

Fern Singers Scheduled at Y Breakfast

The Fern-Greenwood PTA Mother Singers have been added to the other entertainment attractions for the annual YMCA Good Neighbor Breakfast. The huge charity breakfast will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 6 until 11:30 a.m., at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

In addition to the Mother Singers, one of Torrance's most talented choral groups, the Torrance Area Youth Band will provide two full hours of music. Another highlight of the morning will be the award-

ing of the 1957 "Good Neighbor" Trophy to some citizen who has been a good neighbor to many individuals and groups in the community.

The breakfast menu will include pancakes, sausages, orange juice, and coffee or milk, and since most foods have been contributed by local grocers, the low price of the breakfast enables the Torrance YMCA to continue serving more than 4500 Torrance youngsters with YMCA camps, clubs, Saturday trips, and valuable training in athletics, camping, getting along with others, and simple worship experiences.

Several door prizes will be awarded, with the first prize of a portable television set. Tickets are now being sold by hundreds of YMCA boys and girls; and are available at the door on Oct. 12.

Ralph Morris is chairman of the event.

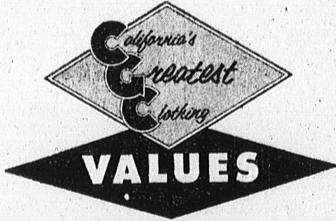
WATER NEEDED
An acre of cotton requires up to 800,000 gallons of water.



GRID QUEEN ASPIRANTS . . . At least 10 co-eds will seek the "Grid Queen" title at El Camino College in campus balloting Oct. 11. Aspirants shown here include Patsy O'Reilly, Peggy Nell, Paula Daniels, Kathy Wedel, Mimi Goglan, Farida Magallanes, Milana Bowen, Sandy Eddy,

and Mary Sue Willis. The queen will reign over the annual grid dance Oct. 11, and appear the next day with her court at the El Camino-Santa Monica football game.

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State Controller Kirkwood To Speak to Rotary Club

Robert C. Kirkwood, Controller, State of California, will speak to the Rotary Club of Torrance on the operations of the State Controllers office this evening, it was announced by Robert Tolson, program chairman.

Kirkwood was born in California, and has been here all of his life. He was elected to the State Assembly in 1946 from Santa Clara County. He was appointed to the Controller's position by the then governor of California, Earl Warren, and subsequently re-elected to that office.

The Controller, an elective official directly responsible to the people, provides an independent check on financial operations of the State's spending agencies. As the State's chief fiscal officer, Kirkwood is charged with auditing a and keeping a check on California's public accounts.

Oversees Taxes
As chairman of the Franchise Tax Board he is responsible for collecting the corporate franchise and income taxes. As a member of 15 major boards and commissions, the Controller has duties which

extend far beyond the immediate responsibilities of his office. These boards and commissions are constituted by law to deal with many of the most vital policies and dynamic issues affecting California's welfare.

Kirkwood is a member of the Congregational Church and many agricultural and civic organizations, he is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School; and a member of the California Bar, married and father of four children.



ROBERT C. KIRKWOOD
... Speaks Here Tonight

Gas Company Seeks Boost In Area Rate

Increased costs of natural gas from out-of-state sources may raise rates for Southern California residents—subject to possible future refunds—according to applications this week with the California Public Utilities Commission.

Southern California and Southern Counties Gas Cos. each filed an application with the Commission requesting permission to collect higher rates to recover an annual increase of about 11 per cent in gas costs, which will be put into effect by their out-of-state supplier, El Paso Natural Gas Co., on Jan. 1, 1958.

All classes of customers

Burglar Takes Glasses
Sun glasses, valued at an estimated \$250, were stolen for the office of Dr. Joseph P. Bay, 1427 Marcelina Ave., Sunday, according to local police.

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would be uniformly increased 2.15 cents per thousand cubic feet of gas. The effect on a typical residential user would be about 15 cents a month.

A spokesman for the two gas companies explained the increase will not bring additional net revenues to the companies, but is merely an offset collection, with the local firms passing the money on to

El Paso Natural. Final determination of the El Paso increase will be made by the Federal Power Commission after hearings to be held in Washington, D.C., at some later date. Thereafter, El Paso will be required to refund any disallowed amounts to the local companies, who will make corresponding refunds to their customers.

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