

# Building Industry Oppressed by Regulations, Civil Engineer Says

Government regulations, often illegal, oppress the home building industry in California, according to civil engineer J. R. Newville of Torrance.

In a speech before 2000 members of the Third Annual Pacific Coast Builders Conference in San Francisco last week, he said these illegal or excessive requirements add hundreds of dollars per home to the cost of a subdivision which is ultimately paid by the home buyer.

He addressed the group as a member of the four-man panel discussion on engineering and land planning for subdivisions.

ALTHOUGH California has one of the best State Map Acts,

too often cities and counties do not follow its spirit or intent, he declared.

"Illegal delays beyond the statutory limits for approvals, site improvements, illegal fees, excessive or over designed improvements are the most common abuses of the power which the State has given to the cities and counties."

Newville is president of Engineering Service Corp. and past president of the California Council of Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors.

MANY ABUSES, he pointed out, are brought about by the dedicated city planner who plans the ideal city without regard to cost or public opinion. City managers and council-

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(Continued from Page 1) among the other products in production there.

An expansion of Dow's Plastics Technical Service facilities here was completed in December. The additional facilities make it possible to study and develop various techniques of using polypropylene-based plastics for moulding, coating, film and foam applications.

the buyers of homes are not saddled with illegal and excessive costs."

Eventually, he concluded, this work at the local level will "show up in reduced prices for the home owner."

Newville has directed engineering and land developing for the greater part of the 1000 subdivisions and 100,000 lots developed by Engineering Service Corp. since it was founded in 1918.

## Attempt to Incorporate Fails Again

An attempt to incorporate the Carson area east of Torrance was formally abandoned Thursday after the Board of Supervisors received petitions representing more than 54 per cent of the property owners.

The action by the Supervisors marked the end of the third attempt in recent years to incorporate the six-square-mile area of 33,600 persons.

Abandonment of the incorporation plans was mandatory on the supervisory under state law when more than half of the property owners protested. Charges of forgery rocked the first hearing on the incorporation last month.



GENEROUS GIFT . . . Joseph M. Lowery (right), former County auditor and volunteer vice president of AID-United Givers, accepts check for \$3750 from Fred Rathert, assistant operations manager, Ryan Aeronautical Co., 2750 W. Lomita Blvd., which represents the company's share for the charity, health, and welfare causes supported by AID.



STILL BUCKING . . . "Roany," dean of the Andy Jauregui bucking string shows the kicking, twisting style that has made one of rodeo's best broncs for more than 20 seasons. Almost 30 years old, Roany is the oldest active bucking animal of more than 5000 in the business. The grey-headed old man of bucking broncs will be in the bucking string at the Torrance Rodeo, Aug. 5 and 6, at 2:30 p.m. The rodeo will be held behind the police station in the civic center.

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## Obituaries

### DURWOOD PALMER

Funeral services for Durwood Duane Palmer, 61, of 1612 W. 221st St., were held at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel Friday afternoon with the Rev. Edward D. Goodell officiating.

Mr. Palmer, a resident here for 33 years, died Wednesday. He was a native of Kansas.

He is survived by his mother, Myrtle Palmer, of Torrance; a sister, Mrs. Essa Russell, Torrance; and a brother, Arland Palmer, also of Torrance.

Interment was in Green Hills Cemetery.

### HOWARD F. LOCKHART

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Funeral services for Howard Freeland Lockhart, 73, of 1036 McFarland Ave., Wilmington, were conducted yesterday at 1 p.m. at the Halverson-Leavell Chapel. Interment was in Rose Hills Cemetery.

Mr. Lockhart is survived by his mother, Elizabeth; two daughters, Mrs. Melvin Mae Hyde, and Mrs. Thelma Leona Hood; and a sister, Mrs. Laura Mae Yewell.

## Crafts Center Offers Puppet Classes Now

Puppet classes for youngsters who would like to make puppets representing American legends will begin on Monday and Tuesday, July 24 and 25, under the auspices of the Torrance Recreation Dept.

Classes will be at the Arts and Crafts Center, Sea-Aire Park, 22730 Lupine Dr. Designed for children 6-12 years old, cost will be \$1.50 for eight lessons. One group will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.; July 24 through Aug. 23, while another will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. July 25 through Aug. 24.

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