

Columbia Steel Gets Order to Eliminate Smog

Time allotted the Columbia Steel Corporation to install smog elimination devices on its four open hearth stacks was reduced from one year to 10 months, following a recent edict handed down by the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District.

The demand by the smog board marks the first time in history that a serious attempt has been undertaken to control the emissions from open hearths.

Cost of installing waste heat boilers, gas coolers, and electric precipitators on the four stacks at the local plant is estimated to cost approximately \$600,000, it was reported by company officials.

Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Vernon has announced it was installing electric furnaces to solve the problem.

The Hearing Board, headed by Chairman Herbert V. Walker, said yesterday in its order:

"This variance is granted upon the expectation, and any further variances will be considered by this board only upon the condition that within the period of this variance petitioner shall have proceeded with due diligence and speed toward the completion and operation of necessary equipment for bringing the emission from its four open hearth furnaces within the limits of the law and the rules of the Air Pollution Control District of Los Angeles County."

No Deadline On Veterans' Dividends

Veterans have no deadline before which to file applications for National Service Life Insurance dividends, according to Miss Helen K. Dill, counselor at the Torrance Veterans Service Center.

Veterans who filed applications some time ago and have not received acknowledgment may complete another application and plainly mark it "Duplicate." Miss Dill also warns veterans who have a change of address before receipt of the dividend check to promptly notify their legal post office.

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FISHER FEMMES . . . Only Seniors are allowed to enter the Senior Patio at Torrance High School. So when the wind blew strong last week and loaded the pool (with its one fish) with leaves and debris—guess to whom fell the job of cleaning it? Trying to capture the elusive fish during the mopping-up operations are, Iola Fitzsimmons, Grace Gariand, Laura Sterling, Joan Demonet, Elizabeth Middleton, Dolores Fees, Joan Melvin, Ann Mondor, and (seated) Peggy Beatus. —Herald photo.

More Than \$1,000,000 Of Homes Set Here

More than \$1,000,000 worth of homebuilding permits were either approved or in the process of approval in Building Inspector John Patrick's office this week.

Pending are applications by Truman Brown Enterprises to build 5 frame and stucco homes valued at \$302,500 in a tract near 180th street and Regina avenue, and applications by Property Management Corporation to build 38 homes and six garages valued at \$217,900 at 164th street and Arlington avenue.

Lots of "Rev" Left in Cars, Youths Learn

Four teenagers learned last Thursday night that their old cars still had a lot of "get-away" left in them.

They revved up their cars from zero to 75 miles an hour on Torrance boulevard from a standing start at Hawthorne avenue to Greenwood. From Crenshaw to Cota avenue, they were only able to get up to 30.

But that was plenty good enough for the police.

The youths were booked for speeding and told to bring their parents to court to learn how good their cars are.

Torrance Man's Father Dies

Funeral services for Matt A. Kerber, of Lomita, father of James A. Kerber of Torrance, were held February 10 at Gambys Mortuary in Lomita. Interment was at Green Hills Memorial Park near San Pedro.

Mr. Kerber was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and had lived in Lomita since 1913. Besides his son, he leaves his wife, Marie, of 2125 Lomita boulevard; Lomita; a daughter, Rose Marie Legg, of Denver, Colo.; a brother, John, of Lomita; three sisters, Gertrude Francis of Los Angeles, Rose Martin of Temple City, Lena Stanton of Lomita; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Weston Names New Fund Aides

Mrs. Gladys Weston, Torrance Red Cross fund campaign chairman, this week appointed as majors for the geographic division, Mesdames N. D. Smith, Howard Haworth, Robert Lenton and Patricia Ann Kerschner.

These women along with those appointed last week, will map an intensive campaign so that the campaign objective may be reached in record time.

Mrs. Weston, accompanied by Russell Lund, co-chairman, Otto A. Kresse, colonel of the industrial division, and W. T. Tillotson, represented Torrance at a luncheon meeting in Los Angeles called this past week by Earle M. Jorgensen, general campaign chairman. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss details and formulate plans for the forthcoming fund campaign.

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Noted Astronomer to Address Riviera Sportsmens Club

Dr. E. C. Bower will lecture on the "Sideral Universe" at the next regular meeting of the Hollywood Riviera Sportsman's Club at 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, at the Riviera Beach Club.

Dr. Bower was with the U. S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C., taught astronomy at Ohio Wesleyan University and was the Griffith Observatory lecturer from 1936 to 1943. At present he is a member of the Engineering Department at Douglas Aircraft.

The officers of the Sportsman's Club cordially invite all the people of the community to attend. Descriptive slides will be used throughout the lecture and a question and answer period will follow. This lecture is one of the many planned by the Sportsman's Club in answer to the varied interests and hobbies of the membership. A short business meeting will be held after the lecture.

At their last regular meeting the Sportsman's Club members made final plans for the next free dance to be held on Saturday, February 25 at 8:30 p.m. at the Riviera Beach Club. A buffet supper around about

midnight will be optional. The Sportsman's Club is interested in increasing their membership and invite all the men of Hollywood Riviera to attend their meetings on the first and third Thursday of every month.

At the last meeting a bowling team was formed and tentative plans were made for a Sunday fishing trip, a golf match, and a sailing excursion.

El Camino Coeds Vie For Queen of Hearts

Six of El Camino college's loveliest maidens are contending for the post of Queen of Hearts to reign over the college's annual Sweethearts Ball at the Inglewood Country Club on Friday evening February 17.

The six lovely coeds competing are Shirley Haynes from Inglewood, Barbara Trussell from Redondo Beach, Joan Glover from Inglewood, Kathy Disbrow from Lawndale, Dolores Finlay from Redondo Beach, and Betty Cutbirth from Inglewood.

About 11 per cent of the deaths by fire each year are children, five to 14 years old.

South Bay USC Alumni See Movie

Members of the University of Southern California South Bay Alumni Club met for a dinner meeting yesterday at the Palos Verdes Country Club.

Representing the University at the dinner were Dr. Frank C. Baxter, professor of English; Arnold Eddy, executive director of the General Alumni Association,

Torrance WAC Assigned

Private First Class Sonja J. Webb of the United States Torrance High School, has reported for duty with Headquarters Twelfth Air Force, Brooks Air Base, near San Antonio, Texas, base officers reported.

Pfc. Webb is the wife of S/Sgt. Barry D. Webb.

and Jeff Cravath, head football coach. The program featured slow motion color films of the SC-OHIO State football game with commentary by Coach Cravath.

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World's End Predicted by Lou Zamperini

The H-bomb will end the world's existence if it is ever exploded, Torrance-born, track star and war hero Lou Zamperini is telling people these days.

Receipt of a copy of "Boeing News," publication of the Boeing Aircraft Company in Seattle, Washington, by the Herald reveals Zamperini's views that he feels it is probable that H-bomb heat might penetrate the earth's ozone layer and set it afire.

Zamperini stopped at the Boeing plant with his wife to see an old Torrance High School friend, Alan Renn, now a research engineer with Boeing.

Zamperini is on a lecture tour across the nation for the Youth for Christ movement.

Finance Company May Open Office In Torrance

"Torrance looks like a likely town to us," James J. Mulvey said this week as he surveyed the town with an eye to establishing a branch office here for the Public Loan Corporation of St. Louis.

Mulvey, who is assistant manager for the corporation's branch at Long Beach, said the corporation, which specializes in small loans to industrial workers, feels that Torrance has a commanding position in the harbor area and is a logical location for the next branch in the corporation's expanding organization.

The corporation has opened 15 offices in Southern California since the first office was opened in Los Angeles four years ago. There are also 15 offices in Northern California, Mulvey said, and "I don't know how many" in the east. The firm now has \$75,000,000 out in loans over the country, making it the third largest in the nation. Largest are Household Loan and Personal Loan corporations.

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