

EDITORIALS

Hail to 'Old Glory'

America today pays respect to one of the great symbols of freedom and liberty in the world—the American flag. The history of the American flag, its blue field, stars, and the red and white stripes, is one of the most stirring messages of civilization, and serves as a daily inspiration to the peoples of the world who look upon the American flag as the banner that holds a hope of freedom for all races and creeds wherever they may be.

It is appropriate that the nation designate one day to pay tribute to the emblem of freedom—an emblem which has been flown from the mightiest warships and the smallest pleasure craft; the emblem which has lived and grown through the tumultuous years of this nation's founding and growth to world leadership in humanitarianism.

It also would be appropriate for all buildings so equipped to fly the flag from the highest mast through the day in observance of this national tradition. And it is a time for all peoples of America to re-dedicate themselves to the task of spreading the freedoms symbolized by our flag to those areas of the world not now enjoying them. Hail to "Old Glory." Long may it wave.

James Hall Retires

Torrance is losing one of its ablest officials at the end of June with the resignation of City Attorney James M. Hall.

Hall submitted his resignation to the Council this week stating that the office of the City Attorney had grown to the point that a full time official was needed in that post.

During his tenure in the city's legal office, Attorney Hall has handled a wide variety of matters for the city, many which will have beneficial returns to Torrance residents for years to come.

Among the accomplishments of Hall was the passage of a bill by California Legislature permitting the leasing of city-owned property for 50 years. Previous limits had been 25 years. This law, now in effect, permitted the industrial development of the Torrance Municipal Airport which has been accomplished through the leasing of sites to Mayflower Trailer, Hi-Shear Rivet and Tool, Sheridan-Gray, and Longren Aircraft. The bill also permits the commercial development of the 35-acre airport triangle, which is in the planning stages.

In this connection, Hall spent many hours beyond those required of a public official in clearing the airport property of restrictions imposed by the Federal Government.

Scores of other major matters handled efficiently by Hall and the thousands of day-to-day services of his office have accrued to his record as a public official.

It is a record that his successor will find a real challenge.

Pre-Vacation Tips

Preparing for that annual vacation, now that school's out? If so, also make plans to guard your home while you are away whether it be a week or three months. That is often overlooked, to the delight of the army of burglars which roam the nation.

FBI statistics show that more than 1400 homes will be burglarized every 24 hours in this country during July and August. Don't invite yours to be one of those.

Homeowners can more-or-less thief-proof their homes by taking several pre-vacation steps:

1. Tell your postman about the temporary change in address and have him hold or forward your mail. Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries until you return home, or arrange to have someone pick them up daily. A collection of unopened milk bottles, a stuffed mailbox, or a pile of newspapers on your front porch is an invitation to burglars who constantly watch for such telltale signals.
 2. Notify local police and tell them how long you will be away. Officers in your neighborhood will keep an eye open for any signs of unusual activity at your home.
 3. Inform a neighbor of your plans and give him your vacation address and phone number if possible.
 4. Don't leave cash or other valuables in the house which might be accessible to a burglar.
 5. Lock securely all windows and doors. Leave a light burning somewhere in the house.
- After all of these are done, have fun on the vacation trip.

Fatal Fallacies

by Ted Key



"Lovely car, comes equipped with everything but brains."

When The Air Is Quiet—



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a man, 52, but look and feel younger. I married at 20 and my wife and I worked side by side in a little dry-goods store. After 11 years we saved enough to buy the shop. She was a wonderful woman and raised three fine children. Today I have a big business, but my wife passed on 13 months ago and I'm lonesome.

A young lady who works for me has been very kind. I know she'd like to get married but she was divorced already twice and is 25 years younger than I am. My children haven't said how they feel but my brother thinks she's interested in my money. I never wrote to a paper before but maybe since you don't know me you could help.—Mr. H.

You sound like a man who owes his success to his first wife... "Sure you don't owe your 'OND' wife to your success. Try to learn why she is twice divorced. There must be a reason she's two chumps ahead of you. And the difference in age should not be ignored. Twenty-five years is a quarter of a century.

Give the friendship at least six more months and if you can't find some strong points to balance the weak ones, the advice from here is "NO."

Dear Ann Landers: My girl friend's ancestors actually came over on the Mayflower. Her family has spent lots of money getting written proof and they have the documents and stuff framed all over the house. It's real nauseating.

Every few months her mother and aunts go off to conventions. This is supposed to be very patriotic. All they talk about is how much bluer their blood is than everyone else's.

My folks were both born on the other side. My girl tells me I'm not as good an American as she is. I know this isn't true but I wish you'd simply supply me with a sharp answer "a la Landers!" Thanks, Ann — JUST PLAIN BILL.

Tell your girl that anyone who brags about ancestors confesses he belongs to a family that's better dead than alive.

Dear Ann: My fiance is pressing me to set the date. We've been engaged for two years but I admit I've been putting it off because I'm not sure he'll make a reliable husband. He's never been on time since I've known him. He's a commission salesman and makes pretty good money, but works just when he feels like it. I think he spends entirely too much time in taverns, which is where he usually calls to me to say he'll be "a little late."

I like his personality, he's

handsome, fun to be with and is the athletic type. Can you give me a clue?—MOPSY.

It doesn't take an "athletic type" to hang on to a bar and chin for hours. Don't expect marriage to work any great miracles on your boy friend. If during the two years of courtship he spends so much time riveted to a bar-stool you can be sure he won't change over night.

Tell him exactly how you feel and why you've been stalling. If he loves you and wants you to be his wife, let him prove it by performance and not lip-service.

Dear Ann: I don't need advice. I need a swift kick in the pants. A boy I'll call Harry (not his real name) invited me to a big dance. I accepted because I thought there was no chance that Jerry (my secret passion)

would ask me. The next night Jerry called, invited me to the same dance and I said "Yes." I then phoned Harry, told him there'd been a mix-up on dates and that I couldn't go with him.

He replied, "O.K. I lose. Jerry bet me \$5 he could do this."

Don't you think I've been a perfect fool?—DOPPUS.

Nobody's PERFECT. But I'll go along with you on the rest of the statement.

CONFIDENTIALLY: WIFE IN PRISON: DON'T ASK HIM. TELL him he can either grow up and stop behaving like a selfish kid or send your support checks in the mail.

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THE MAIL BOX

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Hahn Pledges Help

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the people of the second supervisorial district for their support and encouragement during the past three and a half years.

I treasure very greatly the many kindnesses the people have extended to me. I have enjoyed working with and for the fine people of the district. Together, we have been able to bring about many important improvements in county government as well as many district improvements, such as better roads and traffic safety, storm drains, libraries, and increased recreational facilities.

As I enter my second term as supervisor of the Second District, having been re-elected without opposition in the recent primary, my heart is filled with the hope that the fine cooperation and support the people have extended to me will continue.

I will make every effort to live up to the confidence the people have expressed in me. KENNETH HAHN

Responsibility Met

Editor, Torrance Herald: The Los Angeles Council of Girl Scouts recognizes the tremendous contribution you have made to the Los Angeles Community Chest during the past year.

As a member agency of the Chest, the Girl Scouts greatly appreciate the assistance that you have given to us. Without your cooperation we would not have been able to meet the responsibility to provide a sound program for girls between the ages of 7 and 17 who wish to join the

Girl Scouts of the United States of America. We would not be able to continue serving our growing girl population without your continued support.

Thank you for all you have done. We are looking forward to another year of working with you. MRS. WILLIAM M. RAINS, President.

Suggestions Asked

Editor, Torrance Herald: The North High Parent-Teacher Assn. wishes to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful way in which you handled our publications.

If there is any way we can improve on our notices, please do not hesitate to let us know as we want to do things in the right way. MRS. C. L. THOMPSON JR.

PTA Council

Editor, Torrance Herald: The Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers, Inc., wish to thank you and your newspaper for the many courtesies shown our organization this past year. Thank you for the news coverage of our activities. MRS. LEE POLICK.

Juniors Say Thanks

Editor, Torrance Herald: The Torrance Junior Woman's Club would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" for all of the wonderful publicity you have extended our club during the past year. We are very grateful and truly appreciate the many courtesies and the splendid cooperation you have given us. SUSIE ALLEN.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Not all Torrance voters went strictly by their ballots in last week's primary elections, a review of the voting revealed this week. There was considerable write-in voting done.

No. 1 on the write-in parade was News Commentator George Putnam, who has been lashing out recently at District Attorney S. Ernest Roll. He apparently had begun to sound like an opposition candidate, for nearly a score of Torrance people wrote in Putnam's name for District Attorney on the ballot.

Somebody else apparently thought our D.A. had been foxed by a smarter guy, so they wrote in his name on the ballot—L. Ewing Seott. One voter was obviously interested in having a new D.A. He wrote down "Just Anybody" in the blank under the D.A. column.

A lot of other people received write-in votes for D.A., too. Some of these included Richard R. Fredrickson, Allen L. Leonard, John A. Shidler, Atty. Dudley Gray, Chief William Parker, Fletcher Bowron, Atty. Donald Armstrong, and Milo Shadle.

Stevenson and Kefauver did not split a vote of the Torrance Democratic votes, either. Someone out in Precinct 5 voted for Harry Truman, and someone in Precinct 24 thought Eisenhower should receive the Democratic nomination, too.

Two voters in Precinct 73 cast their ballots for Averill Harriman, and they might turn out to be the only Torrance Democrats who voted for a winner.

Stuart Symington of Missouri also received a Democratic presidential vote in Precinct No. 22.

Some Rolling Hills voter expressed a complete rebellion at all of the unopposed judges seeking votes of confidence. This voter went right down the line and wrote in the name of a candidate for every Superior Court office on the ballot. Somebody must have stuck that voter with a parking ticket.

The R. M. Armitage family of 2910 Opal Ave. were surprised at the coincidence the other day when relatives visiting from Pittsburgh, Pa., arrived, driving an exact duplicate of the Armitage auto.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cochran, of Pittsburgh, didn't know their hosts had the same model 1953 auto. The real coincidence wasn't noticed until a couple of days later, however. The Pennsylvania and California autos have the same license plate numbers!

You've got to hand it to these guys who are slow to pick up the check. Bashful Bob says.

Sign on a gas station en route to Needles: "Buz for night service, then keep your shirt on while I get my pants on."

Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

Home is a place where folks who never say a word congregate in front of the television set and suddenly start talking.

When a man and woman are married for better or worse it usually means he can't do better and she can't do worse.

The communists say they have no use for anything we have, but how about the way they love to use our Fifth Amendment!

It never fails. A man who marries to have a child usually finds out too late that his wife is one.

Sign on a motorcycle parked in a driveway: "For Sale," and sign on the lawn next door: "Am I Glad!"

Hustling Hermie says: "I wouldn't trade my wife for anything and heavens knows I've tried."

Lettering hastily scrawled on the back of a newlywed's get-away car: "From Here to Maternity."

Said Uncle Shoemp: "I rented a new apartment where everything is reasonable except the landlady."

There are five persons to every car on the road and you'll always find them in the pedestrian zone in front of you just when you're in a hurry.

An elderly housewife insisted on dressing and acting like a young girl. One day she showed a neighbor a picture of herself as a baby sitting on her mother's lap. "Here is my picture 28 years ago," she boasted and the neighbor inquired: "Is that your baby daughter you're holding on your lap?"

A homeowner — that's a man who borrows \$25,000 to complete a \$10,000 home quoted originally by the contractor at \$15,000. Every time his wife insists

ed on something, Mr. Flogger, my old Latin teacher, would concede: "Okeh, dear, go right ahead; you have a perfect right." Later Flogger would confide to me: "And she has a perfect left, too."

Here is a bit of terrifying news. Thousands of young innocent girls who are waiting for the right man to come along are at this very moment in the company of wrong men.

Have you noticed it, too, that every time a man passes his driving test he immediately wants to pass everything on the road?

So that's what a Space Man is—a fellow who always manages to find a parking spot.

Trouble with many of our kids today—they get what they want instead of what they deserve.

How many of you folks remember the good old days when we used to dream about earning the wages we can't get along on today?

Narby, our lodge president, says at long last the world is beating a path to his door. He has a beautiful teenage daughter.

Asks my teen-age nephew Simmerdale: "Are you a chicken flicker?" To which I reply: "Heck no, Simmerdale, I have as much nerve as any other flicker."

Temperini, the artist, was held up yesterday. He marched into the police station with a portrait he had painted of the bandit. After reviewing the portrait in a huddle, the police decided that Temperini had been robbed by a paint brush, two blown-out tires, one pair of dirty spats, and the guts of an old crystal radio set.

My Neighbors



"It's all right to have loved and lost—but it takes money to break in a new girl." — Dan Bennett.

"There's one advantage in buying rock 'n' roll records—when they wear out, you can not tell the difference." — Batesville (Ark.) Daily Guard.

"Women don't care who wears the pants in the family as long as there's money in the pockets." — Margaret Schooley.

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