

EDITORIALS

To Each His Own

The Redondo Beach City School District last week indicated that they would prefer that the El Nido School children in an area recently annexed to Redondo, remain in the Torrance School District.

One Redondo member declared that the district was "flattered," but didn't want the additional load because it was trying to get rid of double sessions.

The board's viewpoint is understandable, but its net effect is to leave the problem in the lap of the Torrance School Board. It means that Torrance schools, already overcrowded and even more troubled with double sessions than the Redondo system, must provide school facilities for the children of our western neighbor.

When the Redondo City Council annexed the territory, then uninhabited, it did not annex the land for school purposes. Now that some 100 children live in the district, they are still attending El Nido School. The local school authorities have been trying, without success to get Redondo to take charge of its own children. As a result, some of the residents of the tract are talking of deannexing from Redondo Beach and annexing to Torrance.

The whole matter will be settled by the Board of Supervisors, who have the final say in any disputes over school jurisdiction. Observers predict that they will either settle the question of who goes to school where, or call an election among residents of the territory in question.

Since 134 people from the area signed a petition asking that their children be allowed to attend Redondo schools and other residents have declared they want the same thing, there seems little doubt as to the outcome.

When Torrance was considering the annexation of Palos Verdes territory, the local school board indicated that it did not want the additional children, but would consider it a duty to provide for them if the territory was annexed.

The Redondo board still refuses to act, however, adding to the already pressing problem of what to do with all the school children who live in the city of Torrance. Let each take care of its own.

Safety Features on New Cars

It is good to see that automobile manufacturers (most of them at least) have at last begun to take safety seriously. Much credit is due to a national magazine for pounding hard on this theme, and claiming that manufacturers were more interested in dollars than in lives (which was true).

The latest models—some of the first 1956 models, that is—reflect a trend toward safety which will, beyond a doubt, save many lives in the coming year. In the next few years these new safety features will undoubtedly save lives by the thousands and injuries by the hundred thousand.

Some of the new safety features are: door locks that stay locked under the impact of a crash. This will prevent passengers, and the driver, from being injured as a result of being thrown through an open door after the collision.

Another commendable safety feature is the soft dashboard, which was introduced by a few models in earlier years but which is widely accepted this year. Seat belts will save as many lives as any other safety improvement and they are being offered widely this year.

All in all, then, the 1956 cars are probably the safest offered the motoring public in years. It is about time, as everyone knows, for we Americans were killing each other and ourselves at the rate of about a hundred a day—believe it or not.

Slow... Danger Ahead

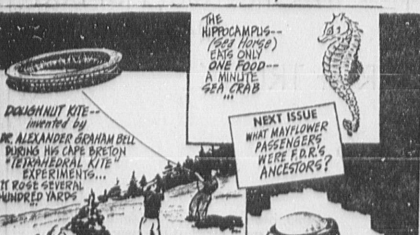
In the opinion of a congress of neurologists, there is one simple way to materially reduce the incidence of heart disease: slow down!

They say that the whole world, and particularly hustling, bustling, whooping Americans, are going too fast. Too many of us are speed mad. What bothers us about selecting a new automobile is how fast it will run. We eat too fast, we work too hard, we worry too much about things that never happen. Traffic jams and freeways push us along the way to invalidism. The ability to relax has become a lost art.

Maybe Latin Americans have the right idea. Everything stops for two or three hours in the afternoon while folks take a snooze.

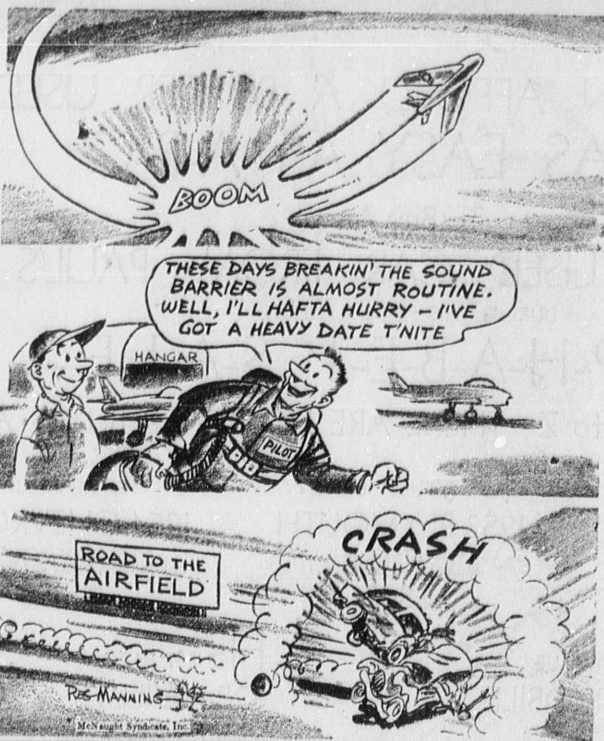
We might try the siesta habit and see how it works. But we won't.

IT'S A FACT by JERRY CAHILL



MAJOR JOHN BAGOT GLUBB—Britain's "Madcap" LAWRENCE OF ARABIA! COMMANDS THE MOST EFFICIENT DESERT PATROL EVER ORGANIZED! HIS FLUENCY IN SPEAKING ARABIC DIALECTS HELPED HIM ORGANIZE 75,000 DESERT WARRIORS INTO A BUZZ UNIT, EQUIPPED WITH FIRST CAMELS, ARMORED CARS AND AN AIR ARMY. GLUBB RECENTLY WON THE D.S.O. BY DEFEATING A SUPERIOR VICHY FRANCE FORCE...

It's A Dangerous Life



AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

TAIPEI (Special)—I spent yesterday afternoon, accompanied by my wife, with President and Madame Chiang Kai-shek at their Grass Mountain retreat, some six miles out of the capital of Taipei. At the president's personal invitation I saw him again this morning at his office in Government House in the center of the city. I have been in and out of Formosa eight times in the past five years.

During this past week on Formosa we also lunched with Vice-President and Madame Chen Cheng...

When General William Chase, former chief of our U. S. Military mission to Formosa, was asked about Chiang Kai-shek's army, he said, "It's the best Chinese army I ever saw." I have seen this army grow from a weary demoralized force in 1950 to a formidable enthusiastic military establishment in 1955. Today the Nationalist Army is over 600,000 men.

President Chiang Kai-shek's popularity is the most obvious impression a visitor discovers on Formosa. His picture is everywhere... especially in the private homes and offices. He is held up as a symbol of Free China. This is also true outside of Formosa, where millions of Chinese look to him and Madame Chiang Kai-shek for the leadership against the Communists on the mainland.

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The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHIE, Herald Staff Writer

Nurse probably won't be flattered when she finds out what some local kindergarten children think of her.

Mrs. Geneva Shelton, Carr School kindergarten teacher, recently compiled a list of some of the best "daffynitions" supplied by her students, and the doctor's best friend didn't face too well.

"A nurse is a doctor's mother," one child declared, evidently thinking that the ladies in white must be old. Another, envisioning a brawny nurse, declared, "A nurse is to help the doctor give shots to somebody who is too tough for the doctor."

These are only a sample of things that the small fry tell their teachers, and their sometimes confused, knee-high views of the world often gives adults food for thought, as well as a hearty laugh.

Librarians too took a blow, as one youngster opined that a librarian was "a bokshelf" and that a "library" is a place where they bury people.

Another youngster thought that "an ambulance is to help people when they're dead."

Somebody's daddy must have been a fast driver because one child believed that "a policeman is when somebody goes too fast, a policeman gives them a ticket." Somebody else's house had a leaky faucet, because he said, "a plumber is a man that loosens something in the sink."

One interesting botanical fact turned up in kindergarten discussion was that "a caterpillar turns into a racoon." Or on a culinary note, one child said that the name of his favorite fish was spare-ribs.

According to the youngsters' ideas, an aquarium is either "for fishes to have some good place to live in," or "something where the animals can crawl around and make good grass." On the other hand a terrarium is "some dirt with lots of grass and animals walking around."

The youngsters get some mighty funny (in more ways than one) ideas in their little heads, and it takes a long time to get some of them out. But by the time that the kids have passed through all the stages from cowboys and Indians to jalopies and real hee chicks, they are ready to get married and leave home.

It's like one father noted at his daughter's wedding. "It was just getting to that we could have an intelligent conversation without her thinking that I was persecuting her. Now she's leaving."

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Are you convinced that news items about cancer, heart diseases, strikes, taxes, airline crashes, and other such items is depressing? Well, there's a bright side, according to the American Press magazine.

As an example, some 162,717,890 Americans will not die of cancer this year. Likewise, 162,380,580 persons will not die with heart attacks.

The Internal Revenue Service will find that \$3,846,154 income tax returns are filed correctly this year.

Most of the time 15,720,000 organized workers are not on strike.

Scheduled airlines safely carried passengers 18,902,841 miles last year and railroads carried passengers 18,902,134 200 miles.

And, did you know there are 162,920,000 Americans who are not members of the Communist Party?

You see, it's easy to get the wrong slant on news.

Ralph Flannagan operates a janitor and window cleaning business in Lomita. He calls it "The Sloppy Mop."

Here and There... Wonder when somebody is going to fix the drinking fountain in the City Hall corridor... Did you ever speculate on what the fellow had in mind when he chipped out the deep "STOP" in the concrete pavement at Crenshaw Blvd. and 182nd St. I'd hate to drive over that intersection very often with thin tires...

Mildred Hunt is concerned about a downtown landmark, now that wrecking crews have finished off the old Dutch Windmill at Cravens and El Prado which for years was the home of Van de Kan's bakery here.

It was a favorite meeting spot for persons trying to contact someone downtown—and it was a favorite beginning point for directions to Torrance newcomers—"you just go a block past the windmill and turn left..." quite a bit of excitement downtown over preparations for the Christmas season this year—merchants feel they have made the most elaborate plans ever...

... a motorist at the beginning to give off mild oaths about the storm drain work on Arlington at 220th St. (They haven't seen anything yet—wait until the contractor starts putting the big job down in Cabrillo.)

High School Cleanings: According to the Torrance News Torch (TNT), published by Torrance High School students, an active verb shows action and a passive verb shows passion... or you'll probably agree that a professor who comes three minutes early to class is extremely unusual—in fact, he is in a class by himself... or, that a great time saver is love at first sight... or the most certain thing about the great chemists of the 17th century is that they're all dead.

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Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

By the bye, each of the aforementioned bathing beauties held a strikingly handsome Dalmatian at the end of a leash. What a nasty trick to play on a dog! All the modern implements of fire fighting everywhere, but not a single hydrant in sight... Sam Brown is a devastating UCLA left halfback who hits a line like a runaway truck. As one Bruin fan put it so aptly: "We sure love to watch our Sam Brown beat."

Where you ever fortunate enough as a youngster to be so poor that you lived in an enchanted dreamland? Thus equipped, did you ever press your nose flat against a 5-and-10-cent store's plate glass window the day before Christmas and wish so hard, until it actually hurt, that you could have everything you saw for your very own? This dream is now being realized by nine lucky New York children who forever after will believe in the Good Fairy. Winners of the National Biscuit Company's Rin Tin Tin contest, the bug-eyed kids will be set loose in Macy's toy department and will be allowed to keep all the toys they can carry out in five minutes. Last fall, during a similar contest, two young boys and a girl carried off approximately \$1200 worth of toys in the allotted five minutes.

A local columnist recently remarked: "There would be fewer divorces if a husband tried as hard to keep his wife as he tried to get her." True enough, mister, but there would be fewer marriages if a man tried as hard to run away from a woman as she tried to catch him... We love that magazine advertisement dedicated by the Maryland Casualty Company to motorists who speed, jump lights, cut corners, pass on curves, and mix driving with drinking. The ad carries the picture of a recently excavated and open grave. Underneath this gruesome picture is the following caption: "Dig That Crazy Driver!"

We'll credit San Francisco's Columnist Herb Caen with this one. Herb pointed out that an L. A. Times' reporter covered the Rose Bowl par-

ade in Pasadena last year and was carried away in the usual Southlandish manner by using the following purple prose: "About half way through, by a persistent sun that back-lighted the pewter overcast, tarnished into tears—the sentimental, happy tears of a city in love with a new year. Dew spangled the lavish pictures moving steadily along and gave them a patina of transcending whimsy and fancy." To which Mr. Caen added with tongue-in-cheek: "What the Times reporter meant was—it rained like hell!"

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