

VITAL ROLE... Mary Ann Tarwater, center, a South High student, shows a Cerebral Palsy fund raising kit to Bishop Montgomery High students Christine, left, and Teresa Sargent. The girls were among teenagers filling a vital role as supplementary block-workers in the CP door-to-door campaign. (Herald Photo)

## **Legislative Counsel Employed by Solons**

Assemblyman, 46th District

The legislative counsel is

drafting and amending of legis-lative measures, and advising them as to the constitutionali-ty or legal efficacy of proposed or pending measures.

The legislative counsel is elected by the legislature by concurrent resolution at the concurrent resolution at the beginning of each regular, long session, which starts on the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year. He is chosen entirely on the basis of ability and without regard to political affiliation.

The officials of one city in the 46th Assembly District insisted that I obtain an opinion from the attorney general regarding a matter which involved several hundred thousand dollars.

a large staff of men and women who are extremely able lawyers. They do the initial work, which is then checked by a lawyer other than the one who prepared the first draft and finally the legislative counsel, himself, reads and approves the document.

The opinions of the legislative than the opinion from the attorney general, but the city officials said that they wanted the opinion from the attorney general right away, for the proposition of the legislative counsel.

tive counsel are not available to the public because if this time to work for the legisla-ture. However, whenever any of my constituents want an opinion from the legislative counsel and it is not something counsel and it is not something which he can and should obtain from a lawyer in private practice, I send the constituent's letter to he legislaive counsel, who then sends an answer direct to the constituent and a copy to me.

The answer is treated as confidential by the legislative counsel and by me unless the constitutent tells me he wants it quoted in the newspapers.

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THIS IS ONE of the many services rendered by the leg-islative counsel and it must abused, hence I emphasize that a person should con-sult a lawyer of his own choice

sult a lawyer of his own choice before asking me to obtain a legislative counsel's opinion. Most of the requests which I send to the legislative coun-sel for analysis and a state-ment of opinion come from city and county officials who want to know if the legislative counsel agrees with their own

official lawyers, such as city attorneys, the county counsel,

The legislative counsel is A. C. Morrison, who was formerly chief deputy legislative counsel and has had many years of legal experience. His main office is in the State Capitol and he has a branch office in the State Building, Los Angeles.

His principal duty is to provide legal assistance to members of the legislature and other state officials in the drafting and amending of legis. Los Angeles, and advising one who pays the price. one who pays the price.

THEREFORE, opinions of the attorney general are not confidential, as are those of the legislative counsel, and they become public property, often to the embarrassment of

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were the case he would be so busy that he would have no attorney general, his opinion time to work for the legisla- was unfavorable to the city.

it was published in the Official Advance Sheets, and it was eventually printed and bound by the State Printing Plant.

Although the opinion of the Although the opinion of the attorney general has a very limied value in a court of law, it does have persuasive and argumentive effect, hence the city which obtained the adverse opinion is now convinced that they should have asked for an opinion from the legislative counsel first, as I had recommended.

THROUGHOUT my nearly 12 years in the legislature, I have consistently recommended that each city try to solve its own problems in its own way and go to the state or to the United States government only as a last resort.

When the State of California When the State of California or the United States gives or loans money to a city or county, there are strings attached. Furthermore, the money from the state or the United States comes out of the pockets of the taynayers. It is not some the taxpayers. It is not some-thing free from Heaven!





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## Stay Home With Your Children; They Need You

Someone suggested that every married woman with one or more children should be refused employment by State law, Every state.

It was his contention that this would enable men to get better jobs due to more openings, and the woman, being at home, would be able to spend more time with her children and husband.

As he wrote: "Not spending enough time at home is something that most divorced couples find was their trouble. They had no time together getting to know each other. This time would enable her to encourage her man to better himself. Encouragement and trust are what most men need for success."

I defy any woman who has a family and works to prove to me you are getting more out of your life by working than you would by staying at home where you

You moan, "But we need the money." For what, pray? The more you make the more you spend. Can you say truthfully that you have put all of your salary into the bank; that you have saved it for a specific purpose like a luxurious holiday together? That you have a housekeeper or maid who does your cooking and serving? No, you can't. Then why work?

I watch you at the rush hours in the evening, running wildly to your transportation, dashing into a neighborhood supermarket, then at home whipping up something unpalatable and unsightly for him to eat, and later too tired to clean up your mess.

You women are not cut out to work and keep homes going. You write me it is his idea that you do so. Perhaps. But if you let yourself get fired you could stay home, cook properly and make yourself more presentable.

Eventually he would like the whole idea. So would all the other men. Try it and see. Be sure to give two weeks' notice, though. But hurry before it's

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DECLARING WAR . . . Community leaders called together by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (standing) adopted five-point plan to curb ju venile violence which has rocked the Southwest in recent weeks. Among those attending the session were (from left) Mayor Ralph Dorsey of Manhattan Beach, Presiding Judge Breitenback of Juvenile Court, Mayor Raymond Creal of Hawthorne, Mayor Thomas Thorp of Lawndale, Mayor Del Clawson of Compton, and Mayor Pete Jensen of Gardena.

## **Manager Selected By Bank**

William H. Martens has been named manager of the Bank of America's Main and Carson branch. He is replacing R. E. Ogle who has been selected for an intensive

who has been selected for an intensive training program with the bank's International Banking Office. Following completion of the program, he may be assigned to one of the bank's overseas positions.

MARTENS, a 14-year bank-ing veteran, recently com-pleted an intensive Bank of American management train-ing program. He began his banking career in 1947 as a bookkeeper in Berkeley and worked his way through the ranks to a junior officer as-signment there four years lat-



WILLIAM H. MARTENS

In 1957, he began working with a half dozen others on programming the electronic bookkeeping system that would soon be regularly processing more than two and a half million of the bank's commercial checking accounts, ERMA. He was apopinted assistant man-ager of the Berkeley ERMA Center when it opened in 1960.

BORN IN San Francisco, Martens graduated from high school in Berkeley and has since earned a certificate from the American Institute of Banking, educational wing of the American Bankers Assn.

He and his wife, Hilda, have five children: Bill, 10; Sheryl, 7; Tom, 6; Mike, 3; and Susan, one month.



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