

Tons of Coral, Clam Shells Go Into Oceanarium

Giant man-eating clam shells and eight tons of South Sea coral arrived in Los Angeles Harbor this week from Zamboanga City, Philippine Islands, much of it bound for Marineland of the Pacific, according to Kenneth Norris, curator of the Oceanarium being constructed on Fortuna Bend.

The shipment, thought to be the largest collection of coral and shells to enter the coun-

try, was delivered to Marineland by the Seacomber Trading Co. The Oceanarium, having the most extensive facilities of its kind in the world, will feature a circular tank 80 feet in diameter and an oval tank 100 by 50 feet and 26 feet deep. Each tank will hold 900,000 gallons of treated sea water and will contain thousands of marine specimens, including giant rays, killer sharks, octopuses and colorful tropical species.

Norris explained that the lacy branches of coral will offer a homelike refuge for tropical reef fishes. In their natural habitat the brilliantly-colored fishes

hide from their enemies among the forests of coral. The coral itself is animal-made. It is the skeleton of the polyp—a sea-anemone type animal—which builds its home on the shells of its ancestors. Many of the coral atolls of the South Seas, such as Eniwetok used in the atom bomb experiment, are actually the product of millions of generations of coral polyps building one on top of the other.

LUMBER FILE

Lumber cut in the United States in the past 140 years, if stacked into one pile, would make a cube exactly one mile in each dimension, statisticians have estimated.

Two Million California Returns Due April 15

Nearly one million 1953 State Income Tax returns have been filed and almost two million more are expected to be filed in the next two weeks, Robert C. Kirkwood, Franchise Tax Board chairman announced.

He stated that those taxpayers who have not filed should do so immediately if they will require assistance from the Income Tax office.

Single persons with net incomes of \$2000 or more, and married couples with combined net incomes of \$3500 or more, are required to file 1953 returns.

The State Income Tax office at 206 State Building, Los Angeles, will be open Mondays through Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.; on Saturday, April 10, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.



EDDIE CLETHRO ... Appears at Market

SHORT ALPHABET

The Hawaiian language contains only 12 letters, fewer letters in a complete alphabet than any other known language in the world.

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GIANT STORE ... Shown is the exterior of the new Food Giant Market, at 423 S. Hawthorne Blvd., at corner of 132nd St. in Hawthorne, which begins a grand opening celebration today which will continue through Sunday.

New Food Giant Market To Start Grand Opening Celebration Today

The Food Giant Market will make a dramatic bow to the community with its grand opening sale starting this morning at 423 S. Hawthorne Blvd., at the corner of 132nd St., market spokesmen announced this week.

Representing an investment of over one million dollars, the new supermarket will be the largest grocery in the Southwestern area, and one of the largest grocery stores in Southern California, officials stated.

The Food Giant is owned and operated by Cummings Markets, Inc., who have operated Market Town Markets in Hawthorne and Gardena for the past seven years, and also operate the mammoth Food Giant in Lynwood which is the largest supermarket in the nation.

Celebrities and television stars will join forces for the big week-end kick-off celebration commencing the Food Giant's grand opening.

The opening climaxes months of planning, remodeling and building to make the present store, covering more than 35,000 square feet, the last word in modern grocery store construction.

Fourteen check stands across the front of the market selling area insure the most rapid check out of customers possible.

Separate Departments
In addition to the many thousands of square feet devoted to grocery items, the new supermarkets will also feature separate and large departments for produce, delicatessen, frozen foods, meat, liquor, hardware and beauty aids and bakery.

The self-service feature of the entire store includes the huge

the store and allows the shopper to get into and out of the shopping area with the greatest of convenience. The market has been color engineered so that the soothing interior colors make shopping in the market a pleasant experience. Tunesful melodies are broadcast throughout the market continuously by means of FM Musicast.

Food Giant's parking lot will accommodate over three hundred cars with additional parking available in front of the market on Hawthorne Blvd. The supermarket will remain open for the convenience of customers from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. including Sunday.

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TV, Radio Stars To Perform For Market Opening

There'll be fun for all during the four day opening celebration of the Food Giant Market, at 423 S. Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne, market, officials said this week.

The Food Giant and its neighbor Thrifty Drug have arranged for an outstanding Grand Opening program of entertainment to be headlined by television and radio stars.

Harry Owens, the famous bandleader, and star of the Harry Owens show on KNXT, and Hilo Hattie, celebrated Hawaiian entertainer will be on hand to greet the customers on Friday evening, April 2, from 7 to 8 p.m. During the afternoon from 3 to 5:30 on Friday a Western Band will entertain from the stage.

To See Disc Jockey
Immediately following the appearance of Harry Owens, Bob McLaughlin, KLAC Disc Jockey will conduct a simulated version of his audience participation show with games and prizes for participants. McLaughlin will start his show at 8 p.m.

On Saturday at 10:30, Linda and Lou Crosby, stars of the show "The Crosbys Calling" on KHJ-TV, will visit the market to sign autographed pictures and serve Pepsi Cola and Tuna patties to their friends and give free balloons to all the kiddies. The Crosbys will visit the Food Giant for an hour and a half.

Rourke To Appear
Jack Rourke, the genial master of ceremonies of the KABC Show "Ladies Matinee," will present a version of that show at 2 p.m., Saturday, from the stage in front of the market. And to round out the entertainment billing, Eddie Clethro and his KTLA Western Varieties Band will entertain from 2 to 5 and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

Orchids will be given away to the ladies shopping in the market from 12 to 3 p.m. on Friday, and from 10 to 6 on Saturday.

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