



Songwriter To Address Dinner Club

J. Fred Coots, contemporary of Irving Berlin and Cole Porter will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Executive Dinner Club of the Torrance area to be held at the Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach Saturday evening.

Coots, who has composed more than 3,000 pieces, of which more than 700 are in published form, is exceeded only by Berlin in number of pieces composed. Like Berlin, he broke into the music field the hard way, working as a clerk for \$15 a week before getting a break that led him into Tin Pan Alley where he



J. FRED COOTS ... Dinner Speaker

formed friends and contacts that helped him along.

Most famous of Coots' works is his famous and popular "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," which not only America but many foreign countries have adopted. Of his more recent tunes, "Love Letters in

Nearly Everyone Gets Chickenpox At One Time or Another—Gilbert

ROY O. GILBERT, M. D. County Health Officer
Chickenpox is a mild disease that almost everyone gets at one time or another. Probably the chief danger from the infection is due to its very mildness which somehow inclines adults to regard chickenpox too lightly, whether it occurs to themselves or their children.

This disorder is very contagious, being spread from one person to another by secretions from the patient's nose and mouth, or by handling articles contaminated either with the secretions or material from the skin blisters.

CHILDREN ARE normally expected to contact chickenpox before or during school days, and there is ordinarily no reason for keeping a healthy child away from possible sources of infection. Nonetheless, very young or weak children should be protected against exposure to all infectious diseases. In any case, a physician should always be called in for a diagnosis and medical supervision even when the symptoms are most mild.

To the inexperienced or non-professional observer the rash of chickenpox resembles that of smallpox, and the experi-

the Sand" topped the nation for several weeks. Along with his popular compositions, Coots also has numerous sacred songs and concert pieces to his credit.

Recently Coots has been doing a lot of new song writing and making appearances on radio and T.V.

Dr. J. H. Hull, President, will conduct the meeting.

ence of a physician is required to distinguish the differences. This possibility of smallpox should be kept in mind, especially by those persons who have not been vaccinated since infancy.

THE RASH of chickenpox is usually quite irritating, and youngsters have a tendency to scratch the blisters and scabs. Efforts should be made to discourage such scratching, for permanent scars often result if the lesions become infected.

In some cases, the individual coming down with chickenpox has a slight fever, headache, and loss of appetite for a day or two before the rash develops; in another person, it may be the first symptom. The rash, which occurs in successive crops, usually appears first on the trunk, then on the face, and in severe cases over the entire body. Eruptions, resembling small ulcers, may form on the lining of the mouth and throat.

IT IS TRUE that serious complications accompanying chickenpox, including encephalitis and kidney infections, are uncommon but they do happen. One complication, more common among adults than among children is called primary chickenpox pneumonia. This is an acute, severe pneumonia occurring during the course of chickenpox and is caused by the chickenpox virus. The patient with this condition usually has a widespread rash, a cough that produces blood-streaked sputum, and a high fever. Recovery is generally assured with proper medical care.

There is no specific treat-

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ment for chickenpox, nor is there an immunizing agent. Although the disease is not quarantinable, children are excluded from school for at least six days after the first appearance of the rash and until the initial scabs have dropped from exposed parts of the body. One attack of chickenpox usually confirms immunity. Second attacks are rare.

EVERYTHING considered, chickenpox is no a major public health problem, nor is it a reportable disease in California. But neither is it without complications that can result in serious consequences to the individual, and this is especially true for adults.

A pamphlet giving additional information on chickenpox will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Division of Public Health Education, Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 North Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

BIRTHS

RIVERA HOSPITAL
JOHNSON—Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. 4409 Bel Air Dr., La Canada, a son, Keith Peter, Feb. 27.
SMITH—Mr. and Mrs. Billy G., 2314 Suana Ave., a son, Mark Anthony, Feb. 25.
WIBROH—Mr. and Mrs. Ole, 702 1/2 55th St., Hermosa, a son, John, Feb. 27.
TWEETON—Mr. and Mrs. Donald P., 2705 132nd St., Redondo, a son, Stuart Wayne, Feb. 27.
CARPENTER—Mr. and Mrs. James, 1410 W. 24th St., Harbor City, a son, Richard Dennis, Feb. 25.
CHEATWOOD—Mr. and Mrs. W. R., 4713 Merrill St., a daughter, Kendra Lynn, March 1.
ADAMS—Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur, Jr., 5111 Sepulveda, a daughter, Beatrice Ann, March 1.
ROMERO—Mr. and Mrs. M. J., 814 N. Flower Ave., a son, William Coronado, March 1.
SINGER—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, 620 Harbor Hills, a son, Lonny Bruce, March 2.
WISSMAN—Mr. and Mrs. C. 132 Paseo De La Corcha, Redondo, a son, Charles Henry, March 4.
PATMORE—Mr. and Mrs. Glenn T., 2308 Dow Ave., Redondo, a son, Glenn Thomas, Jr., March 4.
KORFF—Mr. and Mrs. Calvert E., 5215 Scott St., a son, Jonathan Calvert, March 4.
AKERLAND—Mr. and Mrs. Fred, 1734 Valley Park, Hermosa, a son, Andrew Raymond, March 5.
GIBBS—Mr. and Mrs. Don W., 1915 Nardman St., Lomita, a son, Anthony Hilton, March 5.
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POLICEMEN NOMINATED . . . Candidates for the Lane Bryant Award for 1958 for outstanding volunteer community service are the Torrance Police Officers Assn. Their name has been tossed into the hat by the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. Pictured above are, left to right, Fred W. MHL, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce; Chief Percy B. Bennett, Torrance Police Dept.; and Officer A. L. Jackson, Police Car Club Coordinator.



EGGHEADS DISPLAYED . . . Seen arranging his 200 "egg-a-tons" portraits for display in the jewelry department of the Broadway-Del Amo is creator Graham Dale, who has shown his hardboiled collection throughout the country. The Broadway display is slated for March 24 to 28.

'Egg-a-tons' Go On Display At Broadway

There will be a very unusual display of egg portraits in the Silverware Department of the Broadway-Del Amo from March 24th to 28th. Created by Graham Dale, the 200 "Egg-a-tons" include portraits of such historical and contemporary figures as Cleopatra, Lincoln, Joe DiMaggio and Gregory Peck. They are skillfully made by painting on all sizes and shapes of egg shells, and are authentically coiffed and dressed.

Starting on his unusual career at the age of eight, Dale has shown his collection at conventions and department stores all over the country. He is now living in Hollywood and writing a book about his craft which will include the favorite egg recipes of some of the famous people he has painted. Future plans include a museum for his "Egg-a-toon" collection combined with an egg box restaurant.

Annual Dodgers Camera Day Set

The annual Dodgers-Argus Camera Day at the Los Angeles Coliseum will be staged on Sunday, April 19. This is the day on which the players pose for all the folks who bring their cameras. Prizes will be offered for twenty-plus top pictures. In addition, coming early in the season, it offers fans the opportunity to build up their 1959 baseball albums. Entry blanks for the Camera Day contest are available at leading camera stores throughout the Los Angeles area.

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