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Motorists are cautioned to avoid conversing with other people in the car while driving in urban districts. The alert driver will live longer.

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Pardee Reservoir, Amador county, has lots of geese for the hunter interested in bigger birds. A few ducks have also been arriving of late on the small ponds around the county.

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Naval Reserve Opens New Class To Non-Veteran Technical Students

In order to make available to the Naval Reserve the services of non-veterans with various technical skills of value to the service, a new classification of the Reserve, to be known as Class O-3, a new classification of students and apprentices enrolled in selected vocational and technical schools will shortly be inaugurated, the Navy Department has announced.

In keeping with the current policy of encouraging the enlistment in the Naval Reserve of 17 and 18 year old youths without previous naval or military training, young non-veterans who have already begun their vocational training or who are taking part-time courses while engaged as industrial apprentices, will be enrolled as members of the Organized Reserve, their full duty to consist only of attendance at specified instruction periods and of participating in an annual two-week cruise, for all of which they will receive pay. All enlistments will be voluntary. As members of the Organized Reserve students and apprentices enrolled in the Vocationally Trained Non-Veteran Reserve program will be exempt from conscription into active service with any of the armed forces except in case of war or other national emergency.

According to a statement from the Chief of Naval Operations the participation of schools and school systems in the new program will be voluntary and will involve no responsibility on their part, although more active participation in the program by the vocational and technical schools and institutes to be designated, by the Navy department as providing the desired types of training will be encouraged.

Students and apprentices selected for Class O-3 will be required to be over 17 years old and regularly enrolled in an acceptable course of training and



NEW OFFICERS . . . N. Y. Jordahl (left) of Redondo Beach is the new president of the Palos Verdes men's golf club, which includes more than 20 Torrance residents. He and the new staff were installed at a dinner-dance installation ceremony last Saturday. Freed Dilley, local resident, was renamed to the board of directors.

New officers of the Palos Verdes men's golf club took over duties this week following their installation at a dinner dance ceremony at the club last Saturday. N. Y. Jordahl of Redondo Beach heads the new staff, which also includes F.D.H. Eaton of Palos Verdes; Grant Benham, of San Pedro; Freed Dilley of Torrance and Paul Barth of Manhattan Beach. Benham was reelected secretary-treasurer and Dilley was reelected to the board of directors.

Marshal Petrie, retiring president, was presented a merchandise order by club members and lauded for the progress the club has shown during his tenure of office. Increase in club membership as well as the inauguration of a new annual fees plan were major advancements.

Jordahl, a resident of the area for many years, is a building contractor and now is constructing a home in the Palos Verdes Estates. He formerly re-

Tests May Seal Doom To Alondra Park Oil Wells

Officials of the Texas Oil company have announced that extensive tests at Alondra No. 1 and Community No. 9-1, their latest drillings in the Alondra Park sector, have virtually sealed the doom of the two ventures and that barring the unexpected, both wells will be abandoned shortly.

At present an electric log test is being run at Community No. 9-1. This test is concluded to be the last possible hope for the well which previous tests have shown almost nil due to a gray conglomerate formation at the bottom of the hole which is at 9,803 feet.

At Alondra No. 1, the 7-inch casing pipe has been sunk to the 9,230-foot level with the bottom at 9,253. The hole has been whipstocked under Alondra Park to a point 330 feet south of the north boundary of the park. Tests here thus far have produced only water and officials pacing the progress of the drilling are pessimistic as to the eventual outcome and have even gone so far as to hint abandonment along with Community 9-1.

Boeger Well No. 2 located south and west of the original discovery well, is now in the drilling stage. The shaft had been sunk to 3,000 feet.

State Gas Taxes Exceed 7 Millions In Single Month

For the third time in its history, the 3 cents per gallon California gasoline tax has produced more than \$7,000,000 in a single month.

The State Board of Equalization made this revelation here with the announcement that, upon the basis of distribution of 233,423,963 gallons of motor vehicle fuel, the tax collections for October had been \$7,002,719.

The taxable distributions exceeded those for the same month of 1945 by 24.99 percent, despite the fact that there was no rationing in October last year. This contrasts with a gain of only 12.9 percent registered in September over the same month a year ago, and is indicative of a strong upward sweep in the tax yield.

ULYSSES S. GRANT

Ulysses S. Grant, 18th President of the United States, took so little interest in politics for many years that he only voted for one Presidential candidate before he was 45 years old, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica. When he was 46 he was elected President on the Republican ticket.

Affiliation Of Auto Clubs Hailed As Motorists Aid

Affiliation of the Automobile Club of Southern California with the powerful world-wide American Automobile Association, announced Thursday, will result in increased activities that will vastly advance the welfare of motorists of Southern California and of the nation, according to Harry J. Bauer, president of the local motorists' organization.

"For almost 50 years the Automobile Club of Southern California has been pre-eminent among individual motor clubs in the United States in improving motoring conditions in the territory it serves," declared Bauer.

"While our organization will lose no part of its identity, the affiliation will result in a greatly strengthened nationwide program for highway improvement, the extension of public safety, the creation of uniform motor vehicle laws and the solution of throttling traffic congestion and parking problems."

Registration Deadline For Landlords Near

Less than 10 percent of the hotels and rooming houses in the Southern California rent area have filed supplemental registrations with the Office of Price Administration of the Office of Temporary Controls. Ben C. Keeple, area director, just announced. He reminded landlords that the supplemental registrations for remaining units now operating under the hotel and rooming house rent regulation should be filed by the end of the year.

The registration, which began in November, is being required by the Price Control Extension Act of 1946, which provided for separate classification of transient hotels, residential or apartment hotels, rooming houses and tourist courts. Until now, all these accommodations have been covered by the general rent regulation for hotels and rooming houses.

The supplemental registration does not include houses or apartments.

To set up the separate classifications called for in the act, OPA is requiring that landlords file in duplicate by Dec. 31, a simple, one-page form, available at local rent offices in area. Based on the information contained in the forms, OPA will

Higgins Heads Harbor District Chamber Group

Dr. Clifford Higgins, well known attorney, has been elected president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce for 1947.

Higgins, who lives at 1485 Scott ave., is city prosecutor of Manhattan Beach, president of the Inglewood Township Bar Association, director and past president of the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce.

The Harbor District Chambers of Commerce is composed of more than 50 active civic groups, including harbor development, flood control, highways and transportation, industrial and aviation developments, juvenile delinquency, labor and public relations, tourist interests, parks, playgrounds and beaches, taxation and legislative matters.

The four separate categories according to the definitions for those categories established in the hotel regulation on Nov. 1, 1946.

Area rent offices are located at 1206 Santee st., Los Angeles; 110 E. Anaheim Long Beach; 8 Marine Terrace, Santa Monica.

Commemorate Centennial Of Journalism

Commemorating the centennial of Journalism in California, a newspaper exhibit is on display at the State building, Exposition park. It is being sponsored by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

The exhibit traces various phases of journalism since the first newspaper (now defunct) The Monterey was established in the northern part of California in 1846.

First Southern California newspaper, The Wilmington Journal, began publishing in Wilmington in 1846. Along with the newspaper display the California Newspaper Publishers Association is also exhibiting old hand presses, rotary typewriters, outmoded cameras and telephones.

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