

EDITORIALS

What Johnny Learns at Home

Dr. Adelaide Johnson, University of Minnesota psychiatrist, speaking last week at Chicago before the American Academy of Pediatrics convention, declared that when children lie, steal, cheat and otherwise misbehave, they are often following examples set by their own parents.

What can you expect from the child whose mother comes home and brags how she "put one over" on the grocer who gave her too much change?

What happens to the overgrown yep who is encouraged by his parents to lie about his age in order to get into the movies for half price?

What hope for the boy who hears his father laugh about outwitting a competitor in a shady business deal?

And there are the children who hear their parents lie themselves hoarse to the tax assessor, and boast about it afterwards.

Parents send their children to the front door to tell bill collectors that they are not at home. If the kids told the truth, they'd get their ears slapped.

Where does Johnny learn to lie, cheat and steal?

What do you think?

A Point of No Return

There is danger in bigness for bigness sake, whether it concerns an individual or a community. Of late that bigness, it seems, is all that Torrance is selling.

The HERALD is increasingly concerned whether Torrance might be guilty of falling in love with love so to speak, with the love interest in this case being growth statistics. Like the dreamy-eyed swain who tumbles head over heels for the first lady fair who smiles in his direction, Torrance seems to have cast aside caution and thoughts of where such a romance might lead, so thrilled is it in being "courted" by scores of housing contractors and thousands of prospective home buyers who have harkened to the call of little or no down payment.

Progress is fine and growth is to be sought, as we have consistently pointed out, but it must be accompanied with careful planning lest we strip the future bare of the many wonderful facets that can make Torrance something more than just a city of roof tops. If we are to have the extras that make a community a fine place in which to live, work, and play, it might be wise to pause and evaluate whether our tremendous population growth is being consistently matched by responsible thinking on the part of our leaders.

Torrance has it within its power to offer so much more than mild climate, smogless skies, and a strip of beach—yet we are cutting into our resources with reckless abandon. We need not continue to repeat the mistakes of a few years past. Sites that might have made wonderful park and playground areas are continuing to be turned into housing developments, even on the ocean front. And, if we are not careful, we shall even lack space for vitally needed future industrial and commercial expansion, the financial backbone of the community.

There has been a great need for housing which could be made available on long-term purchase plans such as the veterans' purchase plans. The HERALD believes, however, that it is now reaching a point of diminishing returns, especially in the provision for adequate leisure hour recreation facilities.

Just as we have a right to expect builders to pay a just fee for burdening school districts with countless problems that will take years to solve, we have a right to demand of responsible officials that sufficient land in tract areas be developed into parks and playgrounds. We believe that the present sites will prove inadequate in a very short span of years, even when fully developed, and that now is the time to provide for those future years.

Let us who are now here make Torrance into a city that is not only big, but one that is well rounded—for young and old alike.

IT'S A FACT by JERRY CAHILL

WHAT WAS THE FIRST BIRD TO BE BORN FROM THE ARK?
— NEXT ISSUE —

LADY OF THE CAT EYE!
TO SAVE HER VISION, SENORITA EPIGEMENIA RODRIGUEZ—Maracaibo, Michigan, Mexico, HAD PART OF A CAT'S EYE GRAFTED ON HER OWN!

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS MADE REGULAR ENTRIES IN HIS DIARY FOR 70 YEARS! THEY FILLED 72 LARGE VOLUMES...

WITH THE ADVANCING GERMAN INVASION ARMY ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY G. NEWMAN, English astronomer TOOK TIME TO OBSERVE A NEW COMET (Observed Sept. 1941)

Rough Ride



THE MAIL BOX

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Victims Say Thanks

Editor, Torrance Herald

We would like to thank publicly the many people who were of help to us last Sunday evening (Oct. 9) when our car was hit and completely demolished in an accident at 238th and Hawthorne.

We are very grateful to Torrance Motorcycle Officer Bob Lewis and Archie Jackson, who arrived on the scene immediately. Officer Jackson was especially kind and helpful in calming me down and putting me in a nearby car after I had fallen from our car on the highway.

We feel we owe a lot to the two men who chased our car after it went over the embankment, two pieces of road equipment, and took off across a farm. I kept screaming for someone to stop the car as my husband was unconscious in the front seat. I saw two men run down the embankment and run after the car, missing the door handles once, but succeeding in stopping the car the second time. I then saw them get together with some other men and pry open the driver's door, which had been hit and caved in and jammed, so that my husband could be reached. The motorcycle officers, a cruising car, doctor, photographer, and an ambulance arrived within five minutes.

We feel we are exceptionally lucky to be alive and we do want to thank everyone, although it is hard to find the exact words to express our feelings.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM D. TRUAIR

An Open Letter

Editor, Torrance Herald

This is an open letter to our Most Honorable Mayor of this City of Torrance.

I herewith quote an article from the Los Angeles Times of Oct. 3, 1955:

"CATSKILL, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Somewhere a little blonde called Nancy faces possible death unless she receives anti-rabies injections quickly.

"Who she is, and where she is, only her family knows.

"Authorities alerted in 14 states had no clue.

"The Girl, about 6 or 7, was bitten yesterday by a rabid wild fox that wandered into a picnic area adjoining the Catskill Game Farm.

"Her family, apparently thinking the wound was nothing serious, drove away while a parking lot attendant ran for aid.

"A posse led by Roland Lindemann, game farm proprietor, caught up with the fox about an hour later and shot it. The carcass was taken to the State Health Department laboratory at Albany and examination confirmed that it was rabid.

"State Police alerted authorities throughout New York to be on the lookout for the little girl and telephoned the alarm to 13 other eastern states."

My question is: How are we going to inoculate the foxes, Mr. Mayor?

You are the sly one, aren't you.

Z. W. MALAN

A Dangerous Corner

Editor, Torrance HERALD:

A couple in our vicinity narrowly escaped death when their car was hit and completely demolished at 238th and Hawthorne Sunday night, Oct. 9. Screaming of brakes on car that hit them was terrible and seemed to last an eternity and the final crash was awful to hear, even from three blocks away where we live.

As several of us have teenagers who get on the school bus daily at that same corner we hope you will use all of your influence to see that speed laws are put into effect to help prevent accidents on this highway, especially at intersections like this.

A CONCERNED MOTHER

Reads School Stories

Editor, Torrance Herald

I've wasted for hours on the last school home paper in Torrance and have been faithfully following the Torrance Unified School District program. For this reason I try to read all articles concerning the schools, and was literally shocked to see an article in your advertising section in regard to a Mr. Garshwiler speaking locally on text books.

I am sure many parents like myself would like to hear this man and I wonder if they are planning on using some Torrance service as I was. Otherwise they would never know that anyone was speaking on schools or think to look in the advertising section for something of this nature. Surely there must be room elsewhere for such a news worthy item.

CHARLOTTE CHAMBERS

Disappointed Reader

Editor, Torrance HERALD:

I received an invitation to attend a meeting at the Torrance High School on Monday, Oct. 17th, to hear Congressman Donald Jackson.

Naturally I expected the visit of such an eminent personality, as well as such a patriotic American, to appear on the front section of the newspaper. Instead, I found it in part three of your paper.

How will Torrance residents ever get men in responsible positions to come to our city if our newspapers fail to adequately inform the public of their appearance? If you agree with me, perhaps you will allot better coverage to nationally known figures visiting Torrance in the future.

KATHERINE M. ENGLAND, 2756 Gramercy Ave.

Tax-Free Money

Editor, Torrance Herald

Taxes will continue to increase at tax exempt money snap out of their complacency and demand better government.

The Fund For The Republic, 60 East 42 St., New York 17, New York is spending \$15 million in tax exempt money (really your money and mine) in a propaganda effort to destroy our form of government.

To quote from the annual report from the Fund "It has appeared that the peril to the country could be dealt with ONLY by methods that dra-

The CAGE

(Back in 20 Minutes)

CAGE

By REID BUNDY

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, whose rabies inoculation law was passed by the City Council Tuesday evening, the "Cage" above is empty for a few minutes. We sent the Squirrel down to the vet's to be vaccinated. He's most apt to bite now and then, you know.

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Phil Dantico, keeper of the purse strings at a neighborhood finance company, was talking to associates in Chicago Monday morning. "Say, there's a man here who would like to talk to you," the voice on the other end of the wire said. It was HERALD Publisher King Williams, now visiting in Chicago, who had dropped in to chat with Dantico in Astoria called. Dantico was a little surprised—he didn't know Williams wasn't in his office here which is about four doors away from Dantico's office.

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Longest face in town this week belongs to former Wisconsin "Wink" Winkelschmitt. He had his farm down on Wisconsin AND Notre Dame last week end.

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Friend Barney Glazer says a gal called him up at home to rave about his column—thought it was just fabulous. "Don't tell me," Barney told her. "Tell my editors—they don't think anybody reads the stuff."

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Here and There: Inquiries about the drinking fountain in the City Hall corridor reveal that the city had to send to Connecticut for a new part, which company officials say never was made out. Don't know when it will be fixed. That so-called "masked nurse" is giving them fits down Lomita way, isn't he? . . . Businessmen in the Torrance-Crenshaw area are beginning to wonder when the city is going to erase the red curbs as was voted by the Council on Aug. 30 . . . Considerable excitement generating around Torrance High School over tomorrow night's game with Inglewood—Tartar fans think the long drought may be at an end soon, as the Torrance or Inglewood has won this year. It can be done—the little high school I attended years ago has been losing by six and seven touchdowns but came through with a 48-0 win last Friday.

Clipped: It's all in the way you look at it—the flea is happy to see his children go to the dogs.

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Soooo, somebody finally goofed in the \$64,000 question quiz. He still gets a Caddie, however—wonder if he'll get an old '55 model or the new gold-trimmed '56.



Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Hollywood producer Jack Moffitt tells the tale about the movie producer who accused his staff writers of penning highly confusing stories for his movies. To prove his point, the famous film mogul called in his 10-year-old son and ordered the writers: "Tell your latest plot to him." The sweating authors obeyed. The kid listened attentively. Then the producer asked his offspring: "Did you understand it?" The kid gaped but replied: "Sure I did," and he proceeded to retell the story with a correct interpretation of all its conflicting motivations. The scribes grimaced in relief but their smiles quickly disappeared when the producer exclaimed: "See! I told you it was no good! Are we making pictures for children?"

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Add to Quaint and Unusual Names: Mr. Florent Dhont, motion picture artisan with Bell and Howell, and Mr. Pres Jennie, General Manager of the Western Harness Racing Association . . . It's really wonderful to be an operator—

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHIE, Herald Staff Writer

What would you do if you had an extra day off each week?

According to Walter Reuther, CIO president, within 10 years, the average worker may be punching a time clock only four days a week and working only 32 hours, compared with the present five-day, 40-hour setup.

On the face of it, this may sound a little like a foolish pipe dream, but Reuther got his guaranteed annual wage when nobody thought he could do it. The new push-button, electronic technology is making a situation in which there is less work, but more people. Hence, the four-day week and longer vacations.

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Such a plan would have both advantages and disadvantages.

Theoretically, Pop would have an extra day to rest, but the chances are that Mom would find some extra chores for him to do—cleaning out garage, mowing the lawn, and fixing up the things she has been after him to repair for years. He also could babysit more with Junior while Mom goes off to her bridge club. Even if Pop made the same salary for four days as he did for five, chances are that he would spend more, because he would have more time off to think of things to buy and places to go. Whenever Mom thought of something she needed, she could ask Pop while she was still thinking of it, instead of waiting until he got home from work.

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Under the four-day plan, Pop would be working only about half the days of the year—208 days, minus 15 or 20 days for vacation, another 10 days for sick leave, and six or eight holidays during the year. This compares with 254 days on a five-day schedule, and 312 days on a six-day work week.

A lighter work schedule might mean a drop in the demand for headache pills, headache tablets, and sack lunches, but it would probably increase the cries for do-it-yourself kits, golf clubs, and movie tickets.

It would probably widen the family's horizons, with all its members talking three-day jaunts to the mountains or

just to see Aunt Gussie. It probably would encourage neighborly visits.

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If Reuther is right, there will be millions to cheer him on. But there will always be a minority against it.

They will say, as one veteran employee I knew did when the work week declined from six to five days:

"Those shorter work weeks is for the birds. I just ain't got nothing to do but sleep, and I get tired of that!"

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