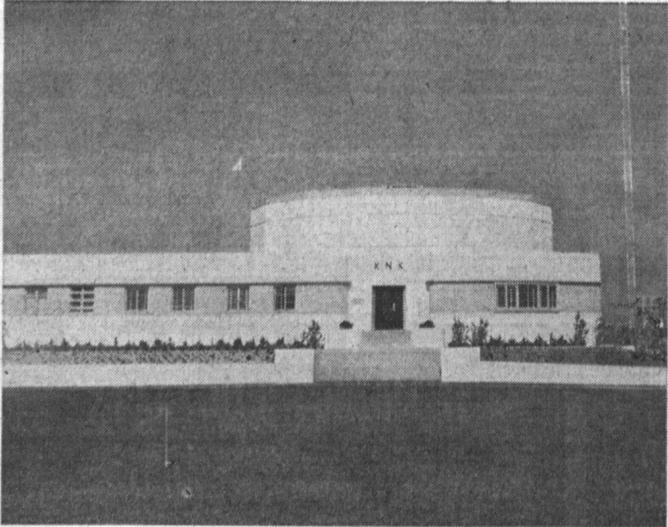
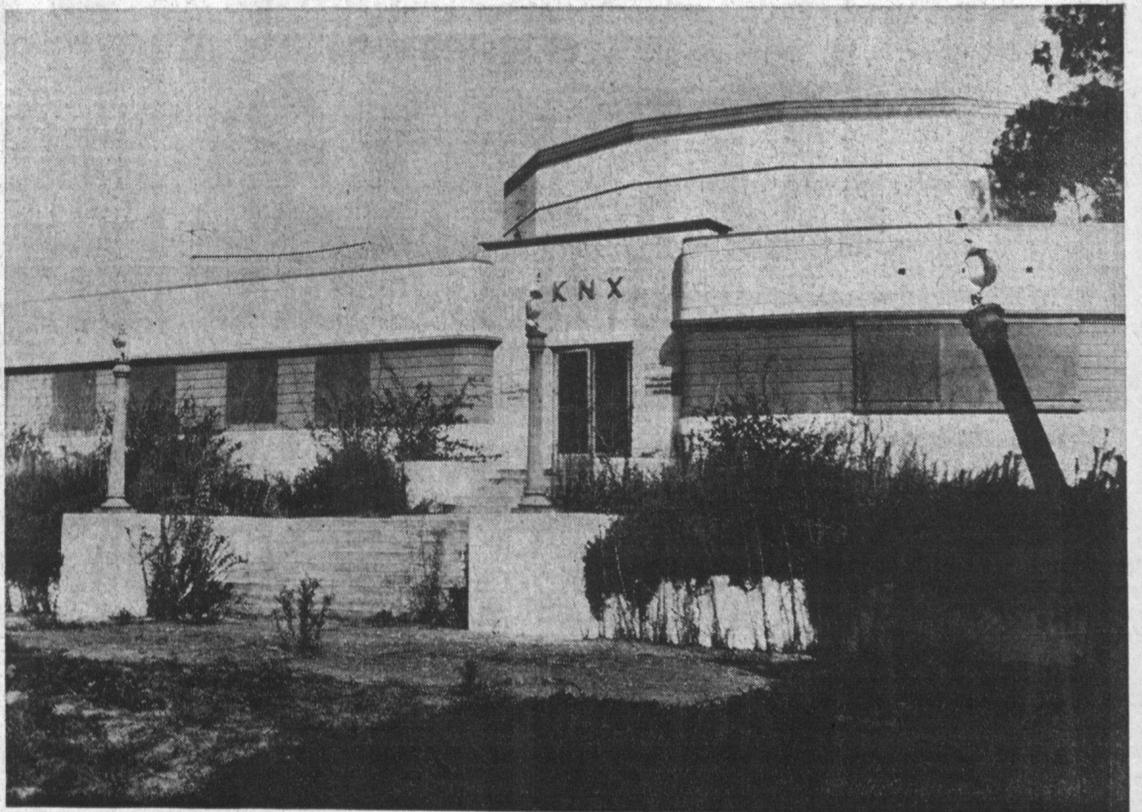


Landmark May Soon Disappear

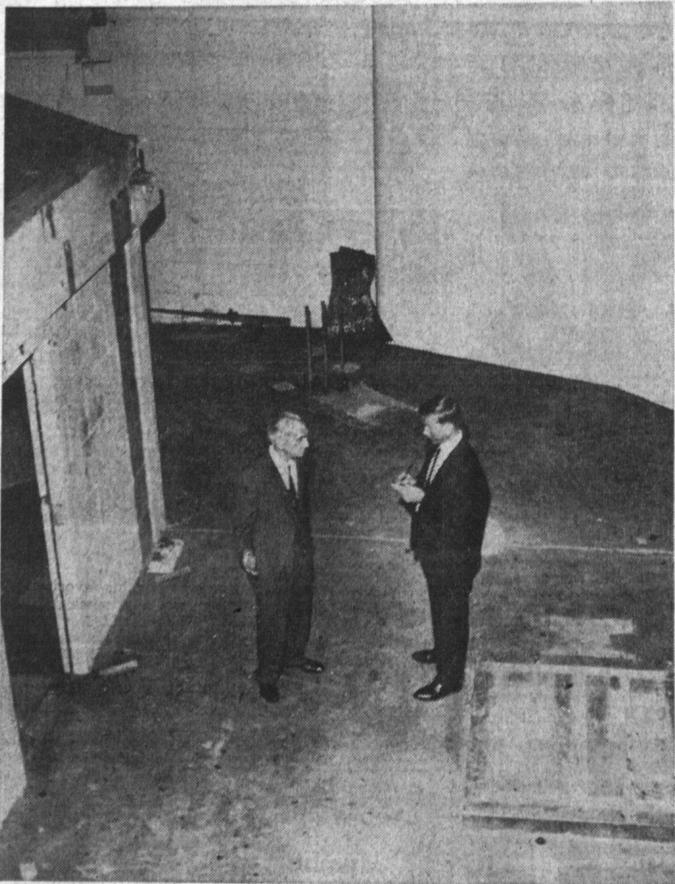


THIS IS HOW the KNX transmitter building looked just after it was built in 1938. Later the grounds were landscaped similar to a park. Visitors came from all over the Los Angeles area to go on guided tours in the new building. The tours were discontinued at the beginning of the first world war, the beginning of World War II. Photo Courtesy KNX Radio



BOARDED UP AND DESERTED, the old transmitter building at 190th St. and Hawthorne Blvd. waits for possible demolition. Weeds and debris clutter the once beautiful park-like grounds. Today the building is empty. Workmen have removed the 50,000 watt trans-

mitter and it has been sold to a radio station in Mexico. The new transmitter takes up about 1/4 of the space needed for the old one. Vandals have raised havoc at the old building and it has been boarded up to prevent further damage.



HUGE HOLE once occupied by the old KNX transmitter is inspected by Chief Engineer Harold Perry and a PRESS reporter. The old equipment was dismantled recently and sold to a Mexican radio station. New equipment now operating in a new building could be placed on the cement block behind the reporter.

Transmitter Abandoned

In 1938 it was the last word, but today the old building which housed the powerful voice of KNX radio stands boarded up and deserted, the victim of progress.

The radio station moved to Torrance from the valley in 1938 when CBS purchased the land bordered by Hawthorne Blvd. and 190th St.

The old transmitter building has approximately 5,000 square feet in which the transmitter, offices, repair and storage rooms, an emergency power generator, and a lounge were housed.

A two-man staff was on duty 24 hours a day to control the 50,000 watt transmitter and make repairs when necessary.

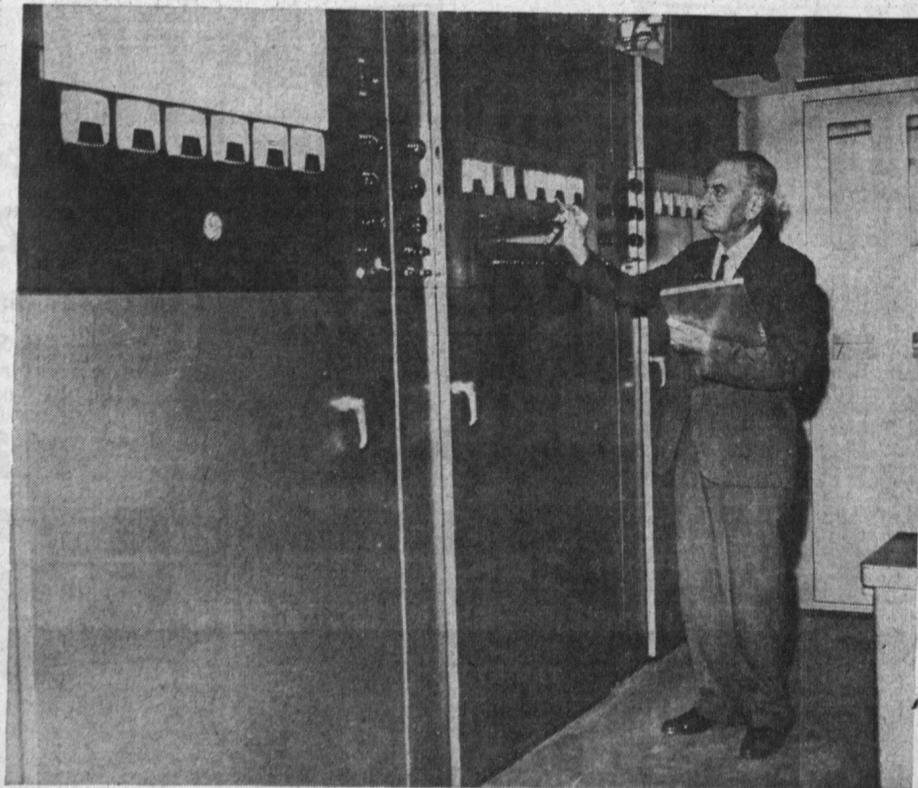
Located at the rear of the building is a 500-foot triangular type tower which is the antenna for the station. This antenna is still in use today.

New compact and more efficient radio equipment has been made the old large building unnecessary so in 1961 a small concrete block room was constructed at the base of the antenna and now houses a new equally powerful transmitter.



OPERATORS POSITION control desk in front of the 50,000 watt transmitter as it looked shortly after the building was opened in 1938. No live audience shows were broadcast from the facility, however for a while a midnight till dawn disc jockey show came from a booth located in the building. Guided tours were given by the staff at the building until the beginning of the Second World War. Photo Courtesy KNX Radio.

NEW BUILDING which houses the KNX transmitter is located at the base of the 500 foot antenna tower. The new one story structure is about the size of the lobby in the old building and still contains the same type of equipment. Plans have not yet been made as to the fate of the old transmitter building, it may be torn down or rented as is.



PANEL loaded with dials and knobs that record and control the operation of the new transmitter are checked by Harold Perry, Engineer in Charge in the new concrete building which now houses the voice of KNX. One man now on duty can perform all the needed adjustments and maintenance once handled by a staff of six engineers and a chief engineer.

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