

Shell Co. Honored At Breakfast

Shell Chemical corporation the latest private industry to locate in the Torrance area, was honored at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast Tuesday as part of Chemical Progress Week to be celebrated officially May 16 to 21.

Special guests at the breakfast included Maarten Voogd, manager of Shell Chemical plant in Torrance; G. S. Williamson, superintendent; and

other Shell officials. "The future will see a very close relationship between the life of the city of Torrance and the life of the Shell industry," Voogd told the audience. Williamson sketched the history of the synthetic rubber industry and explained the highlights of Shell's manufacturing process.

In 1910 the world output of synthetic rubber was 95,000 tons, Williamson explained. That is as much as is now produced annually by the local Shell plants alone.

The local plants supply the entire West Coast demand for synthetic rubber, it was pointed out. There are 1000 people employed at these plants.



CITIZENS TO OPEN REDONDO BEACH BRANCH... Photo above shows artist's drawing of Citizens National Bank, which will soon open new temporary quarters in Redondo Beach, at 1624 South Pacific Coast Highway. The office will be known as the South Bay branch, and will serve Redondo Beach, Hollywood Riviera and the Palos Verdes area. Complete banking services will be offered, including escrow and safe deposit facilities, and the branch will have a rear entrance for easy access to the spacious parking lot.

Prudential To Build On New Location

Ground was broken Friday, May 6 for new quarters of the South Bay District agency of the Prudential Insurance company of America in Torrance. Approximately 4550 square feet in area, the building and appointments will be completely modern, Manager Harry C. Harper said. The structure will conform to the Prudential program of situating agencies on ground floors and in areas where adequate parking facilities can be provided.

The offices will be single story brick construction. The front exterior will be faced with Roman brick. Interior walls will be stud and plaster construction. Completion is scheduled for September 1.

The South Bay agency has been located at 1603 Cravens avenue, since May, 1951, when it was moved here from San Pedro. Sixty-three persons are employed at the agency which serves the entire South Bay area south of Playa del Rey, including Westchester. Ninety-million dollars worth of insurance is currently in force at the local office.

Building and leasing arrangements are under the direction of the J. M. M. corporation. Construction will be done by Hahn-St. John company.

Braid Attends Weapons Meet

Ralph A. Braid of Harvey Machine was among representatives of American industry attending the annual meeting of the Small Arms and Small Ammunition division of the American Ordnance association in Springfield, Mass., May 5.

Residents Protest New Phone Company Building

Strong protests against a two-story telephone switching center on Palos Verdes blvd. at the Torrance-Palos Verdes Estates boundary were voiced by residents in the area before the Planning Commission last week Wednesday.

A number of petitions and individually written protests were submitted by residents of the newly constructed luxury home area, claiming that they had paid premium prices for views which were now threatened by the proposed two-story building.

The General Telephone co. has asked for a variance to construct such an edifice.

Several planning commissioners asked telephone com-

pany officials if a single story, residential type building could not be utilized here, instead.

Marshall Taylor, counsel for the company, explained that the nature of the equipment required the two-story building.

Action on the variance was held over until May 18 at which time a second public hearing is scheduled.

Commissioner Luarence C. Wing was named to head an investigating committee to study the matter. Serving with him will be J. A. Beasley and Bert Lynn.

KIN VISITING

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tan, 4212 West 173d street, have as house guests for two weeks Mrs. Tan's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Wilkinson and children of Kansas City.

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Fourth Fire Station To Be Constructed

A new Torrance Fire Department sub-station will be completed approximately within four months at Calle Miramar and Pacific Coast highway, Chief J. J. Benner announced this week.

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Tuesday morning, with city officials, Fire Department officials, and Architect Marion J. Varner attending.

The new station will house three pieces of equipment and about 15 men to a shift, Chief Benner stated.

A LAUGH is worth a hundred groans in any market.—Lamb.

OES Official Visit Held For Seven District Units

The official visit for the worthy grand matron and worthy grand patron, Thelma Rehner Warner, and Philip Fredrick Leahy, was held recently in the Redondo Beach Masonic Temple for the seven chapters of the 70th District.

All women officers were gowned in white and the men in tux. The chapter was decorated with a large bouquet in the East carrying out the colors of the year, yellow and green.

Special Escort
Special escort was given to the Worthy Grand Matron, Thelma Rehner Warner, and Philip Fredrick Leahy. She was gowned in toast colored lace

with jeweled bodice, and was presented a bouquet made in the shape of an umbrella of green and yellow tulle covered with white orchids, lily of the valley and orange blossoms. Grand Honors were extended to these two distinguished guests. Point Firmin Chapter conducted Escort.

Playa Linda Chapter officers opened in regular form with Virginia Baker, worthy matron, and Leslie Baker, worthy patron, presiding.

Torrance Chapter Conducts
Regular escort was conducted by Torrance chapter with Worthy Matron Phyllis Peverly, and Worthy Patron Earl Wells presiding. Corrine Orban Melville, past grand matron and Logan R. Cotton, past grand patron were escorted and given Grand Honors. The following grand officers were present and escorted: Mabel Tellefson, associate grand matron; Beatrice Brooks, grand organist; Loreta Green, grand Ruth; Ellen Kelhart, grand Esther; Marion Clough, grand Electa, and a large number of deputy grand matrons. The visiting W.M. and W.P. of other districts as well as the past matrons and past patrons of the district were introduced.

Those from Torrance Chapter were Florence Veillenave, Jeanette Clark, Garnet Satterfield, Vivian Cook and Vincent Viellenave.

Chapter was closed by Lolita Chapter officers.

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