

Railroaders Seeking Home

Members of the HO-scale Harbor Model Railroad Assn. are looking for a home in the Torrance area where they can set up a permanent layout for their trains, it reported here yesterday by Robert Metcalf, secretary to the group.

Space is being sought for an 18 by 20-foot layout, Metcalf said. The 10 members of the club are completing the layout which will include freight and passenger cars as well as scale locomotives.

El Retiro Library Contract Awarded to Los Angeles Firm

Jack K. Tanner of Los Angeles has been awarded the contract to build a new library in El Retiro Park.

Councilmen Tuesday night accepted Tanner's low bid of \$24,293 for construction of the building. In addition, the city group also approved \$353 bid from Tanner for a metal sign and plaque designating the building as "El Retiro Library."

Tanner's total bid of \$24,646 was some \$300 less than the one submitted by Don B. Wolf of Torrance, and some \$16,000 less than the high bid by Post Construction of Culver City.

Deny Claim

In other action, councilmen denied a claim submitted by Henry R. Halverson of San Pedro for \$6600 in damages assertedly the result of a collision Feb. 19 between Halverson and a Torrance police car driven by Officer Donnie Cook.

Halverson's claim was for \$5000 bodily injuries, \$500 medical expense, \$2000 damage to earning capacity and wage loss, \$700 damage to auto, and \$200 for loss of use of auto.

Councilmen agreed to compile a comparative statement of revenue and expense for industrial and residential properties in accordance with a request from the Torrance Industries Tax Committee.

Attends Meeting

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The city group ordered a resolution drawn requesting establishment of criminal jurisdiction for a court serving South Bay and the Centinela Valley area. The court would be in Inglewood and would facilitate local appearances in Superior Court.

Currently, local residents must appear in either Los Angeles or Long Beach branches of Superior Court. The move to obtain a more centrally located branch is being backed by surrounding cities.

Northrop to Establish Pay Increase

Northrop Aircraft, Inc., has announced increases ranging from 2 cents to 11 cents an hour for hourly-paid personnel at the company's Northrop and Northtronics Divisions.

The increases apply to 13,065 personnel and take effect today. The raises are in addition to the 16 cents an hour cost-of-living adjustment which has gone into effect progressively over the past one and one-half years.

Employees also will be granted an additional "floating" paid holiday, set this year for Dec. 24, the day before Christmas. Date for this additional holiday will be set each year by the company.

The increases in pay apply to Northrop and Northtronics personnel at Hawthorne, Anaheim, Torrance, El Segundo, Calif.; Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala.; Holloman Air Force Base, N. M.; and Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas.

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Resident to Take Part in Theater Play

Richard French, 15, of 5305 Carol Dr., will soon be seen in "Scenes at Eight," being presented by "The School of the Magnolia Theater," 2400 Magnolia, Long Beach, on May 26 and 27, at 8 p.m.

In the "Scenes at Eight," audiences will see the youth portray some extraordinary characters, one being the humorous Mr. Tupman, great English lover, in a scene from the comedy, "Mr. Pickwick." He will also portray Tom, in a scene from Tennessee Williams' "Glass Menagerie," and young John in a scene from "Summer and Smoke."

French has previously been seen in productions throughout the Southland. At Chapel Theater, in Manhattan Beach, he appeared in "The Little Hut," and "All Summer Long." In Torrance he was seen in "Happy Time," at the Accent Theater, and in San Pedro, in "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," and "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

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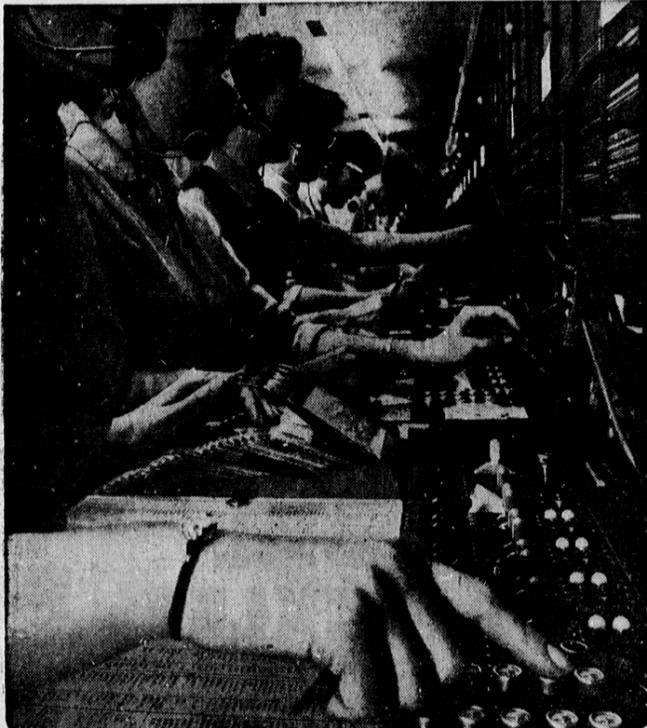
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