

Social Security Coverage For Domestic Workers Told

A word of caution came today from Miles Davis, district manager here for social security. According to Davis, many housewives do not know that their maids, cooks, gardeners and other household help are covered by social security. Some housewives in the Torrance area have had to pay up back social security taxes, plus interest and penalty because they failed to make so-

cial security reports on time. Davis emphasized that social security coverage for household workers is not optional. "If the worker is paid cash wages of \$50 a quarter by one employer, she's under social security," he said. He cited the recent case of a cleaning woman who worked only one day a week. Although she worked for one family only, and made only \$4 a day this was enough to bring her work under social security. Since there are 13 weeks in a calendar quarter, she was being paid \$52 a quarter. Her employer must make a report at the end of each quarter and send in the social security tax on the wages. SOCIAL SECURITY reports for the October, November, December quarter are due by Jan. 31. The reports go to the District Director of Internal Revenue in Los Angeles. Housewives may get the report forms sent to them after they fill out and mail a postcard form available at the Torrance social security office. Davis pointed out that the tax is shared equally by the housewife and the worker. The tax for each is 3% per cent.

The housewife deducts the worker's tax from her pay and sends a check for the total tax with the report.

The Torrance social security office at 1408 Crenshaw has a booklet which explains social security coverage for household workers in detail. The booklets are free and include the postcard a housewife needs to mail to get the report forms from the Internal Revenue Service. The telephone number of the Torrance Social Security Office is 320-4020.

Chapel Theatre Dedicating Show To Memory of Long Time Backer

By BETTY SCHROEDER
Chapel Theatre in Torrance is dedicating the remaining performances of "The Blue Moon" by F. Hugh Herbert in memory of Max Eugene Wilmarth of Hermosa Beach who died Dec. 10. Mr. Wilmarth had been with the theater since its inception and was instrumental in obtaining local artists to exhibit their creations in the auditorium of the play house during the entire run of each play. Since his fondest hobby was in the field of art, he was ever seeking a variety of creative works by known artists in an effort to expand theatrical culture. In the spirit of "the show must go on" Chapel Theatre

will continue the presentation of this three-act comedy for the next three weekends, with closing performance given Saturday, Jan. 11. Under the co-direction of Fred West of Los Angeles and Barbara Vrooman of Hawthorne, the cast of only four characters do a tremendous job in keeping the difficult dialogue at a fast pace with the audiences in a constant state of merriment.

OUTSTANDING in his characterization as the father of a jilted daughter, Frank Vrooman of Hawthorne carries the title of scene stealer with his amazing ability of easy flowing dialogue and mannerisms, which keep the viewers so well entertained. Larry Gayle as Patty, the ultra-outspoken yet naive romantic angel, is simply delightful in her role as the young girl who goes to a young man's apartment on their first meeting. Don Gordon of Hollywood as Don, the boy in boy-meets-girl, puts forth a convincing performance as the confused and frustrated young man in case. Although he appears momentarily, Murray Jarvis of Inglewood packs quite a wallop in his punch and line-delivery as he flattens Don in defense of his daughter Patty's virtue. All in all, this is truly an evening full of fun and frolic with much philosophy penetrating the laughlines.

BACKSTAGE crew includes Lynda Gorchester, producer; Dick Obert, stage manager; George Bingham, Dana Anderson and Becky Sisk, sound and lighting; set design by Steve Sands; set dressing by Phyllis Palmer; props handled by Kay Ponce and Shirley Obert, and foyer display by Lyle Smith. Reservations for the remaining three weekends may be made by calling Box Office FR 2-9636. Sold out nights include Jan. 5 and 9 and it is advisable to make reservations well in advance due to the popularity of this comedy. Admission is \$1.50 Fridays and Sundays and \$1.75 Saturdays. Curtain is 8:30 p.m. and the theater is located on Smith Bros. Fish Shanty property, 4164 Pacific Coast Hwy., Torrance.

Suggestions Offered for Safe Driving

Eight suggestions for safer holiday driving have been issued by the Torrance Traffic Safety Council. They are: Be patient in heavy traffic, an important point because of the Southland's always congested traffic; don't follow the car ahead too closely; avoid changing lanes except when necessary, watch the cars ahead and behind you. Others are: Leave for your destination early enough to allow for delays; always keep on the alert for pedestrians and cars entering the roadway from sidestreets and parking areas; maintain and clean head and tail lights so they can give light when needed; Keep front and back windows clean and the view unobstructed. Driving hazards are at their yearly peak because of longer hours of darkness, possibility of foggy weather and the many more people whose minds are preoccupied with the holiday season.

Hospital Gets Zone Waiver

A zone exception has been granted to M. F. and G. M. Wenter for the construction of a 200-bed convalescent hospital at 220th Street and Vermont Avenue with less than the required parking. The land use zone is M-1 (light manufacturing).

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