

### Torrance Made Gasoline Shows Big Sales Gain

#### General Petroleum's Product Now Ranks Third in Sales Throughout State

Continuing its rapid climb among the major retail gasoline distributors of the Pacific coast, General Petroleum Corporation, whose refinery is located in Torrance, has climbed from fourth place in February this year to third in March in actual gasoline sold in California.

The monthly report of the California state board of equalization reveals that General Petroleum's total sales for March were 25,222,579 gallons, placing her third among all companies retailing in this state. Of its total March sales, 11,222,916 gallons paid tax to the state. Much of the year's increase to date, according to A. H. DePriest, vice president in charge of sales for General Petroleum, has resulted from the company's introduction of its newest product, "General Mobilgas."

"A large share of the credit for this outstanding showing goes to the new product of the Pacific coast," DePriest said in a statement issued yesterday. "As in last year's campaign, newspapers have carried the bulk of our advertising this spring. We have demonstrated to our own satisfaction that where truthful, convincing advertising is supported by a product of proven merit and superior quality, the newspaper seems to have an unrivaled ability to move the buying public to make its own tests of all claims made by an advertiser."

A strong factor which is expected to keep General Petroleum's 1934 sales on a sharp up-trend, DePriest added, is the company's policy of always giving the buyer more in the way of performance than he may be led to expect from product advertising or price. It is anticipated that when final returns for 1934 are in, General Petroleum will be found to have equalled its last year's record, when it outdistanced all other major distributors in their marketing area in taxable gallonage increase as compared with the previous year.

### Relief Units To Get More Money For Gas And Oil

#### Supervisors Allocate \$60,000 for Purchase of Needed Supplies

Co-operative Unemployed Relief units in Hawthorne, Gardena and other communities throughout the county were provided with an additional \$60,000 by the board of supervisors this week, for purchase of gasoline and oil for cars and trucks that daily gather up surplus food for their members.

The allocation was made upon motion of Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough of the Second (Los Angeles) district, after he had requested that monies be set aside for other purposes be used instead in order that the U. C. R. A. units may have the means of earning their own livelihood.

Determined to speed up the arrival of federal funds for relief of the unemployed in the county, the Committee of Five of the U. C. R. A., sent Attorney Welbourn Mayock to Washington last Saturday night. He was expected to arrive early this week and meet and confer with Supervisor John R. Quinn and Supervisor H. A. Thatcher while there.

### Palos Verdes Road Work Resumed Soon Under SERA Orders

Construction of the Palos Verdes road project, that was left 75 per cent completed when CWA activities were halted several months ago, will be resumed within the next few days by the SERA, according to an announcement today by Frank Y. McLaughlin, county director.

The project is one of six undertakings to be launched by the SERA next, and one of 71 work projects left uncompleted by the CWA scheduled to be carried forward by the new relief organization. Work is already going ahead on 12 of these projects, that were launched yesterday.

The Palos Verdes job, sponsored by the county road department, calls for grading 5 1/2 miles of roadway extending westerly from Gaffee street to Granvia La Costa, in the hills. The road width will vary between 42 and 56 feet and will eventually be paved with rock and gravel.

Engineers for the SERA estimated the work will involve a payroll of \$105,925, with two shifts of 200 men, each working for 125 days.

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### Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden, Congressman, 17th District

The House has been in a prolonged wrangle over the McLeod Bill, introduced by a Republican Member from Michigan. The primary purpose of the bill was to afford relief to bank depositors in the failed banks of Detroit, which involved some of the strongest institutions of that city. The McLeod Bill as drafted, of course, could not apply to Detroit banks only, but was restricted to banks that were members of the Federal Reserve system. It gave no aid whatever to state and private banks. The committee on Banking and Currency, which was considering this bill, were not in agreement upon its provisions. One of the objections urged against the McLeod bill was that some of the depositors in the Detroit banks would be paid as much as \$30,000,000 or more, while thousands and thousands of other depositors who only had a few hundred dollars in state and private banks would be afforded no relief whatever.



While the committee was in a deadlock on the issues involved in the McLeod bill, some members drafted a discharge petition and placed it upon the Speaker's desk. A rule of the House provides that any bill can be taken from the committee by 145 petitions. When it became evident that the 145 names would be secured, the committee on banking and currency called a hurried meeting and decided to substitute the provisions of the Brown bill for the McLeod bill. The material differences were that the Brown bill limited the immediate payment of depositors to amounts not exceeding \$2500. It also extended the provisions of the act to state and private banks. The Brown bill also provided that after the depositors of \$2500 and less were paid, then the remaining assets could be used for a loan from the R. F. C. to the extent of 85 per cent of their value. As I analyzed the Brown bill to the McLeod bill.

In their hurry to amend and to report the McLeod bill out, the chairman of the committee failed to obtain the consent of the House to hold a committee meeting during a session of the House. When this fact was reported on the floor, the Speaker ruled that the committee report was invalid. The chairman of the committee on banking and currency asked and gained the consent of the House for his committee to sit and again reported the Brown substitute to the House for consideration, to defeat the discharge resolution.

In the meantime, a considerable partisan feeling was injected into the question. The Republicans rallied to the support of their colleague from Michigan, Mr. McLeod, and some Democrats took the side of the Brown substitute. The result was, the McLeod-Brown bill got mixed up in a maze of parliamentary technicalities. The Speaker finally ruled in behalf of the substitute bill as reported by the banking and currency committee. Then the Republicans tried to overrule the Speaker, but without success.

The bill was then before the rules committee for a place on the House calendar, and instead of waiting for a reasonable period to give the rules committee time to act, some of the impetuous members drafted another discharge petition to take the bill immediately from the rules committee and bring it to the floor of the House. Because this action was started before the rules committee had an opportunity to consider the matter, there was a considerable resentment on the part of the rules committee, which is all-powerful in deciding upon the submission of bills to the House. However, the war is still on and appearances are that the discharge petition will receive sufficient signatures to bring the bill before the House for consideration.

There is serious opposition to this bill from some members. They argue that there is no more justification for paying the depositors of a closed bank than there is for the repayment of the money they may have lost in other ventures. On the other hand, the

wonderfully interesting display of the Subsistence Homesteads movement, and also of the unemployed co-operative societies. One of the interesting exhibits is from Los Angeles county. Much credit has been given to Compton as the home of the origin of the unemployed co-operative relief unit. The idea has spread to many cities of the country. It is a very important movement. It has enabled unemployed units to develop hand-work, furniture making, spinning and weaving, the making of rugs and quilts. If developed historically, it might make Compton the cradle of a great idea. Seems to me that some of the old mumble-peg graduates around Compton who are loafing around in luxurious chairs, say Major Frank Walton, or Old History (I can't recall whether his first name is Macaulay, Gibson or Home) should be delegated by the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce to go into, prawl around, and pick up the records of this most interesting social experiment.

Another new idea of the New Deal and the P. W. A., is known as the Public Works of Art Project. This was a plan by which unemployed artists who have been suffering greatly from the depression were given work at wages varying from \$22.50 to \$42.50 a week. This supplied them with the ordinary materials and they were asked to produce paintings and murals and sculpture and other works of art for use in public buildings.

An exhibit is now being conducted in the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington. Also other exhibits are being conducted in other centers in the country, including one at Los Angeles, and one at San Francisco.

President Roosevelt was given the privilege of selecting some of the paintings on exhibition in the Corcoran Art Gallery for the White House; and the Number 2, the second on the list chosen by the President, was a painting of "San Pedro Harbor" by Paul Starrett. It is a painting of old San Pedro looking north from the Plaza just above the old grain elevator. It portrays the railroad tracks, the box cars and a puffing



engine, ships and a tugboat in the channel, and Terminal Island and Wilmington in the background. Believe me, the Seventeenth District of California is on the map all the way from the White House to the harbor cities.

The Subsistence Homesteads movement began in Vermont. Twenty-five million dollars of P. W. A. funds were set aside for this purpose. It is being established in nearly every state in the Union. The total value of land and buildings on these little farms, running from Vermont to Texas, varies from \$1200.00 to \$2300.00. The cash income of the family from occupations off the farm varies from \$80.00 to \$800.00. These homesteads, established by the department of the interior, are sold to individual families on a long term of payment basis, of approximately 20 years, payments to be made monthly. The rate of interest is 5 per cent. The department of the interior estimates that the purchaser of a homestead valued at \$1500.00, should have a cash income of approximately \$400.00 per year. For a homestead valued at \$2000.00, the family should have a cash income of \$550.00 per year. To purchase a homestead valued at \$2500.00, a family should have an income of \$750.00 per year. The Subsistence Homesteads program is really a brand-new experiment. Its chief purpose is to enable workers who are suffering from unemployment and only find part-time work, an opportunity to produce a considerable part of their living. In some cases, the homestead is large enough for the keeping of a cow, pigs and poultry. Its most important factor is that it enables the worker to sustain himself, establish his family and provide a home.

The depression has closed so many mines and factories, and so many thousands of worthy people have found themselves without an opportunity of providing a decent living; that the government deems it is justified in assisting these unfortunate people. The promoters of the plan are very enthusiastic. If it succeeds, no doubt larger appropriations will be advanced in the future.

The government buys the land, constructs the buildings, and the purchaser pays back the money into the fund, so that it becomes a revolving fund and is not a dole or a gift.

The Subsistence Homesteads have an exhibit in the department of commerce building. It is a

### Message Bearer



This picture of Goyo Estrada, 10-year-old newsboy, deliverer of a ransom demand from the kidnapers of June Robles, to the child's parents, was rushed to the coast by United Air Lines. The youth said he was given 25c to deliver the note. Authorities kept the note delivery a secret for several days.

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Other examinations which are to be given for county positions are as follows:  
Typist clerk, grade 2, maternity service, General hospital; chief clerk, maternity service, General hospital; resident physician, maternity service, Items 204 1/2 and 204, General hospital; resident physician, interne, maternity service, Item 244, General hospital (the one year state and county residence requirement for this position is waived); technical assistant, mechanical department, General hospital; student visitor, Welfare bureau, temporary service; stenographer, grade 2, promotional, forestry department; and floorman, promotional, recorder's department. Appointments are to be made

shortly to the following positions: time, General hospital; and welfare investigator, department of charities. The eligibility lists for these appointments have been approved by the civil service commission. clinical laboratory, full

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