

HEALTH OFFICER EPLAINS VIEWS, RESULTS ON WATER FLUORIDATION

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., L.A. County Health Officer

Ten years ago there wasn't a city in the United States that had a controlled fluoridated water supply. Since then, the effort to diminish tooth decay in children, 1030 communities throughout the country have added fluorine to domestic water supplies serving a total of about 24 million people. But, although heartily endorsed by dental, medical, and public health associations everywhere, the measure occasionally comes up against some lively opposition. Considering the evidence in favor of it, this is a matter for some surprise.

Fluoridation of domestic water supplies for the purpose of reducing tooth decay in children was started both in the United States and Canada during 1945. From 1948 to 1949, the controlled addition of fluoride was begun in eight communities each "study" having a control city where no fluorine was present in the water and none added.

Statistics compiled on the experiment from 1945 to 1955 disclose an average of 40 per cent less tooth decay in children of the youngest age group when fluorine is added to the drinking water. This is comparable to what is observed in children of the same age who live in areas where the water has a natural fluorine content of one part per million or a little more.

The most recent report on its use comes from the pioneer city of Grand Rapids, Mich., which was the first to add fluorine to public water. The reduction of tooth decay in this community ranges from 76 per cent in the 6-year-olds to 29 per cent in the 16-year-old group. The reduction is less in older children because they have not received fluoridated water during the very early formative years.

When fluorine is not present in the drinking water, naturally or otherwise, it is estimated that by the time children have nearly all of their permanent teeth, which is around 14 years of age, 40 per cent have already had at least one extraction. At the age of 16, the average boy or girl has seven teeth either missing, decayed, or filled. It would therefore ap-

pear that fluoridation is a most valuable tool in preventive dentistry. What then are the objections to it?

One of the most frequently heard arguments against fluoridation is the claim that it is injurious to health and may even, in the course of time, be the cause of such disorders as cancer, nephritis, heart disease, and brain damage. Each such possibility has been carefully investigated by competent scientists and each charge found worthless. The fact is that fluorine is already present in the water of hundreds of areas in the country and has been used by approximately four million persons for many years without causing any ill effects whatsoever.

As with magnesium, iron, copper, lead and other minerals present in water, a larger amount than trace quantities of fluorine may eventually produce undesirable physiological effects. For this reason, the U.S. Public Health Service sets up recommended standards for drinking water and it may contain more than certain amounts of any of these chemicals. In the case of fluorine, it may not exceed more than 1.5 p.p.m. (parts per million) and less than this amount in warm climates.

When more than this amount is present, mottling of the teeth may occur or excess fluorine deposited in the skeletal structure causing a bone density that may be undesirable but is nevertheless harmless. It does not make bones brittle or liable to easy fracture as is sometimes stated.

Nor does it constitute mass medication as is charged. The purpose of medication is to cure disease, whereas fluoridation is not used to treat or cure dental decay. It is a preventive measure that helps in nature build stronger teeth and results in less tooth decay throughout the entire life of the individual.

On the other hand, those persons in favor of fluoridation state that chlorination of water and pasteurization of milk came in for the same criticism when first introduced. The situations are hardly comparable.

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CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS
Fictitious Firm Name
THIS UNDERSIGNED does hereby certify that he is conducting a garage business at 1922 West Carson Street, City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, under the fictitious firm name of LARSON'S GARAGE and that said firm is composed of the following persons, whose names and addresses are as follows: "LAWRENCE"
Edward J. Spock, 22734 S. Menlo, Torrance, Calif.
WITNESS my hand this 30th day of April, 1956.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
ON THIS 30th day of April A.D., 1956, before me Margaret W. Dean, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Edward J. Spock, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.
(SEAL)
MARGARET W. DEAN
Notary Public in and for
Said County and State,
My Commission Expires
May 22, 1956.

MT-May 10, 14, 1956

however, since everyone benefits from these measures whereas in fluoridation everybody is dosed with something that is beneficial only to children.

When the benefits and harmlessness of fluoridation are considered, however, the opposition is difficult to understand. At any rate, the American Dental Association predicts that in another 10 years fluoridation will be as routine as chlorination, and there is no doubt that it is already a recognized public health measure.

Grader Rips Gas Line Out, Shuts Off Power

About 20 homes and businesses in Lomita were without electricity and gas for four hours Tuesday afternoon when a grader ripped up a gas pipeline in the 2100 block on Lomita Blvd.

Firemen of Station No. 6 stood by while crews worked to repair the damage. It required shutting down the utilities in the neighborhood during the repair period.

McLarnen to Speak

Guest speaker for the Law-Lade Chamber of Commerce meeting next Tuesday will be Donald McLarnen, of the Small Business Administration. Reservations for this meeting may be made by phoning Harry Sherman at OR 8-5206 or FR 9-8431, or the Chamber secretary at OS 5-7185 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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TORRANCE HERALD-595
A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
PROCLAIMING MAY 11TH "ADJAL STEVENSON DAY" IN TORRANCE
WHEREAS, the Honorable Adjal Stevenson, candidate for the nomination of the Democratic Party for the office of the President of the United States will be in Torrance on May 11, 1956; and
WHEREAS, the citizens of Torrance are honored by the presence of Mr. Stevenson in their midst;
NOW, THEREFORE, Albert Iesen, as Mayor of the City of Torrance, hereby proclaims that Friday, May 11th, shall be observed as "Adjal Stevenson Day" in the City of Torrance.
ALBERT IESSEN
Mayor
(SEAL)
T-May 10, 1956

TORRANCE HERALD-595
29254
NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
No. 37418
In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, in the Matter of the Estate of ALICE ZERBONI, also known as ALICE McDONWELL ZERBONI, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the petition of Viola Moss for the Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased and for the issuance of Letters Testamentary thereon to the petitioner to which reference is hereby made for further particulars will be heard at 9:15 o'clock A.M., on May 21, 1956, at the court room of Department 5 of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles.
Dated May 1, 1956.
HAROLD J. OSTLY
County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court, in and for the County of Los Angeles.
By H. L. McLEAN, Deputy
John E. McCall
Attorney for Petitioner
458 S. Spring St.,
Los Angeles 5, Calif.,
MI 5131
MT-May 5, 7, 10, 14, 1956

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HOMEOWNERS GROUP STUDIES CLUB LAWS

A special meeting of the Southwest Park Civic Assn. will be held next Tuesday, 8 p.m., at the Carl Steele School, for further reading and revision of the association's constitution.

Last Friday evening the Civic group sponsored a teenage dance at Carl Steele School. Another similar dance is planned for early in June.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS ON SCHOOL BUSES
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education, of the Torrance Unified School District, Los Angeles County, will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., May 18, 1956, at the office of the Assistant Superintendent-Business of said School District, 238 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, California, for the purchase (and/or lease) of two

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complete School Buses to meet or exceed specifications on file in the Business Office. Equipment offered shall meet all requirements of the State Board of Education Regulations governing Pupil Transportation. Each bid must be sealed.

Each bid aggregating \$1,000.00 or over must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond in not less than five per cent (5%) of the aggregate amount of the bid. The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and waive any irregularities in any bid, and to determine the lowest responsible bid. No bidder may withdraw his check or bid bond for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof.
DATED: Torrance, California April 30, 1956

TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
By: S. E. WALDRIP
Asst. Supt.—Business
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, 1956.
Irene J. Smith
Notary Public
My Commission Expires March 27, 1959
(SEAL)
T-May 3, 10, 1956.

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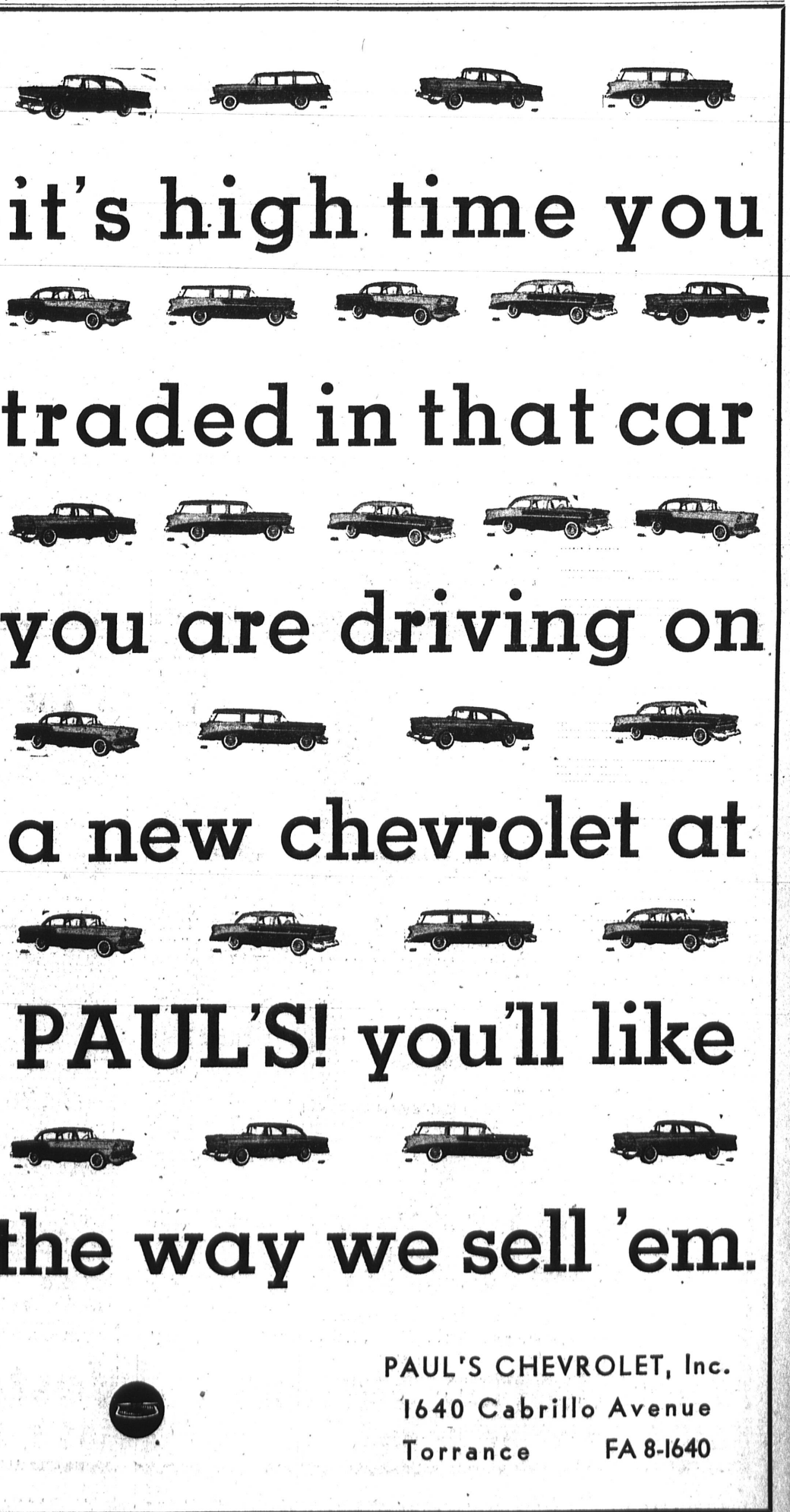
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SPECIAL PERMIT
CASE NO. 156- (4)
A PUBLIC HEARING in the matter of a request for a special permit in order to establish, operate and maintain an auto wrecking and salvage yard and sandblasting business; and office, sandblasting, and storage buildings on a 100-by-147-foot parcel located on the East side of South Normandie Avenue at 197th Street in the M-3 (Heavy Manufacturing) Zone, the address being 1251 East 197th Street, in the Victoria District, Los Angeles County, will be held before the Zoning Board, in the Regional Planning Commission hearing room, Los Angeles County Engineering Building, 108 West Second Street, Los Angeles on Thursday, May 24, 1956 at 11:00 a.m. at which time proponents and opponents of proposed use will be heard.
Robert S. Groman
Chairman
Milton Bretzgel
Director of Planning
THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
County of Los Angeles
T-May 10, 1956

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TORRANCE HERALD-590
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
RAYMOND B. BEGUE and JUANITA M. BEGUE, Husband and Wife, Plaintiffs, vs. BERT L. ALLEN and JANET C. ALLEN, JOHN DOE and RICHARD ROE, Defendants.
No. 657402
Action brought in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, and Complaint filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County.
SUMMONS
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO:
BERT L. ALLEN and JANET C. ALLEN, JOHN DOE and RICHARD ROE, Defendants.
You are directed to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiffs in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, and to answer the Complaint therein

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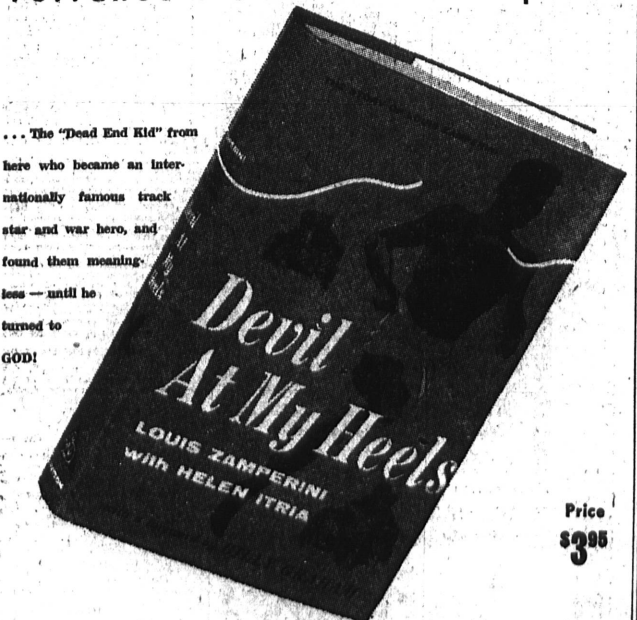
within ten days after the service on you of this Summons, if served within the County of Los Angeles, or within thirty days if served elsewhere, and you are notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the plaintiffs will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.
Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, this 18th day of March, 1956.
(SEAL SUPERIOR COURT LOS ANGELES COUNTY)
HAROLD J. OSTLY, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.
By: K. MEACHEM, Deputy
W. E. Kalbfleisch
Attorney for Plaintiffs
1308 Sartori Avenue,
Torrance, California
Phone: FA 124-8547
T-April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 1956



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