NATURAL GAS AREA

Some 20,000 square miles of area in the U.S. are underlain with natural gas fields.

RICE CENTER

Approximately 95 percent of the world's rice crop is produced in Asia.

NORTH TORRANCE TATTLER

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The new officers for the coming year were elected at the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association last week. They are as follows: President, Jack White; vice-president, Dave Dyer; Secretary, Ann Collins; Auditor, Larry Gaddy, and Treasurer, Janice Bates. Each already proven himself to be a hard working member of this organization. Installation ceremonies will be held at the October meeting.

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The Community Church Lahome of Mrs. Helen De French dies Circle convened at the home of Mrs. elen De French who recently moved to Lakewood. A very interesting meeting was reported with plans for a fall dinner and bazaar being made.

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The "Tri-Angle Squares" and the beginners Tuesday night class in square dancing which meets at McMaster Hall gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Palmer Jr., of Palos Verdes, for an evening of gala entertaining last week. Four squares danced on the patio and later enjoyed a delicious pot-luck dinner.

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It's a small world! Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Holechek, 17033 Glenburn avenue, is Mrs. Holecheck's mother, Mrs. Katherine Mundrof, and brother Lyle Mundrof and family of Valentine, Nebraska. Visiting at the home of J. T. Leininger, of 4305 West 179th street, are Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor, also of Valentine, Neb.

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North Torrance Elementary PTA President Millie McBee entertained a group at a benefit canasta party this week. It was indeed a fast-moving evening and those trying to make the most of their time included Mr. and Mrs. C. Robinson, principal of the North Torrance Elementary School; Mr. and Mrs. Biz Bertrand; Mrs. Betty Mason; Mrs. Van Bellchem; Mrs. Janice Bates; Mrs. Margaret Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hale. (Lyn Hale was co-hostess), and your reporter. Mr. Robinson won all honors as the top player of the evening. There was no doubt in anyone's mind who deserved the "booby prize." Low man was Biz Bertrand. Delicious cake and coffee climaxed a very entertaining evening.

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Little Kenyon Brewer, of 1703: Glenburn avenue, who is only four, saw his first circus this past week and was amazed by it all. Accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brewer and grandfather C. A. Pollock, of Leimert Park, Ken watched the animals and trapeze artists with awe, and his popcorn went unfinished while he caught 40 winks.

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"What price education?" I heard a prospective student mutter after having stood in three lines to register for classes at El Camino College. Several of our residents are attending the college. Among those are Mrs. Lova Fadick, Mr. and Mrs. Duan Sherwood and Bud Morrison.

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A very new resident has been added to our area. Steven Allan, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Mangiagi, of 17233 Atkinson avenue, on September 11 to be welcomed by brothers Tony and Johnny.

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Campfire Leader Betty Johnson was very proud of the part her girls took in the pageant depicting the history of Campfire Girls at the County Fair in Pomona last Saturday. Those in the group honoring Campfire Girls Day were Judy Breightenfeldt, Judy Engols, Judy Nelson, Midge Simons and Sandra Considine.

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After talking to several who have just returned from my home state, I felt sorta bad that it was so hot and that the vacations could have been better. The Delbert Alfords spent much time around my home town. Juanita mentioned Oilton, Drumright and Mannford—and it seemed nice to talk to someone who had just returned. But it really made me feel good to hear Willys Blount rave about the progressive and beautiful city of Tulsa, Oklahoma. California Chambers of Commerce wouldn't like it.

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Mike Fadick celebrated his fourth birthday this week with a bang-up party including children from one end of the block to the other. Balloons, whistles and lollypops were given all, and a gay crowd blew out the candles on the cake. Among those who attended were Diane, Darlene and Mark Holecheck; Mary Jan Bates, Ken Brewer, Gail Adamson and Billie Mack.

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Big plans for a school carnival at Perry Avenue Elementary School are under way. A group of ladies who will work on the project will meet at the home of Mrs. Vera Wright, Torrance council PTA publicity chairman, at 18328 Roslin avenue, on Friday September 21, from 1 until 4 p.m.

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Girl Scout leaders are needed badly in our district. Anyone desiring training or information is urged to attend one of the following sessions: Lomita Scout Hall, September 19-24 and 26; October 1-3. Meetings are from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Brownie leaders meet at the Gardena Teenage Center September 25-27 and October 2-4 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Mr. and Mrs. Sam Surell Sr. planed in from Kansas City, Kansas, to spend a few weeks at the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Surell, at 17213 Glenburn avenue.

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The women's group of North Torrance are dressing dolls for the bazaar sometime in October at the St. Catherine's Church. Glamour and baby dolls are being dressed, some in crocheted dresses.

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Mrs. A. B. Cowie Torrance Council PTA President attended the opening ceremonies of orientation week for teachers at Torrance High. Mrs Cowie announced the meeting of 1st District California Congress of Parents and Teachers Thursday, September 27, at 9:30, Crozier School in Inglewood. This session will stress the fourth and fifth object of parents and teachers which are: "To bring into closer relation the home and the school that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in training of the child and to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts that will secure for every chid the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education."

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There is no prouder a couple in all North Torrance than the Wickeys of 17020 Glenburn avenue who now have a son Clifford Thomas Wickey who weighs 8 pounds 6 ounces. This makes it almost unanimous as far as children are concerned on our street. Congratulations June!

Local Jeweler Tells Club About Diamonds

Abe Robinson, manager of Lawson's Jewelers, was the principal speaker at the Lions Club weekly meeting last week at the Ding How Cafe.

Robinson's subject was "Diamonds." He traced their origin from rocks to their present value and beauty. He noted that the diamond is 90 times harder than any other known substance.

FEDERAL TERRITORY

More than half the total area of Oregon is under federal control. This includes 13 national forests, two national park service areas and extensive grazing acreages.