

Science in Action TV Series Debuts Tonight

The highly-acclaimed "Science in Action" TV series, which has been attracting audiences of half a million San Francisco Bay area residents each week, makes its Southern California debut tonight at 7 on KRCA, Channel 4, under sponsorship of Southern California Edison Co.

The premiere will present a filmed story on "The Echo Satellite," it was announced by

G. L. Blanchard, Edison district manager. Substituting famous scientists for private eyes or cowboys, "Science in Action" has run up a three-year average of 30 per cent of the total viewing audience in northern California, has won 16 national awards and has proved conclusively that science and entertainment can be merged successfully, Blanchard declared.

THE HALF-HOUR series explores areas as new as space travel, and as old as the solar system, with Dr. Earl S. Herald, prominent California scientist, as program host.

"In the field of television, therefore, our objective was to find a program which would provide a public service as well as a high level of entertainment value for viewers. "We feel that the "Science in Action" series meets both tests, and we are pleased to be able to bring this fine educational series to Southern California."

Herald's guest on the premiere show will be Dr. William Jakes of the Bell Telephone laboratories, who was directly involved in planning and launching the Echo satellite balloon.

The film will demonstrate how the balloon was made, how it operates, what is planned for future world-wide communications, and the important role such communications will play in our future. The audience will hear, also, the tape of former President Eisenhower's voice as it was bounced back to earth from the balloon satellite.

To Attend L.A. Convention

Delbert Vaughn, president of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors, announced that plans are almost complete for the 57th annual convention of the 34,500 member California Real Estate Assn. to be held in Los Angeles, with headquarters at the Biltmore Hotel, Oct. 1-5, with the Los Angeles Realty Board as host.

J. Roger Deas, an executive of the American Can Co., and one of the most popular public speakers in the nation, will be the keynote speaker at the five-day meeting which will be attended by more than 5,000 members of the 169 Real Estate Boards in the state.

Know Your Traffic Laws

Prepared in Cooperation With the Torrance Police Department

Traffic Box Score (As of August 1)*

Fatalities	6
Injury Accidents	275
Persons Injured	339
Non-Injury Accidents	334

*Box score of all accidents investigated by Torrance Police Department since Jan. 1, 1961

Chief Percy Bennett of the Torrance Police Dept. reports that this year a bicycle safety program is being introduced into our school system. It will be put into effect this month and is designed to acquaint our bike riders with our traffic laws as well as the application

of them in their bike riding. It will be educational as well as interesting to the rider. This program is being put on by the Torrance Safety Council, Torrance Police Dept., and the Torrance PTA as a cooperative venture. Chief Bennett, along with the agencies involved, are all of the opinion this program is a step in the right direction towards reducing the number of accidents we have each year involving bike riders.

THE CHIEF was quick to point out that he feels this program can be only as effective as citizens make it.

If each of us encourage our children to participate in this program at the school they attend, the student will have taken a giant step towards becoming a better citizen in addition to knowing traffic laws and doing their share in the constant fight to reduce accidents.

CHIEF BENNETT along with Lt. Donald Nash of the Traffic Division share the opinion, however, that this program is not enough. They feel that the burden will be on the driving public. Lieutenant Nash pointed out any safety program is only as good as the acceptance it receives. Lt. Nash offers the following suggestions to all drivers and if they will apply these suggestions to their driving, this, along with the bike safety program, should do much towards the reduction of accidents in our city.

1. Learn the speed zones of the streets in the city and abide by them. The posted zone is what at least 85 per cent of the motoring public drive that street at, according to radar survey and from an engineering standpoint.

2. When driving in a school zone or in any residential area be on the alert for children. The legal speed for both zones is 25 MPH.

3. Be alert at all times and drive defensively always ready for the other driver's mistake. Be the master of the vehicle you drive, never driving beyond your capabilities.

4. Know traffic regulations and what is expected of you as a driver. Indorse and demand stern but fair traffic enforcement.

Be courteous with the willingness to overlook the other fellow's mistake and not take your own rath out on your fellow drivers.

LT. NASH quickly pointed out that the drivers that use the streets of Torrance are generally considered as being above average drivers or else this city could never have shown an approximate reduction in accidents last year of 20 per cent and again this year showing a reduction over last year for the same period.

Chief Bennett along with Lt. Nash wish to commend all drivers who have made this reduction possible and ask all drivers to cooperate and do their share towards reducing our accident rate even further. Let's all join forces and make the streets the safest city in Southern California.

Optometrist Gets College Trustee Job

Torrance optometrist Dr. Eleanore Z. Thill, a member of the Los Angeles County Optometric Society, has been elected a member of the Board of Trustees and Corporation of the Los Angeles College of Optometry.

Dr. Charles Abel, college dean, pointed out that "the College, a 57 year old institution in the heart of Los Angeles annually selects outstanding members of the optometric profession and related industries to serve as its governing body."

Dr. Thill, president elect of the Los Angeles College of Optometry's Alumni Assn. has been a practicing optometrist for more than nine years. She was Torrance Woman of the Year in 1957.

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