POURING IN—New equipment floods into Pacific Telephone office in Torrance to meet needs of more subscribers. Here Betty Blackburn checks latest supplies to be installed. —Press Photo

College Science Group to Attend Seminar Here

Dr. Harold E. Wilcox, professor of chemistry and head of the department at Birmingham-Southern College, will lead a seminar for teachers and selected high-school science students of El Camino College District, Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Wilcox will visit El Camino College chemistry department March 9 through 11 under auspices of the Visiting Scientist in Chemistry Program, sponsored by the American Chemical Society and the National Science Foundation.

Five representatives from each of the high schools in El Camino Junior College District have been invited to attend the seminar, during which Dr. Wilcox will discuss "The Importance of Chemistry in Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Curricula."

Drugstores Show Big Dollar Gain

Drugstores in Torrance registered a gain in volume of $389,000, to rise four rankings to 40th place in California.

Statistics from 1955 through 1958 are as follows, with year, state ranking, and sales, in that order:

1955 - 49 - $1,561,000; 1956 - 45 - $2,101,000; 1957 - 44 - $2,394,000; 1958-40-$2,783,000.

REMEMBER?—Old-time photo hanging in Mayor Albert Isen's law office was made heaven knows when by the PE depot. Cast is identified as Harry E. Paige, George W. Neill, F. L. Parks, Charles Long, George A. Proctor, Hyrum E. Reeves, Jack Isen, C. A. Paxman, Burr E. Peck, Knutzen, Vern Zuver, A. H. Bartlett, J. S. Torrance and Charles Walker.

Bill Bookout in Texas for Pilot Training

Aviation Cadet William G. Bookout, 22531 Susana Ave., recently arrived at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, for basic pilot training in T-33 jet aircraft.

Before reporting to the base he underwent primary pilot training in the civilian contract school at Bartow Air Base, Fla. He is spending 15 months in pilot training, including three months of pre-flight study at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Bookout is a former engineering major at Rutgers University.

At Reese AFB he will undergo 115 hours of flying training in the T-33 jet, in addition to instruction in academic and military subjects. Reese is a part of the Air Training Command, which trains jet pilots.

All men age 17 to 34 may contact the United States Air Force recruiting office at 1319½ Sartori St. Torrance.

Phone Companies Increasing Facilities to Meet Big Needs

Two telephone companies are increasing their facilities to meet the needs of a growing Torrance area.

Additions are being made at the Pacific Telephone Co., 1307 Cravens Ave., to store equipment to provide for 3000 more Fairfax phones. The Fairfax covers the central section of Torrance, according to Dick Pyle, district manager.

New equipment building costing $1,500,000 is under construction on 190th St. in El Nido for the General Telephone Co. New equipment will enable the company to install approximately 5000 telephones in the south section of Torrance, including the new Del Amo Shopping Center district.

General Telephone has its offices at 102 Pacific Coast Hwy., Hermosa Beach. The company has bought the Sylvania Company, and the new name will be General Telephone and Sylvania of California. District manager for the company is Robert Frahm.

Torrance is served by approximately 39,000 phones:

Fairfax Exchange, 15,000; Davenport, 4000; Davis, 4000; and Frontier, 16,000.

General Telephone is buying small phone firms. Pacific Telephone has reached the point where it cannot make any purchase of other companies or property without giving up portions of its own property in exchange, under antitrust law.

$40,000 Building Scheduled for Christian School

A $40,000 building is being contemplated for South Bay Community Christian School, according to Thurman Winkels, principal.

He said plans call for an auditorium and extra classrooms on the property, 5922 Pacific Coast Highway.

Enrollment totals 200 from kindergartent to eighth grade.

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