

Fire Guts Abandoned Factory Kettler Kapers

Fire which broke out in the early morning hours last Tuesday destroyed an abandoned furniture factory at 1904 Border avenue before Torrance firemen could bring the inferno under control.

Arriving at the site of the blaze shortly after 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, firefighters found the entire east side of the building a roaring mass of flames. Piles of sawdust, which might have been smoldering for hours, made the firefighting difficult, according to Fire Department officials.

The factory had not been in operation for several months, and it contained considerable quantities of arm pieces, padding and other parts for the manufacture of furniture. No estimate of damage has yet been obtained.



DESTROYED . . . Nothing but charred ruins remained after a four-hour fire raged through an abandoned furniture factory at 1904 Border avenue. Blaze apparently started somewhere in the area shown in the left foreground of the above Herald photo. The shed in this area was completely destroyed. Damage inside the plant was quite extensive. (Herald photo).

G. P. Announces Promotions

Four promotions in the production department of General Petroleum Corporation, Los Angeles, have been announced by R. O. Swayze, manager of California operations.

C. C. Gandaubert, formerly superintendent of the production department's southern division, becomes general superintendent effective August 1st.

E. V. Watts, production superintendent of the southern division, advances to southern division superintendent.

A. W. Titus, senior production foreman of the Beaches area, replaces Watts as production superintendent of the southern division, and

H. C. Carrothers, production foreman, becomes senior production foreman, replacing Titus at General Petroleum's Long Beach field office.

COMPLIMENTS DESIRABLE

We should pay more compliments than we do. We live in a period of appalling ill will and need to know and hear every charming and encouraging thing that can be said about us. Paying compliments is an art that can be learned. Most of us know at least one person, usually old, who always says the warm, appreciative thing. This is not flattery. Flattery is different—the counterfeit coin that is accepted only by the undiscerning.

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TEAC to Meet Monday at Noon

Walter Rehboldt, director of the summer sessions here, will lead a group discussion of report cards and parent conferences at the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee meeting next Monday noon.

Meeting place is the First Christian Church at 1415 Engracia, according to Mrs. Grace Wright, moderator.

Reservations for the meeting may be made by calling the Superintendent of Schools office at Torrance 2111. Mrs. Wright said. Reservations should be in by tomorrow noon.

New Englanders To Feast Sunday

New England State society will hold its 40th annual picnic Sunday, Aug. 13, in Bixby Park, Long Beach. Home cooked food, New England baked beans, and blueberry pie will be available from noon on, according to Ray Ploud, president of the society.

WHALE OIL USES

Whale oil today is valued for glycerine, soaps and creams.

Tax Book Shows Two-Year Source of City Receipts

According to a recent issue of the Tax Digest, official publication of the California Taxpayer's Association, receipts for the city of Torrance during 1948-49 were more than \$275,119 over the same period the year previous.

Other facts about receipts of the city during the two previous years include the following:

| | General | Sales | Subventions | Licenses | Other | Total |
|---------|---------|--------|-------------|----------|--------|---------|
| 1947-48 | 454,785 | 40,888 | 59,255 | 68,856 | 93,011 | 696,795 |
| 1948-49 | 509,237 | 45,347 | 261,298 | 67,154 | 88,376 | 911,312 |

North Torrance Cub Pack Meets Tomorrow Night

Youngsters in the North Torrance area interested in becoming Cub Scouts have been invited to attend a meeting to be held Friday evening.

Kenneth Bloomfield, chairman of the Cub Scout Committee, said any boy between the ages of 8 and 11 years is eligible for membership in the proposed Pack.

The meeting will be held in the new North Torrance Recreation Building, 174th street and Yukon avenue, tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m.

LEADS IN GOLD OUTPUT

Colombia ranks first among South American countries in the production of gold.

Plans Dropped for Beach Area Business Center

Plans for a proposed business district in the Hollywood Riviera have been abandoned indefinitely, the Planning Commission was told at its meeting Aug. 3.

A communication from the Ocean Hills Corporation indicated they are dropping—for a while at least—plans to construct retail buildings on 33 lots fronting on Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway and Avenida de las Flores.

Referred to a commission committee was a business district proposed for development in the Seaside residential district by the Palisades Builders.

Opposed by the Board of education because of its proximity to an elementary school, the retail area would be along Sharyne lane west of Carlow road.

A FRIENDLY HELLO and welcome to our new neighbors

Mr. and Mrs. Don Memmer and daughters Martha Lynn and Linda. Formerly of San Pedro, their new home is now at 2016 Reynosa drive.

AT 2816 GRAMERCY avenue we find new residents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shearer and daughters Phyllis and Mary Ann. They are also from San Pedro and both the Shearers are school teachers. Phyllis plans on entering college this fall, while Mary Ann will be a Torrance Tartar.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS OF Circle 7, WSCS . . . Your next monthly meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. August 15 at the Torrance Park. It is to be a breakfast, states Jo Devenish, secretary of the Circle.

LEAVING THIS WEEKEND for two weeks vacation will be Kenneth and Ted Cunningham and sons Dan and Jorie of 1923 Reynosa drive. They will visit friends and relatives in San Francisco, Coos Bay and Klamath Falls, Ore., and Vancouver, Washington.

JOHN AND AGNES HARVEY of 2132 Middlebrook are busy entertaining houseguests this week, all cousins of Mrs. Harvey's. They are Mr. James A. McDonald of Bonton, New Jersey; Wilder McDonald, Mrs. Winifred Prendergast and Mrs. Thomas O'Keefe, all of Harrison, N.Y. A delightful weekend at Lake Arrowhead is planned for these eastern guests. Also accompanying them to the lake will be Mr. and Mrs. Ray Walters and son Raymond of Los Angeles.

RECENT DEPARTURES for Oregon are Mr. and Mrs. James Withycombe, Ginny Lee and Jay, of 23033 Huber street. They will spend a month visiting many relatives and friends in Seneca, Union, Hillsboro and Corvallis, Ore. Jerry and Jim were both born in Oregon and both attended Oregon State College. Little Ginny Lee celebrated her fifth birthday last Thursday with a party given by her mother. All the neighborhood children were there and, of course, consumed cake, ice cream and punch.

ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE been home for some time, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oakes and daughter Beverly of 1850 Middlebrook road enjoyed their three weeks vacation. They visited relatives in Portland, Ore. and Seattle, Washington.

CAMILIA AND Joe Helphand of 2109 Middlebrook road attended the wedding of Joe's brother, Lawrence, last Sunday. It was held at the Mogen David Temple, Los Angeles, and the

Buxtons Arrive Home

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Buxton have returned from a month's trip east which took them through Eastern Canada to the Thousand Islands where they were guests at the summer home of his brother, H. H. Buxton. They made the transcontinental trip by air to pick up a new car at Detroit. They also visited Baltimore.

Bill are leaving Wednesday for their home.

A WINNER ROAST at the Colorado Lagoon was loads of fun last Saturday night for a group from Kettler. Swimming and eating were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Helphand, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Loy, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morehead, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Neilson, all from Kettler and Mrs. Iona S. Hill, daughters Nola and Martha and son Bill, all of Marceline, Mo.

Lomita Man Suffers Minor Injuries in Saturday Accident

Minor injuries were sustained by a 47-year-old Lomita man in a traffic accident at Hawthorne and Redondo Beach boulevards last Saturday morning.

Treated at the Torrance Medical Center was Carl Fisher, of 2344 West 247th street. He was a passenger in an auto reported by Torrance police to have been driven by Daniela E. Fisher, 30, also of the Lomita address.

Driver Fisher told police she was unable to stop as she approached the intersection to avoid striking another auto in the rear. Nad Romano, 40, of Hawthorne, the driver of the rammed car, was uninjured.

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