

# EDITORIALS

## Printing Week

The week of Jan. 12 to 18 is being celebrated in Southern California and throughout the nation as Printing Week.

The HERALD joins in the well-deserved salute to the 28,000 men and women of the graphic arts industry in this area whose alert spirit and enterprise have made Greater Los Angeles the third largest printing center in the nation.

Printing week is observed each year to honor the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, born Jan. 17, 1706. In addition to his stature as one of America's great patriot-statesmen, he is recognized as the father of printing in North America. The 1958 observance also marks the 402nd anniversary of the invention of printing.

Johann Gutenberg invented his movable type in Mainz, Germany, in 1456 and paved the way for the eventual birth and development of modern communications.

Printing is the one medium that enters every profession and human endeavor. During the past five centuries it has given a lasting impression to all of man's thoughts, discoveries, and beliefs. Modern civilization would be jolted to a grinding halt if we were suddenly without printing, so much is it a part of our everyday life.

With printing ranged fifth in industrial importance in the nation, a salute to the craftsmen whose technical skills made such an industry possible is well deserved.

## The Court Returns

Torrance has its own court again after an absence of such facilities for more than six years. The establishment of a branch court here to serve the largest segment of the South Bay Municipal Court District is the climax to a struggle that has been waged for the past two years by this newspaper, city officials, civic leaders, and citizens who cried out against the inconvience of the Redondo Beach facilities.

Much of the credit for the establishment of Torrance's branch court, which will be housed in the old city hall until a new courthouse can be completed on the civic center, must go to Supervisor Burton W. Chace, who pressed for approval of the facility with his colleagues on the county board, and to Attorney Boris S. Woolley, who gathered the facts and figures necessary to demonstrate amply that such a move would be in the public interest.

The HERALD welcomes the return of a court to Torrance, the return of Judge A. Shidler to the bench in the city where he started as a jurist in 1941.

### LAW IN ACTION

## Judges' Instructions

Jurors at a trial apply the law to the evidence as the judge "instructs" them to.

But where does the judge get his instructions? They come from our constitutions, statutes, and the views of other judges and scholars.

And at the trial, lawyers on both sides hand the judge the instructions they would like him to give to the jury. After thinking them over, the judge may take the proposed instructions of one side or of the other, or he may prepare and give his own.

Under the law now, the lawyers, to help them present their case to the jury and make the best use of court time, may have the judge tell them what instructions he plans to give.

Of course, trials may not go as planned. Unexpected things happen, and the lawyers may think the judge should give the jury new instructions. And the judge after thinking over their proposals may do so, even on issues arising during the arguments before the jury.

Much the same holds in criminal cases, except that the lawyers need not hand in their proposed instructions until the first witness appears. And the judge may inform the lawyers what his instructions will be at any time before they sum up their cases.

Of course, the judge does

not instruct the jury until just before he sends them out to bring in their verdict. Otherwise any change in view of new facts, for instance, could confuse the jurors.

But by knowing how the judge proposes to instruct the jury, the lawyers on both sides in their arguments can stick more easily to the main questions of fact and thus help the jury to decide them.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

### THE FREELANCER by Tom Rische

## Where are the Naked Women?

There should be lots of naked women running around, if men could believe all of the gals who declare in a voice of doom, "I simply haven't got a thing to wear."

The truth of the matter usually is that milady really means she hasn't had a new dress since last month and that she's already worn that once.

Since my good frau's birthday came recently, I decided to play it real smart—so I thought, I bought her a skirt—one of the variety that has every color of the rainbow in it. A skirt like that, I figured, would go with anything and

## Trampolin



YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

## Triple Threat to Happiness

Dear Ann: I'm getting tired of reading letters in your column about "frigid wives." You place the blame on the "upbringing" and make a very good case for the men. Has it ever occurred to you that maybe the husband is to blame?

I don't know how to say this without sounding bold. You can change the words if you like, but please leave the thoughts alone.

I know absolutely nothing about sex when I married, and neither did my husband. We were a couple of green kids. In the past 27 years he hasn't learned ONE thing. He puts everything on a "health" and "duty" basis and has the idea that a wife should be available at all times or expect her husband to go elsewhere. Is it any wonder marriage has become disgusting to me?

If a woman is frigid maybe the husband ought to ask himself when was the last time he showed any real affection or tenderness? Why not print the other side for a change? I CAN'T be the only

woman in the world with this problem.—Mrs. H.M.S.

There's a great deal of truth in what you say and I'm happy to print your side. A lack of understanding on the part of a husband has wrecked as many marriages as "frozen wives" who've been taught that sex is something "to be put up with."

One of the causes for "incompatibility" is that premature expectations are based on adolescent ideas and fantasy. Newlyweds expect too much too soon. They don't realize that a marriage license is not a contract that their love-life will be perfect. It's merely a "learner's permit."

Most men enter marriage with more knowledge and experience than their brides. But when both are inexperienced, a frank talk with a doctor could prevent disaster. Ignorance, fear and shyness are the triple-threats to a healthy physical relationship. Recommended reading for all couples considering marriage is the Book of Genesis (Chapter 2:25)—"man

and his wife were together, and they were not ashamed."

Dear Ann: Will you please help me with a problem that may look like a joke, but it's not funny at all.

I am divorced. Whenever I send my bundle to the laundry, everything is returned with my ex-husband's initials. Even the new things are marked in this way for "identification." I hate to see my recently purchased sheets and pillow-slips marked with initials that are no longer mine. Do you have a solution? Thank you.—Tagged.

There's no solution—strong enough to take out the indelible ink used by laundries to mark clothes, but there IS a solution to your problem.

Switch to a laundry that uses the pin-tag labeling method or one of the newer techniques.

Dear Ann: My 16-year-old daughter has two girl friends who have always been welcome to our home. They live on the other side of town and spend the night with us often.

The other evening the three girls went to a ball game. One of the girls was asked by a boy if he could drive her home. I had no objection to this. However, I didn't like it when she sat in front of the house for 20 minutes. When I asked her to come in she became angry. She sat there 20 minutes more. Then I insisted. She stamped into the house, picked up her belongings and went home.

She said I was mean and that the reason she didn't come in right away was because the boy had fallen asleep. My daughter is very upset with me and said I had no business being so bossy since the girl was not doing anything wrong, and that I am not her mother. What is my opinion? —Mrs. Bellucose.

You were NOT wrong... nor do I think you should hang the label "Bellucose" on yourself. When your daughter's friends stay at your home you are responsible for them, and have the right to expect them to obey you. Any girl who would sit in a car with a boy and watch him sleep is stupid. I suggest this young lady stay at home until she brightens up.

(Ann Landers will be happy to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of The HERALD and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

# Comic Books Outsell School Textbooks, Educator Reports

By TOM RISCHIE Herald Staff Writer News item: "Dr. Roy B. Simpson, state superintendent of public instruction, says Americans spend more money on comic books than on textbooks used in elementary and high schools."

For the Torrance resident, that would be the understatement of the year. It's hard to imagine what the average comic book budget of the average home would be, but if each home bought only two dime comic books a week, the year's total would be \$10.40. Many homes, of course, buy none at all, while some buy many more.

In contrast, the average home in Torrance contributes \$1.80 per year to support of the city's libraries and \$2 during the same period to increasing the school district's libraries. An undetermined amount goes to the state to come back to Torrance in the form of textbooks.

During the period of its rapid growth the city of Torrance has had to concentrate on adding police and fire protection, streets, sewers, and other necessities for its new citizens. Recently, it has become more interested in its parks and recreation.

At the present time, it is getting around to one of the last, but certainly not least, items of civic expense—its libraries.

The Torrance City Council Tuesday night will get a report showing that local libraries are lowest in Los Angeles County in number of books per capita and next to lowest in tax rates supporting its libraries.

This is a disgrace, to say the least.

Residents of the Riviera have referred, with justification, to the "Lilliputian libraries" which serve Torrance. Torrance's libraries have done a good job with what they had, but what they had wasn't much.

The newest branch libraries built in other cities in this area range from 3000 to 8000 square feet in size. Torrance's main library has about 4000 square feet, while its branch libraries are about 1400 and 900 square feet respectively. The plain fact is that, through the County Library affiliation, there are thousands more books available here than there is room for.

To be sure, these books can be ordered through the County Library, but they could be readily available at once to anyone who chose to use them. They simply are not because there is no place to put them.

In an age when Sputniks have brought our educational facilities into the forefront and when more adults are going to school than ever before, a library is certainly an important part of any community.

Books are an important tool in this fast-paced age, both for the use of adults and for the training of children. There are many residents of Torrance who go elsewhere to get their books, simply because of the lack of books at the local libraries. They shouldn't have to.

Books are one of the cheap forms of entertainment for those who are so inclined, as well as a ready source of aid for the man who wants to

better himself in his job, the householder who wants to do it himself, or the person who is just curious.

The city council has been discussing the library problem for some time, but to date has done nothing concrete about expanding the woefully inadequate facilities.

The Torrance Library Board made a good start the other night when it recommended a branch library for south Torrance of some 3000 square feet and made plans to study a master plan of libraries for the city.

Libraries, of course, cost money and that's a dirty word among taxpayers at the present time.

The fact remains that Torrance, the All-America city, ranks a rather dismal last in its library facilities. It is last because it has been considered the least important item on the city budget.

Now that a good many other civic necessities have been taken care of, it's time to take a good look at the library situation in Torrance.

If knowledge is power, then Torrance is pretty weak. It would probably be a safe estimate that there are at least 30 to 40 times as many comic books as library books in circulation here during a year.

Part of the comic book readers wouldn't read books if they were available. Many of them might.

It's something that could bear considerable study—and action. Torrance residents would do well to attend the city council meeting Tuesday and to make their wishes known.

### THE SQUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

## Meet 'King of the Whips'

Ripley's "Believe It or Not" and Elsie Hix' "Strange As It Seems" have characterized 55-year-old Pete Hox as one of the world's greatest whip artists, and Pete demonstrated his skill for us this week in an impromptu show at the Deep Sands Cafe 1/4 23219 Arlingtone Ave.

Pete picked up his six-foot whip and snapped off the end of a cigaret in his mouth—the tip of his leather whip traveling at a good speed calculated to be in excess of 100 miles per hour.

With his wife, Ruth, as an assistant, Pete severed a six-inch tube of paper held between his teeth and Ruth's

He held a slip of paper behind him and cracked the whip through his legs to snap off the end of the paper—he performed a score of breathtaking feats which leaves the viewer a little awed.

One slip or an error in judgement of one-half on an inch could mean a severe injury to his face or the face of his brave wife.

Talking to Pete later, we found that he's no oldtime stage driver or cattleman who used a whip all his life.

He became interested a little over 10 years ago and has won fame as "King of the Whips" in the past decade. Prior to 1946, he didn't have a whip in his hand, he will tell you.

Some of the toughest tricks of the business were mas-

tered by Pete the first three weeks after he tried out his skill.

Since that time he has appeared on Art Baker's "You Asked For It" TV show, was an early guest on the pioneer "We the People" show, and has appeared before a large number of the nation's lodges, service clubs, and veterans groups. In fact, Pete says, he has performed in every veterans hospital in the nation, and a large number of them in Canada.

TV appearances total 158 and radio appearances total 1156, he reports.

Pete's story is not the usual story of an artist who achieves skill in some profession. Pete is blind!

And Pete was blind before he ever touched a whip—all his skill and split-second timing have been perfected since he lost his sight.

A brickmason working in St. Louis in 1944, Pete was injured in an accident and became totally blind.

"I set out to show the world that handicaps can be overcome if you first overcome the handicap of fear within you," Pete told me.

A later accident in which he broke his right arm—the whip arm—at the elbow, gave him a scare. Doctors told him he would never be able to use the whip again.

After wearing the coat for about a week, he took a pair of pliers, chipped it away and tried the whip.

"Worked pretty good, so I just left the cast off," he explained. He never went back to the doctor.

He's not through yet. Right now he's looking for a way to make a horseback trip around the United States.

"No one's ever done it before without sight," Pete explains.

Pete will repeat his trickery at the Deep Sands next Saturday night between 8 and 9 p.m.

And he'll probably repeat his favorite story about the time in Milwaukee when he stopped at a downtown street corner for someone to assist him across.

While waiting, he felt a firm grip on his arm and away they went—which set up the "awfullest howl of honking horns and cussin' you ever heard."

With luck he and his companion made it to the sidewalk on the other side and Pete asked him what all of the commotion was.

"I dunno, I'm blind," his companion replied.

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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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and I Quote "The average household consists of a husband who makes the money, and a wife and kids who make it necessary." —Carl Ellstam.

"Conscience is that still, small voice that tells you what other people should do." —Arnold Glasgow.

"Even if you can't read a girl like a book, it's nice to thumb the pages." —Henry Morgan.

### ON YOUR GUARD

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