

# EDITORIALS

## Safe Halloween

Witches cavort and black cats howl as they prepare for their annual Halloween prowls.

And your little Trick and Treaters may have a pleasant Halloween, too, if they will observe a few simple safety rules.

Youngsters wearing flimsy costumes should take special care not to get close to fire, and, of course, the modern Trick and Treaters use a flashlight in his pumpkin.

Motorists should use extra caution in driving along streets and highways after dark because thousands of youngsters will be out and they will not be thinking about traffic. Part of the costume should be light so that the child may be more easily seen by motorists. Officials advise youngsters to experiment with make-up instead of a mask so that their vision would not be impeded. Small children should be accompanied by adults on their rounds.

A further reminder for both adults and children is to cooperate with their local Fire Department by being sure that those party decorations are marked flame resistant. Whenever possible it is a good idea to take advantage of the well-supervised parties at playgrounds.

Keeping these few simple rules in mind will help make All Hallows eve one of fun for all.

### FROM THE MAILBOX By Our Readers

## Purposes Recalled

### Little Leagues

Editor, Torrance Herald,

Recently two major managers, who were also members of the Board of Directors of Torrance Little League, were relieved as managers of their respective teams because they voiced opinions on the operational policies of the league, to a dictator form of leadership in Torrance Little League Inc.

A survey revealed that this was the only possible reason for their dismissal as their individual qualifications in the management of these youth teams was outstanding, revealed by the fact that their teams placed first and second respectively in league play during the 1957 competitive season. Along with this, one of these men possessed such outstanding ability he was selected to coach the Torrance All Stars, a team that captured the all city championship, going on to district playoffs to lose by a small margin.

Much of this achievement is due to the tireless efforts of this coach.

The reason for publicly airing this matter is not to

mourn the loss of these men, but to call to the attention of the parents of the boys in this franchised area, that it is this committee's opinion that the high standard of little league principles are being destroyed in this organization, for the purpose of personal glory and beneficial gain in future advancement for the leadership of this organization.

We as a committee therefore feel that the newly elected Board of Directors of Torrance Little League Inc. should be advised that the organization they were elected to direct in the coming year stands strictly for the building up in youth, entrusted to their care the qualities of citizenship, sportsmanship and manhood along with educating them physically, mentally, and spiritually and not to bring personal glory upon themselves as a board of directors or any individual adult so elected to lead in the name of Torrance Little League Inc.

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## Harvest Moon



### YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

## Of The Pickled Pig Poem

Dear Readers: The "pig poem" which appeared in this space recently brought a floor of mail—from Green Bay to St. Petersburg and from San Gabriel to Yonkers. After reading at least 50 versions of this poem, many of which were far better than mine, I decided to print one which the contributor swears is the original. No one seems to know who authored this masterpiece, but one thing is certain: it was part of the education of a great many people. Here it is:

As I lay there in the gutter  
And my heart was still a-flutter  
A lady passing by us chanced to say  
"You can tell a man who boozes  
By the company he chooses"—  
And the pig got up and slowly walked away.

Dear Ann: The above poem, which is the original and authentic version, is a shining example of how people rush to the worst possible conclusion and condemn without due consideration. Here is a poor guy who was probably having a heart attack and the passer-by took it for granted that the guy was drunk. That's the people for you!—Old Timer.

Dear "Old Timer": There are more drunks in the gutter than heart victims. Don't be too hard on "people".

Dear Ann: My husband was promoted to a job in a new city. We like it here and it offers a great opportunity for advancement. But the boss' wife won't let us alone. She's the over-bearing, pushy-type—an authority on every subject. Her loud, belting voice drowns out everyone and she chatters constantly. When we were brand new in town I appreciated her help, but she's taken over so completely it's impossible to get out of her clutches. This woman is also overly attentive to my husband. She's always straightening his tie and picking lint off his suit. When I asked him if he noticed this he said "yes" but he hoped I wouldn't "boil over." He explained that in the present economic rat race, one way to get a break is to be on friendly terms with the boss and his family. How shall I handle this?—IN-A-DILEMA

Tell your husband another way to get a break in the "economic rat-race" is to work hard to contribute something to the business and to apply himself to the best of his ability.

Treat the boss' wife as you would any other "over-bearing, pushy woman." If you wouldn't choose her for a friend under ordinary circumstances, don't knock yourself out for business reasons. "Commercial" friendships are at best unsatisfactory, and nobody fools anybody—for long.

Dear Ann: My second cousin is a girl I grew up with. She was always a liar and I guess time hasn't changed her much. This woman is exactly five months older than I am. In fact, we used to be in grammar school together. Yet she told the ladies of our church auxiliary she is 34 when actually she's 4 (born in 1916). I said nothing although I could have shown her up for what she is.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE By Reid Bundy

## Lifelong Autos

Don Perkins of the Safety Scope says any car will last a lifetime if you are careless enough.

Don also says the best place to see a cross section of humanity is in a freeway tie-up at 5 p.m. I gather he means that this particular segment of humanity is REAL cross.

Don was full of 'em this week: He said the biggest problem facing traffic planners today is suburban, urban, and bourbon . . . and that the average person blinks 25 times a minute and scientists say each blink lasts one-fifth of a second. Thus, if he averages 40 miles an hour on a 10-hour motoring trip, he drives 25 miles with his eyes shut. Which answers some of the questions I've had about drivers I meet now and then on the streets of the area.

The first issue of the Sword and Shield (Vol. I, No. 1), South High School student newspaper, made its debut recently and has quickly re-established the fact that high school writers and editors are still on the zany side.

In a series of biographies on teachers at the new school, a 2-column picture of Robert Bonheim, Jayvee baseball and wrestling coach, explained why two other members of the school's physical education department were not pictured.

"Miss (Doris) Avis and Mrs. (Jerry Lee) Brubaker are not visible in this picture due to their use of a new type of vanishing cream," the caption with the picture said.

Another item in the first edition of the Sword and Shield should prove popular:

## REYNOLDS KNIGHT

## Spending Down, but Not Out

Business spending for new plant and equipment is running behind earlier expectations—but it still promises to achieve a new high this year.

Latest estimates are that expenditures of this kind for 1957 will hit around \$37 million. That would be six per cent ahead of the previous record set in 1956, which was a whopping 22.5 per cent ahead of 1955.

\*Capital expenditures by major industries have shown mixed trends over the past two years. For example, outlays in 1957 by public utilities are expected to be about 30 per cent above 1956, and railroads and manufacturing firms will be up an estimated 18 per cent. But trade, service, and construction firms expect to lower their fixed investment spending by eight per cent.

So, while there are trouble spots here and there in the nation's economy—scattered factory layoffs, a slight decline in construction contracts, growing consumer resistance at some retail levels—the general picture as 1957 draws to a close doesn't seem as dark as some of the more bearish economists see it.

FACTORY FLEXIBILITY—Along with such factors as military spending and "built-in stabilizers" there's a lesser known but highly important reason why we have "rolling readjustments" these days, instead of all-out depressions. It is the great flexibility of many of our modern industrial plants.

Things are not the same as in the days when, if a town's old brewery or corset factory shut down, it would just grow ivy for 10 or 20 years while small boys broke its windows. Nowadays, if a well-planned small or medium-size factory can't make on thing, it usually can—and does—convert to something else.

Claiming a major role in this happy development are the gas utilities and the manufacturers of industrial gas equipment. In terms of

energy consumed, the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association points out, industrial gas is about ten times as big a business as it was in 1940, about twice the size it was in 1950. The gas utility men are constantly in touch with developments in equipment for all kinds of plants, and they're often in a position to assist in the shift from one type of production to another. Thus there's less chance of a town's losing its livelihood when demand wanes for the prime product of its major industry.

THINGS TO COME—Now absent-minded traveling men can still be clean-shaven: There's a throw-away razor, complete with brushless cream in the handle, being marketed to sell at 24 cents. To provide added traction for hills or on slippery surfaces, there's an accessory sandpaper kit that can be fitted to the car's chassis ahead of the driving wheels.

A West Coast hospital has a recording machine in the delivery room. It captures the newborn infants' first cries and the platters later are presented free to the parents.

A BETTER 'BRAIN'—Today's giant electronic 'brains' differ markedly from the early computer system sin that they not only compute, but also "memorize" data and "read" and "write" as well.

The early systems handled a limited amount of data, performed a lot of complicated calculation, and came up with a concise answer. "But," explains Walter W. Finke, president of Datamat Corp., "business today has huge amounts of paper work which it wants to feed into a computer quickly and get a lot of answers as fast as possible. Involved is only a minimum amount of computation. That is why we now need balanced systems that can handle a tremendous amount of data quickly."

Datamat has just delivered a system to Michigan Hospital service, where it

will watch over the personal statistics of 3.5 million subscribers, processing an average of 25,000 record changes a day in less than two hours. Another user, Los Angeles County, estimates that the new type "brains" ability to locate, use and return information to magnetic tape files as fast as its high-speed internal section can accept and process the data, will save the county a half-million dollars annually over and above the cost of the \$2.5 million system.

LO, THE POOR TAXPAYER—While Congress hints at the possibility of federal tax cuts next year, state legislatures continue to pile it on. Most legislatures meet in odd-numbered years, and 20 of them this year voted tax hikes of one form or another.

Montana and Kansas each made the biggest number of major tax raises, both boosting levies on individual and corporate income and on cigarettes. In addition, Montana raised its liquor tax. Colorado, Idaho and Oregon raised both individual and corporate income taxes. South Dakota corporate income and gasoline. Other states discovered additional revenues in either cigarette, liquor or gasoline taxes.

BITS O' BUSINESS—Life insurance companies invested \$4 billion of new money in the first nine months of 1957, according to the American Life Convention. . . Satellites, complete with launchers, range finders and radar tracking mechanism will be on the toy counters at Christmas. They're already in mail-order house catalogs, which went to press month before the Soviet "sputnik" took to its orbit. . . American manufacturers foresee a growth in luxury-car sales to 3,000,000 units next year, and the British makers are not overlooking the lush prospects. Rolls-Royce, for example, expects to peddle quite a few of its new \$12,800 Silver Clouds on this side of the water.

### THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

## Send Those Autos to Moon

The automobile's a great invention and has made it possible for Americans to buzz around wherever they want to go in a fraction of the time it used to take with the old horse and buggy. It has enabled the rise of great cities like Los Angeles.

Now, however, the same machine is threatening to lead to a break-down, simply because there's too many of the herd things.

Anybody who has ever

tried to get somewhere in a hurry on the freeway at 5 o'clock can vouch for that. There are so many people all going somewhere in a hurry that nobody gets anywhere. Who needs 300 horsepower on Los Angeles' crowded streets?

People from Torrance are scared to try to go downtown Los Angeles, Pasadena, or Long Beach, because of the traffic mess they'll get into en route and the fact that they probably won't be able to find a place to park when they get there.

The traffic situation, to say the least, is a mess. As fast as freeways are built, they're overloaded and new freeways have to go on the drawing boards.

Lots of people would be willing to take a bus, if they didn't find themselves in the position of the man in the joke who couldn't get to where he wanted to go from where he was, but had to start from somewhere else.

This is true even in Torrance, where a trip from Waverly to Seaside Ranchos—a distance of three miles—requires about a 12-mile ride on the bus. To get to some parts of the Los Angeles area is well-nigh impossible or maddeningly time-consuming.

Therefore, people either drive their cars or stay at home.

Although the so-called experts have been talking for years about setting up a rapid transit system, nobody has been able to set up a workable plan. As time passes, the problem gets bigger and so does the amount of money needed to solve it.

One of the best alternatives suggested is the use of a huge fleet of buses taking workers downtown, with cars parked at giant suburban parking lots, instead of choking crowded downtown centers.

Of course, buses now have a bad reputation because of the whole situation, which often requires three or four transfers—and hours—to get from one place to another. The whole thing is complicated by the existence of a number of municipal and privately owned buses, each with its own route and area to cover.

Monorails have been suggested as an answer to the problem, but would appear to be too expensive. They also present the problem, "Where would you put them?"

Wonder if anyone ever has looked into the idea of putting underground suburban trains under the freeways as they are built? It wouldn't be too much trouble then, although it probably would be well-nigh impossible once they are completed.

Mass use of helicopters doesn't seem to be the answer either. Think of the tangle of air-borne vehicles in the skies.

Maybe the answer is to work hard on the earth satellite and send a bunch of people and their cars to the moon.

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### STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

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A strong Civil Defense helps make the enemy think twice!