

# EDITORIALS

## A City Grows

Evidence of the continued domination of Torrance over neighboring communities in the matter of population was disclosed here last week end by the County Regional Planning Commission with the Oct. 1 estimates of population issued quarterly by that group.

Crediting Torrance with 67,817 persons—which is nearly the same figure arrived at in the special census conducted about the same time—the Planning Commission report shows that no city in the area even approaches this total.

Even Compton, which has held down the position ahead of Torrance in population on all prior reports, came out with fewer citizens in the Oct. 1 estimate. This means that Torrance now is the seventh largest city in the County, passing Compton during the past three months. Santa Monica is next on the list for Torrance to overtake.

If ingenuity is what we want, let's pull the stops and go after Santa Monica.

If we are more interested in building a well rounded city which can provide normal municipal service to its citizens, let's begin to worry less about ingenuity and put some effort into obtaining adequate parks, municipal buildings, courts, and other local community assets.

Torrance, the seventh largest city in the County, has no courts, as an example. While most of the first 20 cities have municipal courts and many of them have branches of Superior Court, Torrance, which furnishes a sizeable portion of the court business in this area, must be content at present to take all of its court business to the South Bay Municipal Court which is several miles outside of the city.

A special Municipal Court Steering Committee appointed by Mayor Albert Ison last May, has met with Supervisor Burton W. Chace, our representative on the County Board of Supervisors, but no concrete progress on the matter has been announced.

Until Torrance can assert itself in matters which are of vital importance to each of its thousands of citizens and can bring to the city some of the functions which rightly belong here, it must continue to be thought of as a small town rather than the County's seventh largest city.

Numbers alone don't make a city.



## LAW IN ACTION

### SUPREMACY OF LAW

Even though he was king, Ahab got what-for from the Prophet Elizeus when he stole the poor man's vineyard. Sophocles' Antigone buried her brother and defied the king. Justice did not make these human laws by what right do you veto the laws of heaven?

Pericles in the midst of a great war stood firm: "Athens is a democracy; here all men stand equal before our courts."

Later Greece fell to Rome, also long used to the rule of law. At its height Roman law protected nearly all free men, regardless of race.

Even in the Middle Ages men could appeal for justice to a law higher than the ruler's will.

In 1215, the English barons made King John sign the Great Charter: "No free man shall be taken or imprisoned or disseised or outlawed or exiled... except through the lawful judgment of his equals or through the law of the land."

To no man shall we sell or deny or delay, right or justice.

In a famous clash Justice Chief told King James politics to keep his nose out of the courts, that he knew no law, and that "The king should not be under men, but under God and the law."

For our Declaration of Independence the only rightful aim of government is to secure man's unalienable rights.

We hold (1) that only the people can set up governments, and then only for limited purposes, and (2) that we can appeal to our Constitution as a higher law over the head of the President and Congress.

The Constitution forbids the government to curb the people's freedom of speech, press, assembly, and religion; and guarantees their right to a fair trial and equal protection of the laws.

Note: The State Bar of California offers this column for you to know more about our laws.

### IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

**JIM CARNEY—** While fighting champion boxer NEALIFFE was the round seven. TOOK TIME OUT TO KISS TWO HICKLES! (Boston, 1951)

**TIMBERG—** FOR USE IN CIVIL WAR ISSUES. NEWS DERIVED FROM THE BERGAMON ARMY YARD. NOW BEING USED IN CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR MISSILES!

**A RAVEN—** (NOT A DOVE) WAS THE FIRST BIRD THAT NOAH SENT FROM THE ARK TO FIND DRY LAND! HE GOT THE DOVE WHEN THE RAVEN FAILED TO RETURN. (See Genesis 8:7)

**NEXT ISSUE** THE MYSTERY OF AARON BYERS' SLAUGHTER



## Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Our favorite local motorcycle officer has a stock reply whenever a speeder gives him the old flimsy whinny: "Sorry, officer, but I'm late for an appointment with a very important person."

Our holder of the badge always smiles politely and agrees softly: "Of course, sir, that's why I stopped you. I want you to be sure you brought along your tale and wings for the appointment."

A group of teen-agers watched a man who had just staggered out of an Italian restaurant. Obviously the gentlemen had not only consumed a double order of pizza but he had washed it down with a generous supply of the cafe's stock of draft beer.

The happy fellow tottered monotonously and leaned way over at a dangerous angle, one of the teen-agers quipped: "Now that's what I mean by the Leaning Tower of Piza."

"Out of Date—But out of Debt" . . . Bill Kennedy. Herald and Expresses this story about the man who was having dinner at a friend's home. At the dinner end, the host suddenly burst. Asked the surprised guest: "Do you always go that before your children?" "Not quite," admitted the host. "In our house we have no definite rule; sometimes the kids go first and sometimes I do."

Here's a prediction for you: "Some eager-beaver 'Trick-or-Treat' youngsters will try to capitalize on the week end Halloween spirit without too much success. Picken's will be slim for all but those hitting at the right time. Which brings to mind: Whatever happened to the good, old-fashioned Halloween celebration who spent most of the night putting spring wagons up in windmill, goats in gymnasiums, and Tin Lizes up on old drums? Ah . . . such memories.

## The Freelancer

By TOM RISCH, Herald Staff Writer

The baby-kissing hand-shaking, and back-slapping season is again approaching. Since there is nothing that a politician likes more, and the general public likes less, than an election, everybody is getting in fighting trim for the 1956 election battles.

With President Eisenhower apparently not going to seek re-election, would-be candidates are making noises like a school girl seeking her first date.

Californians are eyeing the maneuvers of four potential candidates from this state: Vice President Richard Nixon, Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, Sen. William Knowland, and Chief Justice Earl Warren.

Chief Justice Warren has said he doesn't want to be president, and this declaration seems to have made him the most popular. Many national figures have come out in support of Warren, while the other three seem to have less backing—as yet, however.

Our mailboxes will be jammed with literature presenting the qualifications of the various office-seekers, coupled with pictures of (1) the log cabin in which they were born, (2) their wife, six children, and aged grandmother, and (3) them embracing an Indian, kissing a baby, and pitching hay.

We will hear how one candidate is all for virtue, mother, and the church, while his opponent is for sin, fast women, and the devil.

We will hear the phrases, "point with pride," "view with alarm," "my distinguished colleague," "that friend of the people," "a dastardly attempt," and "fantastic bungling" and we are nearly blue in the face.

We will hear of the Gallup Poll, the Crosley Poll, the California Poll, and the Barber Pole until we won't be sure who is going to win. We will hear predictions and statements of confidence, couched in sweeping terms.

"My friends, I am confident that all across this great na-

## The Squirrel On Military Service

By REED BUNDI

We like the football philosophy credited to UCLA coach Red Sanders by downtown sportswriters: "Winning isn't the only thing in football—it's everything!"

Torrance area dance club staid a march on Halloween the other evening and had its members and guests attend attired as a song title. Some weird interpretations of song titles showed up. I'll tell you. Three coaches, Cliff Graybell, Jack Miller, and Don Porter, showed up in full black and white striped shirt regalia of a referee. They were "Three Blind Mice" of course. Bud Hewson had hair curlers, bobby pins, nylon hose, and various unmentionables planned.

"These Foolish Things Remind Me of You." What else? Eddie Schwartz showed up in standard attire: "Without a Song," he said it represented. Cliff and Fay Trezise were dressed in normal attire. They represented the song "Together."

Rose Lynch thinks you should know about the gent who found he couldn't wear those new nylon "set-a-etch" hose—he had weak toes.

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There are seven Reserve components in the U. S. Armed Forces: (1) the National Guard of the United States; (2) the Army Reserve; (3) the Naval Reserve; (4) the Marine Corps Reserve; (5) the Air National Guard of the United States; (6) the Air Force Reserve; (7) the Coast Guard Reserve.

Young men who enter the regular services between Aug. 9, 1955, and Aug. 1, 1956, have an overall obligation of six years. They must serve a total of five years on active duty and in the Ready Reserve, followed by one year in the Standby (inactive) Reserve.

If a youth is drafted for two years, he also puts in three years in the Ready Reserve and one year in the Standby (inactive) Reserve.

Men in the Standby Reserve can be called only in time of war or emergency declared by Congress. The question of whether a reservist is in the Ready or Standby Reserve, therefore, becomes important to him, regardless of whether he is required to attend drills.

Compulsory training in the Ready Reserve will be imposed upon those who enlisted or were inducted after Aug. 8, 1955. There are, however, certain ways to reduce their military obligation. Some of these inducements may, or may not, be put into immediate effect, as the individual armed service has the authority to determine whether these programs will be utilized.

As an alternative to a drafted, individuals may list directly into the Reserve. 1. Any qualified young man prior to being ordered to report for induction, may enter the Reserve for six years. During that period, he may perform two years' active duty, with the remaining in the Ready and Standby Reserve. He remains draftable until his two years of active duty, and is subject to the 45-day compliance measure.

2. Until Aug. 1, 1959, youth between 17 and 18½ (up to 250,000 a year) may enter the Ready Reserve and undergo six months of active duty for training. This is followed by participation in a Ready Reserve unit for a combined eight-year period. The reservist must there after participate in the 45 drills and 15 days' active duty training. He must answer 30 days' active duty each year.

Young men in high school, however, may defer this active duty training until they graduate, drop out, or attain age 20, whichever occurs first.

Further information can be obtained from local recruiting officers at the Torrance Post Office.

## Youths Have Option On Military Service

Johnny High School Senior owes his Uncle Sam either six or eight years of military service under the Reserve Forces Act of 1955, according to word received here.

Latest official interpretations of the law indicate that all young men who are eligible for the service has his option of serving at least two years on active duty and four in the reserves or serving six months on active duty and 7½ years in the reserves.

The new law gives the President authority to call reservists to active duty without authority of Congress. In an emergency declared by the President, he can call up to 1,000,000 members of the Ready Reserve to active duty.

This assignment to a Reserve Unit does not mean the National Guard. The reservist may, however, fulfill the remainder of obligation through active listment. If the reservist to perform his duties actively in any year, he may be ordered up involuntarily to comply with such active duty orders could result court-martial proceedings.

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**THINGS TO TALK ABOUT**  
BY FRANKLIN J. MENE  
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About four out of five Americans worked on farms a century ago; today, because of technical advances, only one out of seven persons is needed to produce our farm products.

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