



USELESS . . . Mrs. D. B. Hardy and Mrs. J. F. Zeiser, both North Torrance housewives, claim they are waging a losing fight against

hordes of flies swarming into their homes — attacking their children. They seek aid from officials. —Herald photos.

Fly Menace Draws Fire From Local Housewives

Washington Not Favorable to Unified Post Office

Information received recently by Mrs. C. E. Christianson, chairman of the Dominguez Area Community Council Postal Committee, from Congressman Cecil R. King, relative to securing a classified branch post office to serve the Avalon Village-Keystone sections was not favorable.

In his communication, Congressman King enclosed a letter from V. C. Burke, First Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., which follows in part:

"It is the Department's opinion that a contract unit will take care of the postal business in this section, and the Carson Station is being established. It will be attached to the Torrance, California, post office inasmuch as delivery service to this area is provided from Torrance."

"From a service standpoint the establishment of a classified branch of either Torrance or Wilmington does not appear warranted at this time."

The contract post office station referred to, is slated to start operations at 21732 So. Avalon boulevard on July 18th.

Teacher Shortage Results in Age Limit Waiver

Shortage of teachers has forced the Los Angeles City Board of Education to lift the 45 year age limit for applicants seeking permanent jobs.

Dr. A. J. Stoddard, superintendent, announced today that teachers hired on an emergency basis over 45 and not older than 55 may now obtain regular credentials.

Those in this age class must have status in a certificated position with the Board of Education at the time of the examination and on the payroll continuously for two years, or be former permanent certificated employees who have resigned in good standing.

Claiming the fly nuisance is becoming "unbearable," a group of North Torrance housewives this week sought city, county, and state aid to combat the increasing annoyance.

In personal interviews with three housewives who are spearheading the movement, reporters were told that the

flies were so abundant and pugnacious in their attacks upon children in sunbaths that the youngsters would stand and scream from the smarting caused by hundreds of bites from the disease-carrying animals.

Appealing for help in the fight to control the winged pests were:

Mrs. J. F. Zeiser, 17103 Casimir avenue;

Mrs. K. W. Bloomfield, 17224 Wilkie avenue;

Mrs. D. B. Hardy, 17039 Casimir avenue.

The trio, all with children to care for, blame the mass of flies on inadequate sanitary precautions being maintained by a nearby dairy. Two of the housewives who live in Torrance Manor, a new home tract in North Torrance, look upon a dairy kraaling range about 30 feet from their kitchen windows.

Offering of help from health officials, the trio claimed, was slight. They quoted the officials as saying there was little that the officials could do since the dairies were in North Torrance first.

That the flies in the area were voluminous was apparent everywhere. The window sills and the door jamb of one of the homes visited by reporters was almost solid black with fly specks. The owner of the house claimed that it had been less than two weeks since the two surfaces had been scrubbed clean with soap and water.

In a letter appealing for help the trio of housewives said: ". . . The fly situation in this area is truly unbearable. We fear an epidemic, such as polio, will break out if something is not done immediately. We need help before something serious happens!"

The trio of local residents urged the adoption of laws that would require those individuals who operate businesses or industries that contribute to the fly menace to take some action in controlling the spread of flies.

Chicago Visitor Spending Two-Month Visit With Son

Mrs. Mary Nell Berges is currently spending a two-month visit with her son, Leland Franz, well-known Harbor Area Boy Scout executive, of 1820 Middlebrook Road.

Mrs. Berges, who lives in Chicago where she is a member of the Rebekahs, is visiting here for the first time since 1941.

College Board Head Re-elected for Third Term

At a special organization meeting held at 11 a.m. July 1, Robert Russell of Redondo Beach was again elected to the presidency of the El Camino College Board of Trustees. This is the third successive year that Russell has been elected president of the Board.

Dr. E. E. Lyder of El Segundo was elected vice president and Melvin R. Allen of Inglewood, College District, Secretary. The Board set the time of their regular meetings as the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., with the meetings to be held in the board room of the College, Crenshaw and Redondo Beach boulevards.

Forrest G. Murdock, district superintendent and president of the College, was appointed secretary to the board and authorized to sign school district warrants and other documents as authorized by the Board.

DOMINOES

The game of dominoes originated in France.

"Now Let's See-- The Tax on--!"

Here's how the recent half cent jump in the State Sales Tax will be figured on purchases made in Torrance.

The new rate is based on a total of three per cent State tax and a one-half per cent city tax.

| Transaction | Tax |
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| .00-.14 | .01 |
| .15-.37 | .02 |
| .38-.62 | .03 |
| .63-.87 | .04 |
| .88-1.12 | .05 |
| 1.13-1.42 | .06 |
| 1.43-1.78 | .07 |
| 1.79-2.12 | .08 |
| 2.13-2.42 | .09 |
| 2.43-2.71 | .10 |
| 2.72-2.99 | .11 |
| 3.00-3.28 | .12 |
| 3.29-3.57 | .13 |
| 3.58-3.85 | .14 |
| 3.86-4.14 | .15 |
| 4.15-4.42 | .16 |
| 4.43-4.71 | .17 |
| 4.72-4.99 | .18 |
| 5.00-5.28 | .19 |
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| 9.29-9.57 | .34 |
| 9.58-9.85 | .35 |
| 9.86-10.14 | .36 |

Goodyear Rubber Plant to Close in September

Definite confirmation came from Washington late last week that the Goodyear Synthetic Rubber plant on Normandie avenue and 190th street would close in mid-September or in the early part of October.

The statement, confirming rumors that the plant would be "pickled" in a stand-by status, came from Chairman Harley Hise of the Reconstruction Finance corporation to Representative Cecil R. King in which Hise stated "it was economically unwise to continue the operation of the local government-owned plant."

The shutdown will affect approximately 225 persons employed at the synthetic rubber plant.

The Dow Chemical plant, which supplies styrene to the rubber plant, would remain in operation, it was said.

Due to close also is the butadiene plant of the Standard Oil Company in El Segundo.

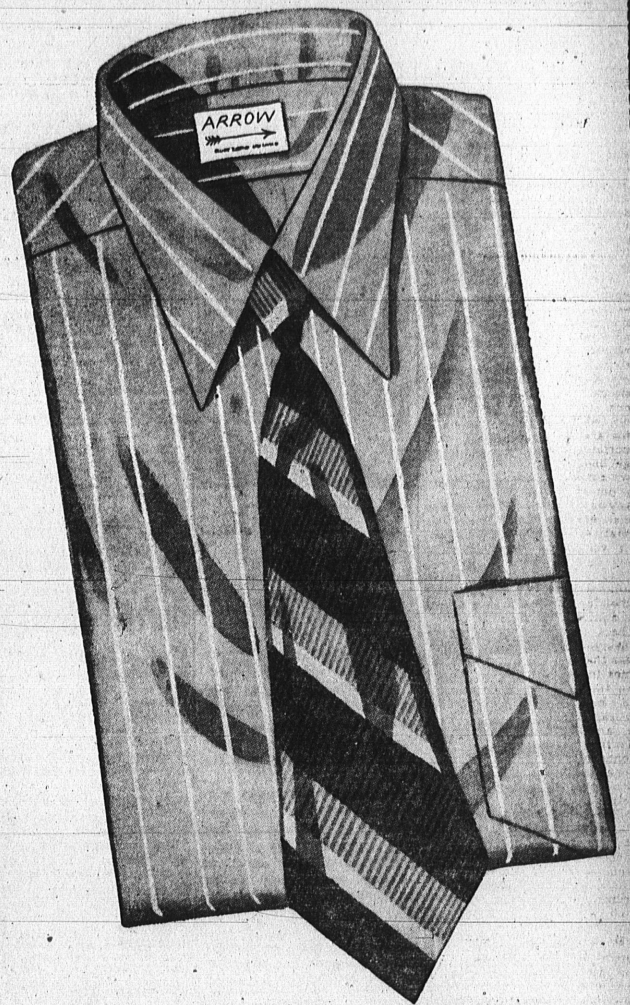
A savings of \$1,000,000 a year will be effected by the transferring of the manufacture of synthetic rubber to a Texas plant, it was claimed.

WALTERIA CIVICS SLATE OPEN MEET

Members of the Walteria Civic Organization will gather at the recreation hall Sunday evening in an open session to discuss community projects.

President Paul Stonecker said that all Walterians are invited to the meeting.

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