

# Fire Prevention Week To Be Observed Here

Fire Prevention Week by laws Oct. 5, as proclaimed by President Eisenhower.

Since the Chicago fire of Oct. 9 and 10, 1871, which wiped out the entire business section and a large part of the residential properties of that city, fire prevention and protection have progressed from a rule-of-thumb method, an occasional practice, to the status of a science. Sound rules of fire safety are now well established and are available to all.

FIRE PREVENTION was emphasized annually as "Fire Prevention Day" for some 30

years before 1920. In that year, the president of the United States proclaimed "Fire Prevention Week" to include the date of Oct. 9, the anniversary of the Chicago fire.

The fire prevention movement has been an active part in nearly every chamber of commerce in the United States. In Torrance, this movement is under the leadership of Joan Phipps Loop, president of Harbor City's Insurance Women's Assn., Inspector Wesley Christian, of the Torrance fire department, and Fred Hansen, chairman of the Torrance Chamber of

Commerce's fire prevention committee.

Hundreds of chambers of commerce, with their fire departments, city officials, and civic clubs, actively engage in this program, and their continuous, systematic efforts have made a notable contribution in controlling the nation's fire losses.

IN OBSERVING Fire Prevention Week, Torrance takes its place with other cities throughout the United States in carrying on a program which will result in a safer city in which to live.



"What business needs to do in lower order's first picture!"

# Like Mushrooms? Don't Pick Your Own, Health Officer Says

By ROY D. GILBERT, M.D., County Health Officer

People who eat mushrooms they gather hither and yon are taking a tremendous risk, because only experts engaged in the business of raising or studying them can tell the difference between the edible and non-edible or poisonous varieties.

There are, of course, many people who think they are experts in distinguishing one from the other. One such person gathered and ate a couple of mushrooms recently in order to demonstrate to his companions how easy they were to identify. Fortunately the variety was not lethal, although he became very ill for a brief period.

Not all fungi picked by the person turn out to be toxic, but the risk is so great that it appears incomprehensible that anyone would ever take the risk of eating a mushroom that wasn't either commercially grown or canned.

PERHAPS the other commercially prepared food in the United States is grown and cared for with such strict

provision. The soil and fertilizer used for the mushroom beds must be sterilized, and this is done in order to destroy, among other things, all spores of wild fungi, including the toadstool, that may be present in the soil. Mushroom culture is carried on in buildings that are air-conditioned so that cross strains carried by the wind cannot reach the beds. Needless to say, all mushroom seeds used are certified to be pure strains.

As a result of the care in raising, and also in the processing of these edible fungi, no known cases of mushroom poisoning have resulted from the eating of mushrooms canned in this country, where mushroom culture has been a thriving business since the latter part of the 19th century.

CERTAINLY, cultivated mushrooms have a place in the diet for they possess a definite food value, comparing favorably with most vegetables in protein content; they are also good sources of vitamins, and minerals, and have a distinctive flavor that is pleasing to most people.

Europeans have a great liking for mushrooms and are said to gather them at every opportunity. The rate of poisoning from the non-edible varieties is understandably higher than it is in America.

NEARLY ALL cases of poisoning by mushrooms in this country are said to be due to ingestion of the Amanita genus of mushrooms. In general, two different types of poisoning are caused by this genus. One type is not very serious; the other is often fatal.

A muscaria poisoning causes symptoms of illness, including abdominal cramps, diarrhea, and profuse perspiration within one to two hours. The disturbance is usually quickly associated with the non-edible mushroom and prompt administration of the proper medication, accompanied by gastric lavage, has the person back to normal within a couple of days.

The second type of poisoning may be caused by three different types of fungi although only two, A. muscaria and A. vera, are commonly found in this country. All are similar in appearance and cause the same type of delayed poisoning. Symptoms of illness usually appear six to 15 hours after the eating of the fungus of these between indigestion and symptoms the body has time to absorb the toxic material. About 90 per cent of fatal cases of mush-

room poisoning are due to these types. Unlike A. muscaria poisoning, there is no specific remedy for it.

GENERALLY speaking, people are sufficiently well informed to know that the eating of mushrooms gathered at random is a dangerous business. It is most often the so-called expert who gets poisoned. One such individual, whose faith in his ability to differentiate between edible and non-edible fungi apparently remains unshaken, has been admitted to a local hospital on three different occasions with A. muscaria poisoning, the last time just a few weeks ago.

The only safe thing to do is to leave mushroom gathering to those people in the business of raising them commercially and to mycologists who have made the study of fungi their profession. The fallibility of the average so-called expert may result in a fatal mistake.



"School days with the dangerous caps of your life, if your child's old enough to send."

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14000 S. Torrance Blvd., Torrance, Calif.  
Rev. Walter H. Stanton, Pastor  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**FOUNDSQUARE COMPE CHURCH**  
Corner Arlington and Sepulveda  
Tel. RA 6-2828  
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Pastors  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
3110 E. 104th St., Torrance, Calif.  
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Pastors  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
1402 Sepulveda Ave., FA 2-2521  
The Rev. Hugh D. Davis, Rector  
SUNDAY - 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.  
1st Sunday - Holy Communion  
2nd Sunday - Morning Prayer  
3rd Sunday - Holy Communion  
11 A.M. - Holy Communion  
4th and 5th Sunday - Morning Prayer  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study  
THURSDAY - 8:00 P.M. - Bible Study  
THURSDAY - 11 A.M. - Holy Communion

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF TORRANCE**  
1402 Sepulveda Ave., FA 2-2521  
The Rev. Hugh D. Davis, Rector  
SUNDAY - 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.  
1st Sunday - Holy Communion  
2nd Sunday - Morning Prayer  
3rd Sunday - Holy Communion  
11 A.M. - Holy Communion  
4th and 5th Sunday - Morning Prayer  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study  
THURSDAY - 8:00 P.M. - Bible Study  
THURSDAY - 11 A.M. - Holy Communion

**WALTERIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
MARK and NEWTON STS.  
Rev. L. M. Husted, Pastor  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**WALTERIA COMMUNITY METHODIST CHURCH**  
Norton on Ward St., Walteria  
Rev. Wanda Mack, Pastor  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GARDENA**  
11400 S. Torrance Blvd., Torrance, Calif.  
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Pastors  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**WELCOME TO TORRANCE**  
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at Carson & Manual Sts., Torrance, Calif.  
Phone RA 2-2020  
Morgan Gatto, Pastor  
Robert Dahn, Asst. Pastor  
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11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2906 W. 104th St., Torrance, Calif.  
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Pastors  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST**  
Center of Attraction and Service  
Elder Glen L. Griffin, Pastor  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**HOPE CHURCH EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN**  
227 W. 17th St., New Meador, California  
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Pastors  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
418 Vincent St., Redondo Beach, CA 90288  
SUNDAY - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.  
11:00 A.M. - Holy Communion  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
THE GOOD SHEPHERDS  
14000 S. Torrance Blvd., Torrance, Calif.  
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Pastors  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

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Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Pastors  
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11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1217 Crestview Avenue, Torrance, Calif.  
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Pastors  
SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. - Morning Worship  
11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
1402 Sepulveda Ave., Torrance, Calif.  
Rev. and Mrs. Wm. W. Loomis, Pastors  
SUNDAY - 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M.  
11:00 A.M. - Holy Communion  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 P.M. - Bible Study

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
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**SOUTH BAY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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11:00 A.M. - Sunday School  
7:00 P.M. - Evening Worship  
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**NORTH TORRANCE FOUNDSQUARE CHURCH**  
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