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## Insurance Firms Hold Home Loans

California property owners 1957, new mortgage financing ex had \$4,540,370,000 of their mort- tended by the life companies to gage financing needs extended to property owners in the United them by the life insurance com-panies of the country at the start this year, the Institute of Life was about one-fourth less than Surance reports. These real the year before, but more than estate loans covered 371,810 in- in any year prior to 1954." dividual mortgages in the state

and represented an increase of Softball Playoffs on

These past seven years saw Boys softball playoffs in the the greatest construction job on Los Angeles Elementary School record in this country, contribu- playgrounds are now under way ting, to the fact that mortgage with Gulf leading. Other teams are from Lomita, debt outstanding more than dou-Harbor City. 259 st., Howard,

bled in the period," the Institute commented. "The life insurance Fries and 223rd St. llars of the nation's 109,000,000

DOCTOR MOVES OFFICE licyholders have played an important role in providing the Dr. A. A. Rauch this week necessary financing for this gi- moved his chiropodist offices to gantic housing demand. During 1524 Cravens ave.



Gardena is famous for many then by all means make your things, which strangely brings reservations early. Besides the to mind the Vegas Club. This traditional colorful dinner and happy little bistro on the shores socko tropical drinks there's of Vermont avenue is the home the exciting show, the likes of of many unusual personalities, which you haven't seen since There's owner Tony Martello Lassie had pups! Remember, who whips up some "cool" piz- the date is August 24. zas besides playing the drums

, there's Johnny Giangrande In case you missed it, that a suffering Dodger fan who is big party at the Plush Horse actually from Brooklyn (hiss!) last Friday was not only to wel-... there's tall Eddie Borgelin come Eddie Baxter on the who is responsible for "Dirty "Scene" again, but was a testi-Dishes" (he says it's a song) monial dinner. The democrate , there's Freddy Martello were out in full force for Glennfrom the Loretta Young Charm Anderson, candidate for Lt.

School... and there's Bob Martello who flunked out of NAMES IN THE NIGHT: that School! Add to all these Helen Dell, the charming the music of Fifi Baldwin and music ma'am of the Jump 'n' her pet poodle and you have Jack, who forsakes her vacathe one and only Vegas Club! tion to return to her fans this week; Beverly McCorkle, the

The fact that prices are fetchingest Souhtland interior going up is no news, but when decorator, who "digs" Tempur: a sign goes up and up and up, (fried shrimp) a la Kyoto's; hat is news! And that is exact. Arne Lund's Alondra Inn what is happening at Del's where the music is lively or Camino Room. Last week a weekends, thanks to the sound colorful new sign was added of the 3 Notes (a trio, by to the building . . . but too low. George); Lococo's restauran It wasraised, but not enough. on Pacific Coast highway At last report it was still going where host Nick has onl up. Look out Sputnik! praise for organ artist A: Kaub; Paul Atkerson, why

Along the Great Wide Way has the smoothest plano sty. of 101 there's good news. Get ings along the Great Wide Way out those sarongs and beach at Robb's; Charles Murchison Sandals, there's going to be an pianist extraordinary of the H other big Luau at the Polyne- Barbee on Western, who is curslan in Walteria. If by some rently writing some new tuner cruel twist of fate you've for the talents of Dot recon." missed the previous parties, thrush Fran Palmer.

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HIGH HOPES-Johnny Prophet of Torrance listens to his recording of "Banana," which the young vocalist has just recorded.

Prophet hopes that sale of his recording will land him among the

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top ranks of singers.

## Young Torrance Singer Hopes 'Banana' Will Launch Musical Career in a Hurry

Johnny Prophet of 4808 Car- He did a couple of recordings. His wife, Ellen, and their on st., is a young singer who for Dot Records and Ditto Rec- three youngsters, Lee Ann. 3: knows exactly where he's going, orsd, including "Evicted From His main concern is that he Heaven" and "I Was Born Last doesn't feel he's getting there Monday." He also recorded the staying in Baltimore during his fast enough. At the very mature score for Dan Dailey's picture, RCA record tour. Ellen, "Miss age of 26 years, Johnny's not "The Girl Next Door," for Coral Baltimore of 1953," met Johnny really worried, but is concerned Records and did "Stop the Mu- in Hollywood during shooting of enough about his career to be sic" for RCA Victor with Henri Ray Norman's independent pro-Rene's orchestra. doing something about it.

His current RCA Victor re-**Recent Break** co-ling of "Banana" may well The young singer got his most launch Johnny on the famed singing career he's been seeking recent break with RCA through since he was a youngster in New his contact with Al Rinker, one of the former Three Rhythm York.

Boys (the other two were Bing "Banana" is a novelty tune about a gal the vocalist has about a gal the vocalist has named Banana because she never to make his demonstration recleaves the bunch. And he wants ords, and during a recent session to be alone with her. What about this young Tor- in New York, RCA officials rance vocalist, who is he? listening to one of Al's records Where's he been? singing that they asked if he Scholarship

were available. Al assured them Johnny was born March 15, he was, called Johnny in Torhe was 12 years old and in the rance and cinched the deal that 1932, in Rochester, N.Y. When he was 12 years old and in the 8th grade, his teacher realized "Banana," current top tune he had an unusually good voice being distributed in Europe as for a youngster and arranged an audition for him. As a result he Johnny's recording of audition for him. As a result de Johnny's recording of received a scholarship to the nana" has been the number one Eastman School of Music which tune in Des Moines, Iowa, and tune in Des Moines, Iowa, and as Jeannette McDonald and Nel- City and Mjami. It was picked son Eddy. by Variety as the "best bet of Before he had a chance to the week," and by The Cash

begin his career, the service next Box as "Sleeper of the Week." caught up with him and he spent Cash Box says "Banana" could the years from 1950 to 1952 in skyrocket Johnny to stardom. the Navy.

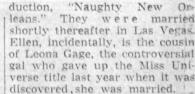
He was discharged from the service in San Francisco, and almost immediately got his first job singing in a night club in nearby Redwood City. **On Skelton Show** 

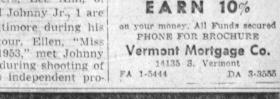
Most memorable among his TV. appearances was the time he was on Red Skelton's Thanksgiving Show playing the role of a hanky tonk piano player in a bar. On the show, Skelton had just had an argument with his girl friend, and brought a live turkey named Genevieve into the bar. He and the bird plunked themselves down on bar stools and made unusual conversation and requests while drinking. "We rehearsed a week for that one-and I really enjoyed work ing with Red. He's a great guy," Johnny says with a smile. Johnny made a few recordings

while singing every night in a south Los Angeles night club. rance-Lomita board of realtors, the Hawthorne and the Gardena boards, as well as the state and national associations. **Baseball Fans** 

Jacobs, his wife Trudy, and their six children, Rick, 15; Mike, 12; Jesse, 10; Rachel, 8; Lewis, 6; and Susan, 4, are all avid baseball fans.

Mike and Jesse play in Little League and both made the All









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