

Announce Change In Water Billing

Beginning April 1 the Torrance Water Department will bill consumers every two months instead of every month as has been customary, it was announced by A. E. McVicar, superintendent of the Torrance Municipal Water District.

The change-over will be made over a period of a few months so some consumers will still be billed monthly during this time. Everyone will be on a two month's billing basis as of June 31, it was stated.

The exception to this will be industrial, irrigation and other large users who will continue to be billed for the calendar month as nearly as possible.

The city's growth has been given as one of the reasons for the change-over. Savings for the department will also result.

Cost Not Affected

This does not affect the cost of water to the consumer except that the larger domestic user will remain in the lower rate block for more of his usage and may save a little money during the summer months. The minimum charges and water allowances for minimum charges has been doubled to compensate for the double time period. Deposits have also been doubled, as would be expected.

One effect of the change on the consumer will be a strict adherence to the ordinance with respect to delinquent accounts. Bills will automatically become delinquent ten days after they are rendered and will be subject to shut-off for non-payment 30 days after rendering. This policy will be followed except where prior arrangement is made or in special cases. This, again, follows the practice of other utilities who bill bi-monthly.

Installation Fees

The other change referred to was in meter installation fees. These have been raised as follows:

All sizes larger than 2-inches have always been on a cost plus 10 per cent basis and continue that way. The raise in these fees is a reflection of the rising costs evident all over and are made with the idea in mind that the Water Department should not subsidize the builder by absorbing part of the installation cost.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bateman, 2011 Plant Ave., announce the birth of a daughter born on March 12th, at Torrance Memorial hospital, and weighed 8 pounds.

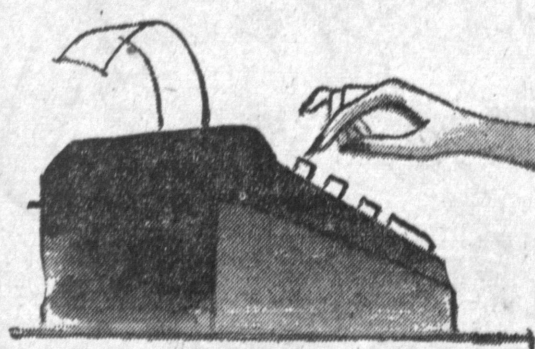
Mr. and Mrs. Dale Richard Brown, 960 Maple St., announce the birth March 14, at White Memorial hospital and weighed 9 pounds and 2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. James Vernon Wyatt, 2206 San Vicente Ave., announce the birth of a son, born on March 11, at Torrance Memorial hospital and weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces.

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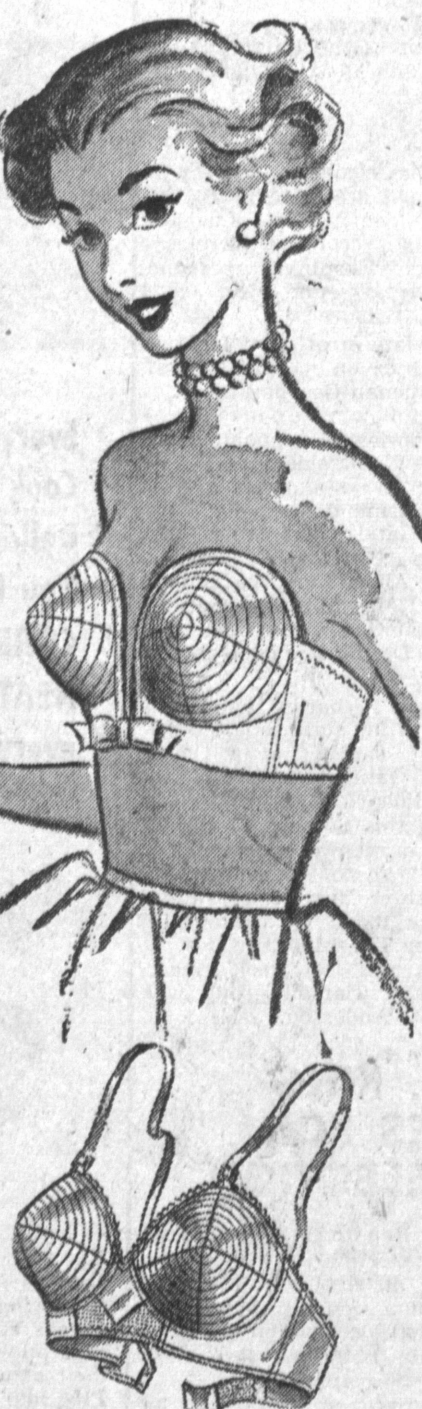
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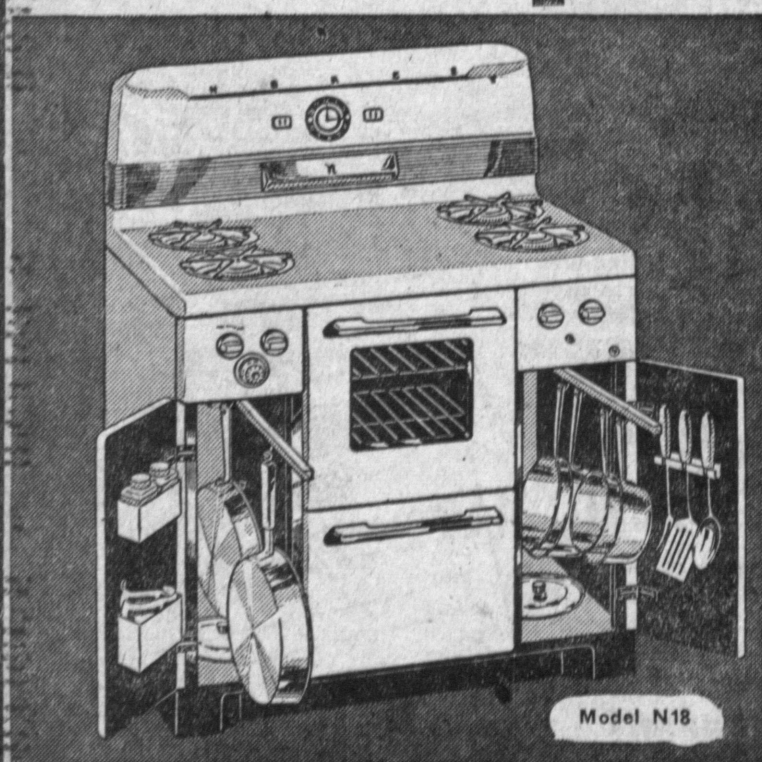
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