

CAMPUS CENTER—Among the first buildings constructed on the El Camino College campus was the Campus Center, which serves as the bookstore, cafeteria, soda fountain and lounge for the 9600-student enrollment at the college, located in the city's northern boundary.

## El Camino College Anticipates Continuing Enrollment Growth

"Growing in enrollment from 1100 students in 1946, El Camino College anticipates a record registration of 9600 this spring," President Forrest G. Murdock, announced today. "To keep pace with the projected enrollment, we must continue to erect new buildings," the president concluded.

Currently under construction on the campus, located at 16007 Crenshaw boulevard, is the new men's shower and locker unit, which will relieve crowded conditions in the women's gymnasium, partitioned to serve both men and women since 1949. The gym is one of the original campus structures. The design of all campus buildings is contemporary modern, to fit in with the general college architectural plan.

Newest additions are a 36-classroom structure utilized for the first time this semester and new chemistry and physics buildings. Included in the new physics building are three labs, one lecture room, two dark rooms, one demonstration room, and equipment room, faculty offices, and rest rooms. The chemistry building includes three laboratories, three lecture rooms, three preparation rooms, two balance rooms, two supply rooms, solutions room, several storage rooms, and faculty offices.

El Camino's total number of permanent buildings is now fourteen. Landscaping of the campus has been done by Hammond Sadler, who has used representative plants and shrubs throughout the campus for use by horticultural

instructors who divided their time between college and high school classes. The campus already boasts the most representative display of plants and shrubs of any California campus, its landscaping plan being noted throughout all of Southern California.

Other recent additions to be utilized on campus are the Campus Theater, Pools, and Health Center, Music building, and Art Center.

When established in 1946, the college classes were scattered in three high schools. Bungalows from military installations provided the first home for the college on its present location. From this humble start less than 11 years ago, the campus has grown rapidly. Its faculty and administrative staff currently numbers 202. In contrast to this was the original staff of part-

## Shaw Firm Is Expanded to 7 Offices

One of the few real estate schools in this area is the Roy Shaw Real Estate School which was started in Hollywood Riviera in 1953 and moved to Torrance in 1954.

The school was founded by Roy Shaw, who also operates Roy Shaw Real Estate, located at 1305 W. Pacific Coast Highway, the main office for seven branches of the firm and also the headquarters for the school. Shaw said the school is a training ground for real estate brokers and salesmen and that it has graduated hundreds of individuals.

Seventeen salesmen are associated with the firm, which handles all types of real estate.

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El Camino College is largely the brainchild of President Murdock, who has held his office since the founding of the two-year college. During the early part of 1946, following a series of surveys which revealed the need for an area college, Murdock and Carl G. Arfvedson, director of business, began working to arouse interest in the idea. At the 1946 elections, voters agreed to the establishment of a two-year college in the district. With this, El Camino College was born. President Murdock has announced his intention of retirement on August 1.

The college has grown in its new location, adding permanent structures as rapidly as material shortages and finances would permit. Supplemented by the last of the barracks classrooms, the gymnasium, Campus Center, social studies unit, administration, life science, library, commerce, and shop buildings are now in use.

Honors have fallen heavily on El Camino. Sportwise, its football team went to the 1954 Junior Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, and the college has gained wide recognition for its wrestling, water polo, golf, and basketball teams. The college newspaper, the Warhorse, has won All-American honors for the past three consecutive semesters and when last eligible for entry, was winner of the Dickson award, given annually to the outstanding junior college news publications in Southern California. Awards in forensics activities have been numerous.

As much as the college has accomplished in the past, its greatest attainments may well lie in the future. With an increase of nearly 20% in full-time enrollment during the past year, the campus is still growing. Projected facilities will provide for 15,000 students by 1960.

# Products of Rome Cable In Daily Use Everywhere.

The Rome Cable Corporation, which was organized in Rome, N.Y. in the depression year 1937, is one of the ten largest wire and cable producers in the United States.

Despite its birth in the middle of the country's worst depression, Rome Cable enjoyed consistent growth from the beginning.

In 1937, its first complete year of operation, the company had total sales of \$1,798,000. Less than two decades later, in 1956, its total yearly sales stood at \$57,000,000.

The list of the products which Rome Cable produces is almost endless because of the many variations obtained by combining different size wires and different types of coverings. The products vary from wires thinner than a human hair to cables thicker than a baseball bat.

A general product list would include bare and tinned wires and cables, weatherproof wires and cables, magnet wires, building wires and cables, conduits and industrial tubing, (made exclusively in Torrance), radio and instrument wires, heavy-duty portable cords, power cables, control cables and service drop and entrance cables.

The company's main plant is located in Rome, the heart of New York State's historically rich Mohawk Valley. The industry in the City of Rome consumes more than one-tenth of all the copper used in the United States annually.

The corporation started modestly with a 200,000 square-foot building in 1936. Today it utilizes about 1,000,000 square feet of manufacturing and office space.

In most of the post-war years the company has added new buildings and only recently completed the construction of a research center in Rome, N.Y.

The Torrance plant was acquired in 1952 and is the only plant west of St. Louis which manufactures steel conduit.

Although several of its major competitors are wholly owned and operated by larger parent companies, Rome Cable is an entirely independent manufacturer unaffiliated with any other company.

The investment of capital in the corporation, which stood at \$1,762,000 in 1936, has increased to about \$16,000,000.

Street lights in country villages, power transformers in giant industrial cities, television cameras in New York City studios, shuttle cars in coal mines far below the surface of the ground, diesel locomotives speeding across the country, telephone cables stretching thousands of miles beneath the ocean between North America and Europe, electrically-operated business machines working at faster than human speeds, electronic computers plotting the course of guided missiles, runway lights on busy air terminals—these are just a few of the many places where Rome Cable products are in daily use.

Because of the important role of wire and cable in today's Electronic Age, all products produced by Rome Cable are subject to strict quality requirements. Wire, insulation and sheathing materials, tapes—anything that goes into a cable has to meet strict standards. In many cases, one cable must conform to industry, federal, and customer specifications, as well as Rome Cable's own specifications. All cables manufactured for military purposes must adhere to rigid military requirements.

Rome Cable is one of the very few independent manufacturers in the United States who process raw copper and aluminum ingots into finished wire and cable. Because of these unique manufacturing facilities the company is capable of controlling completely all phases of the production from beginning to end.

Most of the men who originally founded the company are still actively associated with it. H. T. Dyeit, the founder, is now the chairman of the board. A. D. Ross Fraser, president for the last thirteen years, was another of the original founders.

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## Idea for Airframe Fastener Resulted in Lok-Fast, Inc.

An aircraft engineer's idea for a better fastener to use in airframe construction led to the foundation seven years ago of Lok-Fast, Inc., located at 2207 Border ave. in Torrance.

The engineer was Joseph La Torre, now president of Lok-Fast, and he described his idea as "a blind threaded fastener." About the same time he conceived of the fastener, La Torre met Frank Preisler, now general manager of the company, and the two set up in a home workshop.

National Screw and Manufacturing Co. persuaded the men to let them promote the product and were given an exclusive on the fastener.

Since it takes a special tool to install the fastener, the two partners formed Lok-Fast to manufacture these tools.

The fasteners are used extensively for military craft.

"All major airframe manufacturers are our accounts," Preisler stated.

Formerly located in the valley, the firm moved to Torrance in order to be closer to the aircraft industry.

Joe La Torre was an aircraft engineer for 15 years prior to this venture, working for Republic Aviation in New York and then Lockheed.

Preisler, a certified public accountant, came here in 1950. During his five years in the office, he was a tank maintenance officer.

Jack La Torre was a sales and development engineer with Merrow Sewing machines, largest specialty sewing machine firm for the soft goods industry.

## Stone & Myers Mortuary Was Established in '23

In December of 1923, Stone and Myers Mortuary opened its doors at 1732 Cabrillo Avenue. During the past 35 years they have rendered service with kindness to Torrance families.

The mortuary moved to its present location at 1221 Enderacia in 1928. Five years ago, they purchased lots facing Torrance Blvd. for parking and garages, and last year the grounds were re-landscaped because the shrubbery had grown too large.

Deeply rooted in Torrance's past, Stone and Myers Mortuary will continue to serve this community in the fine tradition it has established.

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## Prospectors Plan Treasure Search

Ed Jones, president of the American Prospectors Club, has invited residents to join the club members on a Treasure Hunt. The location is the East Fork of the San Gabriel River, Sunday April 27. Some lucky person will be richer by fifty silver dollars which will be buried there by club officers. Clues will be given to all on a trip at 1 p.m.

Earlier in the day there will be demonstrations and instruction in the use of gold-pans and sluice box.

At the regular meeting Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Torrance Y.M.C.A. Hartley Hult and Ed Lingwald will show their film on a prospecting trip to Nevada. Questions will be answered on prospecting. Refreshments are served at all meetings.

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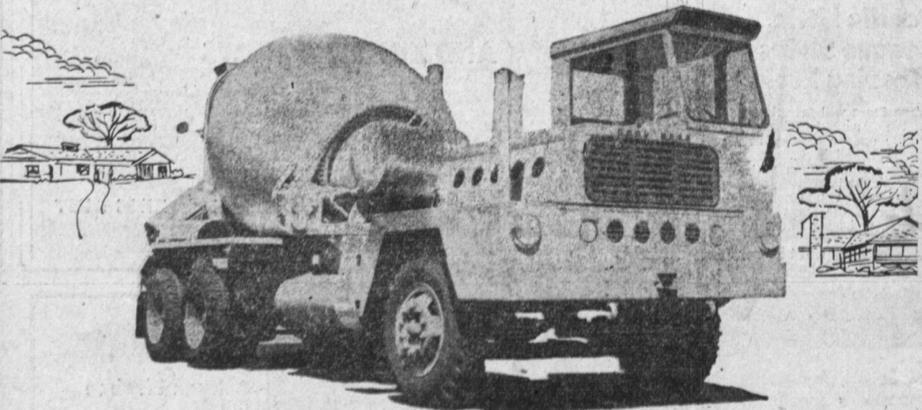
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## American Rock Wool Furnishes Insulation for Water Heaters

Used for building insulation, a foamy white mineral wool converted from a material resembling wet earth is fabricated locally at the American Rock Wool Corp., 401 Arlington.

Slag tailings left over from the production of 20 Mule Team Borax find their way through a series of complicated processes and end up as rock wool. The bulk of production at the Torrance plant is sold in the Los Angeles area, although the local division is set up to service the west coast.

American Rock Wool furnishes a great amount of its product to water heater manufacturers in this area for insulation purposes. Over one-third of the water heaters made in the United States are made in the Los Angeles area, it was stated.

**Buys Plant**  
The story of mineral wool in Torrance dates back some years to Coast Insulating Corp., whose plant was acquired in 1946 by American Coast, then producing granulated wool, white wool rolls and white bats.

Then one building took care of the processing, selling and office staffs. Immediately after the purchase of the concern by American, a second plant was erected. During the following year office buildings went up and in 1948 the old plant was dismantled.

Today the sprawling facilities of Arlington ave., across from Columbia Steel, contain three

## Jobs Available in U. S. Service

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that applications are now being accepted for Accountant and Auditor positions, \$6,390 to \$11,610 a year, for duty in the General Accounting Office in Washington, D. C., and in its regional offices throughout the country; and maintenance, and research and development, \$3,175 to \$7,570 a year, for duty in various agencies in the Washington, D. C., area.

No written tests are required. Applicants must have had appropriate experience or education or a combination of both.

To apply for Account and Auditor positions (see Announcement No. 150B) file applications with the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. General Accounting Office, 441 G St., N. W., Washington 25, D. C. For Electronic Technician positions (see Announcement No. 151B), send applications to the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, National Bureau of Standards, Washington 25, D. C. Applications will be accepted until further notice.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from Mrs. Victorine E. Webback, Civil Service Information Representative located at Post Office, 1433 Marcelina Ave., Torrance.

production lines and various supplemental buildings to the main operation of combining minerals with chemicals to produce mineral wool.

Space is also available and utilized for a large mineral stockpile.

**Mixing Process**  
Preliminary mixing of the materials which go to make up mineral wool is done by a bulldozer, a tractor loader and three standard dump trucks.

Machinery is used because the basic minerals are received from the borax company in a state resembling wet earth and are about as hard to handle.

From the mixing pile, the blended materials move to a reverberatory furnace by an overhead crane.

The furnace is fed by hand and under intense reflected heat bakes the wet minerals into the finished product.

Steam generated by the waste heat boilers through which exhaust gases pass is piped back

for use in the manufacturing process. Natural gas, plus burning oils, is used as fuel.

**Plant Added**  
In March, 1950, an addition in the shape of a resin manufacturing plant was erected to produce as much of the sticky product as required by the Torrance plant.

Construction was completed last year on a 10,000 square foot new warehouse addition.

From the mineral wool, a wide range of products, including loose granulated house bats and industrial felt, is manufactured.

Other products are white wool rolls, resilient sheets, duct wrappings and insulating and acoustical quilts.

The normal operating force consists of 100 plant employees and about 15 supervisory and administrative personnel.

In charge of overall supervision of the concern is John A. Ebbinghouse, 4334 Ranchview rd., Rolling Hills, who joined American as a production employee at Wabash, Ind., in 1938.

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