

Award Contracts for Big Addition to N. S. Plant

Contracts for the erection of a 74 by 750-foot addition to accommodate the National Supply Company's \$2,300,000 forging and lathe plant are scheduled to be signed today and tomorrow, it was learned this morning from the office of D. S. Faulkner, vice-president in charge of California operations. The Pacific Iron and Steel Co. is due to receive the contract today for the structural work and the Pozzo Construction Co., is to be handed the job of general contracting for the big addition tomorrow.

Ground has already been broken for the addition and the entire project is expected to be under way within a week. The building itself will cost approximately \$275,000 and equipment about \$2,025,000. This will include a 1,500-ton forging press and six heavy duty lathes primarily for ship shafting and other forging. The largest such equipment in the west outside of possible Navy yard machinery.

Lathes will include three boring and turning machines, with a 60-inch swing and 152-foot bed length, and three turning lathes with 52 to 60-inch swing, 44 to 60 feet between centers. With this and other equipment the company will manufacture hollow shafts of alloy steel for the Navy and solid shafts of plain carbon steel for the Maritime Commission.

New Heat-Treat Furnaces
The company, officials assert, is in an unusually good position for manufacturing such material because it makes its own carbon and alloy steel in its electric furnaces. This source of supply was a principal feature in the obtaining of the Navy and Maritime orders. At the present time the National Supply is erecting a 200-foot extension to its present forge shop where it will install new heating furnaces to take care of defense requirements, it is reported.

Heat-treat furnaces now being installed are said to be of an intrinsic design. This department has the largest capacity for any heat-treat equipment in Southern California. National Supply is now filling substantial aircraft parts orders and is employing some 1,800 men who, engaged principally in production of rotary and other oil drilling machinery.

N. S. EXECUTIVE DIES IN CHAIR
R. Lowell, sales manager of the engineering division of the National Supply Co., was one of the 14 persons killed in a plane crash last night near Fargo, N. D. He was on his way to the coast from his headquarters in Springfield, Ohio to confer with some of the officials of the California division of National Supply.

Broad Opportunities Offered Local Young Men by Joining 2-Ocean Navy

At the suggestion of Secretary of Navy Knox, Michael Strasser of the Torrance Herald and Loma News has been named Navy editor, to help the Navy in giving ambitious local young men information about the opportunities the "Two-Ocean" Navy offers them for technical training and advancement as they serve their country in its emergency.

According to an announcement made public in Washington, a limited number of additional men between the ages of 17 and 50 will be given a chance by enlistment in the Navy or Naval Reserve, to get to the top, with big pay, in jobs which by their aptitude and as a result of examination they show themselves fitted, from among nearly 50 different trades and vocations. These include such callings as aviation machinist, dental technician, photographer, diesel engineer, radio technician, electrician, welder, storekeeper, and baker. Enlisted men may also qualify for commissions as officers.

Beginning this week, the Navy plans for a limited time to accept new "qualified" men for training. These men will be sent to one of four Naval Training Stations and may have a chance to go to a Navy Trade School even before assignment to the fleet. During this period they will be given regular Navy pay and the Navy's free schooling is valued at hundreds of dollars.

"Never in the history of the United States has there been greater opportunity for loyal young Americans to serve their country and build their futures than right now," said Secretary Knox.

In outlining the many advantages offered by enlistment in the United States Navy, Editor Strasser said, "It is possible for a bright young man to increase his pay seven times during his first enlistment and he can earn as much as \$126 a month. This monthly figure is actually worth much more when it is remembered that the man has few living expenses and is provided with the finest of medical and dental care.

"You have all your food and lodging, and all your original outfit of clothing provided by Uncle Sam free," Strasser continued. "In addition there are free sports and entertainment—"

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U. S. Steel Official Succumbs at Pittsburgh

William Beyne, vice-president, U. S. Steel Corporation of Delaware, died at his home in Pittsburgh, Pa., Monday night. During his entire career, Beyne was interested in the broad aspects of industrial relations and was credited with the authorship of the Illinois Workmen's Compensation Act. For the past three years he has been general counsel of U. S. Steel.

Farmers Asked To Produce More, Sign up Nov. 5

"County Food for Defense Week" will be observed at Torrance high school next Wednesday, Nov. 5, where all farmers of this area are requested by the County Defense Board and U. S. Department of Agriculture to fill out a questionnaire indicating their production for the coming year. Every farmer will be given an opportunity that day to decide whether he can increase his food or feed production in 1942.

The U. S. government has announced that an increased food supply is one of the necessities of national defense. The Secretary of Agriculture has called upon the farmers to produce more of certain feed, especially animal products, which are needed for national production. The registration at the high school next week is part of a national inventory of probable food supplies for the coming year.

America has decided that she must sustain those who are now doing the fighting until we ourselves are prepared, lest we be overwhelmed. Food helped win the first World War and it will be just as vitally needed to win World War II, because hunger and misery will be more widespread. Food will be a potent weapon in hastening peace.

Bargain Factor for Peace
But before peace can come, there must be victory. The government of the U. S. has given assurance to the government and people of Great Britain that it will, during 1942, provide sufficient food to feed 10 million people, or about one-fourth the population of that island. Furthermore, the American people need more and better food than they have been using if they are to exert the energy required to win the national defense program.

"Finally," says the U. S. Department of Agriculture, "a store of food is needed to provide against disaster here and abroad."
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Scientists Open New Church With 3 Services Sunday

First Church of Christ, Scientists, in Torrance, will hold opening services in its new building on the corner of 218th and Manuel ave., Sunday, Nov. 2, at 11 a. m., 3 and 8 p. m. The afternoon and evening services will be a repetition of the morning service.

In connection with the regular church and Sunday school services, a Reading Room is maintained in the church edifice and is open to the public each week day, except holidays, from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all to visit the Reading Room and church services.

GRANT LABOR REQUEST

By unanimous vote of the City Council, the Torrance use of the Civic Auditorium at 7 o'clock, the 18th Selective Service contingent of 21 men will leave Torrance next Tuesday morning, Nov. 4. The breakfast is being planned by the Torrance American Legion Post and the selectees will be honor guests.

They have been invited to attend with their families and friends and all others who desire to participate in honoring the contingent are invited to the breakfast-party, according to Legion Commander Larry Larava, who will preside. There will be music and short talks.

Although 31 men is the quota for the next Selective Service contingent from this district, the local board has been able to certify only 21 for next Tuesday. Three of the prospective selectees have enlisted, two were re-classified, three have obtained postponement, one is appealing and one will be inducted from another city.

The following list was announced yesterday by Selective Service Board No. 280 as those who will be inducted next week:

Howell Fletcher Simmons, 25, laborer, Rt. 1, Box 390, Torrance.

Carl Neil Ridenour, 21, multiple widder, 2500 Lomita Blvd., Lomita.

Leo Bernard Schriever, 26, herpetologist, Rt. 1, Box 239, Lomita.

Richard Candejas Ayala, 21, sheet metal apprentice, 17016 So. Vermont, Gardena.

Anthony Anthony Palica, 21, pro baseball player, 24921 Walnut st., Lomita.

Teruzo Ted Hata, 21, farm (Continued on Page 6-A)

Elected by Kiwanians



GASTON ARCO
... No. 16 as club leader

Succeeding City Attorney John E. McCall as president of the Torrance Kiwanis club, Gaston Arco was elected Monday night as the service organization heard the end of its 16th year. Other officers chosen were: J. C. "Jack" Barrington, first vice-president; James Rawls, second vice-president; Howard G. Loeké, treasurer; and Jack Miller, Joe Kosburg, Robert Deinger, Dean Sears, Alden W. Smith, Henry Grubb and C. T. Rippey, directors. Installation will be held the first meeting of 1942.

Lutheran Church Dedication Set For Sunday Here

The dedicatory service in the new Lutheran church at the corner of Acacia and Sonoma aves., will be held Sunday, Nov. 2, at 3 o'clock with Rev. R. F. Kibler, San Diego, president of the California Lutheran district, delivering the principal address on "A Congregation Wrapped Around Christ."

Rev. Frank D. Meehling, pastor of the church here for the past 10 years, will give the sermon at the closing service in the old chapel church at 10:45 o'clock. At 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening, there will be an organ concert in the new edifice by Miss Elizabeth Humaker. The assisting soloists will be Miss Dorothy Letz and C. W. Fuchs.

The new structure, erected at a cost of \$8,000, is one of the most attractive church buildings in the city. It completes the plot of the corner and links the old church, which will become a Sunday school and recreational building, with Rev. and Mrs. Meehling's home.

One of the most impressive parts of the new building is its chancel in the high-raftered auditorium. The pastor's study provides the connection between the church and the Meehling home at 1610 Acacia ave.

RETURNS BUS

Although the Asbury Rapid Transit system did not want the bus it rented to the city back until tomorrow, it has already been returned, according to a report given the city council Tuesday night. The Asbury firm said it needed the vehicle on its own transportation routes.

Navy Has Staunch Support Of Parents Who Know It

If any parent wants to know what a "Navy father and mother" thinks of the sea arm of Uncle Sam's service, all he has to do is talk to Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Slover of 1712 Martina ave.

They have a son and a son-in-law in the Navy and they will be delighted to recommend it to any parent.

Jay Alden Slover joined the Navy in 1935. Today, a first class radio operator, he is in Washington, D.C. with his wife attending a specialized school at excellent pay. He is secure in the knowledge that when his Navy "hitch" is over, he will have a foundation for a professional career few of his contemporaries can expect.

Training is invaluable.

Tom Smith, husband of the former June Slover, has been in the Navy five years and is now with a destroyer on the east coast although his wife and parents-in-law do not know his exact location due to Navy regulations.

"I am glad to recommend the Navy to anyone," Harry Slover said this week. "Few if any of the boys my son graduated with from Torrance high school in 1935 are doing any better than he is and he has security for a lifetime from the training he has received in service."

"Our Navy offers any young man a chance to learn and become proficient in any one of hundreds of jobs. When his enlistment is over he is qualified to merit a position of responsibility and trust. Mrs. Slover and I think the Navy is great!"

Mrs. Slover's brother, Edward E. Mason, a former member of the Torrance American Legion post, is once more serving Uncle Sam in the Navy. He retired several years ago after 16 years in the service, becoming a chief torpedo man during the World War. Last June he was called back as a member of the Naval Reserve and is now doing guard duty at San Pedro. He, too, is a staunch champion for the Navy and says he wishes he had never retired when he did.

C. C. Members Meet Nov. 3 to Talk New Unit

Indications point to a good sized representative gathering of civic-minded citizens at the special Torrance Chamber of Commerce meeting called for 7:30 p. m. next Monday, Nov. 3, at the Chamber office.

Plans for the dissolution of the present Chamber corporation and re-organization as a self-financed independent body to promote the development and welfare of the community will be discussed, according to Dean L. Sears, Chamber president.

During the past two weeks, Sears has been contacting a number of progressive Southland cities and has obtained much enlightening information which he expects to present at the membership meeting next Tuesday.

While every member is urged to be present and take part in the discussion, those who find it impossible to attend are asked to mail their proxies so that any action taken at the meeting will be legally representative of Chamber members. It is pointed out, that such action is required under the by-laws of the present Chamber corporation.

Laguna Flood Control Termed Vital to Defense

Necessity for immediate construction of the main channel of the Laguna Dominguez (Nigger Slough) flood control project was testified to at a re-hearing before a Congressional committee for consideration solely as a national defense measure at Inglewood Tuesday.

Reports of loss of thousands of working hours, of inundated highways and of closing of an entire department of the North American Aircraft plant, solely due to flooding, were heard by Col Edwin C. Kelton, district engineer of the Army, at the hearing which was attended by representatives of nearly every community in the South Bay and Harbor Districts.

Pat MacDonald, secretary of the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, served as spokesman for the group of about 75 city officials, civic leaders and interested citizens at the hearing. City Engineer Glenn Jain was the only representative present from Torrance.

Cost Figures Told
County Flood Control Engineer H. E. Hedger who drew the original plans for the improvement, including a far-reaching system of lateral drainage to feed into the main Laguna-Dominguez channel, estimated the main channel cost at \$1,946,800. Completion of the master plan for the entire area, however, was estimated to cost nearly \$5,000,000.

Speakers revealed the proposed improvement vitally concerned defense industry and its workers because of the flooding of highways linking Southland industrial centers.

Mayor Raymond V. Darby of Inglewood pointed out the flood waters have an adverse effect on sewer trunk lines, the flood waters taking up space that otherwise would be available for sewage flow.

New Steel Plant At Pittsburg

Director William Knudsen of the OPM announced last Friday that a new \$6 million dollar steel plant employing approximately 3,000 men would be erected at Pittsburg, Calif., capable of turning out 500,000 tons of plate and 30,000 tons of steel castings annually.

The plant will be operated by the Columbia Steel Co., U. S. Steel subsidiary. Negotiations for the plant were instigated by the Defense Plant Corp. Two years would be required in construction of such a plant, it was announced.

RESUME SUBSIDY
After receiving a report from Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, president of the Woman's club, that the Mothers' Educational Center—sponsored by the club—received a monthly subsidy of \$10 from the Chamber of Commerce for the past several years, the city council voted Tuesday night to continue the grant.

Yule Lights Will Glow in El Prado Park; Carolers And Swiss Village Planned

Late Christmas Gift Shoppers Face Higher Prices and Shortages

Unmistakable evidence on the part of the buying public definitely points to the biggest Christmas trade in the history of this community. In fact, one leading retail store in Torrance reports that half of its stock of toys has already been sold, and laid away for delivery prior to Dec. 25. Other local merchants report shoppers making their gift selections, paying deposits on their purchases, and planning to make further payments between now and Christmas. Not for many years—in fact not since the boom days of 1929—has there been so much advance buying of holiday goods.

While early buying for Christmas is always advisable, certain pertinent conditions this year make it particularly prudent to do your gift shopping without delay.

First of all, there is the question of an adequate supply of certain types of goods because of the federal government's restrictions on vital raw materials needed for defense. A survey of local retailers' stocks reveals that many of them anticipated this shortage of goods and bought early. These stocks are already on hand but in many instances cannot be duplicated when existing stocks are exhausted.

Machinery Taken Over
Because these holiday goods were bought several months ago, retailers obtained them at prices below current wholesale quotations and in turn are able to re-sell them at attractive prices. However in some cases, where defense priorities interfere with the manufacture of civilian goods, it will be impossible to replenish stocks for many months, and then only at considerable increase in prices. For this reason, late gift buying is not recommended.

To many of them, it is the first Christmas in their lives (Continued on Page 8-A)

Council Seeks Suggestions On Cabrillo's Improvement

"What shall we do with Cabrillo avenue?" That's the question now confronting the Torrance city council and for an answer the municipal heads decided Tuesday night to notify the moribund Cabrillo Avenue Improvement and Torrance Business Men's Association and any other who may be interested in the improvement of that street to go over plans for its improvement in the near future.

City Engineer Glenn Jain reported the Pacific Electric is prepared to proceed with the removal of its overhead lines, poles and wiring and it is up to the city to remove the rails and tracks. He recalled that the P. E. estimated it would cost the city approximately \$6,500 to have this work done by the company's own employees and equipment but Jain declared the city should be able to do the work itself or contract it out for about half that cost.

The decision to call in the interested groups and citizens to go over the plans for Cabrillo's improvement was the result of protests received long after the improvement plans for Torrance Blvd. were approved. Members of the council stated that they did not want to proceed with the Cabrillo work until everyone interested had an opportunity to inspect the city engineer's tentative plans and make suggestions.

12 CARS PILE UP IN FOG BUT ONLY ONE MAN HURT

"As we were investigating the collision involving John W. Selby of 1335 El Prado and Mrs. Ethel Welbaum of Harbor City we could hear another car coming. Then we heard brakes screaming and a WHAM! that machine struck Selby's damaged car."

"Seconds later we heard a fourth auto coming from the other direction on Pacific Coast highway, brakes gripped and WHAM! again. Then a fifth machine WHAMMED into the others and a sixth and a seventh and an eighth.

"My gosh, we thought we were going to have all the cars in the harbor district piled up in one grand smashup in the fog at the intersection of Pacific Coast highway and Hawthorne boulevard before we could post guards leading into the 'battleground of motors.'"

10 Cars Badly Damaged
"Yesir, we had 12 cars involved in the collision before traffic could be halted on the highway and the boulevard."

So reported a Torrance police officer, one of the first on the scene of Tuesday morning's wholesale collision that resulted in injuries to only one person—Selby—but badly damaged 10 of the 12 cars involved. Selby was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital for cuts and bruises and then allowed to go home.

He was making a U-turn on the highway near the intersection (Continued on Page 6-A)

Four Groups Arranging Big Yuletide Salute

For the first time, El Prado Park will be the scene of the most elaborate community celebration ever to launch the Christmas shopping season in Torrance early in December. Planned by the Torrance Business Men's Association, the advent of Yuletide will enlist the services of the city recreation, fire and high school music departments.

Tentative plans indicate that El Prado Park will be transformed into a vista of glowing Christmas trees its entire length, while a model Swiss village is to be erected in the park near Cravens ave. On several nights early in December, high school carolers will march down thru the illuminated trees to the Swiss village, singing the beloved songs of the Yuletide season.

On arriving at Cravens ave., it is planned that the student carolers will present a brief program and then return, singing as they go, to the high school campus. Participation of the student singers in the Christmas program depends upon a conference the latter part of this week between representatives of the sponsoring Business Men's Association, Principal Thomas H. Elson and Mrs. Marjorie Eischen Cooke, head of the music department.

Replicas in Mountain Setting
The model Swiss village will include about eight buildings, according to present plans. These replicas will be about as large as the miniature church that was erected in the triangular park in front of the Torrance theatre last year.

Composed of a church, two large Swiss chalets and four or five Swiss cottages or business houses, the village will be illuminated and perhaps set in a spectacular mountain scene. Dale Riley, city recreation director, has been named chairman of the committee in charge of this part of the Yuletide decorating program.

Instead of stringing colored lights throughout the business district, the strings will be concentrated in El Prado Park. This scenic spot, has never before been utilized to the fullest extent before and can be made into a true "Christmas Tree Lane" of surpassing beauty, those planning the decoration assert.

Carols For Seven Nights
The two large pine trees in the park off Cravens ave., will be garlanded with lights and with the other trees leading to the high school illuminated the park should become a sight comparable to Altadena's famed illuminated deodars.

Construction of the Swiss village will be a city recreation department project with members of the fire department assisting. Riley has already obtained the services of an artist and draftsman who is working on the plans for the beautiful replicas of Swiss architecture.

If present plans of the Business Men's Association (Continued on Page 7-A)



"The Early Bird" GETS THE PICK!
There Are Only 45 MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS