

DEAR EDITOR....

Gratitude

Editor,
Torrance Press
I would like to express my gratitude and sincere appreciation to all the fellow employees of my late husband, Harry Drake, for their wonderful cooperation, their understanding and help in my recent loss.

I particularly want to extend my thanks to Battalion Chief Gene Walker, who, in the absence of Chief Benner from the city at the time of the death

of my husband, very graciously and completely unassuming, attended to the many details involved in the funeral services.

It is difficult to put into words the reassurance and relief he provided our family with his nobleness, but such assistance and understanding I can not keep to myself. I feel his humanitarianism should be made known to the people of Torrance and to the city of Torrance. We are deeply grateful.

Sincerely yours,
(S) Mrs. Mary G. Drake

Smoking Makes Chimney of Nose

Editor,
Torrance Press:
I have just read the article in the Press on smoking. What effect has smoking on the human body? Does it affect the lungs and hearts of a person? What has medical science discovered?

From what I have been reading they have found smoking has caused cancer of the lungs and hardening of the arteries.

This causes heart failure, called coronary thrombosis. I had two brothers who died from smoking. . . . I had a cousin who was just a pipe smoker. . . . The doctor found his heart was affected from

smoking. . . . The doctor did everything he could to save his life, but of no use.

I had a friend who was a great cigar smoker. All at once his throat became paralyzed. . . . There was nothing he could do. He just starved to death.

I had a son-in-law who was a cigaret smoker. . . . he quit for a while. . . . but he finally started smoking again. . . . He became very sick. . . . The doctor pronounced his death due to coronary thrombosis caused by smoking cigarets.

I myself am a teetotaler. I never use tobacco in any form. When I was just a young boy, a teacher in the public school organized a club called the Blue Ribbon club, never to use tobacco.

I joined and always kept my pledge. If you care to print this letter it may help someone not to smoke.

Yours truly,
(S) W. F. Dunbar,
2024 240th St.

P.S. Here's a little poem we learned in the early days in the '70s way back when cigarets were unknown.

Tobacco is a filthy weed,
And from the Devil it did proceed.
It soils the lips and stains the clothes
And makes a chimney of the nose.

Tax Plan Suggestion

Editor,
Torrance Press
Tax equalization is needed in this state right now, worse than anything else so the people of Southern California can obtain their share of the tax monies taken in by the state, which, sad to relate, has been too one sided these many years.

We pay most and get least. And as long as organizations here are so intent in doing away with needed improvements, such as needed highways, unless they change.

It's about time you people do something about who controls, say, the gas tax money for highways. You need to control it by your vote.

The only way we will ever get tax equalization, is to control the money by eliminating the gas tax and all other taxes we now pay, by substituting the "Gross Income Tax plan", an up to date, modern business plan based on mathematical positiveness.

A tax at or near 1 per cent would pay all the cost of maintaining this state in all its departments and would eliminate the "hodge podge" of tax laws so useless and outmoded, that the end result needed, is not forthcoming.

You people are screaming to high heaven for tax relief, what do you do to help yourselves?

That's right, nothing. Under this plan voted in at the voting booth by you, you "control your tax rate and your money, to be spent" and when you do that then, and then only, will you begin to save and earn.

Let's see how this plan would benefit any and all. Say with a pay check of \$350 a month or \$4200 a year. First, one would get an exemption of \$1,000. That leaves \$3200. (That \$1,000 is earned and banked tax free, as a deduction.) Now with no other income or money value turnover, his tax for the state would be \$32 a year or the prevailing rate controlled by income or decrease of monies coming into the state.

Then the political subdivision in the state wherein he lives will be about 1/4 per cent to maintain it in all departments and the pay group into which he is classified from 1/4 to 1 per cent or what is needed. Un- (Continued on page 12)

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