

Refresher Engineering Courses Slated at USC

The University of Southern California's School of Engineering is offering refresher courses for practicing engineers who plan to take one of the State Board examinations for registration as professional engineers.

Timed to coincide with the examinations, the 14-week courses, to be offered through USC's Extension Division, will emphasize the subjects usually covered by the State Board tests.

Each course is an accelerated review which assumes the student to have a B.S. in engineering or equivalent training and experience.

BEGINNING next Tuesday, the Mechanical Engineering course will prepare students for the April 18, 1966, State Board exam in mechanical engineering. Classes will meet each Tuesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 133 of Founders Hall on the USC campus.

The Mechanical Engineering course will deal with such topics as applied mechanics, machine design, thermodynamics, heat transfer, fluid mechanics, electrical problems, heat power, engineering economics, con-

tracts, production control, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

The Engineering-in-Training (E.I.T.) course will begin May 5, 1966, timed to end by Aug. 13, when the State Board Examination is scheduled to take place. This class will meet Thursdays from

7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 129 Founders Hall.

Each class will use more than one instructor from the USC School of Engineering. Each instructor will review those technical areas in which he is a specialist.

Formal registration and payment of fees — \$75 for each course — will take place at the first class meetings.

Since the courses are reviews of regular curriculum material, they do not offer credit.

The U.S. has slipped to 12th place in infant mortality among the advanced nations of the world, according to the March of Dimes which is focusing their attention on birth defects.



FAMILY PLANNING . . . The Val Clevenger family, with the aid of a financial kit being offered at all American Savings offices in the Southwest area Monday through Jan. 10, outlines a financial program for the year. The kit was developed by Charles Neal, syndicated columnist on finance.

Firm Offers 'Kit' for Sound Financial Plan

Christmas bills piling up? Worried about income taxes?

Most experts agree that the logical time for family financial planning is the first of the year.

In keeping with this thought American Savings and Loan offices in the Southwest area are giving all visitors a kit designed to take the worry out of family financial budgeting. It contains eight simple charts listing such things as various types of assets, liabilities, investments and insurance. All a person has to do to see his entire financial picture at a glance is fill in the charts with the aid of instructions on the back.

"Most people are interested in sound financial planning, but lack the tools and a proper system," financial expert Charles Neal, who developed the kit, said.

Neal, author of "Sense With Dollars," is a syndicated columnist with the Los Angeles Times, a financial reporter for CBS radio and has his own financial consulting business in West Los Angeles. His articles have appeared in numerous national magazines, and he is a frequent lecturer to Southland service and business clubs.

"This kit is for people who earn \$10,000 a year and up. Not everybody will use all eight sheets. They'll make use of the charts which are applicable to them," he said.

"It should have a particular interest for women who have always wanted to know how to budget better for the household's yearly expenses, but have never known quite how to tackle it," Neal said.

He added that people seldom budget for the emergencies that befall us all. Financial catastrophes such as the 15-year-old refrigerator gasping its last and the upholstery on the living room sofa splitting are seldom planned for occurrences. The charts in Neal's kit take such expenditures into consideration.

Phone Bill To Reflect Lower Tax

All telephone bills mailed to Pacific Telephone customers after Jan. 1 will reflect the new federal excise tax law which cuts the 10 per cent tax on local and long distance service to 3 per cent, J. P. Leggett, local manager of the utility, said today.

January bills will contain a special insert explaining the reduction to customers, Leggett said.

The tax on teletypewriter exchange service also will be reduced from 10 to 3 per cent.

Excise tax charges have never been included in telephone rates. "Pacific Telephone has merely served as a tax collector for the federal government," he explained.

The average California customer served by Pacific has paid more than \$20 annually in telephone excise taxes.

Under the new law, the tax on local and long distance telephone service and on teletypewriter exchange service will be further cut by 1 per cent each Jan. 1 until completely removed by 1969, Leggett said.

Over 10,000 babies are born each year in Los Angeles County with a significant birth defect, over 700 die due to malformations, states the March of Dimes.

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