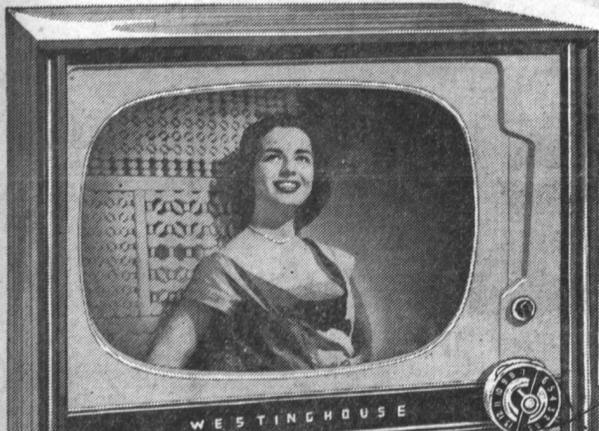


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DIAL TELEPHONE—Telephone Installer Grant Homer walks up driveway at home of local telephone subscriber with a shiny new dial instrument in his hand. About 65 per cent of all Torrance telephones are now equipped for dial operation, due on May 31.

Telephone Users Get Dial Telephone Test

Particularly unusual conversations are being repeated dozens of times these days in the Lomita and Torrance telephone exchanges. Operators are calling telephone subscribers to test their operation of the new dial telephones now being installed for the conversion to the automatic operation on May 31.

An example of one of the test calls might sound something like this:

Dial 'One'

"This is the telephone company calling... we'd like to check your dialing, please... when you hear the dial tone, please dial this number... did you bring the number 'one' all the way down to the dial stop?... thank you."

At the request of Pacific Telephone, subscribers test-dial their new instruments and operators with special equipment note how well the test number is dialed. A machine resembling a telegraph ticker reels off strips of inked tape showing just what letters and numerals have actually been dialed by subscribers.

Hardware Week Celebrated by Torrance Store

Starting tomorrow, April 17, Torrance Hardware Stores, 1515 Cabrillo ave., will celebrate "irha," National Hardware Week, in cooperation with 22,000 other independent, home-owned hardware stores, wholesalers and manufacturers from coast to coast.

The purpose of this nation-wide merchandising event, according to Charles V. Jones, owner of Torrance Hardware, is to give Torrance residents an opportunity to see and save on all types of useful items from hardware to housewares, from tools and gadgets to garden and lawn seeds.

For eight days the latest and newest in appliances, cooking utensils, tools and gardening equipment will be featured in displays. Visitors will be able to inspect at close range new coffee makers that brew delicious coffee in record time, easy-to-operate electric mixers, and practically foolproof electric toasters, Jones disclosed. Also on display will be the latest types of new electric clocks, complete sets of kitchen knives, colorful bread boxes and canister sets, as well as saucepans, and pots and pans.

Fuschia Society

The Lomita Fuschia Society will meet this evening at 8 p.m. in the VFW Hall in Lomita, Mrs. E. L. Shurgot, president, announced.

Mrs. J. Jensen, of Jensen's Begonia Nursery, will be principal speaker. Emri Stoddard is program chairman for the meeting.

Refreshments will be served and the public is cordially invited, Mrs. Shurgot said.

2nd Pigeon Race Held

The second Harbor Area Club week-end-pigeon race of the old bird season was held from the Tulare race station this week. E. F. Kelley won first with a red cock that flew the distance of 174.84 miles in 3 hours 58 minutes and 3 seconds for an average speed of 1292.66 yards per minute or 44 miles per hour.

Mike McNerney won second with a blue barred cock and speed of 1256.25 yards per minute, and J. R. Richhart won third place with a blue barred hen with a speed of 1256.05 yards per minute. The McNerney bird was only 2 of a yard per minute ahead of Richhart's.

Rabbit Club Meet

The Torrance Area Rabbit Club will meet tomorrow night at Moose Hall, 1744 Carson St., beginning at 8 p.m. Mrs. William Stringer, press chairman, announced. There will be an open forum discussion, and refreshments will be served.

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