

First Butyl Tube On Mass Production Given Jeffers By U. S. Rubber

A new era for the Pacific Coast rubber industry was marked today when the first butyl tube to go into mass production for civilian use was presented in a ceremony to William Jeffers, wartime rubber director at his home at 4365 Forman ave, North Hollywood.

Leaders of the nation's rubber industry took the occasion to honor the retiring Union Pacific president for his work in organizing it for war. Tubes made with the remarkable chemical rubber, made in Torrance, have been found superior to the natural type and are a direct result of the impetus Jeffers gave to scientific research according to one official.

D. W. Walsh, Pacific Coast tire manager, United States Rubber Company, in presenting the tube as the first mass produced civilian unit to come from his Los Angeles plant's production line, pointed out that tests showed the butyl tube greatly superior to natural rubber in air retention qualities and resistance to chemical deterioration. Motorists will need to re-inflate their tires only when they check their cars for lubrication he said.

Butyl's most amazing feature is in its ability to cling or "grow" around imbedded nails or other foreign matter. Motorists are thus assured of fewer flats and greater driving safety he said.

The occasion marked a major achievement of American scientists in their search for a material which will make the nation

independent of foreign sources of natural rubber, industry officials explained. Possibilities for a new butyl processing industry in Los Angeles was seen in the local abundance of petroleum from which the test tube rubber is made. The four major tire plants in Los Angeles provide an immediate market for such production.

In accepting the gift, Jeffers said that increased demand in Asia and the Far East together with the increased demands for tires and other rubber products throughout the middle west and western states, should mean that production of synthetic rubber and its fabrication on the west coast will reach amazing proportions.

A telegram from Herbert E. Smith, president of the United States Rubber Company read as follows:

"The synthetic rubber program which you headed during the war still remains one of the world's greatest industrial achievements. For want of rubber the war might have been lost, but thanks to you Bill Jeffers, our country and its allies obtained this most urgently needed commodity in record time. As a result we fought and won a mobile war and kept civilian transportation rolling on synthetic tires on the home front too.

"As a token of our recognition of your outstanding contribution to winning the war, we should like to present you with the first butyl type synthetic tube made at our Los Angeles plant for civilian use."

Recruiting Drive Launched By Coast Guard

An intensive drive throughout the Eleventh Naval District to familiarize young men in the area with the opportunities offered by the peacetime United States Coast Guard was launched today by Rear Admiral W. F. Towle, District Coast Guard Officer.

Recruiting teams composed of officers and enlisted men have been organized to visit cities and towns throughout California, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada to facilitate the enlistment program, Admiral Towle pointed out.

The Coast Guard, America's oldest sea-going unit, has opened its ranks to men 17 through 25 years of age who are in good physical condition, citizens of the United States and with grammar school education. Enlistments may be for two or three years.

In addition to opportunities for interesting service and an opportunity to travel, the Coast Guard provides facilities for training in service schools and the obtaining of high school and college credits by correspondence courses.

Army and Marine Corps veterans not over 30 years of age will be accepted in the Coast Guard at ratings equivalent to those they held, up to the rating of corporal.

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Rat Harbors Hit By Board Of Supervisors

On motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance making it unlawful to maintain any building lot or premises in such an unsanitary condition as to permit the breeding or harboring of rats or other vermin and requiring that any loose material stored on such premises be elevated 18 inches above ground with a clear intervening space underneath.

Pioneer Paper Firm Announces Retirement Plan

Announcement of the establishment of Blake, Moffitt & Towne of a retirement plan for the benefit of all employees having a record of five years or more of service has just been made by James K. Moffitt, President of the Pioneer paper firm. In making the announcement, Mr. Moffitt said "It is a happy assurance that the company celebrates this year its ninetieth anniversary, and that at all times the loyalty and co-operation of its employees have been important factors in its success."

The pension plan, which became effective on Dec. 31, 1945, is in keeping with the modern trend, taking into account as it does the old-age benefits payable under the Federal Social Security Act. Its adoption will necessitate a very considerable initial and annual outlay by the Company, which assumes payment of the entire cost of providing annuities for past service and the greater part of the cost of future service annuities. The amount guaranteed under the company plan, when added to the basic federal benefits, will result in a total income sufficient to provide the necessities of life at the age of retirement.

To safeguard the successful operation of the plan and the future payments of retirement annuities, a contract has been entered into by the Company with The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, which has administered for nearly thirty years past the Group Life Insurance Plan of the company.

All employees having the necessary five years of service required for eligibility were given an opportunity to become participants. Proof of their enthusiastic acceptance of the plan was evidenced immediately after it was announced. Every eligible employee in all sixteen of the company's divisions elected to become a participant—a 100% acceptance.

Ten Million Feet Of Lumber Far Inadequate

Ten million board feet of lumber for small housing for veterans are on their way to Los Angeles area but the whole assignment already has been apportioned, and it does not even begin to supply orders already on file with War Assets Corporation.

This lumber is coming from Port Hueneme where it has just been released by the U. S. Navy, according to Hector C. Haight, who has just been detached from Reconstruction Finance Corporation to head the new War Assets Corporation.

The organization of War Assets Corporation to expedite the disposal of surplus war materials was announced recently.

The new consignment of lumber is in addition to 22 million board feet which were released in December, but at the time of the December release there were orders for 145 million board feet, or seven times the available amount, already on file with RFC.

Persons who participated in the December consignment will not be eligible to participate in this new consignment.

Leroy M. Edward, president of the Citizens Reconversion Council late yesterday praised Haight for the speed with he secured the release of this latest consignment.

L.A. Board Adopts Junk Yard Ordinance

On motion of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance which will require all junk yards and places where loose materials are stored to be enclosed by a tight board fence at least 8 feet high, and when the material stored is of a combustible nature the fence must be of corrugated iron or other types of fire resisting material.

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