

### Week's Building Totals \$23,645

Building permits, totaling \$23,645, were issued during the past week from the city engineer's office to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kinser for a six-room frame and stucco residence and double garage at 21820 Western ave. \$3,900; James L. Foncannon for a six-room frame residence and double garage at 2224 Torrance blvd. \$4,500; Allen H. Paul for a 150-gallon underground tank at 1420 Cabrillo ave. \$50, and the A & P Tea Company for a Neon sign at 1380 El Prado, \$75.

G. A. Bauman for a framed glass greenhouse at 4025 242nd st., WALTERIA, \$2,025; National Supply Company for a corrugated iron plating building at 1524 Border ave. \$3,000; Rubbercraft Corporation for a five-room frame residence at 2019 Border ave. \$3,000; H. E. Moraine for alteration and addition to a frame residence at 2333 239th st. \$1,495, and General Petroleum Corporation for anchors and guys for 620 H. P. boiler stacks, \$1,200, and a skimming compartment at the refinery, \$3,500.

### California Payrolls Reach All-Time High

Factory employment and payrolls in California reached an all-time high between March and April, 1941 with factory employment up 5.6 per cent and payrolls 6.4 per cent to bring the level to the highest in any April in history, George G. Kidwell, director of the department of industrial relations reported today.

Gibraltar is 33 miles across the water from Tangier, Morocco.

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### Ontario Prepares for World's Biggest Picnic June 14



Warm sunny skies may mean wilted collars to most Southern Californians, but to Ontarians it means picnic weather—and by picnic they mean the third annual All States Picnic on Euclid avenue parkway Saturday, June 14.

Even Paul Bunyon himself, that legendary hero of mountainous gustatory attainments, would be gratified by preparations for the fabu-

lous meal to be served on the world's longest table—more than a mile long.

Eighteen tons of oranges will be used to provide approximately 1,500 gallons of fresh ice-cold orange juice and 600 pounds of fresh roasted coffee will be needed for the 1,000 gallons of this beverage to be distributed free during the day.

### Now It Can Be Told: How Nazis Took Olympus



As British clamor for their Middle East forces to occupy Syria, Nazis release this picture of German artillery shelling Mt. Olympus, legendary seat of Greek gods, during recent rout of British there. Note snow-capped mountains in background. Fused by German censor.

### Let's Not Get Hysterical

The folks at home as well as leaders at Washington are inclined to be a bit edgy these days, what with the urgency of the preparedness program, the need for quickened defense production—and the necessity for tax money by the billions to pay for them both.

Most of the leaders whose responsibility it is to make the defense program and make it fast, are not geniuses and they are not all statesmen. They

must send aloft their "trial balloons" on policy, make soundings of public reaction, feel out the general sentiment.

It is a sound, democratic process—as long as citizens refuse to run a fever every time a defense expert makes a bad guess. But when rumor is taken for fact, and wild statements are accepted as gospel, hysteria spreads and the effect can only be harmful.

Among the latest of the fantastic defense measures tested for public reaction is the suggestion that installment buying might be curbed. It is paralleled in foolishness by another—that government might as well take over "all industries pertinent to defense." The production and distribution of food, it has been pointed out, is certainly pertinent to defense—but the government certainly does not propose to take over the corner grocery store.

After all, the only way to finance defense or any other government operation is through increased, not decreased business. Curtailed industry means dried up tax sources.

If a merchant whose business is largely installment sales, finds installment buying

tightening up because of a careless word from a well-meaning Washington spokesman, his ability to pay taxes is reduced in exact proportion to his sales losses.

It is well to remember that in the hectic days to come many fantastic plans for defense will be proposed, many scare-rumors will fly. It will behoove intelligent people to keep their feet on the ground and avoid the kind of hysteria that leads men to lose their ability to think straight. That kind of hysteria made us change our German names in the last war, cease teaching the German language in our schools, and call good, honest hamburger "liberty steak."

### Restricts Buildings To 14 Stories

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (U.P.)—This resort city has placed a ban on skyscrapers, limiting the height of buildings to 14 stories.

The city council passed the height limitation ordinance as a safety measure in event of a hurricane striking the island city.

The 1940 census report showed Miami Beach's population increased from 6,494 to 28,012 in the last decade.

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### Trio Rebekahs Hold Reception

A large attendance marked the meeting of Trio Rebekah lodge May 28 when the local lodge held a reception for District Deputy President Elvira Nobbs and her staff. Mrs. Phoebe Sykes, Junior past noble grand, who was delegate from the lodge to the state assembly, also shared in the reception and gave her report of the proceedings.

Mrs. Margaret Dobrick was in charge of the entertainment and arranged the dining table to represent an installation scene of officers.

June 11 will be courtesy night and also election night with Mrs. Olea Davis committee chairman. Mrs. Dobrick was assisted in serving and decorating by Mesdames Minnie Gensler, Dr. Slickmann, Petrina Fritz, Florence Meng, and Madge Leyman.

### Three Boys Hurt in Collision

Three Torrance youths were treated at Torrance Memorial hospital last Saturday morning for injuries suffered in the only casualty-causing automobile collision of the holiday weekend here.

They were treated for lacerations and contusions about the head and face, suffered as result of a collision with Charles A. Hoover's truck on Border avenue. The boys, Arthur R. Vega, 16, driver, and Bill Vega, 13, both of 20250 Hawthorne blvd., and Peter Barera, 15, of 1630 203rd st. were riding in the front seat of a sedan. Arthur Vega is reported by police to have driven the car into the rear of Hoover's truck as the resident of 2382 Maricopa st. was driving north on Border. The sedan lodged underneath the truck and its front end was demolished, according to police reports. After treatment at the hospital the boys were returned to their homes.

### Free Classes in Electric Engineering at Cal Tech June 16

To meet the necessities of Southern California defense industries, the California Institute of Technology is scheduling a tuition-free basic course in Electrical Engineering to begin June 16. This course, which will be under the supervision of Professors R. W. Sorenson and F. W. Maxstadt of Caltech's Electrical Engineering department, is being given as part of the national-wide Defense Engineering Training Program of the United States Office of Education.

The course will include Drawing, Descriptive Geometry, Applied Mechanics, Mechanism, Material Processes, and Electrical Wiring, as well as classroom and laboratory work in Electrical Engineering of collegiate grade. It will be open to all who can prove ability to do the work, though preference will be given to men who have completed college mathematics and physics. Three schedule arrangements are proposed:

- I. Full-time Day Course. 5 days per week for 13 weeks.
- II. Full-time Evening Course. 5 evenings per week for 13 weeks.
- III. Part-time Evening Course. 4 evenings per week for 26 weeks.

The schedule to be followed will be determined by the time available for groups large enough to form classes. Men who wish to take this course

### Tied Up \$500,000,000 Shipbuilding Program



Hundreds of AFL and CIO machinists, milling about in strike at Bethlehem plant in San Francisco, were joined by machinists in 10 other plants in San Francisco-Oakland area to complicate national defense picture. Approximately \$500 million dollars' worth of naval shipbuilding contracts were involved as men sought pay boost from \$1 to \$1.15 per hour, plus continuation of double time for overtime. Employers offered \$1.12 per hour.

### Academy Holds Open House for All Quizzers

If you want to know how to nurse a baby seal, what to do if you find a dinosaur on your property, what the difference is between a plant and an animal, or practically anything else, just write a letter to the California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. This is what several thousands of people do each year, according to Dr. Robert C. Miller, director, who refers the numerous requests for information to curators of the department most likely to know the answer in each case.

"People write to us," Dr. Miller stated, "on an endless variety of subjects. A few of the requests cannot be filled, for example, the letter we had the other day asking us to please send the writer an airplane." Another writer offered for sale a piece of what he thought was a dinosaur, found on his property. Aside from the public museum and aquarium, the Academy maintains research departments of Botany, Ornithology, Entomology, Fishes, Reptiles and Amphibians, Paleontology, with a staff of expert research scientists in each field.

"Usually," Dr. Miller stated, "the answers can be found in one of these departments. We have specimen collections of over 275,000 plants and flowers, 8,000 mammals, 37,000 birds, over a million insects, 200,000 fishes, 69,000 reptiles and amphibians, over a million and a half specimens of fossil organisms, and a natural history library of 65,000 volumes." Identifying specimens sent in is one of the public service features of the Academy.

Dr. Miller received a scientific inquiry from Durban, South Africa, recently, asking for information on whether or not sharks were able to grow new teeth if they lost the ones they had. This query stumped the Academy staff, but if the information cannot be obtained from some other source, one of the Academy's sharks may go to the dental chair in the interest of Science.

should write or telephone immediately for application blanks to the Committee on Engineering Defense Training Courses, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena.

### Robert Wilson Honored On His 85th Birthday

Robert Wilson, an oldtimer in Lomita and Torrance, was enjoying a visit last week from his daughter, Mrs. David Gordon, of Newark, New Jersey and her husband. The date was May 28 and he was reminded that it was his 85th birthday.

Wilson is an active little man who works about the flowers and garden at his son's home, the John G. Wilson place at 1926 Plaza del Amo. He likes to recall the days in Ireland, where he was born; Scotland, where his children were born, and days in this country when a group of Wilson and McDougal clans arrived.

Followed a merry party with music and feasting and gifts, and a very handsome surprise, a huge birthday cake sent from Union, New Jersey by another daughter, Mrs. Mary Ritchie, was cut. Those participating were Messrs. and Mesdames Wm. Bell and Jack Pearson, Long Beach; James Letsch, Los Pedro; James McDougal, San Angeles; W. Black and John G. Wilson, Torrance; Misses Helen Letsch, and Betty McDougal, Wm. McDougal and Robert Wilson.

### TIRES PUNCTURED

R. W. Gardner of 1315 Arlington ave. reported to police Monday night that two tires on his car were evidently maliciously punctured while the machine was parked in front of his home.

### Baby Girl Buried In Debris 3 Days

LONDON (U.P.)—A baby girl, buried for nearly three and a half days, was found alive under fallen masonry in the wreckage of her home. She was protected by the body of her father and the wooden foot of her old-fashioned cradle, which had taken the weight of the debris.

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