# EDITORIALS

## Battling a Jinx

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Seems an overpowering force.

But with the help of others, miracles can sometimes de prought.

Such is the hope of the Offutt family of Torrance whose modest home was destroyed here Wednesday night chile the family was attending a meeting of the Torance Moose Lodge.

The Offatts have been Torrance residents since the first of this year seeking a new start here after a series of events which made their former Milwaukee, Wis, home seem to them like the granddaddy of all jinxes. Or maybe it was just that Id'l Abner's friend Joe Phifft

Anyway, after the father of the family was thrown out of work as an expediter, the mother had lost her partitime job, and one of the couple's daughters was stricken with a costly and serious tilness, the Offult family decided to come to California and start all over

Work wasn't easy to find even for an experienced for General Respital in the maintenance of succeeding they had made a down payment and were buying

The children were happy, meeting and playing with new friends, and looking forward to the first days of school here again next week.

Father had seeded some costly dental work to qualify for a permanent civil service appointment. The couple had worked out details for financing this added expense

Things were looking up—until they had returned home from a happy evening Wednesday at the Moose

They found their home in ruins-destroyed by flasoes that had devoured the family's possessions.

The Offuits may have felt-by this time-that they were destined to be crushed by the jink that seemed to follow their every move. It would be a natural

But friends of the family do not share in such a

Members of the Moose Lodge have volunteered to

provide the labor necessary to rebuild the family's home. Other friends of the family have started a campaign to collect the building material needed for the rebuilding-and still others are busy contacting friends and area residents for furniture, bedding, and the things it takes to make a home.

Maybe the Officit family feels it should give up-but others, many others, do not; and through the efforts of those others, we believe the jinx is facing a mortal

Those who wish to join this battle may contact any member of the Torrance Moose Lodge. They'll take

# Shades of Proposition 4

The proponents of the much publicized Proposition 4 may shortly be able to say "I told you so."

Recent developments in the Long Beach-Wilmington oil field subsidence problem had the United States goverment filing suit to compel the State of California and 121 oil producers to do at the Wilmington oil field what Proposition 4 would have required. The government's concern stems from the damage already done to the Navy shipyard and other federal properties in the area.

Proposition 4, if you will recall, was turned into a holy war of propagands with the successful opponents succeeding in making the public believe it was a dastardly move on the part of the big oil companies to force the little boys out of business. And some of the "little boys" weren't so little in their own right.

Here is an example of what propaganda can do in molding the minds of voters. People who otherwise never bother to give a thought to much more serious interests, readily were persuaded to pin stickers on their cars and jump on the band wagou smear against big business.

The people of the State of California will succeed in costing the oil companies some money, but they have aiready laid the ground work for a successful suit by the government that will force the taxpeyers to pay for something that might have been taken care of through Proposition 4

Two beneficial results can come from this unhappy situation. It will rehindle the interest of the people of the sinking area in the seriousness of their problem. It abould serve as a lesson to the voters in prompting them to use their heads in evaluating the many important propositions to appear on the general election ballot next

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Shucks-Hoop Spinning's Old Stuff

# Clearing Out the Mailbag

itself a cause of high bleed pressure?—F.G. Answer—No. Blood pres-sure varies appreciably in all of us, depending upon the amount of activity or sa-citement. It is lower when the amount of activity or ex-citement. It is lower when we are relaxed and higher shots under enactional or physical stress. If blood pres-sure is high, nervousness may make it a little higher

Q.—Does swinoming couse month?—TP. A.—Ves. In fact, many of

the most severe attacks of sinustia follow swimming. Water forced into the nose can drive a lower-nose in-fection up rate the sinuses. Also, there is the possibility

LAW IN ACTION

# The Supreme Court

justice of the U.S. Supreme Court when one retires, re-signs, or dies. As a rule the Senate confirms this appointment; but if not, the President sends in another name.

Where do the justices come from? Some from private law offices, others from government -- Congressman, governors of colinet members.

Custom calls men to the Sogrome Court from all three branches of government — lawmakers, administrators, or judges from lower courts.

And odds are at any one time there will be justices from each part of the country — New England, the Middle Atlantic the Sourz, the Midwest, and the West. For the Supreme Court de-cides questions of wide public

र्देश र्वत की New justices take an oath to support and defend the Constitution as well as to 'ad-minister justice without re-

spect to persons;" and to do "count right to the poor and to the rich."

Since we need honest and fearless justices we give them protection from many pres-mres: Lawmakers may not cat their salary, and they held office during "good behavior," which means until they retire or die.

The Constitution protects the salary and tenure of justices because we want the judicial branch to be independent - and to call the shots as they see them with-out fear or favoritisms.

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Because of this, we seek Supreme Court justices who will take brave stands, perhaps against a hostile public opinion. We want them equal-ly free to dissent from the majority views, and even in time to overrule themselves and adopt a minority opinion.

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

ONLY YESTERDAY



nervenness but as of itself it doesn't should never go swimming high based cause the condition. when he has a cold because when he has a cold because infection can be forced up into the sinuses.

Q.—What are the most important causes of headache? R. W.
A.—By far the greatest number of headaches is caused by nervous tension. Next in frequency are those caused by infectious diseases—tousillitis, measles, and so forth; shaus infections; poliomyelitis and meningitis, myelitis and meningtis, among others Another category includes headschee caused by blood vessel changes such as those occuring in migraine, high blood pressure and kidney trouble. Then there are those caused by eye strain, brain tumors and head higher. and head injury.

Q.—If a child gots infan-

the eczena and receivers from it, will it show up fater in some other forest—K.M. A—It may and it snay not. The primary leasen of the allergic reaction is the hive. If this hive occurs on the skin, it can be either hives or eczena it it accords. hives or eczema. If it occurs in the nose or throat it then becomes hay fever. Whou the hive occurs in the bron-chial tubes it becomes asthchial tubes it becomes as the ma: in the stomach or intestines it becomes gastronates in the control of the con ever, it must be remembered that eccenia is a warning. A child who has had it should be protected as ratch as possible from future exposures. to potestial allergy-producing

The spectral of a problem service by the specthwest Brunch of the Los Angeles County Westerd America Backmanud Ame. 1, 1914

# Corrance Herald

## Where Did the End Begin? The editor of a Midwestern weekly disputes all of these

In the patois of the press, 30 is the end.

But where the tight little symbol come from is not only clouded in mystery; its origin is downright controversial.

Half the newsmen in America tag their stories with 30. But you could put the names of those who know its origin in a hat.

And from each there'd be a different axplanation-ans an argument to back it, ac-cording to producers of a new morte, sutified simply ".30-", which will be released by Warner Bros.

No newspaper term is per-haps as well known to the public as 30.

Along press row, some of the more popular versions of the birth of 30 ga like this: this will previous bearing that Wil operation, back to the bicycle days of Morse costs.

The old WU operator's name was "TH-U-R-T-Y". As he clicked off his daily file. of stories. Thurty would sign each one: THURTY. The signoff became a byword along the Morse line. Other teleg-raphers picked it up and made it "Fairty". Then, at last, 30.

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Then there's the yarn told in the composing room of a Chicago daily by a gruzzled printer with hands like mor-

He remembers bearing that 30 criginated during the pre-typewriter era of journal-ten. In those days, all news copy was written in languand by reporters. To indicate clearly the end of their stories, they adapted a numerical symbol. Which, as legend has it, was 30.

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But why was the symbol 30, and not 40 er 50.7 A beading writer on the rim of a Philadelphia paper has one answer. He claims that -30- came

from the fact that 30 words was just the right fit in a saick of type in the days stick of type—in the days when newspaper body type was also set by hand.

stories. His claim is that -30began with a redumnist, who saw to it that each of his columns contained thirty items. And when this was done, he simply ended it with 30, which gave notice to the composing rom that that was the end of the piece.

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Finally, in upstate New York a cub reporter has this contribution. He maintains that the end mark in the early days of newspapering was ". The mark is still nord widely However, when trecordings came along retypowriters came along, re-porters found that it was quicker to bit the "#" bey without going to apper came. What came out was "3". To tie it up more really, they just added a "0". And 50-

of all the 30 marks used by the nation's newtmen were tast end to end they'd probably circle the earth. But where did the thing really begin? "You pays your money and takes your choice."

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Are you average?

If you were last Friday and
Saturday when both the immidity and the temperature
morred you came home from
work, listlessly unbuttoned
your saint collar at the door,
and thought of how and
where you could get least uncounfortable.

Your wife, equally listless.

Your wife, equally listless, met you at the door and sug-gested that instead of her were average, a survey of the Turrace restaurents inficate you talked her out of it. Ros-taurant business. tourant business was off those

At the restraint, you are dered sandwickes and your wife ordered a fruit salad. (Restaurant surveys showed decline in the sale of dinners. increase in sandwiches and salads, a slight drop in the number of sales and a large drope in the sale per cus-tomer).

in spite of the heat, both of you ordered coifee (Tor-rance waitresses said that coffee sales remained steady)

Both of you finished your wondered what type if des-sert would be best to top it off. You both ordered ice

You returned home, undut-toned your tie, and entered your living room still wonder-ing how you could get more comfortable.

"Our customers were too-listless to even wisecrack about the temperature," one waitress commented. I shelp to even here that old saw. It aim't the temperature, it's the

the state of

IA A S. Thompson of the Touriste Police Department received a large dose of faith restarer that funder as so received to the femile of the restore that the station sharing the quiet haliday week

end.

It started out with Mrs.
Lois Barman of west Tor-rance who brought an expen-sive Polaroid Land Camera to the station and reported that her son had found it near the Riviera Beach Club earlier in the day. She turned it over to the police for an effort to de-terasize its owner.

A relative few minutes later, young Larry Youngura of Leng Beach came into the station with a small leather computes containing \$5.32 in silves—and no identification

silves—and no identification of its owner.

Yenamura said he found it mear 235th St. and Western Ave. laying near the roadway, and had tried to turn it in at a whole was a said to turn it in at a sa a nearby drug store. When he found the store closed, he made his way clear out to the police station to start it en its way back to the

in both cases, Lt. Thompson commented, the finder could have kept the found artiche and no one probably would have been the wiser.

Their actions, however, sort of restore your faith in our neighbors, he said.

# From The Mailbox

Burandis Leves
Editor, Turrance Herald:

The Localia Junior Committee of Committee gave a benefit dance two weeks ago on Wichaeday which was broken up by a gang of 18 to 20 year cala. A brick or other object was thrown through a stadistical, injuring two years gave to carr and property and gameral bedian is reported to have resulted Apparently, no charges of any kind were preferred although some of them were held overlight by the police. Such an occurrance apparently.

Such at occurrance apparently comes from a feeling of social inferiority and jealous that others are having a good It is impossible for many

people to understand why it is necessary to have four people in uniform to police a dance and still have it crupt into assessing like this.

Does this indicate a need for a revision of our juvenile

laws:

It should be sinted that
other incidents of this nature
have harpened. We one exact
pressure on our public off-

my Naighborn



My family, friends, and Y listened and enjoyed a receni Bund Concert that was held at the Terrance Band Shell, Sunday Aug. 17.

Under the supervision of Six Davidson Torrance Rec-regional music director and his young assistant, Bob Salisbury, just a few youngsters, around 75, participated in a Band Concert and showed a most calightening display of suspical ability.

These lads and lasses showed a real sest for playing. Not only, did they learn, but their director helped show their how to have fun with their rausic.

ht's reaber nice to live in a city that has such a fine recreational department, and allows its children and grown-age to enjoy and make use of various types of recreational programs and

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