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New Slate Of Officers

Southwest Manuscripters will meet at 8 p.m. Friday at Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive Hermosa Beach, to approve a new slate of officers for next year followed by the traditional Christmas book exchange.

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New officers were named pending membership approval at a recent meeting of the nominating committee, made up of member-at-large Ramonicta O'Connor and the retiring board. Named were Ray Banks, president; Catherine Bolton, program chairman; Frances Grace, press chairman; Florence Hancher, secretary; Vance Price, treasurer; and Edith Battles, hospitality chairman.

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A feature of the short business meeting will be the disclosure of winners of the annual Christmas manuscript contest. Banks will award cash contest. Banks will award cash prizes to first, second, and third place winners in three categories: poetry, short fiction and plays, and articles.

Comprising the Christmas program will be the exchange

LAW IN ACTION

Strict Liability

STRICT LIABILITY
Most of us are safe from liability if we take reasonable care, even though someone may get hurt as the result of the things we do.

But "strict liability" applies no matter how careful you are when you engage in an activity or maintain an "instrumentality" which is highly dangerous. Thus owners of savage animals have been strictly liable, whether or not they were at fault, when, say

savage animais nave obeen strictly liable, whether or not they were at fault, when, say a tiger got loose and harmed someone.

A person is "strictly liable" if he has something dangerous and unnatural on his land which escapes and harms someone else.

In California a pest control man released deadly gas to kill insects in a cafe basement, but the gasses escaped and injured someone elsewhere in the building. The court held the exterminator strictly liable.

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the hazardous activity must (1) not be a commonly accepted one in the community, and (2) it must be inappropriate for the surroundings.

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Thus an owner whose car breaks loose is not "strictly liable" and must be proved negligent to be held liable. Cars are both common and appropriate in most places. But in a good sized city a court held that drillers were strictly liable when their of well blew up and injured a man. Oil well drilling was unusual and "inappropriate" there.

In an age of technology the doctrine of strict liability raisdoctrine of strict liability raises many questions: Suppose
atomic radiation escapes from
a privately owned reactor and
does damages? Should courts
hold owners strictly liable
even though a court could
find no fault or negligence in
the handling of the reactor?

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In some areas strict liability is a matter of social policy. Thus workmen's compensation acts and some child labor statutes hold the employer liable even though he excised full care for his e





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