

Gas Company to Observe 100th Anniversary Here

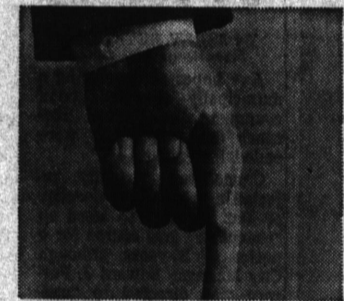
Celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the Southern California Gas Co. are being planned for the summer. W. M. Jacobs, president of the investor-owned utility, has announced. The celebrations, which will launch the gas company on its second century of service for some two million Southern California customers, will be held June 28. Centennial activities will begin with the unveiling of a

plaque commemorating the gas company's origin at the historic Los Angeles Plaza near Olvera Street. A luncheon at which some 1,000 civic and government leaders throughout the firm's service area will follow. Since its founding 100 years ago, the gas company has become one of the nation's largest distributors of natural gas. It serves the area from Fresno County to the Mexican border.



DISCUSS CONCERT . . . Members of the Beach Cities Symphony Orchestra who will participate Friday in a concert featuring the first South Bay performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony gather to discuss the concert. Pictured are (from left) Milton Marcus, bassoonist; Jeanne Jefferson, orchestra manager; Shirlee Sawers, soprano; and Thomas E. Wilson, Choral union conductor. All are Torrance residents. The concert will be presented Friday at 8:15 p.m. at the Mira Costa High School Auditorium in Manhattan Beach.

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(But you might not know which way the cost of gas went.)

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Tree Maintenance Program Expanded by Supervisors

Expansion of the county's tree maintenance program, which is available to cities on a contract basis, has been approved, Supervisor Burton W. Chace has announced. The Board of Supervisors

last Tuesday authorized expansion of the tree trimming program to include planting and complete maintenance of roadside trees as requested by interested cities.

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"The program, like all our county-city contract programs, will be carried out by county crews and paid for by the cities which receive the service," Chace said. "Contracts will be entered only at the request of the cities."

The expansion was recommended by the county-city contract committee of the Contract Cities Association.

State Seeks Project Bids

Bids for alterations to the State Department of Employment offices at 1220 Engracia Ave. will be opened by the State Office of Architecture and Construction June 7.

The work, which includes mechanical and electrical alterations, is expected to cost about \$12,000. Bids will be opened in Los Angeles.

New Dean Named at El Camino

Dr. George Merrill, El Camino College instructor, will take over the duties of dean of the Social Sciences Division July 1.

Currently an associate professor at Cal State Long Beach, Dr. Merrill has been a part-time instructor at El Camino for the past three years. With the assumption of his new duties, he will join the El Camino staff full time.

Dr. Merrill will replace Dr. Wallace Cohen, who becomes vice president of instruction July 1.

DR. MERRILL received his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Los Angeles State College and earned his doctorate at the University of Southern California.

"The dean of social sciences is the administrator of the division responsible for hiring staff members, planning a budget, and approving curriculum. In general, he is the go-between for the administration and the division," Dr. Merrill explained.

DR. MERRILL, who will continue to teach, said he has long been intrigued with the junior college program.

Dance Recital Slated Friday in Hawthorne

"If I Ran the Zoo," a composition by Mrs. Jan Williams, will be performed for the first time Friday evening when students of Hogan's Dance Studio present their spring recital.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Hawthorne High School auditorium. A cast of 39 students will participate in the recital.

New Tract OK'd

An application by R. A. Watt Co. to subdivide 49 acres into 311 single family lots south of 228th Street and west of Main Street has received approval on tentative map plans submitted to the Regional Planning Commission.

'Grand Prix' Dance Theme

"Grand Prix" will be the theme of the Teen Dance Friday at the Lomita Recreation Center. Model cars built by members of the Teen Dance Club will be exhibited.

"The Varmits," a band from North Torrance, will provide music or the evening. The dance is scheduled from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at 23328 Eshelman Ave., Lomita.

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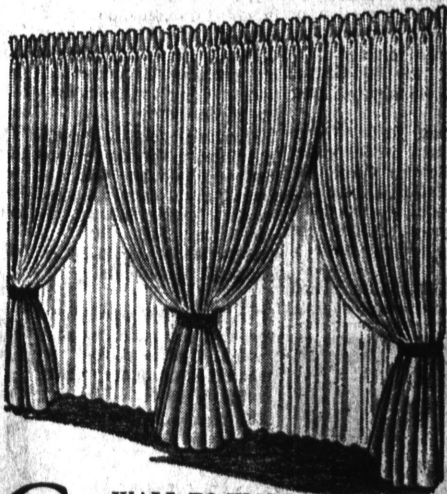
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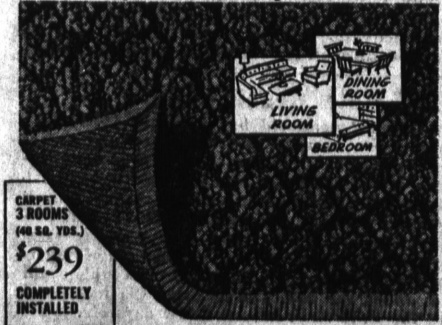


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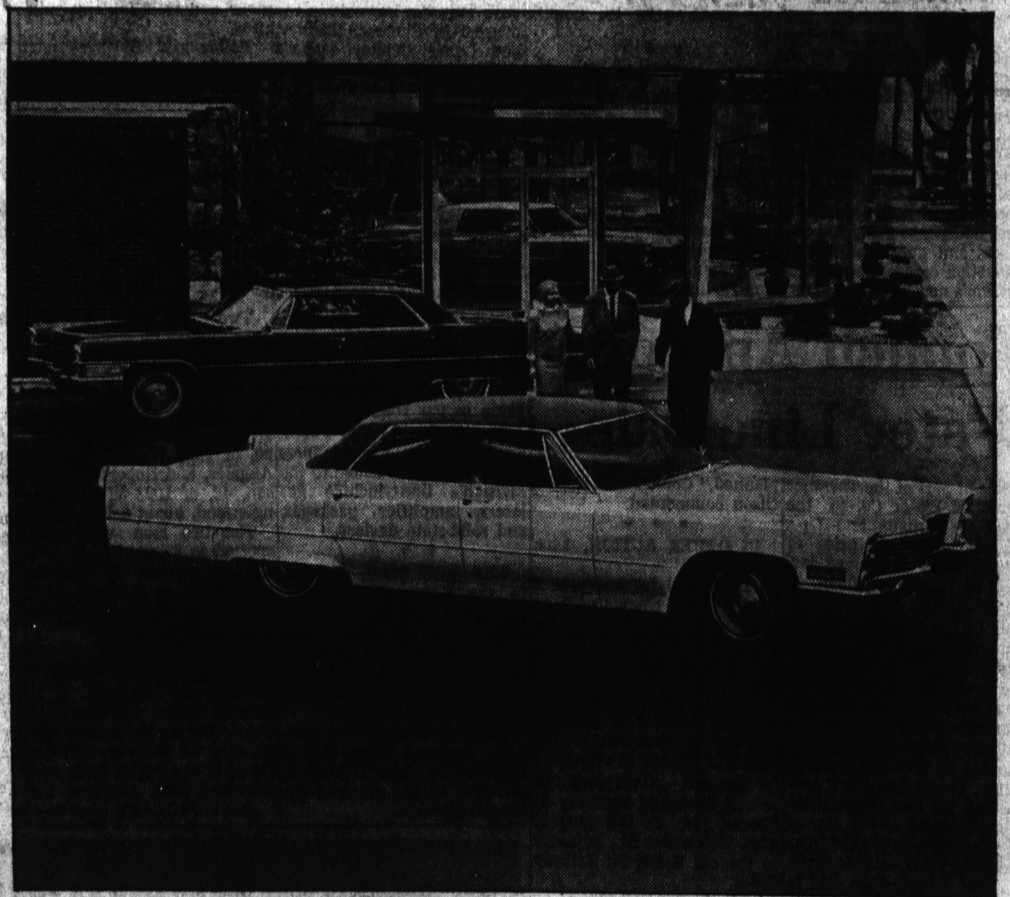


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