



CONGRATULATIONS! . . . Jack Smith, who is with the local State Farm Insurance branch, shakes hands with Mrs. George Winters, 1243 Cabrillo Ave., congratulating her, as a representative of her class, on the fine driving record of U. S. housewives. John Conshafter, who is associated with Smith, holds a copy of company statistics showing housewives to be among the top 64 occupational classes studied in an auto safety survey. Scene is 1715 Cabrillo, where the two men have opened up a new office.

Lady Drivers Not So Bad; Rank High in Auto Safety

The old myth that women are lousy drivers is about to be exploded. Outdated is the old sarcastic sneer, "Woman Driver!" For housewives can continue to take pride in their driving records according to a new survey released this week by the local State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. in conjunction with the opening of a new office at 1715 Cabrillo Ave.

Cooperating in the new venture are John Conshafter and Jack Smith, who formerly were located at 1308 Sartori Ave.

Housewives rank 28th in a list of 64 occupational classes in the handling of private passenger cars, well ahead of auto salesmen (32nd), truck driver (43rd), garage employees, (48th) and most professional groups, the survey shows.

Rankings, Conshafter said, are based on a study of insurance loss ratios on private passenger cars only, made by statisticians of the State Farm office in Bloomington, Ill. They cover that company's experience by occupation of insured for the policy years 1949-1951 inclusive.

Significance of the figures is heightened by the fact that they are based on almost a quarter of a billion dollars of premiums collected by the company in the three-year span.

Farmers ranked fourth, lead all other major occupational groups in driving safety, according to the survey. They are preceded only by proprietors of wholesale establishments, county agents, and retired persons, in that order, each class a much smaller size.

Whether a person is retired or simply unemployed makes the difference between a very good or very bad class of drivers, the study shows. The unemployed ranked 63rd, next to last, compared with third place for the retired group.

The clergy's 55th ranking puts them in strange company, just ahead of canvassers and peddlers, amusement workers, entertainers, and liquor distributors, in that order. Food handlers and traveling salesmen lag sadly in 60th and 61st positions.

Last on the list are enlisted military personnel, well below commissioned officers, who rank 40th.

Teachers, ranked seventh, can take credit for getting a good-but apparently unnoticed-example for students, who are in 62nd place. Bankers, eighth, can look askance at the performance of the medical profession (29th) and lawyers (50th).

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a shame-faced 53rd. Some of the lower rankings, the survey points out, may reflect use of the insured private passenger car in business. This would indicate that any extra skill developed in daily use of the vehicle is more than offset by the increased exposure to the chance of accidents. Standings are based solely on losses related to premiums.

Begin Sale This Morning

A back-to-school rummage sale will be held by the Gardena Valley Sisterhood today, tomorrow, and Saturday at 832 Gardena Blvd. in Gardena.

Children's, ladies', and men's clothing and shoes will be headlined on the bill of sale, which also will feature miscellaneous household articles.

Anyone having items to donate is asked to call Mrs. Henry Fein at MEnlo 4-3849 or Mrs. Rubin Belkin, MEnlo 4-4681.



LOADED WITH LAUNDRY . . . Getting in practice for next Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 9 and 10, when they will assist on a profit-sharing basis at LeMoynes Half Hour Laundry, 1627 Cravens Ave., are these Women of the Moose, left to right, Mesdames Dan Hutchison, James Baudin, Leonard Swanson, and George Clay. The women are urging members and friends to save their dry-cleaning and laundry until those days to give the club budget a boost for fall social and service projects.

SLATE FIRST FALL MEET WEDNESDAY

Young women of Torrance will begin a full fall activity, schedule next Wednesday night, Sept. 9, when the Junior Woman's Club holds its first meeting of the 1953-54 year at the Woman's Clubhouse, 1422 Engracia Ave., at 8 o'clock.

Business session, to be conducted by Mrs. J. A. Barrington, president, will feature fund-raising plans, including the club's annual Christmas card campaign and diminishing parties, held for the dual purpose of acquainting members and adding to the budget.

Introduction of new board executives, permanent chairmen, and new members, also will highlight the meeting, Mrs. Barrington said. Hostess for the social hour to follow will be Mrs. Robert Waddell.

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PLAN DANCE . . . Mrs. Thomas Coleman writes the last address on an envelope to be mailed to a Little League baseballer while Mrs. J. N. Hawkins holds four dance tickets to be slipped inside. The two women co-operated with other members of the Little League Mothers Auxiliary in sending tickets which the team members will sell to Saturday night's dance at the Hollywood Riviera Clubhouse, to benefit the League. For more details see story on sports page.

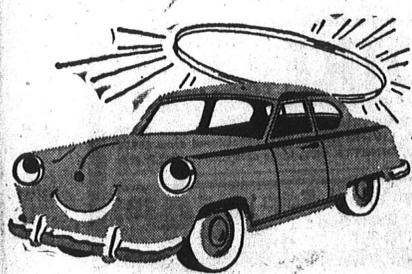
Plan Square Dance Class For Beginners

Square dance enthusiasts of this city will have an opportunity to learn the rudiments of the art beginning next Wednesday, Sept. 9, when the Torrance "Sideshowers" Square Dance Club opens a class for neophytes.

Those desiring to take instruction may make reservations for the first session by calling FAirfax 8-3800.

The "Sideshowers" enjoyed a real old-fashioned hoochdown last Saturday when Mr. and Mrs. Homer W. Bale opened their home in Portuguese Bend for an evening of dancing. Early arrivals took a swim in the pool, and later all joined in a potluck supper featuring charcoal broiled steaks.

Three squares were in formation for the balance of the evening, with numbers being called by Homer B. Morgan. Another dip in the pool climaxed the festivities.



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2	2 or 3	40
3	3 or 4	50
4	4 or 5	70



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Goodbye, Hello Past, Present Principals Honored by Harbor PTA

A welcome and a farewell highlighted a Harbor City Elementary School PTA social last Friday, with 30 board members and teachers gathering at the school auditorium to honor the former principal, Winston Scott, and new principal, Mrs. Avis Creech.

Scott, who completed five years of service with the school last June, received a token of appreciation for his work, a clock to adorn the desk at his new school, Bryson St. Elementary in South Gate. Mrs. Ray Groover, president, presented the gift on behalf of the executive board.

The leader also presented Mrs. Creech, who has had 25 years experience in the educational field, with a welcome gift, a carnation corsage. The new principal, who comes here after five years as executive at Van Ness Elementary School in Hollywood, and her family are presently making their home on N. Middle Ridge Lane, Rolling Hills.

Churchwomen Plan Drama HAS OPERATION

In Good Samaritan Hospital at Los Angeles today recovering from surgery performed yesterday morning is Mrs. Harry M. Abramson, 1603 Post Ave., who has been active in Business and Professional Women's Club and the DeMolay Mothers' Circle here.

Mrs. Abramson and her husband are co-owners of the local National Home Appliance Store. Results of the operation were unknown at publication time.

Other highlights of the session will be a bake sale sponsored by the World Friendship Group of Girls and a talk on

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