EDITORIALS

A Great Step Forward

The thousands of Southland residents who visited the new million dollar civic center here yesterday will probably agree with a neighboring editor who said Friday that Torrance has moved into the Cadillac class as far as municipal buildings go

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The new civic center buildings, including the city hall,

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The new civic center buildings, including the city hall, police station and jail, and the large municipal plunge, represents the vision which has made Torrance an outstanding leader in civic development in California during its relatively short history of 40 plus years.

While the present city council has received and deserves a lot of credit for the magnificent center which was dedicated yesterday, some of the men who served on earlier city councils should not be overlooked.

Former Mayor Mervin M. Schwab and Councilmen Harvey Spelman, Jr. and Ed Karlow helped lay the groundwork for the gala dedication which was held yesterday.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce and all the other civic organizations that endorsed and worked for the bond issue, that made possible the entire building program, must not be forgotten. Neither should the business men and industries who favored the bond issue, even gave their active support.

And the dedication of the new municipal plunge must have been a thrill to Cafeman Charley Gotts, now president of the Torrance Retail Merchants Assn. Gotts conducted one of the city's most vigorous campaigns in 1949 to put a swimming pool measure on the ballot, only to be defeated by technicalities prior to printing of the ballots.

To these and all others who have worked unselfishly for better municipal facilities, the HERALD offers its thanks and congratulations.

Through their efforts, the city has made a great step. forward.

This Is For You

You are a shareholder in the world's greatest business. There is going to be a general meeting of shareholders on the sixth of November. We are expecting you to be there. You see a simple sign on street corners, in the lobbies of office buildings and hotels, in banks and markets, in the windows of homes. The sign reads: "Voters Register Here." When your fellow Americans ask you to register and vote, they are asking you to reaffirm your faith in a nation where the welfare of the weakest and the welfare of the most powerful is inseparable.

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Your vote is a confirmation that democracy is realized only when all citizens participate in their government to the utmost. Your ballof, like the air and sunshine, is free and equally precious. It was paid for by long years of heartache sanctified by bloodshed, by the ultimate victory of a people who yearned for the right to be allowed to direct their own affairs.

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Bad officials are elected by the indifference of citizens who do not vote. The people make mistakes. They are too often impelled by ignorance and prejudice. But keep this thought close to your heart. The people are gaining in knowledge. Under our system of equal opportunity, they are developing the ability to make sound decisions. The people are growing in their consciousness of self respect and individual dignity.

Is the preservation of your freedom worth a minute or two of your time? There are many who died for it. The least you can do is to vote for it!

America is a great nation, but it is only as great as the people who live in it. The ballot you cast in November will be your certificate of good citizenship.

Call A Halt

It is shocking the way juvenile delinquents get out of hand in California. We read:

"There is very general complaint at the revival of the slingshot nuisance among the boys of Sacramento, and something should be done to prevent this indiscriminate throwing about of buckshot and pebbles, several people have been struck and severely injured. One case is reported where and old man at 6th and N Sts., was struck in the knee by a leaden bullet thrown from a sling and the result was that he was confined to his bed for several days, unable to walk.

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"There is another dangerous practice coming into vogue through the use of these slings, and that is the throwing of torpedoes at persons by means of them. Let an example or two be made and the evil practices will be

ontinued."

We read that in the Sacramento Bee of 75 years ago. to show that California juveniles are hard to l down, and, as the Bee sternly advised, steps must be taken.
The sooner the better, say we!

Out of the Past

From the Files of The Torrance HERALD

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10 Years Ago This Month
August, 1946
The Memorial Medical Center of California announced that Dr. Norman A. Leake, 1525 Marcelina Ave., had been named to the Center's consulting committee. ...
Members of the charter committee, Dr. Howard A. Wood, James L. Lynch, Mrs. Mina Shidler, Carl Steele, and Mrs. Mriaght, urged residents to vote yes for the City Council purchased 200 parking meters from the Dual Parking Meter Co.

20 Years Ago This Month
August, 1936
Torrance Women of the Moose took second place in competitive drill at the state convention held in San Diego. Moose women participating in the drill were Zoe Deithers, Irene Wilkes, Marie Humer, Katherine Gossiaux,

Gertrude McCullough, Marie Nichols, Mildred King, Jose-phine Puetz, May Bodiford, and Mary Long . Louis Zamperini finished eighth in the 5000-meter Olympic fi-nals in Berlin. His time of 14:46.8 was the fastest he had ever clocked for the dis-tance.

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30 Years Ago This Month
August, 1928
Oscar Morris, Lomita deputy constable, captured three
automobile thieves, singlehanded, in a one-man crackdown on crime in Torrance.

Ed Little, well-known
proprietor of the White Garage, moved his place of
business to 1401 Border Ave.

Miss Elizabeth Fite,
daughter of Mrs. B. E. Peck
of Miller St., left for Los Angeles where she will stay
with friends during her attendance at the University of
California, Southern Branch.



Can He Keep His Grip?

YOUR PROBLEMS

Dear Ann: I dated an engaged girl for seven months. She couldn't make up her mind between the other guy and me so I joined the Army. I got lonesome after a few days and phoned her. She told me I was to become a proud father. I was so happy I almost passed out in the phone botth.

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We planned to get married when I finished basic but I got worried when the letters stopped. I phoned my sister to go to her house and check up. Sis told me she married the other guy. The shock almost killed me. I was like a crazy man and my buddies had to stop me from falling under a truck.

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I got an emergency leave to go h o me and straighten things out. The minute we saw each other we knew we were still in love. She wants to divorce her husband who's how in Japan and marry' me.

My sis says to wait till September and see who the baby looks like. I don't care who it looks like. I don't care who it looks like. I love this girl and want her for my own, My friends; say I'm plumb nuts. Please. Ann, tell me what's going on here anyway?

PENGUIN

If you're right there and YOU don't know what's going on—how do you expect ME to know? You sign yourself "Penguin," but I think "Ostrich" would be a better name. Get your head out of the sand and take a look at the situation. "Your" girl is married and her husband is in Japan. You went with her when she was engaged to him—which was strictly out of order.

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The advice from here is—forget about her pronto. No matter who the baby I o o k s like, according to law it's the other man's child. You'd better give a little thought to what YOU'IA, look like if you continue to run around with

another man's wife.

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Dear Ann: I know who Mrs.
Calabash is. An uncle of mine
is a personal friend of Jimmy
Durante and got it directly
from Dugante. She is the wife
from whom he has been sever
arted for many years. He still
loves her but has lost contact
and has been trying to find and has been trying to find her for 20 years. M.H.

up, Not bad, eh? WALLY

Dear Ann: My husband and
I have lived in the same appartment for 20 years. Our
children are grown. My are
reasonable people and never
had trouble with anybody.

A couple with a daughter
age 3, moved in above us.
They have no floor coverings
and their child drags her
wagon from one end of their
apartment to another. They
are so wild our light fixtures
have crashed in three different rooms and we've had to
replace bulbs. When I complained they said "This is a
free country." I then went to
the w om an who owns the
building (but lives elsewhere)
and she asked me to try to
"understand" them.

My head is splitting as I
write this letter and I'm at I

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My head is splitting as I
write this letter and I'm at
my wit's end. What shall I
do? CIVILIZED NEIGHBOR.

lease signed in blood? If you can get no cooperation from the neighbors or the owner of the building, you have only one alternative—move.

CONFIDENTIALLY: Mrs. P. P.: Phone number won't help. I need a name and ad-dress.
M. J.: Now's no time to fight about religion, STICK!

MOTHER OF 4: Go to your other's till he makes good

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the promises.
BUKALTIN and MRS. B.
E.: You need a lawyer. I'm
not one. JINX: Name and address

JINX: Name and address please. You've got more trou-ble than you think. MRS. H. H. L.: Printing your story won't help. Get an attorney and throw the book at this man.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of The Tor-rance, HERALD.) (Copyright 1956, Field Enterprises, Inc.).



Vaccine given in July and August will prevent paralytic cases and even deaths in August and September.

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE REPORT FROM 22 STATES AND NEW YORK CITY IN 1955

UNVACCINATED	29.2 cases per 100,000
VACCINATED	6.3 cases per 100,000

GET YOUR POLIO SHOTS AS SOON AS YOU CAN ... CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR
OR PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER NOW!

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS



The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

A Redondo Beach civic leader, sitting across from us at a dinner meeting the other evening, passed on an unnerving experience he had recently with a man of his acquaintance — a man who exists largely on the quarters he can panhandle for muscatel.

Seeing the shabbily dressed panhandler coming down the street the other day, our phil-anthropist ducked into a anthropist ducked into a nearby doorway, went through the store and out the back, cut across an alley, and entered his own place of business from the shadowy alley

ness from the shadowy alley entrance.

After poking around the e backroom for several minutes, he walked out into the store and met up face-to-face with the man he had be-friended on several occasions with a two-bit piece, and had just tried to duck.

He was all ready to reach for the quarter when the old fellow said:

"Here's that dollar I owe you."

you."
And he paid our dinner friend the dollar.

Don't go away — there's

Don't go away — there's more.

Our new-found friend decided to parlay his good fortune, so he called another friend who had a friend who knew a bookie and gave instructions to place the bet on any horse running that day that had any connection with wine, no matter how remote. His hunch was good.

Sparkling Burgandy w on the first race and paid off to the tune of \$28.

The way we heard it, our friend is now looking up his wino buddy now and then, who has no idea why his benefactor has suddenly become so generous.

Back in Torrance, however, e'll change the name here protect the innocent (a wee

we'll change the name here to protect the innocent (a wee bit).

The council chamber at the new city hall was nearly ful, and Mayor Albert Isen was going over details of 'yesterday's celebration at the last steering committee meeting.

During a period of introductions, the wife of one of the city's highly placed officials stood-un, introduced her brother and his wife, we'll call him John Jones, who was visiting here. Then she said, "I'm Marjorie Jones."

It wasn't until she was seated again that she realized she had used her maiden name.
"Good gosh! I've been married 14 years," she exclaimed. "I didn't even do that as a bride."

Just goes to show you what

Just goes to show you what the excitement of a new city hall can do.

And while kicking around the city beat, Wilfrid Delquest reports that a traffic officer stopped a woman for driving on the wrong side of the street. She yelled at him: "Say, you big jerk, you gotta lotta nerve stopping me. I got a good mind to get out and bop you on the jaw. I want you to understand, you ignorant skunk, that I'm a lady."

The August issue of The Interhational Temster, has a meat explanation of brains: Irving Berlin takes a wortheless piece of paper and writes a song hit. He sells the copy or \$50,000. That's genius.

John D. Rockefelir would sign his name, to a piece of paper and make it worth a half million. That's capital.

A man can buy \$5 worth of steel and make \$1000 worth of watch springs out of it. That's skill.

But—when a man drives around and is looking for an apartment, finds just what he wants—and when the manager asks, "Have you any children?" puts on a long face and answers, "Yes, but they are in the cemetery," pays six months rent in advance, gets a receipt, then goes to the cemetery, gets his children, and brings them to the apartment—that's brains.

Well, I'm going to be a tourist in Southern California this week. I'm going around to see all the places that the people out from lowa come to see — Disneyland, Marineland, etc.

See ya later, alligator.

Barney's Blarney

When asked why he preferred to maintain such a stony silence, the lat e President Calvin Coolidge replied: "You don't have to argue or apolegize for something you have not said."

Vacations come in 2's, according to Sam Hampton. A vacation consists of 2 weeks which are always 2 s h or t. You're eager 2 get away and w hen you return you're 2 tired 2 go back 2 work, but you're 2 broke not 2. (2 which I might add, 2-2-true, Mr. Hampton!)

The baseball game was bethreatened by approa ching darkness. Said the pitcher to the catcher: "It's so dark, I'll pretend I'm pitching, but I'll hold the ball. You hit your glove and make believe you-caught the ball." The pitcher wound up, pretended he wasthrowing the ball, a n d the catcher pounded his mitt as if he had caught it. The ump i're bellowed "Str-r-ike!" The innocent batter turned to the umpire, looked him right in the eye, and protested: "Man, are you crazy? Can you see a ball or can't you? Why, that pitch was six feet over my head!"

Something is bothering me today. After observing how many of our citizens drive their cars I wonder: why their operator's license says they can drive an automobile.

An irate business man wrote this letter to Uncle Sam: "Dear sir: You wrote me that my income tax bill is overdue and is bigger than it should be. I knew that all the time, so please make; it what it should be and I'll pay it."

If you don't know what an efficiency expert in a large corporation is, just think of a woman who is constantly flagging her husband.

don't have any, you go out of.

Who says you can't win a million dollars or so at the horse races? Swaps did.

Scientists never run out of work. Now that we have perfected a plane that travels faster than sound, our men of genius are working on sound that can travel faster than a plane.

plane.

The nastiest man on earth is the one who listens patiently while you describe your illness, and then he says: "I have it, too."

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Mother knows best. Even Mother Nature tries hard to teach us. For example, if you are gaining weight, you will notice she is making it harder and harder for you to get close to the table.

Tresident Eisenhower now has a farm home near Gettysburg, Pa. And In case you didn't realize it, that's ike's Gettysburg address.

Gettysburg address.

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Who said that diamonds are the hardest things in existence? Every try paying for one? (I know a man who just celebrated his 45th-wedding anniversary and he's still making payments on his wife's engagement ring).

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The laziest man on earth is the one who asked his daughter to read a "Do It Yourself" newspaper story to him.

There's no secret to being happy. Just make other folks happy, even if it means stay-ing away from them.

My uncle can't, tolerate anyone who talks while he's anyone was interrupting.

No matter how hard you try, mister, you just can't weather the storm by storm-ing at the weather.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHE

See how we grow.

That's the delighted boast of many Chamber of Commerce members as they observe the thousands of new residents who pour into Los Angeles each month. As Los Angeles pushed past Philadelphia as the nation's third largest city, local leaders rejoiced and set their sights on surpassing Chicago in second place. After that, who knows?

With Californians generally sounding something like the advertisement that proclaims that their state has "twice as many smokers as the other two leading cigarettes." one sometimes wonders what the end result will be.

Nowadays everybody wants to say that his city, his club, his billboard, or the school that his child goes to is the biggest.

point out some of the problems.

The area must move rapidly to keep up with the new citizens — providing schools for their children, roads for their cars, and police and fire protection for their homes. More bureaucrats must be hired to keep track of the paperwork that the other bureaucrats are making.

In many cases, schools are the most serious problem, with many of the children already here on half-day sessions because of the new peo-

My Neighbors

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The influx of population raises taxes to pay for the roads, scheals, and auxiliary necessities required for the people who come in. That way, more people are tempted to come in.

This is not to say that it isn't desirable to have a lot of people in an area, but to point out some of the problems.

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It is said that to understand is to forgive. To understand that we ourselves are not without faults, and then to try—with God's help—to correct them, will lead us to understand, be sympathetic to, the weakness of others, and to be, in kindness and charity, of help to them.

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