



A NEW LOOK . . . Painters this week swarmed over the exterior of the huge modern Torrance Herald building at 1619 Gramercy Ave. to give it a new coat of paint. The

interior has been redecorated and new windows are being installed on the front of the five and one-half years old building.

### Annual Legion Fireworks Show Slated for Coliseum

The 22nd annual American Legion Fireworks Show will be presented Sunday evening, the Fourth of July, highlighting Los Angeles' observance of Independence Day will be bigger and better than ever before, according to Harry Myers, veteran showman and producer of the "greatest of all fireworks shows."

"Since 1933 the American Legion has offered Southern California the finest programs that it has been possible to assemble. However, there is no doubt that the 1954 fireworks spectacle will exceed all previous displays in both magnitude and brilliance, Myers stated.

"Thearle-Duffield, the world's largest fireworks display company, has been commissioned again this year to set off a record number of sky rockets, star shells and other types of aerial effects which will be second to none."

"In addition," Myers said, "there will be 35 separate events, including more than a dozen outstanding displays, which will be true masterpieces of the fireworks art. The Bombardment of Fort McHenry, the inspiration for Francis Scott Key's "Star Spangled Banner" will be dramatized and realistically reproduced. In keeping with the American Legion's nation-wide "Back

to God" movement, Thearle-Duffield will present a huge stained-glass window and cross which will be truly spectacular. Another set piece, The Japanese Pagoda, will stretch out nearly 200 feet in length."

### Four Year Scholarship To SC Won by Student

Henry W. Croskey, of 20046 LaSalle Ave., has received a four-year scholarship to the University of Southern California for scholastic achievement, it was revealed this week.

Croskey was one of 18 student recipients of the Laura Arkel Platt awards. Each scholarship is renewable for a four-year period on completion of satisfactory work.

### Planners OK Trailer Court

A petition for a variance and conditional permit to build a 76-unit trailer park between Western Ave. and Gramercy Pl. on 174th St. was recommended to the City Council for approval Wednesday by the Planning Commission, subject to the conditions of the new trailer court ordinance, passed Tuesday.

The petition was filed in March by Charles Stearns and periodic extensions were granted awaiting the passage of the ordinance. The City Council adopted it on second and final reading, Tuesday evening.

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### 3 Rubber Plants Put up for Sale

Three Torrance rubber plants will be put up for bids from 36 companies by the Rubber-Producing Facilities Disposal Commission, it was revealed last week.

They are the butadiene plant operated by Shell Chemical Co., the styrene plant of Dow Chemical Co. and the rubber processing plant of Midland Rubber Co., all located between Figueroa St. and Vermont Ave.

The plants were built in 1948 under RFC financing and have been operated since by private companies. Each of the three companies has indicated that it will put in a bid to retain its plant.

**To Call High Bidders**  
The 36 certified companies have submitted 56 proposals and 19 alternate proposals for acquisition of the plants. Negotiations will start with the high bidder for each facility, the commission said. These bidders will be called in as soon as appointments can be made.

In addition to price, other criteria in the disposal act passed by Congress require that national security, financial responsibility, technical competence and competitive aspects with particular regard to small business enterprises, shall be considered.

**AC Must Approve**  
The law specifies that the At-

torney General must be consulted and approve the sales from the standpoint of creating a free competitive industry.

The commission will proceed with negotiations without disclosing prices offered for the facilities and without publicly identifying the facilities sought by any company.

If a bidder loses out on its first choice it has the right to negotiate for any other facility in the particular category.

### Apartments On Crenshaw Get Approval

Another step toward creating an "Apartment Row" on Crenshaw Blvd. was taken Wednesday night when the Planning Commission filed a permit for apartments between 178th and 182nd Sts. over the protest of the owner of some single-family dwellings across the street.

The petition, made by Allen L. Nelson, for a variance and conditional permit to construct four family apartments in the area was recommended to the City Council for approval. The land is zoned R-2—a two-family residential zoning.

Planning Commissioners stated that apartments are needed in the area and that Crenshaw Blvd. has been set aside for that type of construction because it is a boulevard.

### Former Indianans To Attend Picnic

Californians who came from Indiana will gather Sunday, June 27, at Bixby Park in Long Beach for the annual picnic of the Indiana State Society, at which the Municipal Band will provide music.

### Safe Cities To be Cited At Luncheon

The Annual Awards Luncheon for safe cities and counties will be held under California Safety Council auspices Wednesday, June 23, 12 noon at the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

Governor Goodwin J. Knight will present the Awards to representative delegations from 16 cities and nine counties named by the CSC Safe City Awards Committee in the respective population categories of the safest city and county, the city showing the combined best record of safety and improvement and to the county having made the most significant contribution to traffic safety progress during the year. Torrance is not among the award cities.

Members of County and City Governments, traffic law enforcement officials, civic leaders and representatives of industry and business will be in attendance.

Awards will be presented in seven population categories in the form of trophies and plaques. The California Safety Council is currently engaged in a State-wide Traffic Safety Crusade in cooperation with Local Traffic Safety Organizations in an attempt to reduce accidents and fatalities by 20% through the cooperation of 1,200,000 individual operators who are being asked to sign "Safe Driving Pledge" and display Safety Crusade bumper stickers.

### Printer Takes PIA Courses

T. W. Robinson, of 4326 W. 177th St., is one of 12 local printing supervisors who have taken advanced study courses covering foreman-management training under auspices of Printing Industries Association, local trade group, it was announced this week.

The 12 bring to more than 140 the number of Supervisors and foremen who have taken part in this training since the program's inception in July, 1952, according to Henry Henneberg, PIA general manager.

Seniors are intended, Henneberg added, to give ment, ment and supervisory personnel opportunities to set up more efficient plant operations through improved production methods and worker morale.

### Blood Drive Set by Moose

Members of the Torrance Moose lodge will establish a lodge "Blood Bank" with the cooperation of the Red Cross, tomorrow at the Civic Auditorium, Joseph Platt, lodge governor, announced yesterday.

A call to both the members of the lodge and the Chapter to donate a pint of blood to establish the "bank" was issued in the June bulletin of the fraternity. Donors have been asked to state the lodge's name when appearing at the Civic Auditorium.

The Red Cross will accept participants up to 7 P.M. to accommodate men and women working during the day.

**Promotion Revealed**  
The appointment of Donald B. Benedict as Works Manager of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Company, a Division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation, was announced this week by H. D. Kinsey, vice-president of Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Co.

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