

## Stone and Myers Serve Torrance Area 33 Years

Serving the Torrance area for the past 33 years has been an achievement of Stone and Myers mortuary, located at Ingracia and Craven's avenues. Plans for the future, however, are first in the minds of the entire organization, according to J. Hugh Sherfy Jr. and Bessie Stone Myers, present partners.

When O. W. Stone came to Lomita in 1922 he already had long and successful experiences in the "undertaking" business in his home state of Iowa. A year later Charles F. Myers joined him and together they built up the cornerstone of a reputation that enabled the firm to expand to its original Torrance location on Cabrillo Ave. in 1923 and then to its spacious present quarters in December, 1928.

In the more than three decades, Stone and Myers have served hundreds of Torrance area families. From the one automobile hearse used by Founder Stone in 1922, the fleet of Stone and Myers vehicles has grown to six. Until 1946 the firm offered ambulance service.

Local point of the modern facilities is the attractive, newly remodeled ceiling, massive lighting fixtures and stained glass windows provide a tasteful sanctuary that has been the scene of the largest memorial services in the Torrance area. An added feature is an electric organ.

General management of Stone and Myers is under the direction of Hugh Sherfy Jr., former mayor and active in community affairs. Sherfy currently heads the Salvation Army fund drive and last year was chairman of the Red Cross fund campaign. Charles Goodale is resident manager.

## Famed Steeple To Be Rebuilt, Industry Aids

The steeple of Old North Church, Boston, Mass., from which flashed the lantern signals which sent Paul Revere on his midnight ride in Revolutionary days, will be rebuilt "stronger and higher" by money contributed by U.S. manufacturers and others.

Hurricane winds of 100 m.p.h. toppled the historic tower August 31. A move to raise funds for rebuilding the steeple was initiated by Charles J. Hardy, Jr., board chairman of ACP Industries, Inc. Earl Bunting, managing director of the National Association of Manufacturers, wired Mr. Hardy:

"Happy to serve on the committee to raise funds for restoration of the steeple. I am certain American industry will respond to an appeal for funds."

Recalling that the first steeple, blown down by a gale in 1864, had been raised 16 feet shorter than the original, the NAM official added:

"Since the very freedoms which Old North Church symbolizes are now in as great danger as they were on the fateful night of April of 1775, it seems to me that the steeple should be rebuilt to its original height. Let it stand as high as we can make it, so that it emerges above the darkness of doubt as a beacon for all men who have aspirations to be free."

"You may be sure that American industry welcomes the opportunity to restore this revered symbol of our never-ending fight for liberty, and that industry will build it so strong that never again will it be endangered."

## Printing Co. Serves City For 30 Years

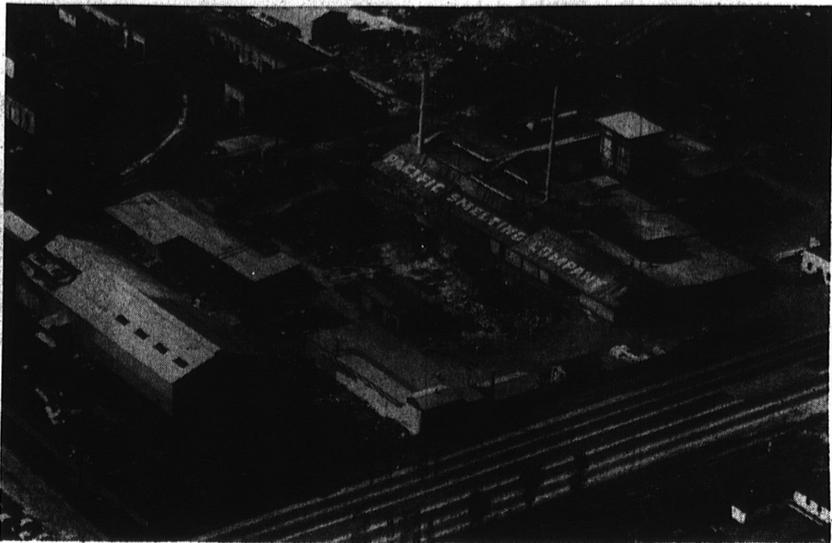
The largest printing and lithographing plant in the South Bay area, the Automatic Printing Co., 1318 Cabrillo Ave., has been in Torrance for over 30 years.

All types of work is done at the plant, including carbon manifold printing, magazines, color brochures, machine bookkeeping forms, and other printed materials.

Many Southern California firms have their work done at the Automatic Printing Co., which is managed by Lyle Bain.



"You lucky little stiff—wish I had a Boys' Club to go to!"



HERE SINCE 1920 . . . The Pacific Smelting Co. has been a Torrance industry for 35 years. The plant, located at 23219 Western Ave., is one of the primary suppliers of slab zinc to steel mills, brass alloys, job galvanizers and water heater manufacturers on the Pacific Coast and in the western states.



ON GREETING COMMITTEE . . . Tommy Tucker, the movie star sea lion, is welcomed by Fran Gary, on his arrival to Marineland. Tommy, who recently appeared in "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," will make his home at the Oceanarium. Captain Winston's troupe of trained sea lions are housed in temporary quarters, while a seal stadium is under construction.



THE SHAPE OF THINGS . . . The aluminum shapes produced by Harvey at the local plant are shipped all over the country to manufacturers of truck trailers, automobiles, furniture, house trailers, building specialties, aircraft, appliances, electronic units, agricultural equipment, store fixtures and fronts, to commercial and residential building companies, and to hundreds of other industries.

## Airport a Major Torrance Asset

Runway facilities for handling the largest executive-type aircraft give Torrance an added attraction to progressive industrialists. A 5100-foot heavy duty paved runway, with unobstructed approaches and three miles of paved taxi strips make Torrance Municipal airport one of the finest in Los Angeles county.

In addition to being a thriving flight center, Torrance airport already has become an industrial center with other sites available to manufacturers expected to locate on available acreage in the future. In the near future, some 35 acres of airport property are destined to become the site of a major shopping center with millions of dollars of modern commercial structures located on land leased from the city.

Torrance airport was turned over to the city shortly after World War I and since has been operated by private contract with the Torrance City Council and its Airport Commission. During the war it was a base for P-38 fighter-interceptors by the Navy and was known as the Lomita flight strip.

More than 200 light aircraft now are based at Torrance with hangar facilities for 100. The airport is operated for the city under a contract with Collins-Dietrich, Inc., with Ed Dietrich as active manager. A dozen firms are located on the field most of them engaged directly in the flying business of manufacturing and servicing.

Plans for improving existing facilities are being made with C.A.A. and California Aeronautics Commission agents working closely with Dietrich. Among immediate improvements projects is an additional turf takeoff strip to relieve weekend congestion. The new strip tentatively will be located north of the present runway and will be 2500 feet in length.

Other projects on the overall improvement program include strip lights and re-activation of the control tower. These improvements will be made when funds are available, according to city officials.

Important as the airport is to encouragement of flight activities, it is looked upon as a unique asset by Civil Defense authorities. An active Civil Air Patrol squadron, under the command of Capt. Murray Allemen, participates in all activities expected of an auxiliary

to the Army Air Force. The squadron also plays a vital role as a direct aid to local civil defense and carries on a training program for cadets.

In their role as general managers the Collins-Dietrich company provides fuel and oil service for all aircraft based on the field. In addition, the company offers hangar service, tie-down facilities, and operates its own flight school and aircraft parts store.

Other firms and manufacturers located on the field are: Vegas Airways; Bellanca Sales; Slim Kidwell; Bellanca Service; Charles Froman; Azimuth Airways, charter service; Eagle Aviation; Communications Engineering Co.; Transland Co., a division of High Shear Rivet Tool; Sheridan Gray, manufacturer of parts and machinery for sub-assemblies; Dink Aircraft experimental facility; Acme Aircraft Co. and the Douglas Flying Club.

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The company's fabricating plant for the Pacific Coast District is located at Salt Lake City, Utah. Sales offices are located at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and Salt Lake City.

Pacific Coast Erection District warehouse facilities of the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company have been located in Torrance since 1937.

Structures shown here are typical of the fabricating done by Chicago Bridge & Iron Co.