

DO AND DON'T DO REMINDER . . . Pictured here are three common trash-burning rigs—two of them illegal and the third, an approved incinerator which is recommended for home uses. Fire Marshal Bob Lucas has been waging a war against "barrel-burners" throughout the city recently.

Marshal Shakes Finger at Faulty Trash Burning Rigs

When milady hangs out her wash in the morning, she doesn't want it to get dirty again.

But when other housewives burn their trash improperly, her wash is more likely to get dirty.

And that is where Torrance Fire Marshal Bob Lucas' problems begin. Irrate housewives call him and report that soot and ashes from open fires have settled on their washing. They want to know what he can do about it.

Lucas, head of the recently created fire marshal's office, and at present its only employee, can do little about this at present. But he has plans.

Lucas points out that under an ordinance passed two years ago by the City Council, hours for burning trash are limited to 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. This is designed to allow milady plenty of time to burn the trash after she has sent her husband off to work. But, he emphasized, fires must be out at 10 a.m.

No Oil Drums

Another requirement of the ordinance is that all trash must be burned in an approved type generator, not an oil drum, or vented can. The incinerator must have certain features—a grate with ash pit, a fire door, a stack with spark arrestor with half-inch mesh.

It must be located at least five feet from wooden structures, three feet from concrete or brick buildings, and 10 feet from any door or window. It must be kept clear of trash which might catch fire and blow. Only paper and easily

Warn Merchants On Solicitation Racket in Area

Local merchants were warned this week to watch out for a group of unauthorized persons who are said to be soliciting funds in the local area for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Purple Heart spokesman Harvey Scallion, Commander of the San Pedro Chapter, stated Tuesday: "Our group does not solicit funds. Anyone who does is doing so without our permission."

Scallion said that he had received complaints from merchants in the Torrance-Gardena area concerning the solicitation of funds. He advised any merchants contacted by fund seekers to call the police immediately and report it.

Scallion reported that a Gardena Doctor had been approached for funds to help transport amputees from the hospital. He said, however, that the Military Order of the Purple Heart does not collect money for this transportation but uses the cars of individual members.

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Farewell Dinner Honors Adviser To Councilman

Mrs. Lucille Sidwell, 1443 W. 223rd St., who has been chairman of Councilman John Gibson's Shoestring advisory committee for the past two years, was given a farewell dinner party Tuesday night at the Ding How Cafe.

She is moving to Washington in late August, with her husband, W. C. Sidwell, who has been transferred there by the Columbia Steel Company.

Councilman Gibson presented Mrs. Sidwell with a permanent membership card on the advisory committee of which she had been a member since it was begun in 1951. The Shoestring Community Association, of which she is a past president, presented her with other parting gifts.

Seven other members of the committee, Councilman Gibson, and his field secretary, Joe Goss, attended the dinner.



FAREWELL REMINDERS . . . Sitting with Mrs. W. C. Sidwell and parting gifts during a farewell party here Tuesday night are H. T. Unander, Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Councilman John S. Gibson, Mrs. Sidwell, Mrs. Ada Green, and Mrs. Ben Rusk. Mrs. Sidwell, long active in the Shoestring Advisory Committee for Councilman Gibson, is leaving for Washington to take up a new residence.

Dividend Declared

California Bank's board of directors has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share payable August 2 to shareholders of record at the close of business, July 19.

Caldwell Heads Carson Citizens

J. G. Caldwell, 22120 Moneta Ave., has been elected president of the Carson Civic Betterment Association. He replaces Charles Bragg, who resigned.

At a meeting at the Caldwell residence Monday night, Ernest Hill was appointed membership chairman of the Carson Civic Betterment Association, and a representative to the Hammetton Tract area.

Lloyd Rows is the new vice-president, while G. J. Wallace was named to a newly created post on the board of trustees.

Plans were announced for a pot luck supper at the next meeting on Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. It will be held in the patio of the Caldwell home.

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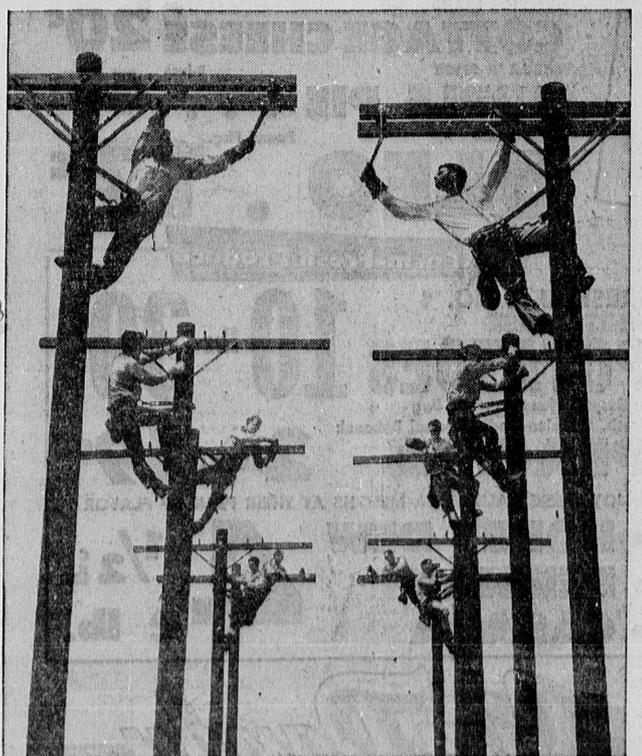
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