

Builders Form New Company

Two top harbor district builders, L. E. Fillmore and V. O. Harber, have joined in the formation of the Harbor Fillmore Construction Co. with offices at 331 W. Anaheim in Wilmington, it was announced yesterday.

Art Vassar, real estate operator at the same address, will act as sales manager for the new company.

Partners in the new firm have stated that they will offer the best possible construction of homes, rental properties, and stores priced as moderately as possible.

Drafting service, architects, or prepared building plans among their files are available through the new firm, it was stated.

Buyers will also be aided in finding suitable building sites and assistance in arranging the financing is offered.

Seven houses and a five-unit rental property are presently under construction in the area.

Unemployment is Two Billion Dollar Business, Optimists Told

Unemployment is a two-billion-dollar business in California, Ralph J. Wade, public information officer for the State of California Department of Employment told members of the Torrance Optimist Club Monday evening.

Speaking at the club's regular meeting at the Ding How Cafe, Wade said the Department of Employment is the government enterprise that had an effect on more individuals than any other phase of government.

"In California," Wade said, "there are 240,000 employees and more than 3,000,000 employees." The gross income of the unemployment compensation legislation is about \$2,000,000,000, he told the Optimists.

"The employees deduction goes almost 100 per cent toward the financing of disability compensations while the employers contributions pay for the unemployment compensations," he said.

Start Reviewed

Wade reviewed the establishment of the act in 1936 and explained how the payments were not started until after Jan. 1, 1938.

"Payments have now totaled \$1,335,000,000 for unemployment and \$175,000,000 for disability," he said.

The fund balance for unemployment compensation amounts to \$377,000,000 and for disability it amounts to \$132,000,000.

"These balances assure at least a reasonable solvency," Wade told the Optimists.

He pointed out that 47,000 persons lost their jobs in the state during September of this year.

During the same month, the Department of Employment placed 108,400 persons in jobs, he said.

"Twenty per cent of the unemployed never draw their unemployment compensation but are placed on the job," he said.

Requirements Told

He outlined the seven requirements an unemployed person must meet to draw compensation:

1. Must be unemployed.
2. Must be registered with the department.
3. Must be able to work.
4. Must be available for work.
5. Must actively seek work.
6. Must pass through a waiting period without compensation while the department seeks to place the job seeker.
7. Must meet the age requirements for the work sought.

Wade said that about 1.3 per cent of the labor force of California was registered each month with the department. He compared this figure with the national labor turnover average of between two and three per cent.

Asked about chiseling on the compensation payments, and Wade admitted that there was some, but pointed out that in the state last year more than 1675 persons were convicted of fraudulent claims against the State and that the average fine for each was \$95.

ROOM PROWLED

Several items of value, including two cameras, a portable radio, cigarette case and a piggy bank containing \$5.05, were stolen from his room at 1240 El Prado sometime Monday, Thomas G. Higgins told Torrance police.

Harbor Schedules Two Cage Tilts With El Camino

El Camino will face Harbor JC in two league contests in basketball competition for the 1952-53 season, the Seahawk schedule revealed today.

Friday, Jan. 23, the Warriors play host to the Harbor quintet, while the league finals will be played Feb. 27 at San Pedro.

Dec. 17 through 20 are reserved for the Chaffey J. C. Tournament, with the balance of the season taken up by 12 non-league and 14 league contests.

The Harbor schedule:

November—13, San Pedro Y Dolphins; 17, Navy "T"; 20, Alumni; 24, Ventura; 26, LA City College.

December—2, Fullerton; 5, Mt. San Antonio; 8, Santa Ana; 12, Pepperdine Frosh.

January—6, Compton; 10, San Diego; 13, ELA; 16, Bakersfield; 17, Valley; 23, El Camino; 24, Santa Monica; 27, Long Beach; 29, Pepperdine Frosh.

February—6, Long Beach; 7, San Diego; 13, ELA; 14, Valley; 20, Bakersfield; 21, Santa Monica; 27, El Camino.

4 Cars Damaged In Two Accidents

Minor traffic accidents involving damage to four cars were reported to Torrance police Tuesday and Wednesday.

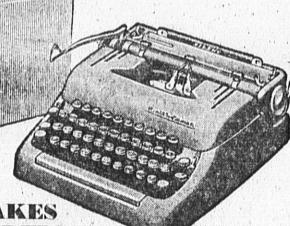
In a car-truck collision on Crenshaw Blvd. at 7:30 Wednesday morning, G. T. Paul, 544 First St., Manhattan Beach, said his car was damaged by a truck driven by Amos B. Olsen, 112 W. Cypress, Compton.

Three autos were damaged when a car driven by Ushula Lunden, 2803 W. 176th St., collided with a car parked at the curb in front of 2803 W. 170th St., and that car in turn smashed into a third. The parked vehicles were registered to Gaylord O. Sayan and Robert H. Wallace, both of 2803 W. 176th.



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Supervisors Set Cost Of Land for Crenshaw

Eight hundred dollars will be paid for property located on 230th in Torrance for extension and improvement of Crenshaw Blvd., the Board of Supervisors said Tuesday.

Construction is presently going on from Pacific Coast Hwy. to Lomita Blvd., extending Crenshaw. It is planned to extend the street eventually into the Palos Verdes hills.

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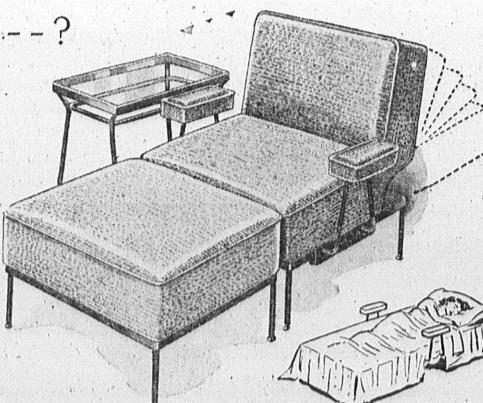
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