

Ryan to Add 600 to Payroll in Torrance Plant

Approximately 600 more workers will be added to the payroll at the Ryan Aeronautical Company's Torrance plant next summer when three new buildings are completed by the company.

The present work force of 400 will be increased to 1,000 as soon as the three buildings are added to Ryan's facilities at the Torrance Municipal Airport. When peak production in assembling Firebee target drone missiles is reached by early 1959, the employment roll will be approximately 1,700.

This estimate was advanced by Ryan Company officials as they announced the award of a \$814,000 contract to Carter Construction Co., Los Angeles, to construct two production buildings and an addition to the office building.

An 180 by 400 foot assembly building, and a 180 by 220 foot shipping-receiving and tooling fabrication and repair building will be the two production units to be constructed. Two stories will be added to the present office building.

The new facilities were ordered to meet the accelerated production schedule on the Firebee drone. Last May, Ryan began assembling the drone at its newly acquired plant in Torrance and soon outgrew the 137,000 square feet of floor space.

The two new production buildings will add 140,400 square feet of additional floor space to enable Ryan to expand its missile output. At the same time, the company plans to transfer production of Douglas

DC-8 Jetliner jet engine power plants and pylon assemblies from its San Diego factory to the Torrance division.

The new facilities will be of steel framework, with wood and stucco walls. An overhead sprinkler system will run through both factory buildings.

The contract awarded to Carter Construction Co. calls for completion of the two factory buildings four months after construction begins, and the office addition will take four and a half months.



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PROPOSE 'SELF-CENSORSHIP' TO CURB LEWD MAGAZINES

ONE KILLED, 10 HURT IN AREA AUTO ACCIDENTS

One Torrance resident was killed and ten others injured this week when hazardous driving conditions resulted in a series of traffic accidents in the area.

Killed when he drove his motorcycle into cables stretched between two telephone poles was Alfred Chason, 24, of 22131 S. Main st. San Pedro police found his mutilated body, and the body of Dorothy Barrand Kennedy, 28, of Hawthorne, who rode on the back of the cycle.

They were found on the beach, outside the Terminal Island sea wall, Sunday. Police said Chason apparently tried to guide his motorcycle between the two poles and did not see the guy wires supporting the poles.

Heavy rains and poor visibility

over the weekend caused five other auto accidents which brought injuries to ten persons: Mrs. Lorraine A. Berry, 24, of 24241 Ward st., suffered a possible concussion, when the car she was driving went out of control and plowed into two cars parked at the intersection of Pacific Coast hwy. and Neece ave. Her husband, John L. Berry, was uninjured.

Edward Sepeda, 44, of 2027 1/2 Lomita Blvd., was seriously injured when his car collided head-on with a car driven by Kenneth Arens, 18, a Camp Pendleton Marine. Sepeda lost control of his car and it hurtled across Crenshaw Blvd. near 203 st. into Aren's auto.

Sepeda's son, Kenneth, 15, who was also badly hurt, told police his father "was in no

condition to drive." A passenger in the Arens car, Patricia Roberts, 17, of Lawndale, was treated for minor cuts and bruises.

Three members of the family of Harry C. Dunlop, 29, of 19329 Donora ave., were injured when Dunlop cut his wheel to avoid another car bearing down on him and crashed into the rear of a vehicle parked at Aviation Blvd. near First st.

His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Dunlop, suffered a broken nose and cuts on her face from glass fragments when her head struck the windshield. Harry, Jr., 10, was treated for a large bump on his forehead, and James, 6, was treated for a severely cut lip. Dunlop and another son, David, 3, were uninjured.

In another accident, a three-year old Billy Micholosky, of 1005 Cranbrook ave., received minor injuries when the car his father, Boris, 37, was driving, crashed into the rear of an auto driven by Robert L. Ponedal, of Hawthorne. Ponedal had stopped for a signal at Crenshaw and 187 st.

A San Pedro woman, Mrs. Fumiko Sawataki, 38, was injured in Torrance Sunday when her car was struck at Cabrillo ave. and 220 st. by one driven by Lewis J. Stout, 44, of 22525 Susana ave.

Council Asks Dealer Action

The City Council found itself powerless to halt the sale of magazines described as containing lewd and obscene stories and photographs but took steps Tuesday evening to make it tough on distributors of the literature.

City Attorney Stanley Remelmeier was ordered by the council to prepare an ordinance barring the sale and distribution of material defined as lewd and obscene. The proposed ordinance will be considered at the November 26 council meeting.

Invited to the meeting for a pre-council session were the two major distributors of 25 magazines believed to fall within the definition of lewd and obscene literature. The distributors are Independent Magazines Co., of San Pedro, and Charles Ridgely, of Wilmington.

At the same time, Mayor Al

bert Isen, stymied in his attempt to have 14 Torrance merchants who sell the magazines asked to the pre-council meeting, announced that he would request the merchants to act as "self-censors."

POLICE INVESTIGATE

The council treaded gingerly on the hot issue which involves interference with the constitutional guarantees of a free press. But they were outspoken in condemning the display and sale of the magazines contained in a list presented by Lt. D. C. Cook, Torrance Police Department Juvenile Officer.

Cook, ordered by the council to investigate the complaint of the North Torrance Civic Association against the distribution of lewd literature in the area, told the council that there was no law against distributing and selling the literature.

"Besides," he added, "these magazines have never been proven to be lewd and lascivious. Some people consider it art." The council's directive, and the civic association's complaint were so vague, he said, that he and Police Chief Percy Bennett wrote to Attorney General Pat Brown to get the state's view on the problem of what is art and what is lewd.

He listed 25 magazines which, he said, could be considered to fall within the type of magazines the civic association complained about. These magazines contained so-called "expose" stories, and photographs of nudes and semi-nudes.

ADULTS ONLY

Councilman Robert Jahn said that on the basis of Lt. Cook's report "it is obvious that something should be done."

He added: "I don't want to deny people the privilege of getting these magazines if they want to read them, but I do want to make sure they don't get in the hands of children."

Jahn proposed that stores keep the magazines out of the reach of children or put them under the counter, but Isen interrupted to suggest that stores cut the magazines out entirely. "Otherwise, they're bootlegging," Isen maintained, "and you know how hard that is to control."

Isen proposed that the council send Lt. Cook around to see the managers of the 14 stores and ask their cooperation to halt the sale of the magazines. "I'm certain that a big majority of the managers are ethical enough to take the magazines off their stands," he said.

"But I would like Lt. Cook to tell us where the 'no' answers come from," he explained.

MOTION FAILS

His proposal failed because no council member would second his motion. Isen then announced that he would write a personal letter to the 14 managers urging them to censor the magazines on their own.

"This is not a book burning expedition," he maintained. "This is self-censorship."

As a guide in drawing up the proposed city ordinance to halt the spread of the magazines, Remelmeier was asked to study the ordinances in effect in Los Angeles and Long Beach. Both ordinances were in Lt. Cook's report.

City Cleans Up 227 Oil Well Violations

Twenty oil companies with wells in the South Torrance oil field were charged with failing to comply with the city's requirements for fences and other safety devices around their equipment.

The companies were named in a report made by City Planning Director George C. Powell to the city council. Powell said that after a concerted drive by the city, oil companies have corrected 227 of the 275 violations cited against them.

He named the following owners of companies that have thus far failed to correct violations: E. S. Arnn; Justina Bruhn; California Southern Oil Co.; K. H. Day; W. H. Easley; M. H. Fordstein; Hill Associates; Kesson & Snyder; L. M. S. Oil Co.; A. J. Lowden; W. E. Luckett; Moon Oil Co.; J. E. Pettijohn; Pacific Western; Richfield Oil Co.; Tavana Oil Co.; Vi-Roi Oil Co.; Western Production; M. E. Wertalia, and Secunda Oil Co.

Powell said legal action would be taken against the companies to force compliance with city ordinances if no corrective action is started by the companies.

He reported that over 100 derricks were dismantled in the area last year and estimated that another hundred would be thrown down by the end of 1957. Standard Oil and Tidewater

have already removed all their derricks, and Pacific Western Oil and California Southern Oil Companies have indicated their intention to level all their derricks.

Powell also told the council that the present oil well code is being rewritten to place more responsibility for enforcement of the ordinance on the planning department.

Press Classified Ad Proves Its Pulling Power

The pulling power of a Torrance Press classified ad stays and stays, according to Earl Kent, 2007 Gramercy ave.

Kent placed an ad offering to rent a one-bedroom house Thursday morning when Kent began getting phone calls.

He rented the house immediately. But the phone did not stop ringing for five days.

The story has two morals: A Torrance Press classified ad gets immediate results, and a Torrance Press classified ad continues to attract people for many a day.

If you have anything to sell, rent or buy, try a Torrance Press classified ad. Call FA. 8-2345.

Hourly Pay At Douglas Rises 2 Cents

Wage rates of Douglas Aircraft Company hourly employees went up two cents an hour this week, equivalent to an annual increase of more than \$1,500,000 for 55,000 employees in Southern California.

The cost of living increase, based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics Index, affects employees at all divisions, including Torrance, Santa Monica, El Segundo and Long Beach.

Cost of living increases account for 12-cents of the current hourly wage rates since the first adjustment went into effect August 1, 1956. The latest rise will remain in effect until February 2, at which time it will be subjected to another adjustment in accordance with the cost of living index.

Christmas Comes Early for 900

Checks totaling in excess of \$112,000 will be mailed Monday, to more than 900 members of the Christmas Club savings plan at California Bank's Torrance Office, according to A. O. Otsea, vice president and manager.

Payment of the money, with interest, is being timed to arrive in the mail boxes at the start of the Christmas buying season. Customers may begin opening their 1958 Christmas Club accounts immediately, Otsea said.

A total of more than \$2,500,000 is being sent to approximately 21,000 Christmas Club members throughout the bank's 63 branch offices.

Police Arrest Hit-Runner

Torrance police held Arthur J. Simpson, 32, of 927 Arlington ave. Wednesday on charges that he ran down a 53-year-old Torrance woman and then sped from the scene of the accident.

Mercedes M. Carter, of 1221 El Prado ave. was struck by Simpson's car as she was crossing at Cravens and Cabrillo aves. Tuesday evening. A witness took down Simpson's license number as he fled.

Simpson was arrested by police Tuesday night at his place of business on Caballo ave. Miss Carter was released from Harbor General Hospital after treatment for minor injuries and shock.



POLICE CHIEF Percy Bennett looks over the score of a song that Roberta Lynn, TV's former Champagne Girl, will give out with at the annual Torrance Police Officers Association Dance and stage show this Saturday at 9 p.m. in the Long Beach Civic Auditorium. Jerry Gray's Band will furnish the dance tunes and provide the background music for the six-act show. Tickets are \$3 each and the funds go to support police association activities and donations to civic and youth organizations sponsored by Torrance police.



"CHIEF EAGLE FEATHER" Frank Bell, a full-blooded Cherokee Indian chief, is, appropriately enough, a sergeant of the guards on Harvey Aluminum's plant protection force in Torrance. Chief Eagle Feather was a vaudeville star during the twenties and thirties, touring the world as the only Indian tap dancer. His home address is 1729 West 165th pl. Gardena.

County Grants \$20,000 To Widen Prairie Ave.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced this week that the Board of Supervisors has allocated \$20,000 in gas tax funds to the City of Torrance to be used in widening and improving Prairie ave. between 174 and 182 sts.

Money will be appropriated out of the special highway-through-cities fund of the second district on the basis that the improvement of this segment of Prairie will be of general county interest, Supervisor Hahn stated.

He noted that the plans for the work, prepared by Torrance City Engineer Ronald W. Bishop, call for widening the street to four full lanes of traffic on a right of way of 80 feet. Work will also include curbs, gutters and paved shoulders most of the distance.

"In addition to providing a better, less congested roadway for motorists, this project will also help to provide better traffic safety for children attending the Perry and Edison elementary schools and North High School," Supervisor Hahn stated.

Construction will be under the supervision of the City of Torrance, which is expected to advertise for bids on the project within the next two weeks.

City Firemen to 'March' For Muscular Dystrophy

Captain Walter W. West, of the Torrance Fire Department, has been appointed by the Fire Fighters Local 1138 as Campaign Chairman to head their 1957 March for Muscular Dystrophy. It was announced this week by Fire Chief J. J. Bennett.

Just as they did so successfully in 1954, the Torrance Firemen will again volunteer their off duty time to the March. They will conduct a house-to-house canvass between December 2 and 7 in the principal phase of the fund drive.

Captain West will direct the appeal in Torrance for funds to support research into the crippling, fatal disease, and to maintain and expand the network of clinics and patient services provided through MDAA.

Muscular dystrophy is a crippling disease which progressively attacks the muscles and eventually renders the victim completely helpless. There are more than 200,000 victims, most of them children in whom the disease is always fatal. There is no known cause or cure as yet.

Accepting the chairmanship, Captain West said, "The only way to wipe out muscular dystrophy is through medical re-

search, but it requires a tremendous amount of money and we need all the help we can get. I urge all public spirited citizens to generously support the firemen in their March for the 1957 Muscular Dystrophy Fund Drive."



CAPTAIN Walter W. West, of the Torrance Fire Department, heads up the department's drive for funds to combat muscular dystrophy.