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Most Accidents in Industries Occur at 4 o'Clock Survey Shows; Tips on Safety Given by State

Four o'clock is the "zero hour" in most California industries. More industrial accidents occur at this hour than at any other, the state compensation insurance fund has learned after a study of the subject.

The Fund learned that of the hundreds of accidents reported, one sixth occurred at about four P. M., a small percentage about nine A. M., the remainder being scattered throughout the day.

Most of the four o'clock accidents were attributed to fatigue, the men having worked almost eight hours at that time.

The Fund's engineers believe that one of the reasons for the large number of accidents at nine A. M. is the fact that many workers go to their jobs with little or no breakfast. In some cases, perhaps, the men had slept too late to have time for an adequate breakfast and in others, perhaps, the men preferred the morning smoke to a hearty breakfast.

Saving or Losing? Because of their failure to practice the safety they preach, many California employers are losing thousands of dollars annually, while other employers, who practice as well as preach safety, are saving thousands of dollars, the state compensation insurance fund points out.

The state fund cited the case of a large tanning plant in the San Francisco Bay district, as illustrative of this fact. The company had for years been "going through the motions" of safety work—holding safety meetings and correcting physical defects in the plant. But the accidents continued to mount up. The state fund, which maintains a safety department to serve employers whom it insures against industrial accidents, saw the accidents were increasing in number and sent an expert to the plant. The Fund's expert, who has experts for all classes of industry.

Cut Accidents This expert induced the company to make safety work something more than "a nice thing to do"—to make it the first consideration in the plant. During the previous year there had been forty-five accidents in the plant, costing \$7324 for medical care and compensation. During the first five months after the expert's visit only fifteen accidents had occurred.

costing only \$150.

The plant instead of having twice as many accidents a year as the average of the tanning industry, now has only half the average.

Another instance cited is that of a large foundry and machine shop in Los Angeles which in one year had 124 accidents, some of them serious. This company also had been "going through the motions" of safety work. During the year following the visit of the State Fund's expert, there were only fifteen accidents.

An Important Item Thousands of industrial accidents are caused each year because floors are not kept in repair and free from obstructions.

Latest available statistics show that 20,693 workers were injured last year in falls or in stepping on or striking against objects. Of these 106 died of their injuries and 32 were injured permanently. It has been estimated that half of these accidents were caused by tripping or slipping on stairway or walkway surfaces and that seven thousands workers were killed in these ways throughout the country in 1926.

The State Fund's safety department has issued the following rules for floors:

- 1. Floors should be smooth and free from nails, bolts or other projections.
2. Floors should be dry, of low heat conductivity, durable and easily cleaned.
3. Floors and foundation should be constructed strongly enough to bear safely four times the static load and six times the moving load which may be placed upon it.
4. Floors should be as nearly noiseless as possible.
5. Floors should not be slippery nor made of materials that will wear slippery.
6. Every square inch should be well lighted.

M. and Mrs. W. H. Horton and family have returned from Kansas and other middle western points where they have been visiting the past three weeks. Mr. Horton reports excellent crops in Illinois and Iowa. He saw Al Smith, presidential candidate, and heard one of his campaign speeches.

News of the South Bay and Harbor Districts

Hawthorne Paper Nips Inglewood

Press of Neighboring Cities Engage in Battle of Words

HAWTHORNE-LAWNDALE JOURNAL

"From the looks of things the city of Hawthorne doesn't favor going into Los Angeles yet awhile. The defeat of the annexation proposition strengthens the barriers between Inglewood and the big city of Los Angeles. However, speaking in an entirely non-partisan basis, we would say that it shouldn't make much difference what Hawthorne does—they are so far in debt now that there is little chance of improvement down there for several years." From the Daily Californian of Inglewood, Saturday, September 15.

The Centinela valley occupies an enviable position in Southern California by reason of its geographical location, climate and abundance of water. It is the logical center of the greatest activity the southwest has seen and all indications point to this becoming a fact in the very near future.

Situated in the valley are the towns of Inglewood and Hawthorne and the communities of Lennox and Lawndale. These settlements bordering each other, have everything in common and conditions concerning the one is reflected in the welfare of the other. For this reason, if for no other, it is necessary, we hope, more and more, that things which are our for the asking, for the solidification of sentiment to the point where an active organization may effect itself that every advantage may be taken of the opportunities which are daily becoming more and more evident.

The boy can't be blamed so much, however, if those who direct the policies of the Daily Californian deem it advisable to allow shallow ridicule of their neighboring communities to enter their columns and give free rein, not to constructive thought, but to childish attempts at satire.

Inglewood is, to a degree, a successful city. Its success has come through the efforts of those who appreciate its location and advantages. There are many conditions in that city upon which could be based just such attempts of editorial irony as above reproduced. The forward thinking element of that city realizes that Hawthorne and its people are conducive to the further success of the community and they are doing their part to bring the two closer together.

Inglewood can well remember that this section came forward when additional facilities were needed at the high school and gave its vote for a bond issue that these might be made. And it would be well to remember that our action was not reciprocated in the recent

Redondo Youth Is Accident Victim

HERMOSA BEACH REVIEW Arthur Goodrich, 12 years old, of 230 El Redondo street, Redondo Beach, was killed Saturday morning, and Earl August, aged 14, who lives on Third Avenue in Hermosa Beach, was severely injured when they were run down by a truck while riding their bicycles on Riverside-Redondo boulevard.

Thomas M. Guildens, 3427 Gleason avenue, Los Angeles, driver of the truck, stated that the steering knuckle on the truck broke and the big machine dashed upon the two boys before he could stop it. Deputy sheriffs who investigated the accident did not hold the driver, deciding that the accident was unavoidable.

The body of the Goodrich boy was taken to the Cate funeral parlors in Redondo, and the August boy was rushed to Hermosa-Redondo hospital for surgical treatment, where it was found that he had incurred fractures of an arm, shoulder and leg.

Telephone Co. Changes Plan of Billing

A new plan of billing charges for telephone service will be introduced to subscribers of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, starting October 31, according to Fred W. Smith, district manager.

The new plan is known as "rotation billing" and means that instead of all subscribers' bills going out on the first of the month, the billing will be divided into six equal groups each group being mailed shortly after the first of the month.

Mr. Smith stated that because the new billing plan permits of spreading the work of preparing bills throughout the month, it will be possible for the telephone company to give its patrons better billing and business office service. The new thing also gives the subscriber a more up to date bill. The total charges on each bill will include items up to the date of the bill, instead of such items appearing on bills only up to the 20th of the preceding month.

Under the new plan all bills will be made out on machines instead of in long-hand as at present. The advantages of this method are accuracy, neatness, and a much clearer bill from the standpoint of the customer, says Mr. Smith. Telephone subscribers at Torrance, under the new plan, will receive bills dated the 26th of each month.

It will be necessary during the transition from the present method of billing to the new plan of rotation billing to include charges for other than normal periods. However, after this transition has been completed, which will be about the 16th of November, bills will cover the regular periods.

Mr. Smith said each telephone subscriber will receive a notice with his October bill and also with his next bill. This notice explains the plan and indicates the period covered by the charges on his bills in the future.

Mr. Smith, or his representatives, will be glad to answer questions or furnish additional information regarding the new plan.

NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS PURSUANT TO STATUTE, and to the Resolution of the City Council of the City of Torrance, California, directing this Notice, the said City Council hereby invites sealed proposals or bids for doing the following work in said city, to-wit:

The construction of an ornamental lighting system, consisting of posts, wires, lamps, cables, conduits, and other suitable and necessary appurtenances on portions of Cravens Avenue and portions of other streets, all as more particularly described in Resolution of Intention No. 368, passed and adopted by said City Council of Torrance on the 21st day of August, 1928, and on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city.

Reference is hereby made to said Resolution of Intention No. 368, and for a description of the district to be assessed for the costs and expenses thereof.

Reference is hereby made to plans, profiles and detailed drawings for said work or improvement, as shown on file in the office of the City Engineer of said city, and to Specifications No. 27 for said work or improvement on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city.

Bonds will be issued to represent assessments for the cost of said work or improvement as provided by law and set forth in said Resolution of Intention.

For further particulars reference is hereby made to said Resolution of Intention. All proposals or bids shall be accompanied by a check payable to the City of Torrance, California, certified by a responsible bank, for an amount which shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the aggregate of the proposal, or by a Bond for the said amount and so payable, signed by the Bidder and two sureties, who shall qualify before any officer competent to administer an oath in double the said amount, and over and above all statutory exemptions.

Said sealed proposals or bids shall be delivered to the Clerk of the City Council of said City on or before eight o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, October 2nd, 1928, said time being not less than ten (10) days from the first publication and posting of this Notice. Bids will be opened on said day and hour. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Dated this 18th day of September, 1928. A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk of Torrance.

City Manager of Compton Seated

COMPTON TRIBUNE A. B. Gidney, former city manager of Burbank, will tonight be named as the new city manager of Compton, when the ordinance confirming his appointment will be passed by the city council. He will take his position on Monday, September 24th, according to Mayor Dickison.

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PICTORIAL LIFE OF HERBERT HOOVER No. 5 By Satterfield



1. After the death of Herbert Hoover's mother he went to live with his Aunt Millie in Cedar Rapids, Ia.



2. He was now ten years of age—old enough to assume an important share in all manner of farm work. 3. In winter Herbert and his cousin rode horseback to school two miles away. 4. The future engineer constructed a mowing machine out of an old cross-cut saw, using a heater for power.