

That was what a panel discussed at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting Monday noon at the YMCA. Taking part in the discussion were Principal Lloyd Jones, Seaside School; Vice Principal John T. Shea, Torrance High School; Vice Principal John Dunworth, Steele School; Mrs. Kathryn Chisholm, THS teacher; Mrs. Paul Roettger, Seaside parent; and Principal Robert D. Allen, Hillside School.

In checking with other parents, Mrs. Roettger said she found the consensus to be that discipline is the general atmosphere and attitude in the classroom, which offers a good chance for learning. Respect for the teacher is one of the most important factors in creating such an atmosphere, she said. Parents generally do not believe that it is a teacher's responsibility to train children for good behavior outside of school, she declared.

"Discipline nowadays is more subtle," Jones said. "We don't believe in the 'I am the boss' type of training."

Children should be allowed to think through their standards of behavior in a democratic way, he opined. Removing a teacher from the room is the real test of whether a class is well-disciplined, he said.

If parents hear a noisy class, Mrs. Chisholm said, they should not jump to conclusions, but consider whether it is the "hum of industry or hum of destruction."

Adults often fail to take into consideration that children will revolt against standards imposed from above. Dunworth interjected. Parents and teachers should try to understand the reasons for a child's behavior and try to correct the causes, if possible, he believed.

Teachers often can impose discipline by constructive guidance, Mrs. Chisholm de-

clared. They should strive to learn "what makes Johnny happy." Where students are happy and successful in their efforts, she said, there is no discipline problem.

Many times, when children get out of line, they are merely bidding for attention, she declared, and a teacher who lets them succeed in getting attention through destructive means makes a mistake. Teachers must, however, vary their techniques according to the situation and class, she said.

Shea pointed out that on a high school level, responses are more mature and that many problems of discipline can be solved by the students themselves. Sometimes problems can be settled by giving the offenders responsibility. He cited a case in which students who were causing trouble in the cafeteria were given the responsibility for keeping order. All is quiet now, Shea said.

Administrators agreed that the schools have to be sure that teachers are able to deal with children and situations which may arise. Help is offered to teachers who have difficulty controlling their classes, and suggestions often clear up the problem, it was indicated.

Panel members said that there is generally no set method for dealing with problem children, since correcting a situation involves getting the parents' cooperation. Teachers often work hard, trying to discover the underlying reason for a child's behavior, including visiting the student's home, panel members said.

Teachers try to push children only as far as they are able to successfully master his subjects, the panel agreed, or to push him faster invites trouble.

Weekly meetings are held with principal, Superintendent Hull said, and pressing discipline problems are sometimes discussed.

"If the choice is between the old-fashioned discipline and no discipline at all, we will use the old fashioned method," he declared. "But we feel that there is a better way and we will use that wherever possible."

The Freelancer

By TOM RESCHE, Herald Staff Writer

In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

Yesterday, 365 years later, we celebrated the anniversary of Columbus' landing on the shores of North America. In honor of the occasion, Torrance's City Hall closed yesterday, but banks, schools and most other offices stayed open. A few local businessmen may have celebrated by going fishing or having an extra drink, but otherwise, things were normal.

If old Chris Columbus could look down on us, he might be surprised to see records of Torrance City Hall had closed down in his honor. However, it seems only fitting that he should get some honor, since he wasn't much honored in his lifetime.

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LAW IN ACTION

LAWYERS' CLIENTS' SECRETS

You are worried, say, whether you paid enough income taxes, and you drop over to talk to your lawyer. You must go into many business secrets for him to advise you well. So you want to know: Can anybody make him talk about your affairs?

No. Unless you as his client by your own words or deeds free your lawyer, no court can lawfully make him break a proper confidence. Should a court do so, as one did recently, odds are a higher court would reverse the case or take other steps to undo the harm done. Besides, the lawyer, bound by rules of professional conduct, is subject to discipline for breaking the confidence of a client.

Of course, no confidence exists if you yourself tell others the same thing as you told your lawyer. Nor can you just go up to a lawyer and blurt out your story and a think that you have bound him to silence. No. For a lawyer to claim the privilege of not talking, he must first agree that you are his client. Not everybody he talks to is a client. But a lawyer is sworn to protect his client's proper confidence, and the courts must back him in this.

But why? Why does our law protect your secrets this way? For one thing, our constitution gives you the right to "assistance of counsel" in your defense. For him to help you, he must know all your case, and you must be free to tell him without fear. But if he had to tell the court what you said, then you would not talk much, would you? So, for the law to make him talk, would be the same as denying your right to the assistance of counsel.

Besides, the public is well served when the people know their rights and duties under the law. For without justice, the state risks violence and dissension, feuds and private vengeance. For the courts to serve justice, then each one before the bar must have advice, even the guilty. For the guilty man still needs someone to plead his case or ask for mercy. Otherwise justice would become too harsh.

But you ask, must a lawyer keep quiet if a client tells him his plans to commit a fraud or crime? No. The lawyer can no more be a party to a crime than anyone else. He must take steps at once to prevent the crime and to protect the victims.

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THERE'S A REASON... When Junior starts acting like this, there's something wrong, panel members at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee said Monday. Teachers should try to determine the reasons for his behavior and correct them, rather than beat him, they said. Here, Mrs. Lois Kratoffil and David Wright, of Torrance Elementary School, offer a demonstration of what happens when Junior goes awry.

Did you know that YOU MAY GET CASH TO PAY OLD BILLS!

Here's good news for you. If you are worried over unpaid bills, or installment payments that are too large for comfort, you may get cash here to clean them all up... you will then have a smaller payment, one place to pay each month, and you will HAVE EXTRA SPENDING MONEY.

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