

Foremen And Supervisors Club Formed

The organization of a Foremen's and Supervisors' club for Torrance was the topic of discussion at an industrial meeting held Tuesday night under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A.

Representatives from various local plants expressed that benefits might well be received from such an organization, both to industry and as a community service. The purpose of the group would be to bring together members of industrial management with similar interests for monthly meetings to hear and discuss human relation problems and to offer members an opportunity for fellowship and setting up of collective community service projects.

Karl Hansen, chairman of the meeting, appointed a temporary committee to make program plans for a general meeting, inviting all foremen and supervisors of local industry to attend. Committee members include Robert M. Garbe, National Supply foreman and president of the Los Angeles' Council of Foremen, as chairman; George Hunt, foreman at Columbia Steel; Jack E. Davis, supervisor at American Rock Wool Co.; Henry Carlson, foreman at Rubber-Craft Corp.; and George Johnson, representative of the Y.M.C.A. board of managers. Asked to serve as ex-officio members to the committee are Hansen, superintendent of public relations at National Supply; Al Jackson, manager of International Derrick and Equipment Co., and Milton Isbell.

Government Rejects Alcoa Plant Bids

When the highest bid was only slightly over 10 per cent of the value, the War Assets Administration rejected all bids for \$6,000,000 worth of equipment in the huge ALCOA aluminum plant located at 190th street and Normandie avenue, Torrance.

Robert S. Bradford, zone administrator for the WAA, declared that the Joint Army-Navy machine tool program will be asked if it wants the equipment. If the reply is negative, he said, the WAA will enter into negotiations with interested buyers until an acceptable bid is received.

The highest bid, when offers were opened, was \$643,000. This sum, the officials of the WAA felt, was not even half enough for the plant as scrap metal.

The Federal government poured more than \$30,000,000 into the ALCOA plant here, building nine huge pot lines. Only two were used during the war and they alone created a production surplus of aluminum.

Wrong License Number, Wrong Person Cited

How can a person be sitting at her desk at the Torrance Herald reading proofs and at the same time commit a traffic violation in the City of San Jose, some 225 miles away?

That is what Virginia E. Alverson was wondering when she received a summons to appear in Police Court in San Jose to answer an overtime parking charge for a violation alleged to have been committed on April 17, 1947.

In the first place, that was a Thursday, her busy day at the Herald; in the second place, she said she would hesitate to drive her 1931 Ford that far, and in the third place, (here is the catch) the citation gives the license number of a car not her own.

Some police clerk had picked out the wrong number, she told San Jose Judge Percy O'Connor in answering her citation by letter.



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