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THOUGHT FOR TODAY - When a housewife takes a purseful of money to the store and returns with a market basket of groceries, that's normal; but when she takes a market basket full of money to the store and returns with a purseful of groceries, that's inflation! -President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Annual Headache

That annual headache, the city budget, is the center of discussions these late spring days around the city hall, and as is usually the case, it is going to be a tight squeeze to get the expenditures trimmed to the point to where they can be paid for out of current income.

Unike the federal boys who go now and pay later, the city manager is required by law to present a balanced budget.

Several phases of the current budget discussion have all the earmarks of splitting the council on the city's policy: new personnel, salary adjustments, bus service, rubbish pickup, and others.

Many of these problems have been faced - and deferred - in years past and as one councilman said at a recent meeting, "The city is at the crossroads.

The statement offered by many of the councilmen that "We can't afford that this year," is, we think, a weak answer to some of the city's problems.

We have to afford some of the costs it takes to operate a city of 20-plus square miles and 100,000 residents.

Salaries must be reasonably aligned to those prevailing in the area, the ranges between salary scales must be realistic, and the services demanded by the citizens must be provided and paid for.

The city council can no longer defer many of the items being presented to it by its city manager. George Stevens, who is charged with operating the city under the council's policy, must provide the personnel to staff the city departments.

Stevens says the city needs 25 additional men if it is to perform the minimum functions during the coming year. Inasmuch as he has a reputation throughout the West as being an outstanding city administrator, we'll take his word for it that the city will suffer if he council gives him less.

Evidence of the situations which develop in undermanned, inadequately supervised departments of the city has been much in the news recently. Salaries of city workers must be fair and the range

between entering employes and top supervisors must be maintained. To spend \$40,000 or so to correct distortions which have been permitted to creep into the system through flat money raises in past years is a necessity, not a luxury.

The HERALD believes the city manager is speaking with a knowledge of the situation when he says these matters must be contained in the 1959-60 city budget.

There is a lot of fat that can be trimmed from most budgets, but we believe they taxpayers of Torrance will pay willingly for those items which the city manager says are absolutely necessary.

Opinions of Others

An educator says it's better to know a lot about a few things than a little bit about most everything. Perhaps he wants quality of learning instead of quantity . . . and maybe the smart-alecky attitude of some of our delinquents could be channeled into a more constructive pathway if they knew a little less and learned a little more. Judge O. J. Anderson says with the rise in delinquency we need a little more sternness some place-maybe in the home.-Buffalo (Minn.) Journal Press.

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We long for the carefree happy days when all a little businessman had to do was to look after his business. He didn't have a payroll tax, a sales tax, a social security or withholding tax to complicate the problem of doing busi-Nowadays in addition to the problem of conducting the business, one has to keep a set of books that takes a good share of the spare time . . ."-Ruleville (Miss.) Record

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RAMBLINGS by Ronnie Sounders

The Summers of My Youth

For so many years summer began for me not by calendar designation but on the day school ended. All the sum-mers I have ever known were like one another in some ways — the carefree colorful full-skirted dresses the wom-songs on portable radios that ing suit, soft winds blowing my hair by day, and year-ings to walk on solitary city streets or down unlighted stars at night. But in other ways each muthan a star-stars at night. But in other ways each

The highspot of the va-cation for me was the day someone took us to town and But in other ways each summer was different. There were thos first summers I remember of my early school years when it was always too hot to remain in New York and summer meant going to I saw Judy Garland play the role of Dorothy in the film "The Wizard of Oz." When daddy joined us for Labor Day week end it was chiller and we sat on the screened porch with its yellow light to chase the bugs at night lis. and summer meant going to During the depression years mother would select second-rate boarding houses in the mosquito-ridden vil-lages of New Jersey and sum-

the country.

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mer would mean sitting on wooden-railed porches with

other city-evacuees listening to the adults talk, tramping down dusty roads beneath the trees, and sometimes get-

ting a ride to a swimming hole which could never be

reached on foot. One year, when there must have been a little more money, the "lodge" we stayed at had a

casino, and when Daddy would 'come up week ends there would be sounds of music from that building

chase the bugs at night lis-tening to a radio. It was 1939 and the news from Europe was frightening. The com-mentators kept saying the "cold war," and I new a ter-rible thing was hannening rible thing was happening far away.

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I spent the next two summers at home in New York City — for the first time in may life. By then I had two friends, and the three of us took a "season locker" at Oriental Beach. There was a big skating rink right on the ocean and a big bandshell and seats near-by. When we weren't swim-ming we used to sit or skate

a dusiness school, where I took a course in typing which I thought might come in handy in college. Just before the summer ended mother and daddy took me to a hotel for a week at Long Beach, L.I. Most of the Waitars there college here waiters were college boys, and they told me what college

would be like, and I began to entertain daydreams of dat-ing boys like them when that magic college world would become mine.

1. 12 There has never been a full "summer's vacation" in the sense I knew it in those years since. During the war years, college was a year-round proposition; and when I got my degree two-and-one half years later and entered the adult world, summer had be-come a time when one went on with one's ordinary occu-pations, only the days were softer, and one could burst out in colorful carefree dress-

In Years Gone By

THE SOUIRREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

Obituaries on the Billboard

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Hodge's students, sat down and made out a "Progress Report" for the teacher. It

went like this:

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In most robberies the criminal merely stops his vic-

tim and takes his money and

tim and takes his money and jewelry. But he may well be-come guilty of kidnaping by moving him. One robber ri-fled the cash drawer while his confederate pushed a store-keeper into the back, room.

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Both were guilty of kiding-ing. Besides risking death or prison, a kidnaper also can be held liable civilly and made to pay damages for false imprisonment or assault and better

and battery.

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Columnist J. Q. Jewett with he Poseyville, Ind., News, robably scored a few points ith his boss recently with he following item, which we reby steal in its entirety: A merchant and an editor ere discussing the value of illboard advertising. The school was dismissed for the summer last Friday. the Poseyville, Ind., News, probably scored a few points with his boss recently with the following item, which we hereby steal in its entirety: were discussing the value of billboard advertising. The merchant contended more people read the billboard people read the billboard than the newspaper. The next week, the merchant came tearing into the newspaper office wanting to know why the obituary of his wife's mother was not in the paper. "Well," said the editor, "I knew you wanted the obitu-ary read by the people, so I nailed it up on your billnailed it up on your billboard.' * * *

Three recent letters to the Herald were given a scenic tour of the country before being delivered to us here. being delivered to us here One was from Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, one from the California Public Utilities Commission, and the third from the C. J. RaRoche and ARITHMETIC. Knows all she Co., Inc., of Hollywood, all mailed in Los Angeles. They were missent to New LANGUAGE. Knows all the nouns, verbs and other things she teaches us. York City, according to a rub stamp notation on the covers.

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All year long, teachers of the city have been filling out the report cards of their students, telling about the prog-

LAW IN ACTION

Degrees of Crime be guilty of "conspiracy." It

Our law defines as well as is also a crime to try to get another person to kidnap some-one. sets up degrees of some

crimes. Thus the court may punish 'simple kidnaping" by 25 years in prison; "aggravated kidnaping" for money by "life" in prison with a chance for parole; and "aggravated kidnaping plus bodily harm" by death, or by prison for life with no chance for parole.

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Kidnaping may mean tak-ing a person to a hideaway for a ransom; but forcible movement, not the distance moved, is the defining idea in kidnaping. And force also includes threats of force.

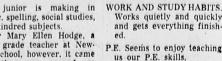
In one case a man started to rob an apartment, tied a woman and made her walk about searching for money He then assaulted and rob bed her.

The court called this "ag-gravated kidnaping" with "bodily harm" and sentenced him to death.

* * * What is "aggravated" Rid-Maping with bodily harm? In various cases, juries, who now decide the penalties, have found aggravated kidnaping where a person has burned the victim's hands, struck him, or stuffed him into an overheated closet fo: an hour as well as moved him.

Juries have found Ridnaps ing where the criminal mere-ly moved the victim about in ly moved the victim about in her own home. In another case he moved the victim only 22 feet from one parked car to his care

If two or more people agree to kidnap someone, they may



us our P.E. skills. GROUP RELATIONS AND ATTITUDES. Has many friends, and gets more every day. Has a sense of humor and is a very cheer-ful companion.

COMMENTS: Miss Hodge is

an A+ teacher. * * *

READING An excellent reader. Reads to the class every day and seems to do it without stumbling. Then there's Mark Maddy, a fifth grader at Crenshaw Elementary School, who took up the subject of teachers in it SOCIAL STUDIES. Writes questions and assignments with great skill. Always is on time and she does excel-

a recent issue of the "Satel-lite Express." student newspaper. Writing under the title "My Opinion of School Teacher," Mark said: SPELLING. She is always the "I sure am thankful

for when I was a nobody, just a peepsqueak who got in the big school kids way! When I entered school in the first grade. I felt like shrinking to a mouse, but my pumped me up and teacher jacked me up, and made me feel important. All five of my teach-ers did this.

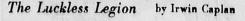
MUSIC. Sing beautifully. Knows many songs and par-ticipates without hesitation. * * * "My opinion is that school teachers made the United States what it is! Who taught ART. Draws very nicely. Has taught different ways of

George Washington? Who taught the whole govern-government how to read and write and do their own in-dependent thinking? Who taught the great scientists who make life easier every day? The school teachers! The school teachers taught practically the whole United States. Even Abe Lincoln had schooling so he could teach himself.

"If it weren't for school teachers,-I wouldn't be able to write this page. Every-where you look in the slight-est way, has something to do with school teachers. So all I can say is, 'I sure am thank-ful for schools teachers'."

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And sixth grader Tom Peterson at the Crenshaw school is asking for trouble when he says women talk the least in February. It has the fewest days, Tom explains.





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