

Compulsory Insurance Sought by Realtors

Compulsory insurance to protect persons and property from falling oil well derricks was asked of the Torrance City Council by the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board this week.

In a letter addressed to the council, R. J. "Paddy" Ryan, president, requested the city to require all oil derrick owners to post with the city a certificate certifying that the owners carry liability insurance covering bodily injury and property damage with limits of "at least \$50,000, or maybe \$100,00."

"The recent windstorm in this area, which blew down 11 wooden derricks in the Torrance oil field with considerable damage to other property, but without any physical damage to a person, must be construed as a warning that some action can be taken to prevent any future catastrophe," Ryan said.

The letter stated the liability policy should include sumps, open holes, oil wells and similar hazards.

Ryan pointed out: "In the event of death or permanent disability to persons caused by those derricks falling down on heavily traveled streets or private property, some of the owners of those derricks may not be financially able to properly compensate the injured parties, and might therefore put an undue burden on the families and relatives of the victims."

Several Protestant chaplains are needed in the southern part of the state for the California National Guard, and both Roman Catholic and Protestant chaplains are needed for the California Defense and Security Corps, Major General C. D. O'Sullivan, the adjutant general, announced.

The type of procedure chosen to enforce the Act would have to be based upon the circumstances existing in each particular case.

Walteria News Notes

By BETTY MITCHELL

House guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Reeves, 4037 Bluff street, last week were Mr. and Mrs. Neal Cole of Norton, Kansas. The Coles are friends of long standing.

Sunday, January 21, was a busy day for the Tom Kirts at their home, 3810 Pacific Coast Highway, when they entertained Mrs. Dale Shellhaas, of Compton; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kirk Jr. and daughters, Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Babcock of Long Beach; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Moreland and daughter, Inglewood; and Mrs. Ernest Moreland and son, from Morland, Kansas.

Mrs. William Habestreit, Winlock Drive, entertained a number of her friends at a bridge party Wednesday, January 17. Those attending were Misses Al Powell, Rex Guthrie, Bruce Howey, Charles Martz, Glenn Hardcastle, Mac Hall, Ellsworth Pfau, all of Torrance, and Walteria. The evening was ended by the serving of delicious refreshments.

The Pendletons, of Hawthorne boulevard, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Sockwell at the Sockwell's home in Monterey Park, Sunday, January 28. The Sockwells and Pendletons are old friends.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Mollie Dowd is back in Harbor General Hospital for another series of treatments. Our best "get-well" wishes are extended to her.

On the list of convalescents we find that Henry Powell, Bluff street, although still confined to Harbor General Hospital, is considerably better. We are glad to hear that he will be up and around before too long. Also recovering nicely is little Pat Berry, Hawthorne boulevard, who had a recent tonsillectomy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Berry. Mr. Berry is with the Navy in Korea. Also on the recovery list is Mr. Tom Fitzpatrick's mother. The Fitzpatrick's live on Danaha street.

Mrs. Kenneth Mesh and her son and daughter, Victor and Sharron Jones, Madison street, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Perkins in Lomita. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wilson of Date street, Torrance, were also present.

A lovely birthday party was given this week for Miss Angelina Harner, 3322 Danaha street, when she celebrated her third birthday, Friday, January 26. Children who enjoyed themselves at this event were Johnny Gaul, Jeanne and Linda Lupin, Colleen and Donny Kincannon, George Moraine, Susie and Tommy Key,

Bobby Lupin, Johnny Lupin, Shaun and Stevie McDaniel, Cathie Hixon, Teddy Sedon, Nancy Laske, and Noni Grant. The theme of the party was "Circus Time," and the big birthday cake was decorated in the form of a merry-go-round. The table was set in the garage, specially decorated for the occasion. A very merry time was had by all.

Many friends were sorry to see Miss Spaulding, Las Cadenas, leave this week to take up permanent residence near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her flowers and gardens have been a source of joy to many in her years of residence here in Walteria. Miss Spaulding sold her property about two weeks ago.

The stork has been busy again in our little town. The G. E. Burress family welcomed a new son, Lee Donnell, into their home last week when the mother and child returned home after a stay in Long Beach. Lee was born December 29, at St. Mary's Hospital and weighed in at nine pounds and two ounces. He and his sister live with their mother and father at 24735 Winlock Drive.

Another visit by the stork was paid to Mr. and Mrs. James Lamperth, 3232 Danaha street, on January 2. Their new daughter is named Denise Jeanne. She was born at the San Pedro Community Hospital, weighing five pounds, eight and one-half ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Corey of Park street took a motor trip to Ventura Sunday, January 28. Just missed the bad storms, and had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell and children of Van Nuys were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Powell and family of Ward street last week.

Mrs. Louis Snyder, Madison street visited her mother, Mrs. Susie Baxendale in Torrance, Sunday, January 28. Mrs. Baxendale has recently been ill.

Mrs. C. W. Johnson of Newton street has been hostess of the chorus of women from the First Baptist Church, Walteria. The rehearsals are in preparation for their Founders Day Program.

Approximately 20 Boy Scouts of Troop 240 had a rip-roaring time Friday, January 26, when they went to the Hermosa Billmore plunge for an outing. They were accompanied by Scoutmaster William Lizut, and assistant scoutmaster George Lemon.

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