

Flood Control Work Gains More Funds

Definite assurance that the Compton creek, Ballona creek and Verdugo wash flood control projects would be pushed forward immediately to completion was given this week when Major Theodore Wyman, Jr., U. S. district engineer, stated he had received \$850,000 of the \$800,000 in additional funds granted the county by the federal government.

At the same time, the board of supervisors took steps to allocate \$162,500 of the \$200,000 pledged several weeks ago, making a grand total of \$812,500 scheduled to be made available this week.

Read Our Want Ads!

Change Location for Mailing SS Forms

Employers who have not returned the Social Security information forms known as SS-4 to the postoffice should send them direct to the Social Security board at Baltimore, Md., instead of San Francisco, according to Postmaster Earl Conner.

Workers who received the blank forms, SS-5, for applications for federal old age pensions last Tuesday should return them to the postmaster here or in Lomita not later than Saturday, Dec. 5.

Hawaii's Heroes Counted
HONOLULU (U.P.)—Eighty-one residents of Hawaii lost their lives while serving in the American army, navy and marine corps during the World War.

Four Babies Arrive At Hospital Here

Two baby boys and two infant girls arrived at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital this week. The proud parents are:

A daughter, their third child, to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Beck, 1141 Sixth street, Hermosa Beach, on Nov. 18.

A son, their first child, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Braddock, 661 18th street, San Pedro, Nov. 21.

A daughter, their first child, to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Rosenkrantz, 2450 255th street, Lomita, on Nov. 21.

A son, their first child, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Dougherty, 1647 216th street, Torrance, on Nov. 22.

SHOP TALK

By RAY BROOKS

PEACE ON EARTH . . .
Comes now another Christmas! With all the tinsel, colored bells and holly wreaths, and—since I. E. du Pont flooded the world with a new product, cellophane—Christmas decorations have taken on a 20th century twist. Notwithstanding, I have yet to see any streamlined ones. The old, the conventional seem to hang on with a never-say-die tenacity that appears to defeat all attempts to completely modernize the spirit and the customs of the Yuletide the Christian world has known so long.

For the first time in Torrance's history, the city will have street decorations of character and beauty. Into these have gone much planning and hard work on the part of the merchants' association officers, especially, Alden Smith, who deserves a BIG, BIG hand for his untiring efforts.

Three Inquests Held for Eight Crash Victims

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Gamby Mortuary, Lomita, a verdict of "unavoidable accident" was given following an investigation by Kane and a jury into the death of Edward Anberg, 62, of 25529 Eselman avenue, who was killed when he started across Roosevelt highway late Sunday night. The only witness examined was Sheridan Thompson, Long Beach, driver of the car which struck Mr. Anberg. He said the Lomitan walked directly into the path of his machine. Members of the jury were Charles Steigl, Robert Gumm, Joe Hopson, Hugo Schmidt and Henry Sibom.

Left Six Orphans
Funeral services for Mr. Anberg were conducted this morning at the Gamby Mortuary, with the Viking lodge of San Pedro in charge of interment at Roosevelt Memorial Park. Mr. Anberg is survived by three daughters and two sons.

Funeral rites for Mr. Hilton were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Pacific Crest chapel. He was survived by his sister, Mrs. Maude Conarro, with whom he made his home in Torrance, and three brothers, John and George, of Ypsilanti, Mich., and William, of Cleveland, Ohio.

First to testify in the Avalon boulevard bridge tragedy which orphaned six children, two belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schultz, an 11-month-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schultz, and three small children of Mrs. Melba Jones, who was separated from her husband, was H. F. Tucker, deputy sheriff who investigated the crash. He described the scene, the damage to the bridge when it was struck by the car and denied any liquor was traced to the tragedy. He also mentioned that the bridge has no warning signs or lights.

Basic Steel Wage Increase Highest Since War Days

Basic wage rates of the country's steel employees are now about 19 percent higher than in 1929 as a result of recent increases effective generally throughout the industry, according to a statement this week by the American Iron and Steel Institute. The new rate of pay is the highest in the peace-time history of the industry, and total employment of 526,000 is the largest ever recorded.

The range of the advances as announced by practically all companies early in November was varied, but the average was close to 10 percent. With the new rates in effect, weekly earnings of employees in the industry, at recent scale of operations, will be 32 percent more than they were in 1935.

The average hourly earnings of wage earners in the steel industry according to the latest compilation, for the month of September, amounted to 66.3 cents an hour. The application of the new rates will increase the average to about 73 cents an hour.

Spurlin's Sister Passes In L.A.

Maintained Camp Resort In Sespe Canyon

Noted for her generous hospitality as one of Sespe Canyon's best-known camping resort operators, Mrs. George J. Henley, sister of DeKalb Spurlin, prominent Torrance realtor, passed away Monday morning at the Good Samaritan hospital in Los Angeles. She had been ill more than a year. With her when the end of her 70-year life came were her devoted husband and only child, Mrs. Clara Turley, of Lynwood.

In company with his three brothers, two sisters, Mr. Henley, Mrs. Turley and three grandchildren, Spurlin attended the Christian Science funeral services which were held Wednesday afternoon at Pierce Brothers in Los Angeles. The body was cremated.

Mrs. Henley was a resident of the famed canyon resort center above Fillmore in Ventura county for 48 years, going there shortly after her marriage in 1889. She was born in Blairsville, Union county, Ga., Nov. 30, 1866. The Spurlin family came to California in 1887, settling in Fillmore. Brothers and sisters who survive besides the Torrance resident are John R., of Sacramento; Alfred J., of Bakersfield; Thomas J., of Visalia; Mrs. Sarah Green, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Theodocia Price, of Arcadia.

State Road Work Supports Big City, Report

An army of 12,154 men has been employed thruout 1936 on the improvement and building of highways and streets in California. This is estimated on the basis of five days a week for 52 weeks, at an average wage of \$6 a day. Taxes paid on gasoline and state automobile license fees have paid for the lion's share of this employment and the materials used. Total expenditure for highway and street work in California this year is estimated at 78 millions of dollars. Twenty-four cents from each dollar, or \$48,960,000, is the amount allowed for wages.

Such is the interesting computation of F. C. Davies, Southern California sales manager of General Petroleum Corporation, who declares the figures are based on estimates supplied by the engineering staffs of automobile clubs of the state, and statistical data of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

"For every four men employed in highway building," declares the General Petroleum executive, "statistics show that seven are put to work in other industries supplying material for these roads, 76 cents of every highway dollar going for materials. This means employment for an additional army of 21,269 men in allied industries. Therefore, the estimated grand total of men employed thruout the year as a result of highway work in California is 33,423.

"Assuming that all are married, and taking three and a half persons to the family as a basis for estimate, we discover that money spent for labor resulting from road improvement in this state would maintain a city of 116,980 persons."

in progress. The patrol will cruise about the city from 9 p. m. to 6 a. m. each night until after the first of the year.

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Fine for Children **28c**

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Leslie Prince, hard-working prop. of the Beacon Drug, boasts a new neon sign out in front of his store. The sign is oval, rather good sized, and was put up by the Rexall people. Fast is, Les pays nothing for the sign, as the cost is taken care of thru Rexall purchases.

Harry Abramson, of the National Home Appliance Co., finds his Sartori store too small, has rented space at 1216 El Prado in which to go his radio service and used appliance departments. The new addition will be under the management of N. A. Collins, who now operates his own business across the street from the new store, but who will move his equipment and stock in with Harry's. The new place also will be known as the National Home Appliance Co.

In the offices of the Torrance Tire & Retreading Co. is a big metal-framed picture of the dirigible "Akron" while it was in one piece, and BEFORE it cracked up in 1933. The frame is of small bits of duralumin, pieced together with rivets, the same, and metal and rivets as were used in the construction of the ill-fated ship. Engraving at the bottom shows that the picture was given to B. W. Buckland for making his sales quota with Goodyear in the months of July and August, 1931. "Buck" is rightly proud of the picture. He maintains that lighter-than-air ships are positively O. K. and that the fault lies in amateurish, incompetent handling of the big craft. Buck was a flyer in the war, won't go near an airplane now, but feels completely safe in a bouncing, baby blimp.

Aged Resident Passes Away

Mrs. Hilda Charlotte Peterson, wife of Oscar Peterson, of 21226 South Figueroa street, passed away Thanksgiving Day at the family home following a long illness. She was 76 years of age and had been a resident of this city for the past 15 years.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon, 2 o'clock, at Stone and Myers chapel with interment at Roosevelt Memorial park. Besides her husband, Mrs. Peterson is survived by two sons, three daughters, a sister and a brother.

Ban Santa From Liquor Advertising

A campaign to ban Santa Claus and Biblical characters from beer and liquor advertising gradually spread thruout the country this week, as more than two-thirds of the state liquor control boards expressed themselves as opposed to such sales tactics.

Local liquor dealers who employ holiday displays featuring The Three Wise Men, Santa Claus, and other well known figures, will arouse the ire of liquor boards in many states, and may jeopardize their licenses.

CARS STRIPPED
C. L. Cheadle, 1103 Beech avenue, told police his car was ransacked while it was parked on Cota street Wednesday night. A few minutes after this report, police were notified by J. Kent, 2007 Gramercy street, that a fog light was removed from his machine.

"Hitchers" Make Good Time
TILTONVILLE, O. (U.P.)—From a Monday to a Thursday Albert Donna and Frank Bucharewicz hitch-hiked their way to Arizona.

Narbonne Work Starts With '37

Improvement of Narbonne avenue from Sepulveda boulevard to the city limits will start shortly after the first of the year, City Engineer Leonard informed the city council Tuesday night. The Southern California Edison Company has agreed to move its power pole line back after Jan. 1 and there are some more needs to be obtained before the call for bids to grade, resurface and widen the street and install a sidewalk on the west side can be issued.

CONTINUE WORK
On motion by Councilman Hitchcock, the city board allocated an additional \$400 Tuesday night for the continued improvement of Ward street and its intersections.

Describes 'Dead Impact'

Douglas S. Dulle, 947 Second street, Santa Monica, helped extricate two bodies from the front seat of the death car which was deep in the mire of the slough. Lawrence Hill, young Negro of 1446 East 49th street, Los Angeles, was the only eye-witness of the accident and he testified the car was traveling "over 60 miles an hour when it hit the bridge head." He heard no sound of brakes being applied and no screams from the occupants—"just the dead impact of the car and concrete."

The identifying witness was Glenn H. Schultz, 1790 Capistrano avenue, Lynwood, brother of victims Harold and Albert.

Following the routine identification of Mr. Frank Hilton by Keith W. Schlaegel, 724 West 161st street, a friend for 11 years, Sergeant Ernest M. Ashton of the Torrance police department, located the scene of the pedestrian crash on Prairie avenue, said the pavement was wet and it was raining at the time, late Sunday morning.

Driver a Cripple

Motorist Christenson told the officer, according to the testimony, that he was traveling toward San Pedro with his wife, two sisters and their husbands, when Mr. Hilton stepped directly in the path of the car. That it took Christenson 114 feet to come to a stop was due to the wet pavement and the fact that the driver did not want to skid, the officer said.

Taking the stand himself, Christenson revealed that he has an artificial right leg from the knee down and drives with his left foot on the accelerator, his right crossed over on the brake. He also has two fingers missing on his right hand. His wife and Lester Williams, 4041 West 106th street, Lennox, were also in the front seat with him. Christenson said he was traveling between 35 and 40 miles an hour.

INSURANCE REFUND

A refund of \$591.50 has been returned to the city of Torrance by the state compensation insurance board because of the "experienced rating" enjoyed by this municipality. City Clerk Bartlett reported to the city council Tuesday night.

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