

Conduit Installation By Telephone Company

Moving ahead with its huge program of expansion and improvement for the Torrance exchange, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company announced this week that major telephone conduit construction projects involving gross plant expenditures of nearly a quarter-million dollars are under way or planned for completion here this year.

MANAGER SMITH

Manager A. B. Smith said the project, providing a total of more than 209,000 duct feet of conduit for the installation of thousands of miles of wire in trunking cable, will greatly increase the number of circuits that can be provided between Torrance and other telephone calling areas.

Largest of the projects involves the laying of 128,000 duct feet between the Torrance and Compton exchanges. Starting at Western avenue, the route of the job proceeds along Torrance boulevard to Normandie avenue where it crosses into the Compton exchange.

Another project is the extension of present conduit from Cedar avenue west along Eldorado street to the Redondo exchange boundary, providing 32,000 duct feet at gross plant expenditures of \$30,000.

ADDITIONAL CONDUIT

Provision of additional conduit between the Torrance and Lomita exchanges along Cabrillo and Eschelman avenues involves another \$75,000 and will add nearly 49,000 duct feet to the vast network of exchange facilities.

Addition of conduit is a preliminary to the extension of underground trunking cable, Smith said. When the laying of conduit by private contractors has been completed, telephone construction forces will move in with huge reels of cable and start pulling it through the ducts. As section after section is placed, cable splicers will begin the exacting task of splicing the hundreds of individual wires to complete the calling circuits.

Chamber Puts On Installation Monday Evening

LOMITA — L. J. MacArthur was installed as president of the chamber of commerce at the annual dinner meeting of the civic organization on Monday evening.

George Nelson, retiring president, took office as vice president of the group. Other officers are John Stanton, treasurer; Mrs. Joseph Bader, secretary, for her fifth term, and Harry B. Bowker, Fin Branelette, G. J. Doyle, Ray Reed, H. P. Osborne Jr., C. E. Hopkins and John Woodman, members of the board of directors.

Thomas McGowan, a vice president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, was installing officer. On the program were films on civilian defense, shown by a representative of the county parks and recreation department.

Benner's Crew Finds No Fire

Monday's fire call close to the Noon hour turned out to be a false alarm.

It wasn't a little kid's trick, however. The Los Angeles dispatcher put in the distress signal. It just so happened that it was Greenwood in Montebello instead of in Torrance.

"The call to Torrance was an accident," said Fire Chief Benner. "When we receive a request reporting a local fire, we get there as soon as possible."

Whitaker Quits Job as Officer

Gale Whitaker, who has been with the Torrance Police Department as a patrol officer for the past five years, terminated his services today. He will take over a job in industry with more responsibility and pay.

"I've certainly enjoyed my work on the force," said Whitaker. "I'll miss the department, but one has to think of his future."

While an officer, Whitaker took an active interest in the TAPS, a youth organization sponsored by the Police Department.

Registration for Spring Starts

El Camino College registration started last Monday and classes will begin officially tomorrow, according to Forrest G. Murdock, president of the college.

He said that late registrations will be accepted until Feb. 14.

More than 400 courses, including liberal arts, sciences, personal improvement and trade subjects will be offered. Murdock pointed out that classes are tuition free.

Tax Counsellor To Arrive Soon

Torrance residents with income tax problems will have a chance to straighten them out on February 18 and 19, at the City Hall, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, revealed today.

He said that on those two days a member from the San Pedro Division of the Internal Revenue Department—a Mr. Jensen—will be there to help figure out puzzling questions.

MIRALESTE ANNEXED

Miraleste was annexed to the Lomita County Fire District by the County Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting.

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