

Vinzañt-Book Nuptials Performed in Catalina

Isle of Romance Chapel, Catalina, was the setting for the doubling ceremony Saturday afternoon which united Mary Ann Book and James Edward Vinzant, United States Navy.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Dolan of 3405 Cricklewood avenue and the J. L. Vinzants of Hawthorne are parents of the bridegroom.

Miss Book chose as her wedding attire a gown of white embroidered organza and a corsage of white roses and carnations. Miss June Berry of Hawthorne, as her only attendant, wore Nile green complemented with red roses.

John R. Skene Jr. of Hawthorne, stood with the bridegroom as his best man.

They will return from a week's honeymoon in Catalina

Dinner Party Compliments Mrs. Roberts

Mrs. B. W. Roberts was the center of attraction at a dinner party arranged Sunday honoring her on her birthday. Hostesses for the enjoyable party, arranged at the Tolson home, were the honoree's daughters, Mrs. Robert Tolson, and Mrs. Jerry Witt.

At the table attractively centered with an arrangement of pom-pom zinnias in a crystal swan holder, places were arranged for the celebrant and Mr. Roberts, their son Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Tolson and Cynthia and Mr. and Mrs. Witt.

FROM DULUTH
Guests at the Cabrillo avenue home of Mrs. Regina Cunningham are her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham and children of Duluth, Minn., and formerly of this city.

Baby Shower Fetes Matron

Mrs. Johnnie Gally was honored at a baby shower recently, given at the Walteria home of her sister, Mrs. Evar Jansson. Assisting the hostess was her sister, Miss Lenore Young and her daughter Cynthia. Mrs. Gally is the former Betty Young of Walteria, now living in Wilmington.

Decorations were carried out in pink and green featuring storks, baby shoes, kimonos and bibs. Bunco and several original games were played, with prizes being awarded to Misses Cecilia Carrigan, Lois Thorpe; Mesdames William Thurman, Albert Parkes, M. J. Davidson, C. Swanson and Wally Lingren.

Refreshments of chicken salad and dessert were served 27 guests from Walteria, Torrance, Long Beach, San Pedro, with the youngest guest being three-week-old Karen Huerfing, and the eldest, 84-year-old Mrs. Mary Jane Davidson, grandmother of the hostess and the honoree.

PTAers Plan Fall Affairs

Members of the executive board of 186th street PTA will attend a pot luck luncheon in Torrance Park at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, August 28, preceding a brief business meeting.

Plans for a carnival scheduled for October 25 will be on the agenda.

A combined paper, rag, and grease drive will be held early in the fall, so members are asked to start saving now.

A GOOD BOOK TO READ
The American Red Cross, A History, by Foster Rhea Dulles. It's a factual history of Red Cross written by a non-Red Cross person. The book is published by Harper Brothers.

Crestline Enjoyable For Bethel

Twenty-three Job's Daughters and three of their mothers had a wonderful time at Crestline last week, when they were entertained at Knob Oak Guest Camp, which is run especially for Job's Daughters.

The girls left on a chartered bus Saturday, August 11, and arrived home early on the morning of the 18th. Activities included all-day swimming, horse-back riding and hiking.

Attending the camp were Donna Wolf, Marian McDougall, Diane Allen, Sonja Mooneyham, Mary Ann Lenton, Linda Thayne, Ann Stephens, Carol Campbell, Alice Olson, Glenda Wells, Judy Wolf, Janet Robinson, Judy Cook, Jane Moffat, Janice Crabtree, Carol Maloy, Marian Smith, Susan Babcock, Marilyn Edwards, Sally Hickman, Kathleen McKinley, Sally Speck and Linda Lane.

Mrs. Edna Babcock, guardian of Bethel 50, Mrs. Letha Wells and Mrs. Eunice Crabtree and daughter Sandy also attended and assisted as chaperons and cooks.

The girls expressed their thanks to the Mothers Club of Bethel 50 for making this camp experience possible.

Member Drive Meeting Topic

Mrs. Gerschel Babb, membership chairman of the North Torrance Elementary PTA, attended the Torrance Council Workshop, on August 13.

Membership Enrollment, which will be held during October, was discussed at length and plans are being made to reach 100 percent membership this year at the North Torrance Elementary School.

EDUCATOR ADDRESSES PROFESSIONAL CLUB

A most enjoyable dinner meeting of the National Business and Professional Women's Club of Torrance was arranged by Mesdames Sabina Abramson, Frances Lee and the Misses Olive and Molly Marshall, who were hostesses Monday evening when thirty-four members and guests met at Club Alondra. Community singing was feature of the evening and the principal speaker was Mr. Walter Re-

Soroptimists To Be Dinner Guests 29th

Mrs. Hazel Scott Coomes, president, will entertain members of the Harbor area Soroptimist Club at her home, 23210 Belle Porte avenue, Harbor City, at dinner next Wednesday evening.

Recent meetings held in San Pedro YWCA were Harry Pidgeon, world-renowned yachtsman, who was yesterday's speaker, and Dr. Primitiva Demandante.

Mr. Pidgeon is known as the only yachtsman to have made a round-the-world cruise without assistance.

Dr. Demandante, who addressed the club the previous week, told of developments in her medical career since she embarked a ship from the Philippines in San Pedro 13 years ago with a scholarship to study medicine in Ann Arbor, Mich. Interesting phases in the career of a woman practicing medicine, with the Department of Public Health, and later, privately in the harbor area were told by the doctor.

FAMILY REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Megow of 1412 Fern avenue are entertaining as their house guests her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Kent and Vickie of Horicon, Wis.

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Seventeen

Dickie Eipper Is Five Now

Dickie, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Eipper of 2326 W. 246th place, Lomita and formerly of Torrance, celebrated his birthday Saturday with a delightful children's party.

A "Hopalong" motif was followed for birthday cake and party favors and games occupied the group with Johnny Chaison and Raymond Ray as winners.

Other guests were Billy and Wayne Cobbs, Gary Talley, Danny Byers and Bobby Eipper.

Also attending the party were Mrs. C. O. Eipper of Lomita and Mrs. William Shawyer of Portuguese Bend.

Assisting Mrs. Eipper with arrangements was the celebrant's aunt, Mrs. Jack Taylor.

MOTHER VISITS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burchett of 1507 El Prado are entertaining as their house guest his mother, Mrs. William Burchett of Delano.

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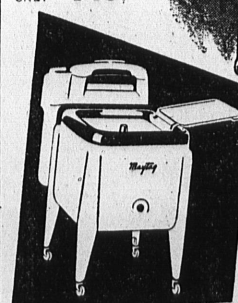
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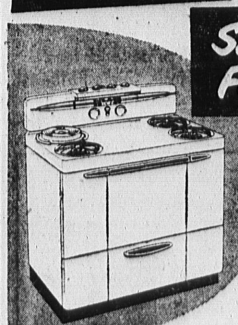
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On August 17 we applied to California Public Utilities Commission for higher gas rates. The needed increase would amount to about 85¢ a month or 2¼¢ per day for the average customer.

For over 30 years the price of gas to Southern California home-makers went steadily downward. Then about two years ago we were forced by higher costs to seek an adjustment of our rates. The resulting increase averaged about 8%—a small amount compared with the increase in prices of nearly everything else.

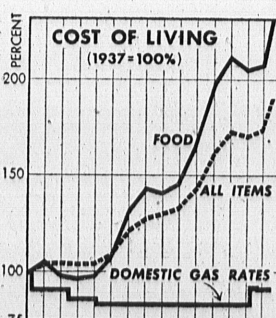
Now we are again faced with the need for an increase in gas rates. So that you will fully understand the two basic reasons for this, here are the facts:

1 HIGHER OPERATING COSTS

As you know in your own home or business, the cost of almost everything you buy has soared.

Inflation has hit our business, too. Everything we buy or use has gone up again and again. Our wage levels are 109% higher than in 1940. Gas costs us 72% more to buy than in 1940. By the end of 1951, it will cost us 20% more than just two years ago. And Federal tax rates have nearly doubled since before the war.

According to the Government's Bureau of Labor Statistics, the overall cost of living in Los Angeles is up 82% since 1940. Food, for example, is up 132%; clothing up 95%. Contrasted with this, the price you now pay for gas is approximately the same as in 1939.



Our organization has worked constantly for more efficient operation, advanced engineering and production, and overall economies. But in spite of this, our costs have continued to rise. We have reached the point where our present income is no longer adequate for the needs of our business.

2 NECESSARY EXPANSION OF OUR SYSTEM

As a public utility, we have both the opportunity and the obligation to grow with Southern California. More population means more customers using gas. This is good if these new customers can be served mainly through existing pipelines.

But the unusual growth in Southern California has required rapid expansion of our entire system—including large new pipelines to bring additional supplies of natural gas from as far away as Texas. When these facilities must be built at today's high prices, the cost is out of proportion to the additional income from the new customers at present gas rates.

We are constantly adding to our system to keep pace with this growth. Also, we must plan ahead to have adequate supplies of gas for Southern California. But the new gas mains and other necessary equipment cost a great deal of money—an estimated \$35,000,000 for 1951 alone.

In the main, this new money cannot come out of what you pay for gas. It must be obtained from outside our business—that is, from people who choose to invest their savings in our company. To make this possible, they must have confidence in the outlook for our business.

This is why we say that unless we take the steps to obtain a gas rate increase (so that we can continue to obtain the additional money for adequate gas supplies and expansion) we would fail in our duty to all our customers.

It is not possible to say exactly how much your own individual bill would be affected by the requested increase, if approved by the Commission. But it would average about 85¢ a month or 2¼¢ a day, for domestic and commercial customers. Since these are averages, it would be more for some and less for others. But we can definitely assure you this: GAS will still be your lowest cost modern household fuel.

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