

Air Pollution Control Hits All-Time High

Denial of permits to operate equipment which would pollute the air in Torrance and other parts of Los Angeles County reached an all-time high during the month of May, with 57 applications turned down, it was reported to the Board of Supervisors in the County Air Pollution Control District's monthly report.

Permits were issued for the operation of 193 installations and authority was given for the construction of 141 new pieces of equipment during the same period. Value of control equipment approved last month was \$337,900, bringing industrial expenditures for air pollution control devices to \$10,274,500. Approval was also given by District engineers for \$5,158,500 worth of basic equipment. Total to date in the latter category is \$116,722,500.

'53 Tracts May Break Record

County subdivision records may reach an all-time high during the fiscal year 1952-53, director of planning, Earl J. Esse, of the Regional Planning Commission, stated this week.

In April of this year 79 subdivisions were received for processing by the Regional Planning Commission as compared with a previous high of 77 tracts in March 1950.

Since it is unlikely that there be any marked decrease in subdivision activity in the immediate future, Esse said 1952-53 will be the greatest subdivision year in the history of the county's Regional Planning Commission.

THREE DEFENSE HEADS
First three Secretaries of Defense in the United States were James Forrestal, Louis E. Johnson, and Robert A. Lovett, in that order.



EIGHT-DAY WAIT ENDS . . . Betty Petersson and Bob Grieshaber, graduating seniors at Torrance High School, accept new 21-jewel Bulova "Excellency" watches from Tom Wilkes, manager of Howard's Jewelers. The seniors won the watches when the hands of an eight-day clock stopped opposite their names on a pin-wheel in the window of Howard's Jewelers, 1503 Cabello Ave. The stunt is an annual affair with the local jewelers.

King Wants Tax Payers Opinions On Tax Revisions

Congressman Cecil R. King, announced from Washington this week that the House Ways and Means Committee, of which he is a ranking member, will start hearings June 16 on revisions to our tax collecting system

and called for letters from Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer expressing their individual views which he will bring to the attention of the assembled lawmakers for consideration.

Appearing personally before his committee to express their views on the collection of revenues for the nation will be many persons representing powerful interests—business groups, chambers of commerce, I.A.B.O. organizations, farm groups, and others who have the time and money to travel to Washington for this purpose, King pointed out.

Considering, however, that individual taxpayers represent the largest contributor to the nation's income—an estimated 30 billion dollars during the fiscal year 1953—it is only proper that the individual thoughts and views of the taxpayers should be solicited and brought to the attention of the Ways and Means Committee as consideration is given to revision of the tax collecting system," Congressman King stated.

Some 40 tax topics are scheduled for study during this session of Congress, and Congressman King listed the first ten that will be heard during the next few weeks as follows:

1. Qualifications For the Dependency Credit. (Should par-

ents still be allowed a \$600 personal exemption for the dependent son or daughter even though the son or daughter earns \$600 or more in a single year?)

2. The Expenses of Child or Dependency Care for Working Wives, Widows, etc. (Question is, whether expenses of baby-sitter, cost of nursery homes, while provider is working should be considered as deductible expense from income. H. R. 3079, a measure sponsored by Congressman King, would allow these expenses to be deducted.)

3. The Deduction of Medical and Dental Expenses. (Should all such expenses be deductible, or how much. The present law allows expenses that exceed 5 per cent of gross income.)

4. Deductions of Charitable Contributions, Interest, Taxes and Casualty Losses. (Should all such expenses be deductible?)

5. College and Educational Expenses. (Should parents be entitled to a special exemption or how much of education cost. Should teachers taking special courses during summer be given consideration?)

6. Business Expense Deductions from Adjusted Gross Income. (Such as traveling expenses, entertainment expenses, work clothes, and the relationship of these deductions to the standard deductions. H. R. 2958, another King-sponsored bill, would allow expenses for transportation to and from work as a deductible item.)

7. Alimony and Separate Maintenance and Support Payments. (Should these be deductible items in lieu of court order?)

8. Income-Splitting and Head of Household Provisions. (Should widows and other single persons who have a dependent to support, such as a child or mother or father, be entitled to split their income the same as married persons? H. R. 4595, another King-sponsored bill gives broader interpretation to those claiming "head of household.")

9. The Time and Manner of Filing Returns and Declaration for Individuals.

10. Techniques for Alleviating Double Taxation of Dividends. Letters from taxpayers with their wives on these tax problems or other Congressional matters should be addressed to Congressman Cecil R. King, 1125 House Office Bldg., Washington 25, D. C.

Moose to Show Orphan Films

Two films, showing the lives led by orphan children in "City of Childhood," will be shown at the Torrance Moose Lodge hall, 1744 Carson St., tomorrow night at 8 p.m., according to Daniel Desmond, governor of the Torrance Loyal Order of Moose.

The films, "Mooseheart Story" and "Faith of Our Fathers," will show the children living the lives of normal, happy children at play, at school, and at work.

Desmond has issued a public invitation to the people of Torrance to view the films and the results of the work of the local Moose as well as that of other lodges throughout the country. Refreshments will be served.

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