



Easter is going to be a little late next year—that is if the little misguided girl guides in some cities have anything to do with it. For the moment the little things in basic green with badges have given up peddling cookies on street corners and are now out on a door-to-door kick peddling calendars that don't even know what day it is.

I imagine that for this little 50-cent slight-of-hand shuffle the Girl Scouts get the P. T. Barnum Merit Badge for learning a valu-

able lesson, "There's a sucker born every minute."

According to a press release, "Brownie, Intermediate and Senior Girl Scouts will sell the 1963 Girl Scout calendars door to door in their neighborhoods."

Under the heading, "Slight Error," it says "Easter will be a week later this year according to the calendar. Inadvertently Easter Sunday and the other related days were all printed a week late in the new calendar. Each calendar will contain an insert noting the correct dates."

I leafed through my copy of the Girl Scouts Handbook, looking in the index for "honor." I note that there is a big jump from "Homemaking" to "Horse-

You Teach Your Girls To Be Little Frauds

by Count Marco

woman" with no "Honor" in between.

Here is an organization purporting to teach young girls that perfection is something to be sought after. Yet this same organization sends these poor young things out to unload something that is far from perfect. It's tantamount to selling matches without sulphur and, when asked how they can be lighted, slipping in a correction note to

the buyer that reads, "Rub two of them together."

Ah, from such little swindles big swindles grow, and from little G-girls it's not too far a jump to big B-girls.

Never permit your daughters to sell door-to-door. They learn nothing of value except perhaps to see how awful some American women look during the day.

If an organization is so poor that it must unload shoddy merchandise through the hands of your offspring, it is not the kind of organization to which they should belong.

Better they should be in the kitchen learning to bake bread and cookies—for home consumption, not door-to-door sale.

Ladies Plan Party

The women's division of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board will further plans for the Dec. 13 installation dinner table decorations at today's meeting. Doris Lippard, president, urges all members to attend.



Rivieran Flays Peninsula Site For New College

(Following is a copy of a letter sent to the State College Trustees by Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, 145 Via Monte D'Oro, in which she sets forth some valuable arguments on behalf of the Torrance site for the proposed four-year state college to serve this area. Portions of the letter were reported in The Herald Sunday, and its complete text is here reprinted because of its lucid arguments.)

Gentlemen:

Last Thursday I sat through the hearings of the Site Selection Committee as they considered the different advantages of a Torrance or Palos Verdes site. As a mere housewife I was hesitant about asking to be heard when not a part of the official program. However, on further consideration I think it is high time some plain common sense was interjected between the experts' testimony.

As I listened to the statements of the two lawyers for the Santa Fe Railway and the Standard Oil Company, the most pertinent point to me as a layman was their reference to the Torrance oil field as a pool contiguous to and continuous with the Wilmington field. Basically, then, the conditions of the oil drilling on the two areas of land being considered as college sites cannot be vastly different from the oil conditions on other land that is a part of the Torrance oil field.

Something is radically wrong with their figures in the multi-millions for adapting the oil production to make the land usable for other purposes. When we moved to Torrance 15 years ago the city had a population of about 10,000 and the land to the south and west of the city proper was dotted with oil wells. In these intervening years housing developers have found it practical to solve the oil problem sufficiently economically and acceptably to build and sell hundreds, even thousands, of homes in the area. The Del Amo Estate Company, very close to the site being considered, found a way to solve the oil problem before they built their multi-million dollar development. These people had to cope with the oil problem in such a way that the surrounding land would be desirable for sale and lease, profitably, so I am reasonably certain no one of them spent some twenty million dollars adapting the oil production.

On the land south of Sepulveda you are considering, developers have recently purchased the land from the Standard Oil Company and the Marble Estate. They have left Standard Oil some seven acres of the 370 to continue the oil operations, but immediately surrounding the seven acres they intend to sell and lease housing at figures high enough to insure them a profit, so it cannot be the unsightly, objectionable obstacle you might infer from the lawyers' statements.

True, there is indeed a problem with putting the college on the Torrance site. But it is a problem dozens of people before you have solved

economically and acceptably. I believe Inglewood and Los Angeles schools are now considering granting oil leases for just such production from their school sites to increase their revenue. My point is that once the oil problem is solved for the Torrance site, you would have the college in a compatible community where it could develop harmoniously with the entire community.

Contrast this, if you please, with the Palos Verdes site, certainly more beautiful but in the midst of a community that has taken radical measures to preserve its exclusive residential character. I cannot imagine the continuing relationship between such a community and an integrated school with a working, driving student body.

Palos Verdes Estates has barricaded their streets at the Torrance boundary, even I understand vacating the land and deeding it back to the adjoining property owners, to preclude any traffic between the tract houses in Torrance and the exclusive houses in Palos Verdes. These barricades still exist at the boundary along the Hollywood Riviera section of Torrance.

When the Grandview tract was developed on the Palos Verdes peninsula, the City of Rolling Hills incorporated for the sole purpose of keeping their area exclusive. Their streets are not open even to their peninsula neighbors as they have controlled gates at the boundaries of the community, thus eliminating any access to the proposed college site from the San Pedro area without going completely around the City of Rolling Hills.

Nortronics sits in solitary splendor in the research park because the people of all the peninsula so volubly protested any one change to permit assembly of prototype models that would make the area acceptable to other industries for research. When the land developers realized the area was not acceptable to industry with the limited zoning acceptable to the people, they tried to have the area rezoned for single family dwellings. Because of the potential increase in traffic the peninsula people protested effectively enough that the zone change was denied by the Regional Planning Commission. Having the college locate there would be a wonderful solution for the land owners and the merchants. But all these things ad up in my mind to a continuing inharmonious between the college and the peninsula community.

I was shocked to hear the Palos Verdes spokesman answer Dr. Dumke's question that he knew of no opposition on the peninsula. If he doesn't, I do. During the seven weeks preceding the election I worked every day in Peninsula Center as the headquarters chairman of the Palos Verdes Republican Headquarters. During that time over three hundred women were in and out of the office doing volunteer work. Since I was working concurrently on the Torrance College Committee, I discussed the situation with many of them and found not a single one who wanted the college in Palos Verdes. Opposition may not be organized, but it certainly exists. Traffic and integration were the two factors repugnant to the people.

These thoughts presented here represent my personal viewpoint, as I have not discussed them with other members of the Torrance Advisory Committee. I apologize for writing at such length in longhand, but I am traveling with my husband and do not have a typewriter available.



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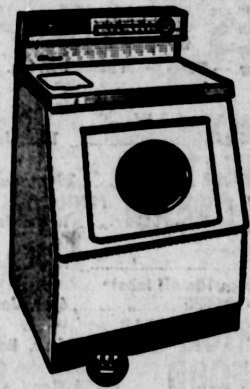
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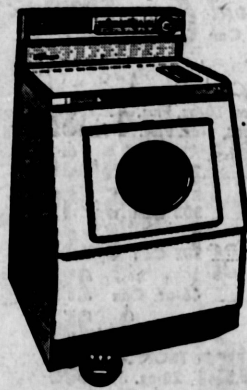
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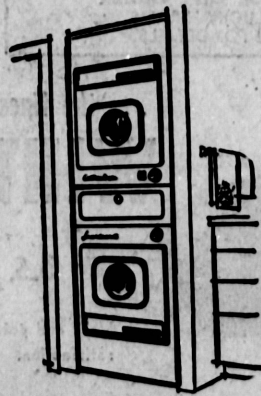
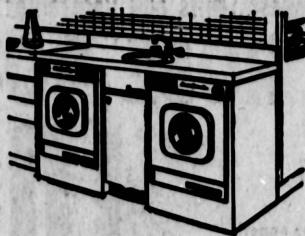
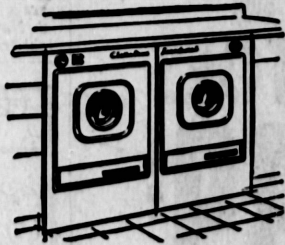


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