

EDITORIALS

A Year of Progress

Early in 1955, this newspaper listed a number of suggestions which were believed to be sound guideposts for development of Torrance during the coming year.

In the editorial the HERALD recommended the following items:

1. A drive for the unification of Torrance and designation of a Torrance mailing address for all Torrance residents.

We believe that a stronger feeling of "belonging" has been engendered throughout the city's outlying areas, although the large beach area of the city still has its mail delivered from Redondo Beach and many leading residents have told the HERALD that they prefer it that way—they don't want a Torrance address.

2. Opening of north-south and east-west arteries throughout the city.

Several major strides have been taken during the year on this problem which has bottled up Torrance since its founding. Preliminary surveys have been made on opening Del Amo Blvd. from Crenshaw to Madrona Ave. and from Arlington Ave. to Western to serve as a truck route.

Opening of Arlington Ave. from 190th St. south to Del Amo Ave. (203rd St.) has been virtually assured with the budgeting of \$60,000 by the County to improve the roadway and with negotiations with the property owners along the right-of-way nearing the final stages.

Carson St. is now being constructed through the new home development west of Hawthorne Ave. and will be tied in between Madrona Ave. and Hawthorne as soon as right-of-way and funds can be made available.

Final plans are ready for completion of Crenshaw Blvd. south of Pacific Coast Hwy. in the next few months.

3. Clean up, paint up, and improvement of the downtown business district.

This has been one of the downtown area's biggest years in modernization. A new bank building was nearly completed; many major stores were completely remodeled with new fronts, paint, and fixtures; and several new commercial structures were completed or are nearing completion in the area. A general paint up campaign was evidenced on nearly all blocks of the downtown area.

4. Assessment of downtown business houses to clean up trash.

The city has just adopted a new ordinance which will set up fees for trash pickup in commercial areas.

5. Raising of home size minimums to discourage "cracker box" tract construction.

A revised land use ordinance, introduced and approved by the City Council last week, will be reconsidered next Tuesday for final adoption. One of the features of the new ordinance is raising minimum building lots to 6000 square feet.

All in all, it has been a year of progress for Torrance, and the groundwork has been laid for more outstanding advancement in the year and years to come.

Word puzzle grid with clues for words like 'Hurry', 'Period of time', 'Deck of cards', etc.

Word puzzle grid with clues for words like 'Agnostic (Prefix)', 'Yeast', 'Dutch measure', etc.

Cartoon titled 'THINGS TO TALK ABOUT' by Franklin J. Meine, featuring a man talking to a giraffe and a man talking to a cloud.



AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

(Editor's Note: This is the fifth and final column of the series summarizing John Morley's fourth trip around the world in the past five years.)

PART 5 . . . U. S. STATES-MANSHIP PREVENTS WAR IN FAR EAST

For the past five years I covered war and Communist treachery all over the Far East. I saw the Reds invade Korea and Indo-China like locusts from the North. I saw the dead and the raped and the mutilated bodies embossed with the trademark of the barbarian beast. And I experienced the pangs of my American conscience for our indecisious and lack of heart and will to win. But in the shifts between victory and defeat in Asia we reporters lived through a phenomena of courage and uncompromising moral strength . . . of two men, one Korean and the other Chinese, who dared to remind us all "give me liberty or give me death." One day the free world will truly acclaim and revere the phenomena of Chiang Kai-shek and Syngman Rhee in a world of power politics and diplomatic double deals. And the world of free today in Asia because of them and those who rallied around them and sacrificed upon the altar of their faith.

Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

If you walk into an art materials shop on Beverly Dr. in Beverly Hills, and say to the proprietor: "I have a problem," you've come to the right place. The proprietor is John J. Anthony of "I have a problem" radio fame.

almost inevitable. But war did not come in 1955. President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles and bipartisan foreign policy turned the trick in behalf of peace. This is the biggest plus for America and the world that happened in the past 12 months. We did not prevent Communist conspiracies and deeds . . . but we prevented war . . . and that means that some Americans didn't have to die in battle since the Korean truce in July, 1953.

South Korea has been out of the news in recent months, but we can't afford to ignore its vital importance to us. Torn by spiraling inflation, hunger, disease, Communist espionage and agitation, the Republic of Korea needs our continued aid and support. I recently visited this courageous but unhappy country. In the larger cities there is evidence of much rehabilitation and activity. In the small towns and hamlets swarms of Korean refugees wage a kind of dog-eat-dog battle for survival in dingy, filthy, disease-ridden shacks all over the landscape.

Covering the Far East, you get exposed to fatalist attitudes between Chinese Communists on the mainland and the free Chinese on Formosa . . . between the Vietnamese and the French . . . between the natives in Indo-China, Singapore, Malaya against European colonial powers between South and North Koreans. The feelings are deep rooted in history and inflamed in the pools of human blood of recent years. Against this background crisis and war are

Everytime I get into an argument with my teenage daughter, Peesha, I have to laugh. My little Peeshe doesn't know that when she gets to be my age, she'll be just as stupid as I am.

My cousin, Schnorer says the day he stopped arguing in traffic with a fool was the day he realized that other motorists listening in couldn't tell which was the fool.

I, for one, am overwhelmingly happy about those new picture windows now being installed in modern homes. I can't think of any better way to keep up with the Joneses.

My good friend Chick N. Flicker claims he'll make \$15,000 next year. And, he adds, at the rate his wife is spending, he'd be better.

More girls would get better jobs if they dressed like a stenographer instead of a sexcretary.

In a recent press interview, President Eisenhower's heart specialist said: "The future is in the laps of the gods." (There's more than one?)

Census Report Shows New Sales Marks Set During 1954

Retail sales in Torrance during 1954 set new marks as 312 stores did a total sales volume of \$40,266,000, according to a preliminary 1954 Census of Business figures announced this week by the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce.

Comparative figures for past years in Torrance were not included in the new report but sales in Los Angeles County were reported up 49.5 per cent over sales in 1948, the Bureau of Census figures showed.

The reports are only preliminary, the bureau pointed out, and may be revised in the final compilation of figures. No figures are available on sales volume figures for 1955, the year just ended.

The number of stores in Torrance and their 1954 sales, grouped by major kinds of business, were:

Table with 3 columns: Stores, Sales, and Business Type. Includes Food Stores, Eating, drinking places, General merchandise, etc.

Several other facets of Torrance retail strength were given in the special Census Bureau report.

While 314 retail establishments were listed for the city at the end of 1954, only 214 of these reported a payroll. Total payroll for 1954 was \$3,958,000 which went to 1336 employees. A total of 1033 of the employees were listed as fulltime.

The special census represents a summary of reports for individual establishments rather than companies, it was explained. A separate report was obtained for each location of where business was conducted, including each location of establishments having more than one location.

Nearby cities represented in the report included:

Table with 3 columns: City, Stores, Sales. Lists nearby cities like Compton, Culver City, El Segundo, etc.



and I Quote

"There are more men looking for a position than for a job, and more men looking for a job than for work." — Earl Wilson.

"A bachelor is a man who loves life, liberty, and the happiness of persuit." — Tennessee Ernie Ford.

"She started off as a nobody, and that was her trouble—no body." — Herb Shriner.

"Reliance on government is the robbing of men, first of their self-reliance and finally of their freedom." — Cola G. Parker, NAM president.

"A mother who arranges a match for her daughter usually intends to referee it." — Elsie Rhodes.

INDUSTRIAL REALTOR IS BREAKFAST SPEAKER

H. R. Hudson, industrial realtor of Los Angeles, will be the speaker at the Jan. 17, Chamber monthly Breakfast meeting, Paul D. Loranger, president, announced yesterday.

Hudson is a well known industrial realtor with more than 25 years work in that business. He was a featured speaker at an Industrial Development Conference held last October sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Special invitations are being sent to members of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors to attend and participate in this meeting. Chamber members and others are asked to call Chamber office FA 8-2814 for reservations for the breakfast.

Strange Facts About Polio

Advertisement for Frog Breathing, featuring a frog illustration and text about polio prevention and relief.

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