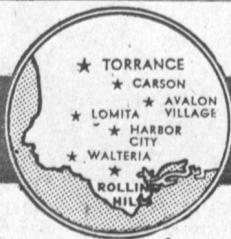


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HOSPITAL GIVEN TO CITY

Civil Defense Gives 200-Bed Portable Unit

The City of Torrance is on the threshold of receiving a unique gift, a "portable" emergency hospital, to serve the entire area, civic officials announced today.

Presented by the federal government civil defense office, the portable, mobil hospital is fully equipped to hold 200 beds.

Folding into crates occupying 2000 cubic feet, the hospital is for use in supplementing existing hospital facilities for area emergencies. It contains 2 emergency generators, water pump, and storage area for various drugs, officials stated.

Containing 290 separate items of supply and equipment which make up the basic functional sections, the portable hospital parallels

everything in clinics, hospitals and doctors' offices, civil defense spokesmen announced.

The entire "package" weighs 24,000 pounds, with the central supply containing medical and surgical items not immediately needed in other sections of the hospital, according to civil defense authorities.

Made available a year ago to Torrance, the portable hospital was not delivered here or accepted here because a storage area acceptable to the civil defense authorities had to be located, George C. Powell, Planning Director, told the Torrance Press.

"We have quietly worked on this for a year, with Captain Joseph Rochefort, area

civil defense director, and Mrs. Jean Gerald, disaster chairman," Powell said.

"We are now assured that the Naval Supply Depot has been offered as a storage site. We are sure this will be acceptable to federal authorities," he announced.

Civil defense divides the state into regions, and regions into areas. Torrance, in Area G, is a focal point for the vast complex here. Powell declared.

"The concept of a 200 bed portable hospital is a somewhat staggering one, but Torrance is most fortunate to have this valuable unit here, should the emergency arise," George Stevens, city manager, announced.



DEBUT — Inspecting the first tile to come off the line at the new Torrance plant, Kentile officials here at the 18 acre facility at 2929 California St. announce this is the largest factory of its type on the Coast.

Plant Manager Austin Zimmer (left), Joseph Kolcyski, vice president, and Walter Foote, general manager, announce the plant will meet the area's growing demand for housing and industrial materials.

Huge Tile Plant Now in Production in Torrance

The largest resilient tile factory on the West Coast, Kentile, Inc., covering 250,000 square feet, the nation's leading producer of resilient tile flooring, is now in production here in Torrance.

The plant, the nation's leading producer of resilient tile flooring is on 18 acres at 2929 California Street. Two main buildings utilize the latest developments in architecture and engineering, according to Joseph L. Kolcyski, Kentile vice president of manufacturing.

Initial production equipment installed at Torrance for the manufacture of asphalt tile and vinyl asbestos tile passed all preproduction tests according to expectations and is now "operating smoothly," Kolcyski announced.

The company is drawing on local personnel to man the entire production, distribution and sales operation. Austin Zimmer has been appointed Plant Manager. Arthur Taranto who has been with the Kentile organization for ten years is West Coast Sales Manager.

The shipping department and warehousing building utilizes 65,000 square feet of the total floor space, providing sufficient capacity to carry a substantial inventory of the plant's output, in addition to solid vinyl, rubber, Kencove vinyl wall base,

Crystalite and Cork flooring produced by Kentile.

Three Santa Fe Railroad spur tracks service the plant, and a trucking bay area is able to accommodate a score of trucks at one time.

The main factory building includes offices for purchasing.

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Work to Start on New City Hall Addition

Groundbreaking for the new City Hall addition here will begin this week, city officials announced today.

A new public works building will be erected directly behind the City Hall, as well as the west side extended, George Stevens, city manager, announced.

The entire job, estimated to cost more than \$225,000, is expected to be completed within 180 working days.

Youngster Dies, Other Injured in Bike-Car Crash

John Jung, 9, of 408 Via Almar, Palos Verdes Estates, died this week, as a result of a crash with an automobile.

Young Jung was riding a bicycle, when he collided with a car on Palos Verdes Drive South, one half mile south of Crest Drive early Thursday.

The boy was dead on arrival at San Pedro Community Hospital. Another bicycle rider, Kenneth R. Johnson, 8, of 408 Via Medea, Palos Verdes Estates, was also injured in the collision. He is still in critical condition at the same hospital.

The driver was not held.

Fur to Fly at Next School Meet

The Torrance Unified School Board's meeting, scheduled Tuesday evening at the administrative offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo, "promises to be one of the most exciting meetings in the board's history," Bert Lynn, leader in the fight defeating the recent override election, announced today.

The meeting Tuesday 8 p.m. is open to the public.



WOMEN FOR KENNEDY — Looking forward to a capacity audience tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 17, when Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt addresses the area on behalf of Senator Kennedy's campaign, are local Democrat leaders. Here, three volunteers, Mmes. Rosemary

De Camp Schidler, Roger West and Martha Armstrong, compare notes on the event at 2594 Belle Porte. Wives of prominent Hollywood personalities will star in the entertainment program, according to Mrs. Ralph Owens, chairman.



SETTLEMENT ROAD — On the threshold of ironing out their differences over control of the Torrance YWCA, Dr. Frances Clark, Harbor Area YW chairman; and Pauline Greer, Torrance provisional chairman, meet with Mayor Al Ison. The Harbor YW is turning the lease back to Torrance. The YWCA headquarters here was the scene of a squabble recently, when the Harbor Group refused admission to local girls.

Harbor YWCA to Return Lease to Local Group

The Board of Directors of the Harbor Area Y.M.C.A. this week passed a resolution which will return the lease on the land on which the Torrance YWCA building stands to the City of Torrance.

The 25 year lease on the land has been held by the Harbor Area Y.M.C.A. The building which was owned by the YWCA will be given to the City of Torrance, with the city determining the policy for its use.

This action marks a step by the Harbor Area Association to assist the Torrance committee to work toward affiliation with the National YWCA.

"During this period the building has been kept open during the day and had been open in the evenings when we have known in advance and have been able to make proper arrangements," Dr. Frances Clark, president of the Harbor Area Board stated. "This has been our procedure in the past and is currently our policy in the use of all YW buildings," she added.

The Torrance group has been trying to gain control of the building here since the group was locked out recently.

6-Year-Old Boy Killed Running to Meet Father

A mother watched in horror this week as her 6-year-old son ran into the path of an oncoming car at 212th St. and Normandie Ave. The boy died three hours later.

Young Ronald Ewals walked from his home at 1132 W. 212th St. with his mother, his 9-year-old sister, and his neighbor youngster, to meet his father Wednesday evening at the bus stop.

Police said the boy apparently failed to see an oncoming automobile when he darted into its path. The driver, Pedro I. Gamboa, 20513 S. Kenwood St., Torrance, was not held.

Doctors massaged the boy's heart, but he was pronounced dead within a short period.

Shell Plant Here Plans Huge Isoprene Expansion Program

The first man-made rubber, polyisoprene, the first of its kind in the world, will jump to a tenfold expansion here in Torrance this week.

Produced by Shell Chemical Co. in Torrance, the new product, the result of millions spent in research, is destined for "giant effects," G. S. Williamson, plant manager here, declared. The announcement was made in conjunction with completion of plant facilities here.

"It will certainly help eliminate the dependence of the United States on foreign sources of natural rubber," Williamson declared.

The Torrance plant can now produce about 40 million pounds a year of the man-made natural rubber equivalent.

Expansion of the polyisoprene production capacity has created nearly 150 new jobs at the Torrance plant. Total employment at the plant here is 1300, with nearly \$1 million a month payroll. Isoprene Rubber, Shell's name for the product, can re-

place natural rubber in many end uses, Williamson declared. Tires, rubber thread, bumpers, toys, rubber bands, surgical tubing, telephone ear pieces and automobile bushings are but a few of the commercial possibilities, he stated.

Purchased from the U.S. Government in 1955 for \$30 million, the Shell plant here is the only synthetic rubber plant west of the Rocky Mountains. It is the most complete synthetic rubber plant in the country, officials announced.

Covering 278 acres, the plant has a capacity to turn out some 100,000 tons of SBR, "styrene-butadiene rubber," in addition to the new isoprene.

At least a year ahead of any competitor in the world, according to officials, Shell's production of polyisoprene will sell for 32 cents per pound, as against natural rubber which hovers around 36 cents per pound, depending on origin and quality. It is estimated that the

plant here will turn out 120,000,000 pounds of isoprene within a year, officials declared.

Known for years by chemists, polyisoprene had seemed too costly for potential producers.

Early in 1958, Shell Chemical's Torrance plant and research staff took polyisoprene from the test tube into plant facilities.

Until now, natural rubber had a virtual monopoly in many applications. Conventional synthetic rubber could not compete. Large truck tires, for example, which account for the greatest use of natural rubber, needed the plantation product to avoid heat build-up under heavy load conditions.

Natural rubber is subject to contamination from particles of dirt, dust, bark and sand. Polyisoprene, made primarily from petroleum hydrocarbon obtained from Shell's Wilmington-Dominguez refiner, is free from contamination and is uniform in quality through careful control.



DEL AMO HEAD — Named this week as vice president and general manager of Del Amo Estate Co., Hector G. Haight, center, is congratulated here by Robert Breyer (left) vice president, and Peter De Francisci, planning director. Haight, for more than a decade head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in California, Arizona and Nevada, announced the company intends making a "showplace" of the Del Amo Center at Sepulveda and Hawthorne.



FIRST IN THE WORLD — An operator examines a bale of Shell Isoprene Rubber, the man-made equivalent of natural made only here in the Torrance plant. Shell Chemical Company announced today that it has expanded capacity to produce Isoprene Rubber tenfold, from 4 million pounds to 40 million pounds annually.