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LOWER ELECTRIC RATES GO INTO EFFECT MARCH 1

New, lower electric rates, providing savings of $1,000,000 annually, largely to commercial and residential customers of Southern California Edison Co., were announced today by President Ray L. Riley of the California Railroad Commission. The new rates become effective March 1.

Since the charges for minimum use customers of this company are among the lowest in the state, it was found no further reduction to this class could equitably be made. Consequently, the largest savings are awarded in both the commercial and domestic adjustments to those using greater amounts of electricity.

Riley said the Commission expects to order a complete new revamping of rates for street lighting in the near future for the various municipalities served by the company.

Torrance and Lomita residential customers receive savings as high as 12.1 per cent, dependent upon the amount of electricity used. The following table compares the present monthly bills with those under the new rates for a number of different usages in kilowatt hours:

Use per month in kilowatt hours	Present Bill	New Bill	Saving	Percent Reduction
100	$4.75	$4.65	$0.10	2.1
150	7.00	6.15	0.85	12.1
200	8.50	7.65	0.85	10.0

Commercial rates are reduced an average of 6.5 per cent, with the maximum saving, 9.8 per cent being earned by those customers using 1,000 kilowatt hours of electric energy per month. The following table compares the commercial customer's present bills with those under the new rates for a number of different monthly usages:

Use per month in kilowatt hours	Present Bill	New Bill	Saving	Percent Reduction
200	$ 9.80	$ 9.30	$ .50	5.1
500	24.20	22.20	2.00	8.3
1,000	45.70	41.20	4.50	9.8
5,000	172.70	156.20	16.50	9.6

Aged Man Found Dead In Garage at Harbor City

The remains of John D. Cameron, 70, who was found dead in his garage at 1646 261st street in Harbor City on Feb. 12, have been shipped to Detroit, Michigan, where his son resides.

The elderly man, who was a retired real estate dealer, had been dead some hours when the body was found. Death was apparently due to natural causes.

Liquor Sale Charges Reported Dismissed

A complaint charging sale of liquor to a minor by John A. Rogers at his Famous Chili Shop, 1437 Marcelina avenue was not sustained by evidence produced at a recent hearing before the State Board of Equalization and the charge was dismissed, according to a report received from the Board yesterday.

Columbus discovered the Island of Trinidad on his third voyage in 1498.

WINS AWARD

MISS EDNA MULLIN
. . . is Salesleader again

Announcement was made by officials of the Olds factory this week that Miss Edna Mullin, of Mullin's Service here, has been named second vice-president of the Oldsmobile Salesmakers Club in this district. Miss Mullin's appointment comes as a result of her excellent sales record in 1939.

The Oldsmobile Salesmakers Club is a national society conducted by the Oldsmobile factory in honor of outstanding salesmen. Membership in the club is limited to salesmen who qualify with a designated sales volume for the current year. As the sales volume of a member increases, his ranking in the club also increases. The highest ranking is that of Salesleader.

At the same time Miss Mullin was appointed second vice-president, the title of Salesleader for 1939 was conferred upon her. In recognition for her achievements, Oldsmobile will present Miss Mullin with a special placque as an award from D. E. Ralston, Oldsmobile General Salesmanager, and a Salesleader merit emblem bearing diamonds equal to the number of years she has achieved this goal.

These presentations will take place at the fifth annual Salesmakers Jamboree held in this territory in honor of the local members of the national Salesmakers Club. This Jamboree will take place at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club, March 1. Approximately 165 Oldsmobile salesmen in this section of the country will attend.

P.V. Symphony at Redondo Friday Night

Under the baton of famed Joseph Piastro, internationally-known violinist, composer and conductor, the Palos Verdes Symphony orchestra will make its debut tomorrow (Friday) night at the Redondo Beach Union high school auditorium. The concert, marking the culmination of years of planning, will begin at 8 o'clock.

After a recent private recital in Palos Verdes, the warm response to the orchestra's presentation testified to its outstanding quality.

The Palos Verdes Community Arts Association has sponsored the orchestra since its inception and has provided the facilities necessary for its development.

Program Announced

In his six months of leadership, Piastro has developed a well balanced organization of some sixty members. Chosen for the concert program are three outstanding works, each notable for its beauty of expression and grace of composition. The orchestra's entire string ensemble will set the pace for the evening in presenting Bach's scintillating "Brandenburg Concerto," featuring the charm of singing strings in peerless counterpoint.

Beethoven's immortal Symphony No. 5 follows. Piastro will appear as guest soloist of the evening. His selection will be Paganini's Concerto in D Major. As an appealing finale, Johan Strauss' beloved "Blue Danube Waltz" will be played with authentic Viennese charm. Piastro, having studied in Vienna "in its other days," has paid particular attention to this number, and its lilting refrain will long linger with the audience.

Civil Service Course Offered at Night School

In order to prepare the people of the community for Civil Service examinations and thus pave the way to jobs which are being opened to the public in Torrance, Los Angeles County, and the State and Federal governments, Principal C. B. Baldwin announces the addition of a coaching class in Civil Service being given at the Torrance Evening high school.

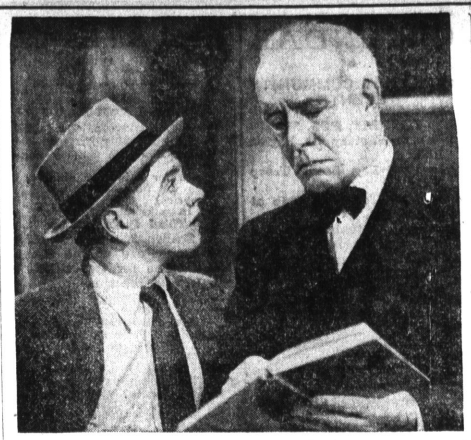
The course consists of tests and drills in arithmetic, spelling, grammatical usage, vocabulary building, and other fundamentals presented in the forms commonly used in Civil Service examinations. A study is made of the functions of the Federal, state, county and city governments, as well as the Los Angeles City Board of Education. Instruction is given in self-helps, how to get a job, how to meet interviewers, and how to develop personality traits desirable in the employee in his relations with his employer, fellow workers, and the public. The course is a streamlining process adapted to adults who desire a rapid review of the fundamentals of education besides affording training for the non-technical parts of Civil Service examinations.

The Civil Service class meets from 7 to 9 o'clock on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Grandma may have had her troubles putting on all those clothes but at least she didn't waste an hour hooking on false eyelashes.

MOTOR DEATHS DOWN

Motor vehicle fatalities in major cities dropped four per cent in 1939.



JUDGE AND HIS SON . . . Mickey Rooney and Lewis Stone are shown above in a scene from their latest Hardy Family comedies, "Judge Hardy and Son," now showing at the Lomita theatre.

THUNDERS WITH THRILLS! "Destry Rides Again" currently showing at the Grand theatre with James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich blazes with excitement, roars with adventure and explodes with action.

CLASSIC REVIVED ON SCREEN . . . Victor Hugo's immortal "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" with Charles Laughton as Quasimodo and Maureen O'Hara as the gypsy dancer is grandly revived on the screen of the Plaza theatre in Hawthorne beginning Saturday.

RIFLE STOLEN

William E. Kelley reported to police the theft of a .22 calibre rifle from his home at 1645 Acacia avenue sometime last Friday. Entry to the house was gained by forcing a rear screen door, he said.

Lomita Theatre Presents Fine Appearance Now

The new Lomita theatre has undergone a remarkable change during the past several months and the completely renovated, redecorated and remodeled entertainment center is meeting the approval of its many patrons. Manager Bob Baretta declares that his theatre has "emerged from its former barn-like appearance into a model showhouse."

All seats are new as are the complete drapery and other decoration fixtures. Commodious restrooms, a new heating unit and modern ventilating system make the Lomita a comfortable, homelike theatre that is a credit to the community.

Manager Baretta points out that the theatre's "vocal cords" its sound system, is the best in the entire district. Now showing at the Lomita is Mickey Rooney and Lewis Stone's latest comedy success, "Judge Hardy and Son" and the companion feature is "The Amazing Mr. Williams," with Melvyn Douglas and Joan Blondell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lee will entertain at their home Sunday Mr. and Mrs. William King and daughters, Carol, Gloria and Ola of Canoga Park. Mrs. King is a sister of Mrs. Lee.