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HERALD "COOK-O-RAMA" Economist, Mrs. Margie Even, will present this afternoon and Friday at the Civic Auditorium here to demonstrate latest cookery techniques at the gala two-day free cooking school under joint sponsorship of The HERALD, Southern California Gas Company, and the Torrance Recreation Department. It starts promptly at 1:30 p.m. and lasts for more than two hours.



OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP HONORED... James Visceglia, harbor area campaign chairman for the Community Chest, presents "Oscars" to City Chairman Phil Lisman (left) and Business Chairman Robert R. Waddell (right) for their part in raising the Community Chest goal last fall. Awards were made at a Harbor Welfare Board meeting at the Torrance YWCA.

Five Candidates File Petitions For Board Race

Five candidates have filed nominating petitions for the May 18 school board election, the county superintendent's office reported yesterday. Three of the candidates are incumbents—Grace Wright, Joseph Arnold and Darwin Parrish.

Two new candidates for the board are Dr. Eleanor Thill, Walteria, optometrist, and William C. Rowell, aircraft company technical editor.

Deadline April 18 Last day for filing nominations for the board election is April 18, a week following the municipal elections to be held here on April 10. Nominations must be filed with the County Superintendent of Schools.

Registration for the election closes March 25—next Sunday, according to Warren W. Hamilton, director of special services for the Torrance Unified School District.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots may be obtained between April 28 and May 11 by application in writing to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools, 306 N. Hill St., Los Angeles. Applications must be signed by voter in his own handwriting and must include the following:

- 1. Reason for absence from polls on election day.
2. Signature of applicant.
3. Name and home address of applicant.
4. Address to which ballot should be sent.

Sample forms of applications may be obtained at the Torrance district office, 2335 Plaza Del Amo.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., May 18.

Large Group Attends Style Show Here

The annual style show sponsored by the local Women's Society of Christian Service went off with a bang last Saturday evening with almost 150 in attendance to view the latest fashions. The narrator for the evening was Mrs. Jean Cramer, who very competently described the fashions modeled against the backdrop of ivy-covered trellis. Models for the affair were Mrs. Claire Gall, Mrs. Peggy Randall, Mrs. John Chaudano, Miss Joy Bebbing, Miss Carol Herzog, Miss Betty Daugherty, and three very small misses, Marta, Mary, and Lori Andrews. The latest things in father-and-son fashions were modeled by Bob Cramer and son Kenny. General chairman for the event was Mrs. Randall, with Mrs. Mary Ann Anderson in charge of refreshments, and Mrs. Chaudano serving as hostess. Three cleverly executed dance acts from the Granger Studio added to the enjoyment of the evening. Parts and coffee put a fitting finish to the program.

Little Johnny Gall of Danabas St. celebrated his seventh birthday in style last Saturday afternoon with a party at the Walteria park. Among the little guests who came to wish him happy returns of the day were Trudy Fitzpatrick, Pamy Freels, Billy Mitchell, Stephen Hertzer, Patsy Omohundro, Kenny Gramer, Jimmy Hull, Claire Myers, Bobby Stagner, Jimmy Harner, Gail Adams and Christie and Mark Slesche. Whistles, balloons, lollypops and candy-filled cup favors, topped off with pink lemonade, ice-cream sticks, and cake, made the party a whip of an affair with all the little guests enjoying themselves immensely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beck, of Rainree Ave., are entertaining guests this week from Paradise, Calif. They are Mr. Beck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Beck.



SAFETY AWARD... Receiving a plant safety award for Pacific Smelting Co. employees and management at a recent dinner meeting are J. C. Sullivan, left, safety chairman; and W. D. Johnson, right, plant manager. Making the presentation is Paul Brallier, representing the donors of the award, the Employers Mutual Insurance Co. of Wisconsin.

Control of Flea-Ridden Rodents Needed to Curb Several Diseases

By ROY M. GILBERT, M.D., L.A. County Health Officer

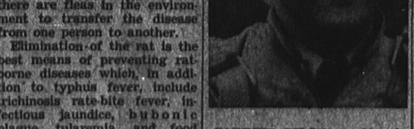
That flea-ridden rodent, the rat, certainly causes a lot of trouble. Among other things, it destroys and wastes huge amounts of food every year, starts fires by shorting electric wiring, and damages buildings by gnawing and burrowing. Worst of all the rat and his insect parasites, carry and transmit to human beings a number of serious diseases including endemic typhus fever. Local outbreaks of this illness occur from time to time.

Since the first of the year two cases of typhus have been reported in Los Angeles County, and in 1951, an outbreak of the disease occurred in Altadena. At that time 80 individuals, all of whom lived in the same block, were stricken with an illness of a like nature. In 11 of these cases, typhus was positively identified as the cause of illness and, although a positive diagnosis could not be obtained in the rest, the cause was thought to be the same—typhus infection transmitted by the rat flea. The infection may also be spread by the fleas on certain other rodents such as gophers and ground squirrels.

Symptoms Given Endemic typhus fever is accompanied by fever, prostration, persistent headache, and a skin eruption that generally appears about the fifth or sixth day. Unlike the epidemic or louse-borne type of typhus fever which has killed millions of people in many parts of the world, the fatality rate of the endemic type encountered in Southern California is less than 2 per cent. However, although the illness is relatively mild, it often results in weakness which may last over a period of several months, thus lowering resistance to other maladies.

Fortunately, the disease cannot be transferred from man to man so a sick person can never infect another individual unless there are fleas in the environment to transfer the disease from one person to another. Elimination of the rat is the best means of preventing rat-borne diseases which, in addition to typhus fever, include trichinosis, rate-bite fever, infectious jaundice, leptospirosis, tularemia, and food poisoning bacteria.

Control Needed Permanent and lasting control of the rat is the answer, and to be successful this must incorporate four major points of attack: kill him, starve him, destroy his harborage, and pre-



CARRIER PILOT... Naval Aviator Cadet William A. Glasson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glasson, 1544 W. 290th St., was qualified as a carrier pilot recently at Pensacola. Before entering the Naval Aviation program, he attended Harbor Junior College.

Chest Leaders Receive Oscars For Fall Drive

Torrance's top Community Chest volunteers in the recent fund drive today held coveted Chest awards for their efforts in putting the city over the top.

The coveted Chest Oscar was presented City Chairman Phillip Lisman, Commerce and Industry Chairman John Ebbinghouse, Business Chairman Robert R. Waddell, and Residential Chairman Mrs. Bette Jo Rowell, all 100 percenters, in ceremonies featuring the Harbor Area Welfare Board's recent meeting at the Torrance YWCA. The Torrance YWCA is one of 17 harbor-area youth, health, and welfare agencies supported by Chest-raised funds.

Others Honored Chest-Advanced Chairman Dr. Joseph P. Bay, with other local and harbor leaders, received a special merit award for "contributing outstanding leadership in making this community a better place to live."

Presenting the awards, Harbor Area Campaign Chairman James Visceglia commended local leaders and others of the more than 2000 Chest volunteers who gleaned close to \$80,000 or 97 1/2 per cent of goal for the harbor area's eight Chest cities.

This Ain't Hay "This ain't hay, it's money," Visceglia quipped, describing the volunteers as the "solid base of the pyramid" on which success was achieved.

Lonita Harbor City Chairman E. E. Meyers also received an Oscar and a special certificate for rolling up 100 per cent of goal in her area. Other local agencies benefiting from Chest-raised funds include Torrance and Lonita Harbor City Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, The Catholic Welfare Bureau, Salvation Army, the Visiting Nurse Assn., Veterans' Service Centers, Family Service, and the Harbor Area Welfare Planning Council.

Boys' Basketball Titles at Stake

Elementary aged boys' basketball championship will be decided here Saturday at Torrance High, when the Walteria Mudhens and Carr Globetrotters meet at 10:30 a.m. here.

In the W's play, the Walteria Bruins and Crenshaw Lions will meet at 1:30 p.m. for the city title. Recreation department officials ask all boys playing in the final games to wear tennis shoes.

Machinist Saves Time, Money For Company

An aircraft plant is the last place one would normally expect to find a cache of diamonds, but the ingenuity of a machinist at the Torrance location of Douglas Aircraft's El Segundo Division made it possible to recover a hoard of 738 carats of industrial diamonds worth \$254.60 at a cost of only \$39.15.

For years the tiny diamond chips, which broke off the grinding wheels in the perishable tool maintenance department, fell to the floor and were swept up because it was considered impossible to recover them.

Leadman Russ O'Hare, 22312 Osaage Court, Torrance, suggested placing shallow, rectangular pans directly beneath the grinding wheels to catch the chips as they wore loose from their resin binder.

Half the machines were equipped with the pans during a tryout period. The diamonds, as they fell into the pan, became immersed in resin, coolant and dirt. This presented a problem of retrieving them from the sludge. The Norton Company, of Worcester, Mass., manufacturers of diamond wheels, said they could develop a process to reclaim the diamonds.

The test period lasted two months. When a sufficient amount of sludge was available, it was placed in a flannel bag and dried out in an oven to reduce the shipping weight.

When the check arrived from Norton, it was obvious that O'Hare's suggestion was a success. As a result of his efforts, the number of reclaimed diamond chips is expected to increase far beyond what was originally expected.

Chace Warns County Residents To Register For Coming Vote

County residents who want to help select a presidential candidate had better register now, County Supervisor Burton W. Chace warned yesterday.

Chace, chairman of the Citizens' Committee to "get out the vote," pointed out that the registration deadline for the June 5 consolidated primary election is only about two weeks away.

"Those who don't register by midnight, April 12, will forfeit their right to vote in the primary," he said. "In our system of government by the majority, they will fall in their duty to help make the majority voice heard."

In addition to presidential and other federal candidates, there will be contenders for state and county offices. Primary voting for 31 state assemblymen, county district attorney, the county supervisors from the Second, Fourth and Fifth districts and 48 municipal and superior court judges will take place.

The Citizens' Committee to "get out the vote," composed of 50 representatives from business, labor, government, the press and other community interests, is currently conducting a campaign to register all eligible voters.

Executive Coordinator Alfred A. Atherton says, "Out of an estimated county population of 547,000 only 2,011,445 voters registered as of Jan. 3. This compares unfavorably with the registration mark of 2,310,000 for the last presidential election in 1952, when the county population was only about 4,000,000."

According to Benjamin S. Thill, county registrar of voters, six classes of persons must register for the primary:

- 1. Those who have changed their address since they last registered.
2. Those who have changed their names since they last registered.
3. Those who desire to change their political affiliation.
4. Those who did not vote at

Kuchel Adds Legislative Assistant

Francis D. Tappan, recently a section chief in the Justice Department criminal division, has joined the staff of Senator Thomas H. Kuchel as legislative assistant.

Tappan, a World War II veteran, who served with the Navy in the South Pacific and won All-American mention as a University of Southern California football player, succeeds John A. Wild Jr., Kuchel's legal aide since January, 1955. Wild is returning to the Los Angeles area to resume his law practice.

The new legislative assistant, who received his law degree from USC and is a member of the California bar, is a second-generation Native Son. His father was the late Judge Clair Sprague Tappan of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. Tappan is 48 and was born in Los Angeles.

As a Naval Reservist, Tappan was called to active duty several months before Pearl Harbor and served four years in the South Pacific in motor torpedo boats. He won the silver star, the combat legion of merit, and a purple heart as a squadron commander. He was released from service in January, 1946, but recalled for duty in the Navy Bureau of Personnel during the hostilities in Korea. In 1952 he was named commissioner of the U. S. Court of Military Appeals, a post he held until joining the Justice Department in February, 1954.

Tappan, who resides in Virginia, is the father of three daughters. His wife is the former Beth Moreno, daughter of film actor Antonio Moreno. He attends the Episcopal church and belongs to Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Phi, legal fraternity; the American Legion, and the Los Angeles Bar Assn.

Efforts Doubled for New Sister Kenny Fund Drive

Mrs. Fred E. Smith is doubling her efforts to make the Sister Kenny Foundation's May fund-raising drive a success.

For her work as Torrance volunteer city chairman, Mrs. Smith, 3703 W. Carson, has added the job of advance gifts chairman. All campaign volunteers will work to raise funds to maintain the Sister Kenny Memorial Hospital and Rehabilitation Center and two outpatient clinics.

"We who are associated with Sister Kenny Foundation feel that this is the time to be proud," said Mrs. Smith. "The rehabilitation center in El Monte has grown from a 29-bed facility to a 116-bed hospital. "But," Mrs. Smith added, "it is also a time for humility or careful thought and planning in the face of the great tasks that confront us as we approach of the polo season we cannot relax our efforts to support the only hospital in the West which gives the complete Sister Kenny treatment and care to those afflicted with polio."

Mrs. Smith also pointed out that any child or adult with a neuromuscular disease may obtain an examination without charge by calling the Admissions Clinic of the Sister Kenny Memorial Hospital for an appointment. If the medical examining committee believes that the afflicted person will benefit from intensive treatment the patient will be admitted to the hospital regardless of race, religion, color, age, or ability to pay.

Any individual club or organization interested in aiding the Sister Kenny Foundation's May campaign is urged to contact Mrs. Smith.



TORRANCE'S "MRS. AMERICA"... Evelyn Oliver, north Torrance housewife and mother, receives a silver tray signifying her victory over local candidates in the "Mrs. America" local finals here last week. She competed with district representatives in the Civic Auditorium last night. Giving her the platter (right) is Harvey Feller, Junior Chamber of Commerce chairman, and Phil Lisman (left), president of the Jaycees.