

# Municipal Rubbish Collection Urged to Combat Smog Problems

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As a first step toward restoring clean air in the Los Angeles Basin, experts believe the area's million backyard incinerators should be replaced by rubbish collection systems, with the county and its 46 cities burying most of the refuse.

They recommend the use of sanitary landfills, in which waste material is dumped and covered with dirt.

Hundreds of cities have found this the most efficient and economical method of rubbish disposal.

The process seems ideal for an area plagued by smog.

And it could be adopted much sooner than untried and expensive systems which require bond financing and extensive construction.

This disposal method was

avored by experts from 21 cities who met in Pasadena last month under auspices of the Air Pollution Foundation, a privately financed group warring on smog.

It was recommended by Dr. L. B. Hitchcock, Foundation president, who reported to the board of supervisors, "several of the nation's leading authorities in the field of municipal refuse disposal have said they could not understand how the country's newest large metropolitan area could longer tolerate backyard burning of refuse particularly under the very restricted atmospheric conditions existing here."

Water Threatened

Local officials who studied the proposal are wary of it, primarily because of the potential danger to precious underground water basins, and

secondarily because they feel the cost will be excessive if dumps have to be located far distant from collection areas.

Both objections are substantial but not insurmountable.

Protection of the Southland's limited subterranean water supply is vital. Water draining from waste material can pollute an entire basin. Once contaminated, water becomes useless.

The underground basins normally serve thousands of homes as well as agriculture and industry. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and privately-owned companies pump substantial portions of their water from these sources.

The basins would be the sole source of water in event of an enemy attack because radioactive fallout from an atomic or hydrogen bombing would

contaminate the open reservoirs serving the area and knock out the aqueducts from Owens Valley and the Colorado River.

Officials won't risk endangering the bomb-proof water supply, so no rubbish dump will be located on a site from which contamination could percolate through the soil to a known basin.

Many Sites Suitable

As a matter of fact, sanitary landfills may safely be located on much of the vacant land scattered throughout the county.

They could be blessings in disguise for any neighborhood. Scores of cities have proven that such dumps can be operated without becoming a nuisance or eye-sore even to the most particular.

Once filled, the dumps can be

converted into parks and recreational areas—the most popular after-use—or become sites for schools or other public buildings.

However, elected officials realize that the mere suggestion of locating a dump in a residential center will bring enraged protests. It is felt that even the prospect of a fine neighborhood park later on won't stop the criticism.

Surveys Due

So engineers hired by the county and many cities to locate vacant land suitable for sanitary landfills will survey areas far removed from residential centers, at least at the outset.

Since the haul distance is the major expense item in the landfill disposal method, local costs are apt to be much higher than in other cities. When, and if, neighborhoods accept such dumps, the cost will be relatively low.

## WALTERIA NEWS NOTES

### Gilbert Sanders Returns from Hawaii, to Spend Month Here

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The JFF Club held its monthly meeting on Feb. 15, at the Recreation Hall. Nine members enjoyed viewing the showing of films on Knott's Berry Farm and of the Rose Parade by Mrs. Barbara Toralson of Torrance. The ladies spent the rest of the evening working on their hospital project and with business affairs. The refreshments were in the form of a potluck buffet. The next meeting will be held on March 15, at the Recreation Hall.

Mrs. Herbert Herring of Park St. was sorely missed during her stay at the Harbor General Hospital. This was more than given by the number of guests who dropped into her home to bid her welcome back last week. Among the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Withert, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rexroat, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Caples, Mr. and Mrs. Snooks Banturella, Miss Barbara Woodward, Mrs. Peggy Butler and children, Mrs. Lola Bird and son, Miss Shirley Morrow, Mrs. Tony Hanley, Mrs. Jack Clouse, Mrs. Joe Sneed and son, Mrs. Dorothy Roy, Mrs. John Minor, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Caples, Mrs. Gertrude Polston.

for the evening were the Kenneth Wards of Pacoima, the J. S. Merricks of Rivera, the Paul Monteiths of Lakewood, the C. W. McFarlands of Los Angeles, the J. S. McFarlands of Torrance, and the V. L. McFarlands of Hawthorne. On the following Monday evening the Marshall McFarlands and Willbur McFarlands finished a most pleasant visit with a sojourn to China Town.

Still more company for a Dana St. home came to the Thomas Fitzpatrick residence. This time the visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Byrn Hammerstein and son Paul of St. Paul, Minn. The Hammersteins were Tuesday afternoon guests.

Visiting at the L. G. McCall home the past week were Mrs. McCall's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Smith of Hall, N. D.

Warm welcomes goes this week to Mr. and Mrs. Krutz, who have recently moved to our town and now live on Los Codona Ave. Mr. Krutz is employed at Redondo Beach Edison Co. They have four children.

Don't forget that this Friday evening is the date of the Chicken Box social at the local Methodist Church recreation hall. The auctioning will start at 6:30. Prizes will be awarded the boxes of various divisions. After the fried chicken is all gone, there will be fun for all in folk dancing. Nursery care will be provided for those who wish to bring the wee ones of the family.

The Dorcas Circle had a pleasant time last Tuesday evening when they went to the home of Mrs. Elaine Nixon of Garden Grove for their meeting. Twenty ladies made the journey. After a devotional program led by Gloria Rose and a business meeting, the ladies all enjoyed ginger bread and whipped cream served by co-hostess Ada Hunter, also of Garden Grove.

Martha Circle held its monthly meeting at the Dalemead St. home of Maxine Reist. Seventeen ladies were present to enjoy the program presented and to participate in a business meeting. Co-hostess Carol Allison of Torrance served delicious devil's food chiffon cake.

Many ladies answered their

doors last Wednesday morning to find they were being kidnapped for the PTA-Kidnap breakfast. The breakfast was served in various homes throughout the community and turned out to be a huge success. Needless to say, the "victims" greatly enjoyed munching the doughnuts and drinking the coffee served them by the busy hostesses.

Glad to hear that Virginia Deuel, daughter of the Bob Deuels of Park St., is recovering nicely from an emergency appendectomy performed recently.

That other appendectomy victim, Mike Trantham of Madison St., is home now and feeling much better.

The week-end of the 13th was a pleasant one for the Bill Williams of Los Codona, when they went to spend the time in the snow at Fawn Skin, near Big Bear Lake.

Another Los Codona Ave. family enjoying the same week-end were the Otto Meyers, who left that Thursday for a week-end motoring trip to San Francisco.

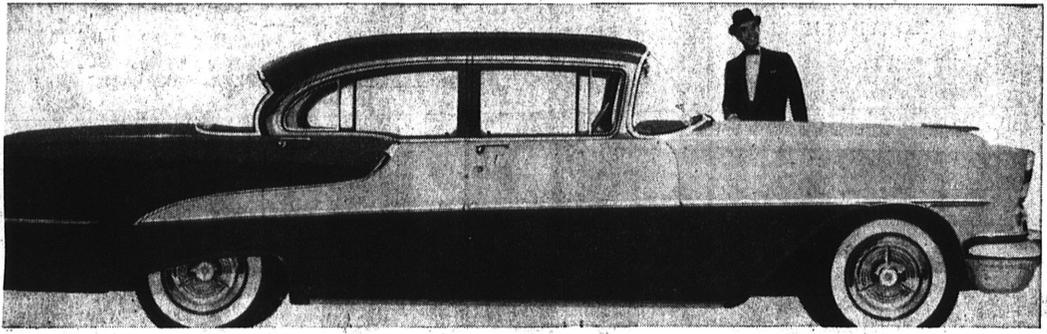
More new neighbors here in Walteria are the Darley family, who have moved to Los Codona Ave. Reginald Darley, his wife Phyllis and son Reginald William, who is the ripe old age of six months, have moved here from Lennox. Mr. Darley is employed at Northrup Aviation.

Last Saturday night will be long-remembered by Ida Mae and Leonard Christian of Neece Ave. Having gone out for the evening, they were summoned back to their lovely new home by a phone call. Upon their return they were surprised to find 35 of their friends waiting to give them a housewarming. The evening was started with a toast in champagne punch by their son, Wesley Christian. Wesley's wife, Mary Kay, played hostess to the group, and Mrs. Margaret Kettering was co-hostess. The honored couple opened their many lovely gifts, which were placed on a buffet surrounding a lovely cake topped with a sugared replica of their own new home. With the conclusion of gift opening, the group went to the home of Mrs. Agnes Whittington, carrying the cake with them, and completed a very happy and successful evening by dancing and enjoying buffet refreshments.

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