

Your Right to Know
Is the Key to All Your Liberties
EDITORIALS

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY—There is one day that is ours. There is one day when all we Americans who are not self-made go back to the old home to eat saleratus biscuits and marvel how much nearer to the porch the old pump looks than it used to . . . Thanksgiving Day . . . is the one day that is purely American.—"O. Henry," William Sydney Porter (1862-1910), in "Two Thanksgiving Day Gentlemen."

On Thanksgiving

Those among us who count our blessings in terms of creature comfort have much to be thankful for on this annual Day of Thanksgiving.

We have fine homes, powerful automobiles, tables laden with rich foods, and a personal freedom to enjoy such of these pleasures as might appeal to us.

But a Day of Thanksgiving, as envisioned by Plymouth's Gov. William Bradford back in 1622, goes far beyond the mouthing of thanks for material benefits and a bountiful economy.

We would much rather think that a deeper emotion moved Governor Bradford to proclaim that "ye shall gather with one accord, and hold in the month of November, thanksgiving unto the Lord."

Certainly the fine crops harvested by the Pilgrims that year were a cause of celebration, but beyond that, Governor Bradford must have wanted to thank God for the new life which was then being cultivated by the few hardy pioneers—a life dedicated to the belief that men should control their own behavior, make their own laws, and govern themselves.

It was a radical idea, and is still considered such in many parts of the world. We can be thankful, as Americans, that we have been endowed with the privilege of living in a nation of men who cherish this belief.

We can be thankful that the God-hating rulers of other empires have been unable to put their yoke of authority around our necks.

We can be thankful that freedom loving men and women throughout the world are working each second to promote the hopes of men for peace.

And, we can be thankful for life itself—the most wonderful gift of our Creator.

*From "The First Thanksgiving Day, 1622" (Stanza 2) by Margaret Junkin Preston (1820-1897).

Opinions of Others

Nearly every motorist who has done late night driving can recall instances when he has dozed for a fraction of a second. Your eyes close, the head dips, then you straighten up with a sudden awareness bordering on panic. It might take only the time for a snap of the finger to regain control, but in such an experience, you brush against the wings of death.—Waltham (Mass.) News-Tribune.

Law in Action

Injuries to Guests

Suppose a guest came to a party at your home, slipped and fell downstairs, and got hurt.

What is your legal duty to him?

Most likely none at all, so long as your stairs were in good shape, or you warned him of any unusual hazards. But he can seldom hold you to blame for dangers you don't know about.

Unlike "business invitees," guests accept your home and look out for themselves like the rest of the family, everyday risks and all.

True, some insurance policies pay some medical costs regardless of blame if guests get hurt in your home: But this does not mean that guests have a legal right to such protection.

To have a right to collect damages, as a rule, the injured guest must show that his host was negligent, and that he himself not help bring on the mishap through his own carelessness.

But not all callers are "guests": Suppose you want to sell your house; you let a prospect in to look it over, and he falls on your little boy's fire engine. This is a different situation. He is a "business invitee" and as such he might have a right to damages which your guest would lack.

Workmen, postmen, and tradesmen are "invitees." You have a duty to make your home safe for them to use.

Watch out, too, for "naked licensees," like people who cut across your lawn or play in your backlot. Though you owe them little, you did let them enter: Warn them of any danger you know about.

You owe little to trespassers. Yet, you cannot set mantraps to harm them, and you have a legal duty to warn trespassers who see walking into danger, say, an open well.

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

The Cranberry Hassle



Bangkok--'City of Gods'

By KING WILLIAMS

"City of the Gods" to foreigners, Bangkok today rapidly is becoming a crossroads of the world.

Served by hundreds of ships and 22 international airlines, this capital of Thailand is enjoying one of the most peaceful invasions of Americans and Europeans in its ancient history and has earned accolades as being the "most Oriental of all the Orient."

The Thais (Siamese until the almost bloodless revolution after World War II) still call their thriving city "Krung Thep" or in English "Metropolis of the Deities." Its glittering temples, easily the most intriguing in the Far East, still constitute a major tourist attraction. Added, is a modern way of life of hustle and bustle, locked arm and arm with a most primitive existence by thousands on canal boats and homes built on stilts over navigable streams and rice paddies.

Many of these natives of this verdant country of water buffalo and smiling people, still call themselves Siamese. Most refer proudly to their new name of Thai which means "free." Thailand, therefore cannot be a country of free men ruled over by a young American-minded king in a democratic constitutional monarchy patterned after England's.

Visitation to at least five of the major temples to see in succession the Reclining Buddha, the Sitting Buddha, the Emerald Buddha and the Solid Gold Buddha is a must. But to leave Bangkok without an early morning visit to the Floating Market, to shop its stores filled with the wonderful silks, temple art and bronze and silver work and mingle with its smiling little people, would be akin to visiting London without seeing Westminster Abbey.

We'll skip over the grand-ures of the temples for they have been very well covered in history and travel books and currently by articles in the National Geographic magazine. A point of human interest is the unprepossessing, comparatively small wooden temple housing the Gold Buddha.

This Buddha image of thousands of excavated or found abandoned in the nearby jungles holds particular interest because it weighs about eight tons and is of solid gold. When discovered only a few years ago it was sheathed in a coating of ordinary concrete which was cracked during transportation revealing, to the shocked amazement of its finder, the greatest mass of moulded pure gold in the history of the world.

The so-called floating mar-

ket is truly one of the sights of the world. Canoes, sampans and crude launches jam the river with buyers and sellers exchanging exotic fruits, meats and rice and household goods or trinkets of every imaginable kind. It is the ancient marketing system of the Orient on dress parade and thrives for several hours after sunrise in a bedlam of good-natured bargaining. All take time out to patronize sarong-wrapped women in their tiny floating restaurants. Fruit, coffee, rice and pork are dished out from earthen or tin ware. And there is the omnipresent betel nut dispenser who still does a flourishing business with older women. Users have the telltale red mouths but they chew with the relish of any denizen of the Tobacco Road country.

It's early morning and the little children gambol about their floating homes in the altogether as many of them do all day long. Donning pants is quite a chore for little boys and is reserved only for special occasions such as the reception of honored visitors or a pilgrimage to the temple. Little girls are a bit more modest and usually condescend to a fig leaf or a patch of homespun about as protective as a kind of G-string worn by an American stripper just before she gets a ride in the paddy wagon.

Graceful women—modestly bathe along the canal still wearing their colorful sarongs. Adventurous boys paddle their slender canoes in and out of marine traffic jams with the daring and reckless skill of the hotrodder. Everybody enjoys it, all wave cheerfully to the tourists and one another as though it was one grand ball.

The tropical fruits and vegetables look appetizing and the handcrafted products and souvenirs are attractive bargains. The meat, exposed to the boiling sun, if it's shining, makes dieting easy. Rice is the finest in the Orient and is much in demand in Kong Kong and Japan.

We missed by a few days the grand spectacle of the sacred barges, lavishly embellished with hand carving and artistically placed mosaic glass, parading down the river from the palace in tribute to Princess Alexandra of England. We saw the King's water-going chariot anchored near the old palace (he lives in one called the "Air-Conditioned Palace") and were told this was an unusual experience.

We caught a fleeting glimpse of the English lass as she was being driven in motorcade to the airport where we

had just landed on our flight from Hong Kong. She had received a royal reception as do most English and American visitors to Thailand.

The Thais or Siamese originally came to their section of the world from China. Essentially river people, they continue a way of life that has some romanticists referring to Bangkok also as "The Venice of the Far East." Life on the rivers and canals will go on, perhaps, for generations, but, inroads of the automobile are beginning to be felt. Some of the most important canals are now broad business streets of concrete, many constructed with money from America. On January 1 the colorful samlars, bicycle-propelled rickshas, will disappear, ruled out by city ordinance.

Education is not compulsory yet but it is an immediate goal of the government. Many of the boys become monks or attend Buddhist schools where they are taught the philosophies of Buddha and the ancient history of their country. It is estimated there are 50,000 orange-robed Buddhist monks in Bangkok. They roam the streets and ride the busses everywhere and spend their mornings soliciting alms from householders. They return to the temples to eat their bounty before noon when they must begin a day-long fast. There are comparatively few Christians among the Thais but many now are attending Catholic and Protestant English and American institutions. English is taught in all grades.

Next time we'll tell you more about Thailand, its shopping values, some interesting anecdotes and a Thai-style boxing program we attended that would have to be experienced to be believed.

Cold Figures Don't Tell Story of Steel Strikes

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
The steel strike's damage to the economy is just being toted up by various business index sources.
The Federal Reserve Board's monthly index of industrial production continues to drop. It stood at 148 at the end of October, compared with June's 155. Another benchmark, the Commerce Department's gross national product estimate, is down to an annual rate of \$478.6 billion, almost 6 billion short of the estimate made before the strike began.

But the cold figures don't begin to reflect the discomfort felt at the local level. In the steel towns, for example, merchants are wondering how much of the returning work-



TROPHIES GALORE . . . Community Chest leaders who have helped put residential workers in the Harbor Area out in front of the entire Los Angeles campaign hold trophies awarded at the central report meeting. From left are Mrs. Joseph Morillo, Gardena; Jim Becker, Harbor Area campaign chairman; Mrs. Richard Gerlad, North Torrance unit chairman; and Mrs. E. A. Booth, Wilmington. Trophies are the Robinson trophy and the Morrill Trophy for organization. The Valentine Trophy, also held by the Harbor Area, is not shown.

North Torrance Leads in Chest Drive Collections

North Torrance is the new leader of the Community Chest residential drive in the Harbor Area, and Harbor Area leads the entire Los Angeles campaign. This was disclosed on Friday at the Chest's central report meeting luncheon at the Ambassador Hotel, when it was announced to 500 volunteer workers from all over the Los Angeles area that with three weeks of the campaign still to run, the Harbor Area is pacing all its rivals with \$34,231 collected for an 80.06 percentage.

North Torrance is one of three Harbor Area units with

more than 100 per cent already in the bag, and its percentage of 112.14 puts it out in front in the race for the J. A. Robinson trophy, awarded annually to the unit with the highest percentage of quota. Mrs. Richard Gerlad, North Torrance unit chairman, therefore received the trophy from campaign chairman Ed Mills.
She will retain it as long as North Torrance continues to lead the area in percentage. Closest challenger at the moment is Harbor City-Lomita, with 111.51 per cent;

Wilmington is not too far away, either, on the 100.96 mark.

Harbor Area also has a grip on the Morrill Trophy which goes to the best-organized area in the Associated Cities. The trophy was awarded at the meeting to area chairman Jim Becker. Harbor Area has led in recruitment since the start of the campaign, and is still leading with 96.63 per cent of its 5,264 workers enrolled. Nearest rival is San Fernando Valley, with 96.47 per cent.

From the Mailbox
By Our Readers



"The cost of being at odds with others usually is greater than you can afford."—James E. Sweaney.

"Woman would be more charming if one could fall into her arms without falling into her hands."—Remy DeGourmont.

"It's a free country, but the upkeep is pretty costly."—D. O. Flynn.

"The only time the average father puts his foot down nowadays is when there's an accelerator under it."—Frances O. Walsh.

"Families used to be considered shiftless if they lived from payday to payday. Now they wish the could."—Vesta M. Kelly.

"In education, it is better to teach the pupil than the subject."—Herbert Shelley Good.

"We are fortunate to be citizens of a country where we can say what we think without thinking."—John C. Vivian.

"Standing committees are the best kind. When they sit down, they get nowhere."—Franklin P. Jones.

The Tax Burden
Editor, Torrance Herald

I have been reading with interest the letters and comments of the local press concerning the proposed annexation to County Water District No. 13 of that area in Lomita and parts of Torrance presently being serviced by the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 2.
According to reports, the outmoded and delapidated water system that has served the area for nearly half a century and its ancient and rusty pipe lines laid in the ground so long ago are no longer able to supply the residents with adequate water and could bear no further strain if the water pressure were to be increased.

In order for the system to be brought up to par so that sufficient pressure could be restored and enough water be made available to meet the increased demands for water, the entire system would have to be completely replaced. New pipe lines and mains would have to be laid. The residents would have to purchase new water meters.

All of this, not counting meters, it has been estimated will cost in excess of a half million dollars.

In order to defray the cost of replacing the system (exclusive of the charge for new meters), in the event the area should be annexed to the county water district, it has been recommended that a bond issue be "floated." Of course, if a bond issue were to be "floated," our tax bills would again be raised as it is the public who must stand the cost of any county expenditures.

Now, since I am a resident of the area already serviced by County Waterworks District No. 13 and since I already pay a substantial sum for the meter which enables me to receive their service, I do not feel that I and the other subscribers to No. 13 should be burdened with any further expense, higher tax bills, higher fees, less pressure (because of a wider range of distribution) and a proportionate share of a large bond issue!

GEORGE A. LARSON

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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4-Collect
9-The ural
12-Reverse
13-Interior
14-Police man
15-Similar
16-Anger
18-Residue
20-Once around
21-Active metal
22-Sufferer from Hansen's disease
23-Sea eagle
24-Edible seeds
27-Young boy
28-Capture
29-Becloud
30-Near
31-Bushy clump
32-Mountain
33-Common
34-Native of Africa
36-Race
37-A state
38-Turkish
39-A month
40-Tenue of music
41-Strath
42-Strike
44-Box
46-Strut
48-Palms
49-Continuation
50-Getaway
51-Down

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1-Of wheat
2-Verence
3-Whence
4-Down

36-Ordinance (abbr.)
37-Real
39-Containing
40-River island
42-Grate
43-Search
44-A state
45-Transgress-
46-Transgress-
47-Inlet
48-Shade tree
49-Note of scale

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