

Letters to The Editor

Aug. 14, 1958

The Editor: I would like to reply to the letter of Robert Kerber, printed in the Aug. 14th edition.

As one of the "protesting parents," I would like to state that our aim is not to discredit our public school system but to improve it. As the mother of four children, all of whom will be educated in the public school system, I am deeply concerned with the quality of education they will be getting.

Mr. Kerber asks how many children of the protesting parents will be going to public school this fall. Of the 35 pupils in our kindergarten class only four will not be returning to the public school system.

And as to our religious beliefs—until Mr. Kerber wrote his bigoted letter, none of us were concerned with the religious beliefs of others. But since the question was raised, here is the answer. Included in our group are those of the Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths. You Name It Mr. Kerber, we have it.

If Mr. Kerber would care to acquaint himself with all of the facts in the case instead of jumping to false conclusions, any or all of us in the group will be very glad to give him the information we have.

Incidentally, I am a Presbyterian. What are you Mr. Kerber?

Mrs. K. M. Payne, 17207 Ermanita ave.

Aug. 15, 1958

The Editor: In reading the "letter to the editor" in yesterday's Press from Robert L. Kerber, I believe I can supply him with some, though not all, of the answers to the questions he raised. My qualifications for answering are that I am one of the "twenty-four" parents discussed in your story of Aug. 7.

1. As far as I know the class is a typical kindergarten class. I do not know the religious affiliations (if any) of the parents involved in the dispute with the school board. I've never asked any of the others what their religions are. I think it would be an impertinent question.

2. I personally happen to be a Catholic and I have registered my boy in parochial school for next semester. Speaking for myself, I can say with complete sincerity that I have always recognized the importance of the public schools to our system of government, and I would never try to discredit them in an unconstructive way.

3. The question of religious affiliation, it seems to me, is irrelevant in the dispute. These parents, representing the overwhelming majority of Miss Browne's class, are attempting to right a wrong which has been done to a good teacher.

4. I'm sure the parents involved would not object to revealing their religious affiliations. In fact we would welcome and have been asking for an impartial investigation and/or hearing. But the school board has ignored us for lo, these many months.

In conclusion it seems to me that whether a person is a Catholic citizen or a Lutheran citizen or a Mormon citizen or a Jewish citizen or an atheist citizen should not have any bearing on whether or not his views will be heard by a public agency. I hope this letter has been constructive. It has been written in a constructive spirit.

John K. Skelley, 16822 Ainsworth

August 15, 1958

Dear Editor: Torrance has added another honor to its long list, this being one of our teen-agers who won the safety run to Yosemite Park, in a round about way they covered over 900 miles. They not only took top honors but broke records of professionals. This was based on safety, econ-

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omy and obeying our traffic laws. I think more attention should be given such accomplishments of our youth. The driver was Paul Gruttsi, his co-driver Jim Azzario. They are members of one of our Torrance car clubs, not the ones you seecracking about but boys who love cars and are

willing to learn to handle them properly and obey our traffic laws. When they are older they help the younger boys.

We have two very fine officers on our police force who give their time to these teen-agers, who I'm sure will be better citizens through their efforts. They

are to be commended. They are Officer Jackson and Officer Piazza. Too few people bother with our youth except to criticize.

Officer Jackson hopes to have the starting point in Torrance next year, this would mean a lot to our city and more to our

youth, they will need a lot of support, I would like to urge all organizations and individuals to get behind them and show our appreciation of a job well done, this I'm sure is our chance to give our teen-agers a boost instead of a boot.

will be very happy to tell you how you can help.

I understand that one of our meterettes has organized a car club for girls, I'm sure they too can use some help.

Hats off to our youth, and two very fine police officers.

Mrs. Bisou

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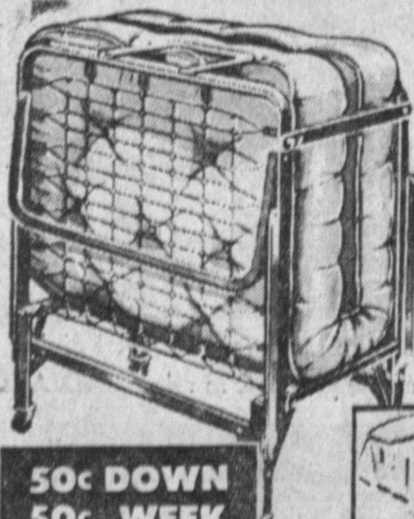
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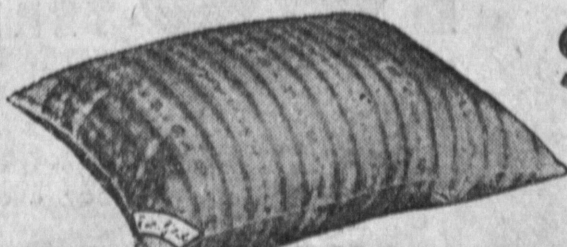


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