

### State Releases Names of Many Local Drivers

Drivers' names who had their licenses suspended or revoked over the Christmas holidays were released today by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Those from the Torrance area included:

Jack O. Abeyta, 422 W. 235th St., financial responsibility law; Eric Arestad, 233 W. 234th St., bad driving record; Emelio E. Baca, 26114 Eshelman Ave., financial responsibility law; Raymond Belhumeur, 18103 1/2 S. Denker Ave., financial responsibility law.

Mary Louise Calitri, 1548 W. Carson St., financial responsibility law; Russell E. Carr, 17823 Evelyn Ave., financial responsibility law; Dorothy Clark, 609 W. 235th St., financial responsibility law; John W. Correll, 2688 Pacific Coast Hwy., bad driving record.

Elwood J. Ferguson, 1051 W. 190th St., financial responsibility law; Ernest A. Hampel, 21900 S. Figueroa St., financial responsibility law; Bernard R. Hila, 23715 Allene St., financial responsibility law; Johnnie L. Layton, 21235 Bola St., driving while license suspended; Stuart Manly, 17018 S. Western Ave., second drunk driving conviction; Tom Nieto, 25519 S. Normandie Ave., first drunk driving conviction; Leon F. Sana, 1335 W. 168th St., bad driving record; James W. Seagel, 1305 Post Ave., financial responsibility law; Robert V. Smith, 1005 Fonthill Ave., bad driving record.

Those convicted of drunk driving, but who did not have licenses suspended were: Mary C. Gaston, 2519 El Dorado St.; Marvin J. Graham, 4633 Darien Ave.; Harry F. McLellan, 21427 S. Vermont Ave.; Louis T. Rumas, 21232 Lynton Ave.; Donna J. Strickland, 22411 Linda Dr.

Licenses were reinstated to: George R. Bates, 1045 Fiat St.; Dean Black, 1710 W. 213th St.; Gary D. Bollinger, 20524 S. New Hampshire Ave.; Gilbert H. Cortez, 3240 W. 187th St.; Mrs. Richard Hoff, 3201 Opal Ave.; Neal Bob Kukuca, 4308 W. 29th St.

Jesus C. Perez, 2060 W. 203rd St.; Charles Roach, 1739 S. Western Ave.; Walter B. Rogers, 1738-A Cabrillo Ave.; Hatlie M. Smith, 1830 Torrance Blvd.



**A FACE-LIFTING . . .** The "New Look" in mail trucks showed up here last week when Postmaster Clara Conner took delivery of a brightly painted red, white, and blue mail truck. All mail trucks will be painted in these hues in the future. Here Mrs. Conner helps Driver Eugene Frederick load up for the first run in the bright truck.

### REYNOLDS KNIGHT 1955 Prosperity Rests Heavily On Automobile Industry Growth

The prosperous 1955 we hope we have just entered rests heavily on a big year for the pivotal automobile industry. An authority on automobile sales has just predicted that sales this year should go well above 1954's \$4.4 billion.

The authority's reasoning is this: The economic outlook has improved.

During 1954, 8,750,000 automobile installment contracts were paid up. Eleven million more such contracts mature in 1955. These people are all auto users; they are prospects in 1955 for cars, new or used.

Competition has upgraded all models of 1955 automobiles; they have more sales appeal. Family growth continues high, and high incomes mean more two- or three-car families.

New roads, both toll and free, make driving an automobile more of a pleasure.

Put all these factors together, says the official, and the only way for auto sales to go is upward.

**AUTOMATON GROWS** — Sharper competition is impelling industry toward greater automatic operation, and a 1955 trend will be more and more spending for instrumentation.

So says the president of a firm known as a leading maker of automatic control equipment.

The application of automaton is a logical outgrowth of managerial interest in more production from men and machines, says the official. Even so, he believes that up to now, no more than 15 per cent of the full potential application of automatic control has been realized.

He insists that industrial control equipment should be regarded as an integral part of new plant design, rather than gadgetry to be added after the machinery is in place. Current estimates are that business spending for plant and equipment will be lower than 1954's total of some \$26.7 billion — by no more than 4 per cent. Between 50 and 60 per cent of this spending will be aimed at modernizing and improving existing plants. More and more improvement consists of making operations more nearly automatic.

**BUILDING OUTLOOK**—New records in home building are expected to be set in 1955, and with the increase in dollar volume will go a rise in the quality of dwellings erected, declares Verne W. Boget, chairman of the Tile Council of America.

"This is good news for makers of clay floor and wall tile," said Boget. "In 1954 these materials had a sales gain of 20 per cent, compared to a 5 per cent rise in domestic construction outlays.

"The trend to larger families, the availability of mortgage money, and the extension of repayment terms to 30 years will combine to foster demand for bigger and better homes, as well as more homes. Our industry expects to see most homes built with at least one-and-a-half tiled bathrooms, and in many instances two. Demand for clay tile in kitchens is increasing, too."

New school and hospital building offers another major market for clay tile. In these two fields maintenance costs are a major item, and easy-to-maintain clay tile earns a preference.

**BIG YEAR FOR PENS** — The writing equipment industry enters 1955 with prospects for a record sales year, tougher competition, and a leveling off of half-price sales, in the opinion of one of its leaders.

The president of a large pen

### Isen to Head Red Cross Fund Drive

Albert Isen, attorney and member of the City Council, will lead Torrance during the 1955 Red Cross fund campaign, according to word received this week from Frank Afton, Southwest Regional fund chairman.

In accepting the top volunteer post, Isen, who is chairman of the Torrance Red Cross Branch, said he expects to release the names of those who will fill leadership posts next week.

Apart from his coming campaign duties, Isen is past president and member of the Torrance Lions Club, and member of the Elks Club.

Local Red Cross fund raising operations will be conducted from Branch Headquarters at 2325 Torrance Blvd., one of four offices set up in the Southwest area for campaign purposes.

Aside from Torrance, other communities to participate in the southwest area Red Cross fund raising program include the following branches: Gardena, Lomita-Harbor City, Palos Verdes, Inglewood-Lennox, Hawthorne, El Segundo, South Bay and Lawndale.

More than 5,000 volunteers must be recruited in order to raise approximately \$58,000, which the Southwest area will seek as their quota of the Los Angeles chapter goal of \$3,037,750, according to Afton.

**CHEMICAL ADVANCES**—Advances in the application of chemicals to improving textiles and paper rank among the most significant achievements of the chemical industry, one company reported in a year-end review.

"It is a natural products and industries, hard-pressed by synthetic fibers, have been given a second wind by the use of our Eycar nitrile latex," used as a permanent size, promises to put denim fabrics, for example, into the higher-quality markets where they never have been before. Such treated denims won't fade or run, and resist wear five times as well as ordinary denim.

Other types of cotton goods can be treated to improve wear and wrinkle resistance, and the same Hycar latex can give specialty papers desired qualities of toughness, softness, or resistance to oils, solvents, and water.

### Pre-School Registration At Halldale

Registration for the Halldale pre-kindergarten school, 21514 Halldale Ave., will be held from Jan. 24 to 28 for the second semester, which begins Jan. 31.

Children must be five years old on or before May 1 and must present a legal document as proof of birth, according to Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, school principal.

She also pointed out that children on the waiting list are automatically registered and parents are asked to pick up admittance cards at the school on Jan. 31.

There are 37 teachers at the school and more than 1300 children are expected to enroll for the second semester.

### Thieves Hit Local Plants

Deputy sheriffs were wondering this week whether somebody was planning to set up a business with construction materials taken in recent burglaries.

Welding equipment, an electric drill and a number of valves, valued at \$2196, were taken from the Bell Processes, Inc., James C. Harris reported Tuesday.

Apparently driving a truck onto the premises, despite a locked gate, they got the heavy equipment, and apparently tried to take away other stationary equipment.

At the same time, the Golden State Staff and Stone Co., of 19201 Hamilton St., reported the theft of four metal wheelbarrows worth \$120.

A near Compton firm recently reported the theft of a \$1000 electric welder.

### Motorists Heading for Snow Warned

Driving to the mountains and snow? The California Highway Patrol admonishes you to be prepared to cope with the additional hazards of icy roadways and heavy snow.

"A set of skid chains in good condition, a shovel, and extra caution are all necessary for safety," declared Patrol Commissioner B. R. Caldwell. "Pack the chains and shovel where they can easily be reached when you arrive in the snow country."

"Caution is vital for icy pavements are treacherous and can slip you into accident trouble quickly. Caution in the snow means alertness for icy spots on an otherwise clear pavement and a speed that is in accordance with such conditions."

"It also means being on the lookout for the chain control signs either advising or requiring them. The smart driver will always heed the chains advisable sign and install them

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