

Keep Schools Free

A number of amendments to the city's charter have been proposed recently and a public hearing on such proposals has been scheduled for Jan. 10.

The HERALD can not believe that such a change would be in the best interest of economics, efficiency, or—most important of all—the welfare of the city's educational program.

Several obvious disadvantages of such elections dictate this conclusion:

- 1. It would expose the school elections to the petty politics which have marked Councilmanic campaigns... 2. Costs of city elections now will exceed \$20,000, no school election yet has cost more than \$10,000.

Some proponents of the move to consolidate the elections have commented on the comparatively small turnout at school elections, giving this as one of the reasons for putting the two elections together.

Each registered voter of Torrance receives written notice of the time and place of all board elections, rent-free polling places are set up in Torrance schools, and wide publicity has always preceded any such election.

Because of these and other apparent disadvantages this newspaper recommends that the proposal be dropped.



LAW IN ACTION

MORE POWER TO YOU

Few people know how to get the most out of the law. The rest of us squint at it as something to get out of trouble with; at best, something to use to keep out of trouble.

But constructive law! The idea. Well, say you invent a super-wedge, but can't manufacture or sell. Not your line.

You've two friends—a mechanic and a good salesman on the go.

Law would let you work together as an employer and employee, as independent contractors, as partners, or as a corporation.

Some college found out the other day that only about half the people who need will have them. They think of wills as tying their hands.

While you live or afterwards through your will, you can hand your property to a trustee—a friend, relative, associate, bank, or other "fiduciary."

Under the eye of a court, the trustee will follow your instructions. Trusts can serve almost any need you have.

In principle, trusts are simple. As a "grantor," you choose and turn your property over to a trustee. You tell him what to do. He does it.

Don't tie your trustee's hands. One St. Louis pioneer set up a trust to help people stranded in oxcarts. But no oxcarts! The court had to change the trust to serve a purpose the grantor might have approved.

You can set up trusts to provide for income, funds for education, an annuity, or charitable gift. Many a man has put property in trust to pay his wife an income while she lived, with the rest to go afterwards to their children.

People use "spendthrift" trusts to support someone who, because of health, inexperience, or poor judgment, may waste, lose, or blow the money in. The grantor can set out in detail how beneficiaries may go to the beneficiary.

The point is this: You can call upon the law to do remarkable things during your life and afterwards, things you could not otherwise do.

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

IT'S A FACT By JERRY CAHILL



NEARLY 800 BOYS A BABY BORN NOWHERE ON EARTH

COCKEYED CAT—A 3-YEAR-OLD PERSIAN OWNED BY MRS. F. HOUSE, Detroit...

GENERAL CHARLES DE GAULLE... IN 1918 HE WON THE "MERRILL" MEDALS FOR VALOR...

NEARLY 800 BOYS participated in the activities of 12 Cub Packs, 13 Scout troops, and six Explorer troops in the city.

The Torrance YMCA had 23 Hi-Y, Indian Guide, and other clubs with 485 members, nearly double that of a year ago.

More than 800 local boys answered the cry to "play ball" as the Babe Ruth and Little League Baseball held their

Back Glances At 1955



Building, Babies Increased Population by 15,000 in '55

(Continued From Page 1) nounced plans to build a new \$1,000,000 hospital on Torrance Blvd.

The influx of families who move in to take advantage of the many three- and four-bed room homes being constructed in the city also filled the schools to capacity, with more than 4000 local youngsters now on double sessions.

At the beginning of the year, 13,028 children were enrolled in local schools. On the last school day of the year, 15,426 students were enrolled in classes, with 2600 in high school and 12,286 in elementary schools.

The double sessions continued despite the fact that the schools had taken out \$2,507,081 in building permits and added 119 classrooms to the system.

The opening of North High School relieved double sessions at Torrance High School, and three new elementary schools—Hillside, Newton, and Steele—helped the double session problem somewhat at the other 13 elementary schools.

Additional classrooms were built at four other schools. The passage of a \$10,000,000 bond issue during the year enabled the educators to make plans for an additional eight schools—one high school and seven elementary—and more classrooms at two other schools, to be ready next year.

The school population is expected to be 19,000 next fall, rising to about 30,000 about 1965.

Officials sought to meet the problems of recreation for the additional residents during the year, as work was begun on a new municipal swimming pool, a new park, and additions on three other parks.

After a stormy debate, it was decided to put a pitch-and-putt golf course at Seaside Park and work is now underway. Additions to facilities at El Retiro, McMaster, and Walteria Parks now are underway.

During the year, about 475,000 persons participated in various events sponsored by the Recreation Department, with 310,977 taking part in recreation events at parks and school playgrounds.

Under the leadership of Director Harry Van Belleh, more emphasis was being placed on year-round recreational facilities for the whole family.

A new fire station for central Torrance was dedicated in October, and work is now underway on a new station at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast Hwy. and on remodeling of the north Torrance station at 174th and Yukon Ave.

When completed, these structures will bring the number of fire stations here to four, with some of the most modern

BIG QUESTION OF THE YEAR, BEFORE IKE'S HEART ATTACK, WAS... AFTER THAT THE BIG QUESTION WAS... MOST HAUNTING MEMORY OF THE YEAR... WILL IKE RUN IN '56? WILL IKE RUN IN '56? FASHION SENSATION OF '55... DIVA... SOME NUTS TRIED TO THROW ME OUT! WEDDING OF THE YEAR... MAN WHO GOT A BIG KICK OUT OF 1955... SQUIRRELS ON WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS... I GOOFED... PRINCESS MARGARET & TOWNSEND... AFL CIO... PERON... REE-MANNING... McLaughlin Eyedea, Inc.

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

After hours tonight I'm thinking of one of the most common causes of unhappiness among my friends that I found here and abroad in 1955. It is universal... it occurs in all languages... under all standards of living. It is nothing else than... Worry... real or imaginary...

work them out one by one. Then rest a few days between worries. ... Stop worrying because some club officer thinks you should. If you raise \$100 instead of \$1000 in the bazaar, so what.

thought. If you can do something about it... do it. If you can't... drop it, or talk it over with your minister, or your attorney.

When you get worried out of your mind... get yourself out of your mind. It's really over-anxiety about self that knocks people out.

Three Boy Scouts told their scoutmaster they had done their daily good deed by escorting an old lady across the street.

orchestra was unable to attend a performance, so he employed a substitute. The replacement simply held the violin under his chin and stroked his bow back and forth whenever the other violinists did.

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To err is human, but if the eraser is being used up before the pencil, you're overdoing it.

Something I never knew until Dick Lane, of TV, orator it, the difference between a pacer and trotter in harness racing.

It's foolish to worry until you know all the facts... not just rumors, or gossip, from one person.

There are people who worry because they have nothing to worry about.

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