

County Gets \$14 Million From Edison

Southern California Edison Co., one of Los Angeles County's biggest single taxpayers, presented its check for \$14,015,739.23 to Tax Collector Harold J. Ostly Monday as the first installment of local property taxes for 1961-62.

G. L. Blanchard, Edison district manager, said that this check, together with the second installment which will be paid April 10, will bring the total of property taxes paid by Edison in this county to \$20,589,637.85.

About half of the money the electric company pays to the county goes directly toward the support of local public schools, Blanchard pointed out.

The combined property tax payments that Edison will make to 13 counties in central and Southern California for 1961-62 will total \$40,056,665.11, he said.

"Taxes paid out to local, state and federal governments remain the Edison Co.'s largest single item of expense,"

Blanchard said. "Last year we paid to all levels of government a whopping \$81,607,956, amounting to 27 cents of every dollar paid by our customers for their electric service."

Members of the Marymount faculty and their families will be the guests of the college at the annual Christmas gathering in the faculty lounge on Sunday, Dec. 17, with Mother Gregory in charge.

8th Grader To Report For Magazine

Linda Hishikawa of Stephen White Junior High has been named co-ed correspondent for the 1961-62 school year, according to an announcement by Margaret Hauser, editor of "Co-ed Magazine." Miss Hishikawa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Takao Hishikawa, is in the eighth grade. Her appointment was made by the home-making teachers of Stephen M. White Junior High School.

Selected for her qualities of leadership and her enthusiasm for home economics, Miss Hishikawa will serve as junior advisor to the editors of "Co-ed,"

national magazine for teen-age girls, and will keep them informed of activities at Stephen White Junior High. There are more than 2,500 co-ed correspondents throughout the

Airman Basic William J. Gasser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay M. Gasser of 25820 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita, is being assigned to the United States Air Force technical training course for radio and radar maintenance specialists at Keesler AFB, Miss.

Airman Gasser, who has

completed his basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex., was selected for the advanced course on the basis of his interests and aptitudes.

The airman is a graduate of Narbonne High School in Harbor City and a former student at Harbor College in Wilmington.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"It says to add eggs, sugar and mix... but it doesn't say what kind of mix..."

Legion Completes Manual on Disaster Relief Procedures

After months of intensive study and preparation, a handbook on "Disaster Relief and Civil Defense" has been completed by the American Legion, Department of California, and distributed to the more than 800 legion posts in the state.

In announcing distribution of the handbook here yesterday, Department Commander Roscoe T. Morse of San Diego said: "I hope that every one of the more than 140,000 Legionnaires in California will study this handbook and take an active part in civil defense planning in his own community."

"Just 20 years ago the United States suffered the crippling attack on Pearl Harbor. Today we are faced with the threat of new and more devastating nuclear war. We hope and pray that war may be avoided. But we must be prepared, not only for war but for natural disasters."

"As the foreword of the legion handbook states in part: 'One can conceive of no more meritorious service than to be prepared to assist in the saving of lives of fellow citizens and to aid in the alleviation of suffering and distress resultant from a major disaster or enemy attack. Being prepared to aid in rescue work may make the difference between life and death of those in danger—and those in danger must not preclude the involvement of your neighbors and your loved ones, including yourself.'"

The legion handbook was prepared by the Disaster Relief and Civil Defense Commission, under the chairmanship of Leslie F. "Ole" Olson of Los

Angeles. Other members of the commission are George A. Bird Jr., Marysville, vice chairman; Gene Woods, Richmond; Earl L. Chesmore, Bakersfield; Edwin J. Dailey, Fullerton, and Irl R. Gowshaw, Beverly Hills.

Mobil Quits Marketing Of Asphalt

By the end of the year, Mobil Oil Co. will cease marketing asphalt in Southern California, the only area on the west coast where the company is engaged in this kind of business. Edgington Oil Refineries, Inc., of Long Beach, has purchased Mobil's bulk asphalt distribution facilities and automotive equipment.

Mobil has not manufactured asphalt on the west coast since 1953. The company's decision to cease its asphalt marketing business in Southern California was based on comprehensive studies which indicated it would not be economically feasible to manufacture asphalt at its Torrance refinery.

Mobil manufactured asphalt on the west coast from 1945 until 1953 at a refinery in Vernon, which was acquired in a merger with the Gilmore Oil Co. The former Gilmore refinery was shut down in 1953 and since then Mobil has purchased the asphalt it required for its Southern California marketing operations from various suppliers, including Edgington Oil Refineries.

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