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S. P. NETTERS WIN
By defeating Narbonne's tennis team 6 to 1, San Pedro's netters virtually clinched its fifth straight Marine League tennis title late last week. Narbonne's Kenneth McHale was the only Lomita winner of the engagement. Narbonne had previously defeated El Segundo 7 to 0 and won over Banning 5 to 2.

Each farm family consumes an average of 28 eggs a week in Oklahoma.

School Board Candidate Has Good Record

Friends and admirers of Elizabeth McManus in this district are hopeful of her election to the Board of Education. They are impressed with her record of school and public service which began in 1910 when she became a member of the executive board of Federation of Los Angeles Parent-Teachers. She served in this capacity for seven years.

In 1920-23, Mrs. McManus was director of the State Bureau of Social Hygiene and conducted a program of community education which was carried forward thru the cooperation of schools and colleges of the state. She was appointed by Governor Young to the Commission for the Study of Problem Children which recommended enactment of legislation which would provide 24-hour school care for such children as are deprived of the security which a normal home affords. Such an act was adopted but nothing has come of it.

Mrs. Susan M. Dorsey, beloved former superintendent of schools in Los Angeles, endorses Mrs. McManus and states:

"Her whole life has been devoted, active service to youth. Through her efforts the money was given for the erection of the Yale Clinic for school children, the first of its kind in this city, where for the past thirty years thousands of school children have been rescued from physical handicaps. Her work for the ethical rebuilding of youth has been outstanding."

Wife Chastisement Does Not Allow Battery, Judge Shidler Rules

STORKATORIALS

PENNY LEE MACY... was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Macy, Jr. of Redondo Beach, April 27 at 8:56 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, she weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces. Her father is employed at the Douglas Aircraft plant in El Segundo and her mother is the former Joy Stinchfield Penny Lee's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Macy, Sr., Pasadena, and Mrs. Harriet Simpson, Gardena.

ROBERTA JOAN ESTEP arrived to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Estep of Hermosa Beach, April 29 at 1:40 a. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, she weighed 8 pounds 13 ounces. Her father is an electrician at Manhattan Beach and her mother is the former Betty Blumhagen. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Ritter, Los Angeles, and Mrs. Ida K. Estep of Hermosa Beach.

CHARLES MARTIN LEWIS was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis, 1340 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, April 29 at 6:45 a. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and has a sister, Shirley Ann, age three, and one-half years. His father is a cutter grinder at the National Supply Company and his mother is the former Doris Mae Laube. Charles Martin's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Laube of Harbor City and Mrs. Cora M. Lewis of Lomita.

BABY McLEAN... a son, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cletus McLean of 2364 Maricopa Place, April 28 at 11:53 p. m. at Torrance Memorial hospital. Their first child, he weighed 9 pounds 11 ounces. His father is a steel checker at the Soule Steel Company and his mother is the former Margaret Darling. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Monte L. Darling of 2362 Maricopa Place, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry McLean of Los Angeles.

"Reasonable chastisement" of a wife is a husband's privilege in California, according to law, City Judge John Shidler told Enoch Crawford, 32, of 1728 Abalone ave., who was found guilty yesterday of battery with his wife as a victim.

"But the law is not clear on what that is," John Shidler continued as he fined Crawford \$5 and ordered him to serve six hours in jail.

"In your native Arkansas, 'reasonable chastisement' probably allows considerable latitude but in California you can't bat your wife around with impunity," the court said after hearing the testimony of Mrs. Nita Flo Crawford. She said her mate struck her when she refused to cook a steak for him in addition to the regular meal she prepared for him Tuesday night.

Early the following morning, when she refused to allow him to sleep at home after he stayed out all night and returned with liquor on his breath, he struck her several times, Mrs. Crawford declared. Then she signed a complaint and a warrant was issued for her husband's arrest.

At conclusion of the trial, which was attended by a number of high school students who were in the audience as part of National Boy's Week observance, Judge Shidler invited the Crawford's into his chambers for a talk to straighten out their marital standing.

Rapid Growth in This Area Forces Gas Co. Expansion

With new homes in the Compton, Downey, Torrance and beach area being built at an average rate of 490 a month since the first of the year, exceeding by a considerable margin the rate of growth during the year 1940 when more homes were erected in this locality than in any year since the mid-20's, Southern California Gas company will be required to spend over \$800,000 this year in main extensions, new services and meters, reinforcements to the natural gas distributing system, and in new buildings, it was learned today from G. W. Carbee, local division manager.

No comparable area in any territory served by the company has experienced a more rapid rate of growth, Carbee declared, though the building boom generally over Southern California added 38,203 gas meters to the company's system in 1940, an annual increase which has been surpassed only three times in the history of the company.

A large part of the money to be spent in this locality during the year will go into new service connections, he said. Gas company engineers estimate that 180,000 feet of pipe will be required for main extensions to reach new homes. This installed together with the necessary service piping and meter assemblies, will cost in excess of \$250,000.

It is planned this year, in addition, to construct four 500,000 cubic foot capacity gas storage holders to reinforce the supply here, Carbee said.

Defense Authority to Speak to Churchmen

Len Hall, secretary of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. and authority on life in the armed forces of today, will speak to the members of the Episcopal Men's Club Tuesday, May 6. The title of Hall's address will be "The Soldier's Chorus". The speaker will tell about military service in modern times and what young men called from our local community may expect.

GAUCHO BALL STARS
Nick Palloa, all-city high school baseball choice of last season, and Sam Snyder, pitcher, are Narbonne's chief contenders for all-league berths this season. The Gauchos finished with six wins against four defeats to tie with San Pedro for third place in league standings.

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State Picnic-Reunions

MISSOURI... The annual picnic reunion of Missourians will be held Saturday, May 10, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

FIREMEN DINE

Seventeen regular firemen and call members of the Torrance fire department attended a ham dinner-meeting Monday night at central fire station. The affair was the first of a series of dinner-sessions which will be held every three months, according to Fire Chief J. E. McMaster.

Shoestring Fire House Cost Jumps

Construction costs having spurted sharply, the Los Angeles city fire commission has asked the L. A. board of public works to call for bids on construction of the proposed new Shoestring strip fire station at 182nd and Vermont aye. instead of having it built by the city's bureau of construction as intended.

Originally, the bureau's cost estimate was \$14,000, but the latest estimate on the same building has jumped to \$24,000. Work on the site cost \$3,000 additional, according to the estimate.

14 PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Fourteen patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Stanley Bopp, Redondo Beach, Tuesday for surgery; little Sandra Buckley, age three and a half, Redondo Beach, yesterday for surgery; Matthew Doner, 1521 Carson st. Sunday for surgery; Mrs. Anna Fells, 1024 Cota ave. Friday for medical care; Louis C. Hann, Los Angeles, Friday for surgery, and Mrs. Esther Hudson, Keystone, Sunday for medical care.

Mrs. Vera Miller, Inglewood, Tuesday for medical care; Jose Martinez, Hermosa Beach, Saturday for medical care; Mrs. Thelma McElhenny, Redondo Beach, Monday for surgery; Miss Betty Peterson, Hermosa Beach, yesterday for medical care; Mrs. Lois Reynolds, Hermosa Beach, Tuesday for surgery; Harry Roloff, 1543 Marcellina ave. Sunday for surgery; Mrs. Margaret Shelnutt, Rol Tan hotel, Tuesday for medical care, and Jack Tucker, 1740 Arlington ave. Tuesday for treatment of a fractured leg suffered when he fell off a city truck. He is a city street department worker.

Letters to Editor

TELL APPRECIATION
Mr. Grover C. Whyte, publisher, The Torrance Herald and The Lomita News.
My Dear Mr. Whyte:

Whereas, during the entire year our local newspapers have shown constant cooperation in printing hundreds of items explaining and supporting our work, and

Whereas, they have shown exceeding generosity in giving us space on their pages:

Be it Resolved, that the Lomita-San Pedro Council of Parents and Teachers in annual meeting assembled, do hereby express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to each paper contacted.

And that a copy of this resolution be sent to each paper.

MRS. M. C. ISAACSON,
Publicity Chairman,
Lomita-San Pedro Council.

Noel Temple Pleads Guilty to Theft Charge

Noel Temple, 26, of 2214 1/2 Lomita Blvd. changed his mind about having a jury hear his petty theft of mercury case last Friday, plead guilty before Judge John Shidler and was scheduled to have sentence pronounced May 5. Temple was the third man to be arrested on theft of mercury from local oil derricks in a two-week period when he was picked up by Torrance police on a warrant.

PAYS \$75 FINE

Arrested on a drunk driving charge April 26 at Carson and Cabrillo ayes., Mrs. Alice Plantinga, 32, Los Angeles, was found guilty by City Judge John Shidler Tuesday and fined \$75 which she paid.

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