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### The School Election

Vigorous campaigning by many of the 16 candidates for the three board memberships to be filled next Tuesday certainly has given impetus to the prediction that the election should produce a record vote.

All levels of education in the United States have been subjected to critical appraisal since John Dewey wrote his book and more recently when Sputnik I went into orbit. While the American public may be more confused than ever before, there is small excuse today for any adult not knowing something about taxes, school administration and the methods used to produce the end product—an educated Johnnie and Mary.

Taxes to support a good and growing school system are and should be the concern of every thinking citizen. Of even greater concern should be the quality of that sys-tem as represented in a devoted, qualified administrative and teaching staff producing able graduates.

The incumbents—Grace Wright, Joseph Arnold, and Robert H. Ellis must and do run on their records. Their campaign has not been spectacular, choosing instead to let the accomplishments of the current school board speak for Mr. Ellis actually is seeking election for the first time because he is now serving out a portion of a regular term to which he was appointed to fulfill a vacancy caused by resignation. His personal campaign has been an active one and he has made a good impression.

A very serious contender is Bert M. Lynn. He has carried his usual resourcefulness and energy into the campaign, thereby accounting for a great deal of the interest.

Because he is also president of the planning commission, opponents see in his candidacy a possible conflict of interest. The HERALD shares this concern but has been assured by the candidate himself that if such a conflict ever arises, in the event of his election, he will resign his position on the commission. For the most part, his published platform is sound, we think, and he certainly possesses other qualifications that should make him a worthwhile addition to the Board of Education.

Because of his many civic activities and other qualifications. William Hanson's candidacy is popular. We don't like tickets in school board elections but he shares strong endorsements with Lynn and Albert Charles who also has made a good impression in his many public appearances.

Attracting support from many sources is Mrs. Pat Huber, a housewife with a keen interest in education and enthusiasm for public service.

Others such as Dr. Bert Easley are qualified and have been impressive in their personal appearances. Several have expressed studied knowledge of the system. Dr. Easley repeats his confidence in the present school board adminis-tration and is a rigid foe of "politics" in any form getting into the school system.

In our opinion, it is good that they have. We do not presume to think that others in the campaign would not make desirable board members. But, we do believe any three of the individuals mentioned editorially here, would be safe



He's Pickin' On Me!

The Mailbox

# Issues in Forthcoming School Election Aired

Editor, Torrance Herald I have been quoted out of context during the school election campaign. Since this misrepresents what I stand for, I feel compelled straighten out the record.

The article quoted out of context starts out with two paragraphs as follows:

"The board of education welcomes citizens to board meetings.'

"There should be a pub-lic hearing time in the early part of each meeting when anyone in the audience may have the ear of the board." One sentence was taken out of a five-sentence paragraph. The first sentence, which was quoted, said:

"No advance a genda should be given to either board members or newspapers.

Complete copies of the agenda are available to the newspapers after the board has received them.

The part which was not quoted is quoted as follows:

"Agendas sent out a few days in advance do not give board members sufficient time to be come acquainted with issues on fore, advance information

which they are requested to make a decision. Thereon future agenda items is provided in information items or discussion items on current agendas. All action items are either rou-tine or have had previous information about them in one or more agendas at previous meetings and the time has come when a meeting of the minds will

Other quotes of my article "Tips for Better Board

Meetings" follow:
"Politics have no place in board meetings.

"Decisions are based on fact, information, and what's best for children with due concern for the tax dollar.

Information is on the table — nothing is held back."

"No surprise decisions are requested, and de-cisions are not made on nonagenda items brought up at the hearing period until the staff has had time to review and recommend. New policy is not passed until the second or some-

"It does no good to at-tempt a decision on an item upon which the board is split. Until enough informa-tion and background are available to make a unani-mon decision. mous decision, the item should be an information item rather than an action item. To demand a decision before people are ready is like running ice water

My efforts as superintendent are directed toward pro-viding the board full and ade-quate information and plenty of time to make decisions. Nobody is perfect; all we can

Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

For the stimulation of our educational growth . . . for the right of all parents and

opinions regarding local edu-cation costs I read the school district budget study, the survey and recommendations of the Citizens' Advisory Comtion reports.

that Solomon's wisdom could not settle the problems in-volved to everybody's satis-faction; that business consultants can not successfully impose their formulas upon schools. When business and industry call in consultants, they seek experts in the pre-cise field under study. They would not call in school peo-ple to analyze and solve their problems. Why should it work

costs where there is room for obvious savings, I take excep-tion to the idea of generally down-grading education to a program stripped to bare minimum requirements.

## Moral Cost of Welfare State Given Close Look

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread"

BERKELEY . . . In my Christian Bible, in the teach-ings of other religions — and in every moral concept translated into the culture of civilized history, it is clearly de-fined that every man sweats for his bread.

None says, "By the sweat of other men's faces . . . you shall eat bread."

The same moral concepts also say: "If a man put his beast to feed in another man's field . . he shall make restitution." These are moral guideposts

that translate man's self-respect...man's responsibility to himself, his family, and to to himself, his failing, and to his fellow men, which have survived all the tests of his-tory . . until recent years. More and more modern gov-ernment makes it difficult for a father to pass on these nor a father to pass of these moral guideposts to his son . . . by substituting a kind of "group responsibility" for "personal responsibility."

This is accomplished simply by imposing norm and more

by imposing more and more upon those willing to sweat for their bread to sweat also

for those unwilling to work for their bread. This has nothing to do with those unfor-tunates who are unable to provide for themselves. It has nothing to do with the indi-gent, the sick, or the deserv-ing. It has to do with millions of chiselers who accept gov-ernment aid . . . and those in government who make avail-able such aid for political

The welfare state has become so generous that it has created an army of loafers who, by simple manipulation of loopholes, are able to draw as much or more money, tax free, from unemployment compensation, than they can by working.

The financial losses of the

welfare state are pretty gen-erally recorded and most peo-ple are aware of the cost to the nation in billions of dol-lars. But there is another cost which is not apparent even in the staggering budgets of government paternalism . . . and that is the "moral cost."

What is the welfare state doing to our moral concepts as a people? Rising crime, juvenile delinquency, indifference to work, soft living, talk of a 32-hour week and other unmistakable signs are the result of a moral break-down in personal responsibil-

Even in prosperous times government handouts create a nation of parasites. . . re-ducing and by-passing our greatest assets of character, challenge, creativity.

We are creating new generations of too many irrespon-sible, indolent, undisciplined, unprinciple, incompetent

unprinciple, incompetent people. The minority of principled, upright, moral, frugal people are called upon more and more to finance the parasites under the pretense of "social responsibility."

It is becoming more and more difficult for a welladjusted youth, willing to work and achieve, to rise above the mediocrity of the majority. If this so-called "government hunmanitarianism" continues to run wild, ism" continues to run wild, the chiselers and loafers will so discourage and overburden the industrious and moral that the nation will be less able to care for the genuine-

The most sinful city in the nation is Washington, D.C., seat of the welfare state . . . . . . . . . . . for more illegitimate bables are born there than any other city in the nation of like pop-

ulation.

In New York City some
1500 girls under 15 were excused from school last year
for reasons of pragnancy. The
welfare state suggests no
shame for unwed mothers,
but provides free modern acbut provides free, modern ac-comodations which the bu-reaucracy has titled "For Jun-

Most "old - fashioned" citizens have been under the impression that an unfortunate girl under such circumstances calls upon her parents to take legal action and place at least the moral and financial

responsibility on the male.

If nothing else, the financial risk at least caused some restraint on promiscuity. This risk has now been shifted to the taxpayer by the welfare state. What happens to individual responsibility when the boy and girl know in adtion for generations to come.

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Judge Fanken of the New York City Domestic Relations court, writing in the Satur-day Evening Post, recently said: "All you need to get a tax-free income of \$3600 a year is to have no self-respect and never get a, job. Go and never get a job. Go ahead and dring all you like . . . get yourself a mistress ... stop worrying, for the welfare department wil raise your income to support you both. Every day in my court I see how the relief set-up is sapping the will to work, en-couraging cynicism, chiseling

and bare-faced immorality.

The welfare state in Britain, for example, not only furnish es free pills, corsets, girdles, wigs, glass eyes and false teeth, but also money to get a divorce. Under such foolhardy conditions why bother to plan for a happy home? Just rush into marriage when ever you get the urge and let the costs take care of them-selves, for the government is always around to bail you out of your foolish urges.

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A government bureaucrat A government bureaucrat asked us the other day . . . "Should we let people suffer because they made a mistake?" My answer is . . . thero should be a penalty . . but some help as well. But not by government sanction and not by a general undefinable policy that finances the unworthy.

the unworthy.

I would not make it easy for unwed mothers to join "Junior Mothers Clubs" as a "Junior Mothers Clubs" as a matter of government policy. If they get pregnant out of wedlock, they should shoulder the responsibility and so should the male by paying for the cost . . . or parents should be called upon to pay the cost . . . certainly not the taxpayers. taxpayers.

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People condemn a politi-cal candidate who offers to buy votes with his own money . . . but think nothing of the same candidate who calls for heavier taxes to sup-port a welfare state with other people's money—which is buying votes pure and sim-ple.

ple.

The federal government does not have the power to shut down the nation's airlines, railroads, steel mills, shipping docks; yet it has delivered that power to groups of union voters, who use that power to paralyze the nation. Moreover, the welfare state has passed laws which, after a few weeks give strikers unemployment compensation, or employment compensation, or put them on relief, paid by the same millions who have been inconvenienced and suffered staggering losses by the same strikes.

Although humanitarianism and sympathy are given as reasons for the welfare state, political expediency is largely its motivating force. The political power it generates around those who administer the aid is incalculable.

If the cost of the welfare state were to be measured in dollars alone, it would remain but a limited burden but the upon our people . . . but the

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### of counsel, of suggestion, of pointing out unsuspected difficulties, of encouragement. But, perhaps you have al-ready settled in your own mind the calling to be followed. This is a questionable

The voters certainly have a choice next Tuesday and, and good for Torrance.

proceeding." Sir Richard Steele, English author, offered this sage advice nearly 300.

Out of the Past

### 30 Years Ago

With 201 members enrolled the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion has an excellent chance to win state honors for exceeding its quota of 125 in a member-ship drive concluded Tuesday night. The new membership represents an increase of nearly 50 over last year.

In a short talk to the Ki in a short talk to the Ri-wanis club here Monday eve-ning, Col. Robert L. Ingersoli, founder and superintendent of the Redondo Military Acad-emy which has acquired the

old carbon plant building at 220th and Border for its new and enlarged location, out-lined his reasons for coming to Torrance.

The Santa Fe Railroad will The Santa Fe Railroad will sell a rectangular piece of property fronting on Torrance Blyd. west of Hickory St. and south to Sonoma comprising 18 acres for \$2000 per acre. The Herald reported 30 years

The price, railroad officials told civic leaders, was the equivalent of what they had paid for it plus carrying

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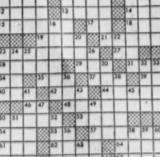














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By ESTEY I. REED

The time will be coming

has come, perhaps-when

your young people must de-

cide on the occupation of their lives. You expect to

have a voice in the matter.

Quite right, if it is a voice

### 20 Years Ago

Wage increases of 10 cents an hour went into effect this week for an increasing number of the nation's steelwork ers as smaller mills followed the lead set Monday by the United States Steel Corp. and

its subsidiaries. The increase in Torrance alone was expected to add \$22,400 monthly to local payrolls. Announcement of the new pact was announced at a meeting in the Civic Audito-

Construction of 73 homes on as many lots north of the city park on Arlington and Border off Plaza del Amo, representing a total invest-ment of \$236,600, was aninced. The homes were to average about \$3000 apiece.

Ten days after denving the use of the Civic Auditorium to the Coordinating Council, privileges of using the building for Friday night dances were restored. Revival of the dances was greeted with ap-proval by hundreds of young people and their parents who were invited by the sponsor-ing group to be in attendance and observe the social events.

Torrance Woman's Club will sponsor a patriotic dance to be held at their clubhouse Saturday evening, May 10 The price was \$1 per couple



"Folks used to make their own clothes on spinning wheels—now they lose their shirts on them."

# through stale coffee

During the past fourteen years the Torrance Board of Education has tried to work together for the good of the children of the community and has tried to avoid fights and has tried to avoid fights and undignified performances, which accomplish little. This is a deliberative meeting solving the educational problems of the community, not a performing political body putting on a show for the audience. Authorities on school organization recommend that harmonium meets. mend that harmonious meet-ings set the tone of operation for a school district.

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Editor, Torrance Herald An open letter to all Parents and Businessmen

businessmen to equal voice in matters of education and tax-es, I submit the following thoughts for consideration: After listening to divergent

I reached two conclusions:

in reverse?

The Citizens' Advisory Committee Report shows long hours of work in a sincere effort to find economies. It made some worthwhile sug-

gestions While I favor paring down

I'd like to quote from the Advisory Committee Report:
"The question is: Can we afford some of the things we have grown to think we need? Inflation has certainly led to the increased cost of led to the increased cost of

"The recommendations in-

cluded in this report are directed primarily toward im-proved efficiency and economy in the service and administrative area; also the curtailment of certain non-essential frills which have fil-tered into the system."

Business and industry are Business and industry are in agreement that inflation has led to increases in costs of their products, not to mention multi-million dollar TV shows, expense accounts, and other frills. Their answer to increased cost is either to raise the price of their pro-ducts or cut the size of the

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I quote again from the Advisory Committee Report:
"In view of the economic climate that prevails in this area and the strong resistance of the people of business and industry to the continued increase in taxes, your Committee recommends that you take steps to effect immediate economies in operamediate economies in opera-tion of the school district." We may hate our property tax bills, but are we going to

let our children suffer for it? Why penalize Torrance chil-dren when children in sur-

rounding cities and states are receiving well rounded educational programs? Which child is going to do better in making a living? The one who was educated with a "stripped-down to the bare minimum program,' the one who got the benefit of the better education? Where will business and industry find the well trained minds and skills they are now clamoring for, and will con-

tinue to rely upon in the future? While it is elementary to effect practical eco believe that temporary economic decline in any isolated geographic area is not sufficient reason to initiate a permanent bare minimum education program.

We should not get carried away on a wave of emotion, blown up by a storm of political ballyhoo, and relegate our children to mediocrity. RUSSELL LUND



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