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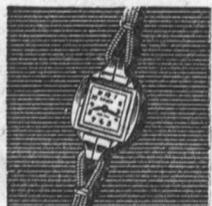
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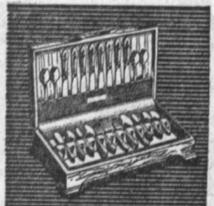
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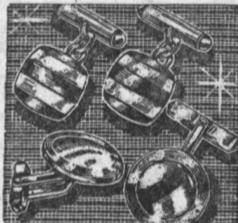
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## High Response to Torrance Dental Program Reported

More than 50 applications for financial aid for children's dental work are pending now before the Torrance Dental Health Association, it was reported to the Torrance Educational Association by George Powell, chairman of the dental association's finance committee.

### More Cases

In the past year, six needy cases were completed with the aid of the association, and seven are now receiving treatment, he reported.

The dental health association was formed five years ago, under the auspices of the Torrance Council of P-TA's. It is primarily an education and financial assistance program, Powell stated. Financial aid is made on a loan basis to parents of needy children.

### Cash Balance

Powell disclosed that the group has a cash fund balance of \$1,525 at this time. He stated that the support of other civic-minded groups is urgently needed to keep the program moving along at top speed.

Powell offered to speak before any local group interested in the program, explaining just how the organization functions.

## Postmaster Says This Is Critical Xmas Mail Week

Postmaster Clara A. Conner said today that Post Office employees have shifted into high gear, as the volume of Christmas mail is mounting sharply.

"Where before it was uneven and unpredictable," she explained, "the packages and Christmas cards are now arriving in a steady flow. This coming weekend is especially critical."

By "critical" the Postmaster means that delivery of parcel post by Christmas cannot be guaranteed after this week. He recommends you "use Air Parcel Post for gifts mailed out-of-town at a later date."

Christmas cards going out-of-town should be mailed this week, too. Those for local delivery at least a week before Christmas.

Postmaster Conner points out that thousands of packages are now en route from all 48 states. They will create an even greater strain on local Post Office facilities.

## Gas Company Hits Action of Utilities Board

The Southern California Gas Co. will be handicapped in its efforts to obtain funds to finance its growth, after a decision handed down by the state Public Utilities Commission, according to a statement by F. M. Banks, president of the gas co.

Banks issued the following statement today:

"We have now had an opportunity to study the gas rate decisions issued by the Public Utilities Commission last Tuesday.

"The authorized increases are indeed helpful in offsetting certain of the company's increases in costs. However, the authorized level of earnings, or "rate of return," is substantially below the level considered by the company to be fair and reasonable to investors and necessary to attract on favorable terms the large amounts of new capital needed to finance the continuing expansion of our system.

"In its decision, the Commission, while recognizing and making allowance for the declining trend in the rate of return, did not allow the company a rate of return comparable to that experienced by other similar companies throughout the country. Instead, it selected a rate of return of 5.85% on a depreciated rate base, which produces earnings on the company's investment considerably below the average of other comparable gas utilities. This works out to about \$6,000,000 less in annual revenue than the company contends is proper and fair. In our opinion this will stand to handicap the company in obtaining funds to finance its growth, in competition with other companies earning a higher rate of return."

## Party Held at Lomita Park

All Lomita children under the age of 12 are invited to attend a Christmas party at the Lomita Park, 24428 Eshelman ave., at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23, it was announced today by Mrs. Dorothy Kemper, park director.

Carol singing, refreshments, and games with prizes will be provided. The event will be staged in the park building.

Mrs. Kemper and Mrs. Charles Davis are in charge of the fest. Miss Helen Green will direct the games.

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