

# First Buses Pull Into New Depot-Restaurant

## \$75,000 Spent to Build Depot, Remodel Cafe

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30 by 28 foot waiting room, was built adjacent to and connecting with Daniels Cafe.

Charlie Gotts, owner of Daniels Cafe, was the successful bidder of three persons who sought the bus terminal franchise from the City of Torrance during the latter part of 1949.

Employed by Gotts as ticket sellers and schedule information clerks are Mrs. Duane Tracy, Mrs. Ileana Sears, Mrs. Helen Fulton and Mrs. Opal Kinneman.

The buses of both lines will enter the large black-topped loading area to load and unload passengers. The vehicles will then enter Cravens avenue to continue their runs.

The depot and waiting room will remain open during all hours the bus lines operate carriers, Gotts said.

The cafe adjacent to the depot will continue to remain open 24 hours daily.

Completed this week also by Gotts was the complete remodeling and redecorating of the restaurant side of the structure adjoining the depot.

Gotts estimated the cost of remodeling and building the new terminal to be approximately \$74,000.

In December of 1949 Gotts added the Rancho Room, decorated in the Western theme, at a cost of \$10,000. The Rancho Room seats 55 persons.

The dining room, completely repainted and remodeled, seats 18 persons at the counter and 32 persons at the tables and booths.

New Formica top counters and stainless steel back bar have been installed at the popular downtown eating place to bring the restaurant up to the top of modern standards.

Added also were new stoves, dish washing machines, slicers, French fryers, ventilators, refrigerators, and tables—all in the kitchen—Gotts said.

Blond ash wainscoting decorates the wall adjacent to the booths.

The new waiting room, with

rest rooms with outside entrances to the rear, contain blond ash seats and plastic covered cushions. The waiting room seats 30 persons.

Contained also in the waiting room is a snack bar and fountain where bus line patrons may sip and nibble while waiting for buses.

Asphalt tile flooring covers the floor.

Exterior of the new depot is decorated in flagstone and Vitrolite—a black glass-like tile.

A total of 25 persons are now employed at the depot-restaurant, Gotts indicated.

Gotts bought the restaurant six years ago from Lew Daniels. The building was originally built by C. Earl Conner, the late postmaster of Torrance, in 1928.



**READY NOW . . .** Pictured is the flagstone-Vitrolite front of the new bus terminal recently added to Daniels Cafe, 1625 Cabrillo avenue. Finishing touches to \$75,000 construction job were completed this week as the first Greyhound buses began using loading area at left. Torrance buses will begin using the new facilities April 2. Photo by Lee Weinstein.

**FIRST 60 MILE DRIVER**

A 60-mile an hour speed was first attained by an auto in 1889. The car was driven by Jenatzy, a Belgian.

**ALL NEW . . .** are the fixtures and decorations in the main dining room of Daniels Cafe which this week completed a \$75,000 construction and remodeling program began last December. New stainless steel back bar, Formica top counters and air conditioning make the restaurant one of the most modern in the city—Photo by Lee Weinstein.

**WAITING ROOM . . .** Passengers boarding Greyhound and Torrance Municipal buses will purchase tickets from clerk at counter at right in this newly completed bus depot located adjacent to Daniels Cafe in downtown Torrance. Cars and trucks, visible through window, are occupying area where buses will take on and discharge passengers with off-the-street safety.—Photo by Lee Weinstein.



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