



Free Wheelin'

BY DICK DIMMETTE

NO EASY TASK is trying to fill an empty column with something of interest when the wells of inspiration run completely dry. I have never envied the professional with a daily deadline to meet. If you have any doubts as to the aridity of my mind at this point, just read on and all question will be removed. There is an old saying, "It's better to keep your mouth shut, and let people think you a fool than to open it and remove all doubt." This is one of the times that I would prefer to leave at least a lingering doubt. However, your publisher Bill Zappas, has some narrow minded idea that this space should be filled. I suspect that he knows that no one, with the exception of fellow dealers, read this anyway. In spite of that he keeps on insisting that I do my weekly stint. He has absolutely no respect for the sensibilities of his readers.

THE FAMINE IS OVER, Dwight Eubank reports that due to the fact that RAMBLER never completely shut down, his stocks are fairly complete. He is rolling Ramblers and Metropolitans and states that he either has your favorite model or can dealer trade for it. VEL is in somewhat the same position, FORD, due to their own mills, lost little production. Ted Green of PAUL'S CHEVROLET and yours truly were not so fortunate, we lost PLENTY of production. However our stocks are building up and there are plenty of Chevrolets and Corvairs as well as our own Plymouths and Valiants for immediate delivery. Here at DEVON MOTORS we also have probably the west's largest stock of Triumph Sedans and Station Wagons and the TR3 Sports Cars.

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Polio Shot Need Cited

"Too many South Bay area residents are not properly protected against poliomyelitis," Dr. A. L. Pyeatt, Public Health Committee chairman of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce said today.

Only 37 percent of Californians under 40 years of age have received the necessary polio inoculations for adequate immunization. Some 5,000,000 Californians in this age group have not had their full immunizations, the

committee declared. State Health Department figures show that in the age group under 40, where polio is the biggest danger, 85 percent of the population received one injection, 70 percent two injections, but only 37 percent the three required inoculations.

Doctor Pyeatt urges all people to go to their private physician and complete their total of three shots. One or two inoculations does not give adequate protection. The second shot should be given a month after the first shot, and the third shot at least seven months after the second shot.

The Original Squeeze

An accordion squeeze play is making the rounds in Torrance, reliable sources said today. According to the informants, unreliable salesmen are bilking people with study-at-home lessons and expensive made in Italy instruments bearing less elegant manufacturing stamps.

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Executives' Club Elects Directors; Feb. 6 Meet Slated

Three new faces will appear on the board of directors of the Executives' Dinner Club of the Torrance area, joining two incumbents who were re-elected, according to an announcement today by Dr. J. H. Hull, president. The five will serve three year terms.

Newly elected directors include: James Becker, Southern California Gas Co. district manager; James Hall, attorney; and William Shawger, owner of California Rubber Products. Darwin Parrish, owner of Parrish Stationers, and R. S. Pyle, district manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph were re-elected.

Directors who have one year left to serve include: Judge Donald Armstrong; T. C. Coleman, president of Coleman Engineering; Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of Torrance Unified School District; Del Madeau, Jeweler; and J. H. Paget, manager of J. J. Newberry's.

Those with two years to serve are: City Councilman George A. Bradford, owner of George A. Bradford Co.; City Councilman Nicholas O. Dralle, realtor, Dick Fitzgerald, manager of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Sam Levy, owner of Levy's Department Store; and Dean Sears, Diversified Mutual Funds.

Next meeting of the club will be held Feb. 6, at the Plush Horse, featuring Harold Kesinger as speaker.

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Post Office Shows 15% Boost in 1959

Torrance Post Office registered a hike of almost 15 percent in gross postal receipts last month as compared to a like period in 1958, it was revealed today by Mrs. Clara A. Conners, postmaster.

December, 1958, totaled \$137,401.65 as matched with \$157,732.32 last month.

Gross postal receipts for 1959 totaled \$731,072.54, which topped

1958's figure of \$651,469.64 by over 12 percent.

Incoming letter mail topped the 17 percent mark as far as an increase was concerned over 1958. The 1959 figure was 37,865,663 as compared with 32,254,901 the preceding year.

Last year, incoming parcel post packages were over 3 percent greater in volume than a like period in 1958. Figures were

356,958 as opposed to 345,940. Outgoing letter mail almost reached the 15 percent mark as far as greater volume was recorded over the 12-months of 1958. The figure last year was 18,648,974 compared to 12,266,476 in 1958.

Outgoing parcel post packages topped the 1958 volume by over 10 percent. In 1959, 243,264 were mailed as compared to 220,147

the preceding year. An increase of nine employees was registered and it was expected that annex facility floor space would be doubled in 1960.

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