

Torrance To Be Represented At Port Exposition

Torrance-made industrial equipment is expected to take prominence in the Port-O-Trade National Industrial Exposition to be held June 13-22 in connection with the dedication of the newest cargo transit shed at the Port of Long Beach.

This was announced today by J. W. Charleville whom the Long Beach Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsoring organization, has retained as manager of the show.

At the same time it was revealed that "Big Steel" will occupy the transit shed immediately after the exposition. Bethlehem's subsidiary, Calmar Line, which is an exclusive steel-carrying steamship line, will use the new structure as its Southern California terminal. One shipment of steel every 10 days is moved in here by Calmar Line.

Charleville, former manager of the cities of Pasadena, Glendale and Long Beach, former industrial agent of the City of Burbank and more recently assistant to the president of Western Air Lines, said the Port-O-Trade will emphasize this community's commercial and industrial leadership. Space is being reserved for a minimum of 250 exhibits of everything from small hand tools to the newest in oil production refining equipment.

Purchase of Army Palmdale Airport Asked of County

Passage of a legislative measure to enable Los Angeles county to acquire control of Palmdale airport was recommended today by the board of directors of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

The measure is Assembly Bill 257. The airport provides an emergency landing field within two hours of Los Angeles by surface transportation.

Los Angeles county supervisors informed the War Department the county would pay all costs of condemnation, including awards, to acquire the 7,000-foot runway and other improvements from the government.



COMMANDER . . . Lt. Col. Davis W. Campbell, of Manhattan Beach, who is commanding officer of the 578th Engineer Combat Battalion, California National Guard, to consist of units throughout the South Bay area with headquarters in Torrance.

Colonel Campbell, now sales manager for the Agicide Laboratories, Inc., of Los Angeles, served during World War II as assistant air engineer of the Far East air forces stationed at Manila. He was acting air engineer with the F.E.A.F. while on Leyte, and was the first aviation engineer officer to report for duty with the 1st Battalion of the 21st Engineer Regiment, the mother unit of all aviation engineers. He then was adjutant of the battalion.

Before going overseas, Colonel Campbell organized five service schools and was in charge of officer training at Geiger field. He spent 18 months with Far East air forces.

The colonel was called back from his reserve status and assigned as 40th Division engineer, California National Guard, under General Hervey, and also assigned to command the 578th Engineers Combat Battalion. A native of Selma, Alabama, he is married and has two children.

ABANDONMENT OF TORRANCE WELL ANNOUNCED

Notice of abandonment of one well in the Torrance field by the Exeter Oil Co., Ltd., was filed last week with the California State Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas, according to the department's periodical bulletin.

Second Unit Of Seaside Ranchos Being Prepared

Ben Haggott, realtor in charge of the subdivision of Seaside Ranchos, announced yesterday that his firm is preparing to file an information sheet with the Federal Housing Authority on the second unit of Seaside Ranchos, consisting of a development of 150 acres of Ellinwood land into a tract of 450 homes.

Haggott informed the Torrance Herald that the first unit of Seaside Ranchos, adjoining the Redondo Beach city line north of Pacific Coast highway, had progressed to a point where plans must be laid for the second unit of 450 homes.

The first unit involves the building of 168 homes on 56 acres of the former Ellinwood ranch property in Southwest Torrance. Some 80 homes of the unit now are approaching completion, and the balance will be finished within the next few months, it was said.

He indicated that it will take several months to prepare the second unit, which is east of the first unit, for home building operations.

Foreseeing the need for new school facilities to serve Seaside Ranchos, Walteria and Hollywood Riviera, under the Torrance City School system, Haggott already has offered the new Torrance Board of Education an eight-acre site in Seaside Ranchos.

It is estimated that ultimate development of the tract will result in an increased school population of some 1,200 children.

Newsman Will Address Cities League Meeting

Edward T. Austin, editor-in-chief of the Copley Press, Inc., will be the speaker at the meeting of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities, to be held in Torrance Civic auditorium tonight at 6:45 o'clock, according to Mayor Clyde Marsh, of Redondo Beach, president of the division.

Austin is well known in California newspaper circles, having been editor at one time of the Santa Barbara News-Press and in later years editor-in-chief of the San Diego Union and Tribune.

The meeting tonight is a regular monthly dinner of officials of various cities of Los Angeles county during which problems of local government are discussed.

Reduction Of Steel Freight Rates Ordered

The railroad freight rate on steel from the United States Steel Corp. plant at Geneva, Utah, to Los Angeles was reduced \$4.40 a ton, effective April 1, by a decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington Friday.

At the same time the commission announced further study of freight rates on steel between Geneva and west coast points will be made and more hearings will be held to determine whether other adjustments are necessary to end discrimination and inequities.

The commission order took the form of lifting the suspension April 1 on the rate cut proposed by the railroads last January 10 and which was to have become effective March 1.

The new rate to Los Angeles will be \$9.60 a ton. The cut applies to all west coast points. The commission, in announcing hearings will be held "at an early date" did not fix a time for them.

MISSOURIANS PLAN PICNIC IN LONG BEACH

The Missouri State Society of Long Beach has announced their Missouri State picnic to be held at Bixby park, Long Beach, Sunday at 1 p.m. A concert by the Long Beach Municipal band is slated.

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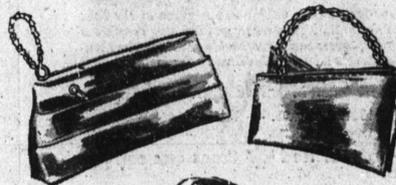
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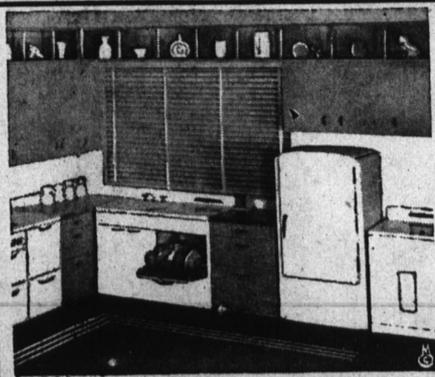
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