CATHOLIC PARTY THIS EVENING

Hostesses for this evening's Catholic card party are Mesdames Margaret Stavens, Putman, MacDonald, Babbitt, Dunmyer, Koch, Pennington, Johnson, Allgood, Neff, Dillinder, Webb, MacGregor and Orm.

Everyone is invited. Presentation of the first door prize at 8:00 o'clock will precede games of contract and auction bridge, pinochle and 500. Coffee and delicious refreshments will be served by the hostess committee at the close of play, when game prizes will be awarded.

MRS. STRAUSS FETED ON MOTHER'S DAY

Mrs. Fern Strauss, of Gramercy ave., spent a most enjoyable Mother's day. She was the guest of her son, Norman, at the matinee of the Blackouts of '47, and later the dinner guest of her granddaughter Norma Lynn, at Melton's.

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World Trade Week Will Be Observed Here

National observance of World Trade Week has been set for the week of May 18 to 24. Object of the observance is to stimulate public interest in the subject—a particularly appropriate course in Los Angeles county since development of our harbor facilities is of considerable importance to our economy.

Observance of the week was proclaimed in Torrance yesterday by Mayor J. Hugh Sherfey, Jr., as follows:

"WHEREAS the economic welfare of our farms and factories, in fact of the whole of the business structure of Southern California, is directly dependent upon exchange with all countries of the world of raw materials and finished products; and

"WHEREAS trade between nations promotes peaceful relations conducive to high levels of domestic employment opportunities, full production and high levels of wages, profits, purchasing power, and living standards; and

"WHEREAS World Trade Week calls for fitting and proper observance to encourage and promote so laudable a program emphasizing the economic interdependence of the world,

"NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim the week May 18-24 as World Trade Week and do urge and invite our citizens and friends to join in consideration and understanding of the importance of international trade to the American economy and its relationship to our prosperity and well being."

LOVE OF LIBERTY

Interwoven as is the love of liberty with every ligament of your hearts, no recommendation of mine is necessary to fortify or confirm the attachment.

—George Washington

REG'LAR FELLERS — No Pipe Dream By Gene Byrnes

Future Of Synthetic Rubber Assured, W. J. Sears, U. S. Director, Declares

The future of the synthetic rubber industry of Torrance is assured, according to W. James Sears, director of the rubber division of the Office of Materials Distribution, successor to the Civilian Production Administration.

He said that while not as good as natural rubber, synthetic rubber is being improved rapidly and is here to stay.

Four local plants, Dow Chemical Co., Shell Chemical Co. U. S. Rubber Co., and Goodyear Rubber Co., have plants in the Torrance manufacturing area born of war necessity, but now in full peacetime operation.

Sears addressed leaders of the rubber industry of Southern California in Los Angeles Tuesday night.

He suggested the title "synthetic" rubber be discarded in favor of "American" rubber. He said calling it "synthetic" is psychologically bad.

Government control of rubber will be necessary for at least another year, Sears said, especially to set specifications for the ratio of natural and synthetic material used in manufacturing rubber products. At present, for instance, regulations permit no more than 23 percent natural rubber in a standard automobile tire.

Synthetic rubber tires now being made are just as good as prewar tires of natural rubber, according to Sears, "But," he added, "that does not mean that if the industry had all the natural rubber it wants, the tires it could produce through new methods learned during the war would not be superior to synthetic tires."

But the production and improvement of synthetic rubber must be maintained, Sears asserted. The government wants it as a security measure. And the rubber industry wants it as a whip over foreign rubber cartels which, before the war, were able to creat great fluctuations—from 4 cents to $1.16 per pound—in the price of natural rubber.

Caldwell Warns Vets To Protect Home Deposits

J. G. Caldwell, director, Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, today warned veterans who are in the market for homes to insist upon an inspection for termites or other infestations before becoming obligated for the purchase of property.

Such an inspection costs little, Caldwell said, and may save the veteran the cost of extensive repairs after he has secured the home. In some cases, veterans who did not take this precaution have had to pay as much as $500 for repairs.

If any infestation is shown by the inspection, the seller should be required to clear up the situation before any purchase agreement is signed.

Caldwell also advised veterans making a down payment on property to be purchased under federal or state veterans' financing plans to stipulate as part of the agreement that the money is to be refunded in case he is unable to complete the necessary loan.

Unless the agreement contains a notation such as "Subject to GI loan" or "Subject to approval for purchase by the State," it may be possible, legally, for the seller to contend that the veteran is not entitled to the refund of his deposit if the loan is not approved.

Further information regarding these subjects and other advice in connection with home or farm purchases and veterans loans may be obtained at Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, 1339 Post Avenue.

PRAYER CRUSADE AGAINST DRINKS REPORTED SPREADING

A concerted "Prayer" crusade against drinking establishments in Southern California may soon be underway.

Mrs. Bessie Lee Cowie, leader of the Pasadena WCTU, announced today that organizations seeking information on how to conduct similar anti-liquor drives have submitted requests, including Hollywood and other neighboring communities.

CONSTRUCTION TIME ON HOMES GREATLY REDUCED

Construction time for veterans homes in Los Angeles county has been reduced from a high of seven months in 1946 to five months by the end of the first quarter of 1947, Clifford L. Rawson, secretary-manager of the Home Builders Institute announced today.

"The reduction," Rawson explained, "is attributable to a greater amount and evenness in the flow of material into the area, and also to an improved labor supply situation."

Edison Refunding Operation Given Stockholder O.K.

Stockholders of Southern California Edison Co., at a special meeting Tuesday approved the company's proposals for a $95,000,000 refunding operation. Approximately 79¼ per cent of all outstanding capital stock, or well in excess of the required two-thirds, voted to authorize the necessary amendments to the Articles of Incorporation.

Directors of the company at a special meeting immediately afterwards voted to proceed with a tax free exchange offer of new preferred and preference stocks to holders of outstanding 6 and 5½ per cent preferred issues. For this purpose they authorized an initial series of cumulative preferred stock consisting of 1,653,429 shares, bearing a dividend rate of 4.32 per cent, and an initial convertible series of preference stock consisting of 1,653,429 shares, bearing a dividend rate of 4.48 per cent and convertible into common stock at a rate of four shares of common for five shares of preference stock. The offer will be made on a basis of one-half share of cumulative preferred stock and one-half share of convertible preference stock for each share of 6 per cent or 5½ per cent preferred stock now outstanding.

The exchange offer to preferred stockholders of the Southern California Edison Co., will be underwritten by a nationwide group of investment bankers headed by the First Boston Corporation and Harris, Hall & Co., Inc. A special group of soliciting dealers has been organized to assist the company in soliciting acceptances of the exchange offer.

Inspect Woolen Garments Now, Advises Agent

This is the time of year, according to Mrs. Margaret Todt, home demonstration agent in Los Angeles County, to inspect all woolen garments, brush them, have them dry cleaned, and get them into a place where they are safe from clothing moths and silverfish.

A little work will protect your clothes now, you won't be feeding moths all summer, and you will have some clothes to wear next fall, she says.

If the dry cleaning is to be done at home, gasoline must not be used as it is too dangerous. Use only commercial solvents which are based on Stoddard's specifications for fire and explosion safety. Do all cleaning out of doors, she warns.

Complete directions are given Extension circular "Dry Cleaning at Home." This circular and one on "Storage of Clothes" can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Todt at 808 North Spring st., Los Angeles 12.

REPORT STATES TWO CCMO WELLS ABANDONED HERE

Two C.C.M.O. company wells in the Torrance field were among four wells reported abandoned during the week ending May 3, according to the periodical bulletin of the State Department of Natural Resources, Division of Gas and Oil.

Abandonments in the state this year number 261 to date as compared to 244 for the same period last year.

School Of Blind Musicians Give Program At THS

By POLLY ROBINSON

Three talented young musicians from the School of the Blind, Monterrey, Mexico, presented a program of typical Spanish music at the Torrance High auditorium April 29.

Appearing in Mexican costumes, the young men's program consisted of singing and guitar playing.

Between musical numbers there was a demonstration of writing Braille and the steps in making books for the blind.

The show was presented by the National Transcribers society, which this year has begun the enterprise of transcribing books into Spanish Braille for the blind of Mexico and the rest of Latin America.

The students at Torrance High were given the opportunity to contribute to a fund to make these books. The Junior high school made a gift of $26.96; the senior high school, $42.98, making a total of $69.94 as Torrance high school's gift to printing Braille books.

NEW ENGLAND, N. Y. PICNIC

New England States Society President Harry B. Gould has issued a call for a reunion Saturday, May 17 in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. Baked beans and the present time rarity in California, genuine Vermont maple syrup, will be served.

Seasonal Events Mark Week Of Health Officer

Seasonal events and problems of public health covered several subjects last week, according to Dr. Henry C. Smiley, Torrance district health officer, the news being about child health, smallpox and venereal disease.

May Day has been designated by the President of the United States for the past 18 years as Child Health Day; and this year in an observance of the day the bureau of maternal and child health of the Los Angeles County health department has compiled a leaflet enumerating the services offered to expectant mothers and pre-school children. This pamphlet may be obtained at the district center by prospective parents or parents of small children.

With a flare-up of smallpox in the east, Dr. Smiley is suggesting that all persons who anticipate making a trip to the east coast obtain a vaccination against the disease if they are not now adequately protected. The health officer recommends that smallpox vaccinations be obtained every three years, particularly in view of the virulent type of smallpox which has been brought into the United States from the Orient.

The health center has an adequate supply of fresh vaccine for the use of those in the community who do not have the services of a private physician available.

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● Are extra payments made for Sundays worked?
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● Are extra payments made for holidays worked?
Yes. Double time is paid for specified holidays worked. Full pay (with a few exceptions) is received by those who do not work these holidays. The holidays are New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Admission Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

● Are there paid vacations?
Certainly. After a year's service, employees get one week with pay . . . two weeks after two years on the job . . . three weeks after fifteen years.

● Are there sickness benefits, death benefits and pensions?
Yes, since 1913 and provided at no cost to the employee. Sickness benefits range from four weeks at full pay plus nine weeks at half pay for an employee with two years' service on up to a year at full pay for those with 25 years' service. The spectre of illness doesn't worry the telephone family quite as much as it would without this plan.
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