



Economy Not Hurt by Rain

Southern California's heavy rainfall failed to dampen its economic activity during November as business in the area continued at a near-record level, M. H. Eidsmoe, manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance branch, reported today. Registering an estimated 145.0 reading on the bank's business index, November's activity moved ahead of October's mark of 144.7 (preliminary), but remained slightly below September's all-time high of 145.6. According to Eidsmoe, the 14-county area's economy is presently operating at more than 2 per cent above a year ago.

BANK DEBITS was the strongest index component for November as it recorded a firm advance over the previous month. Construction activity, based on the number of permits issued, rebounded slightly from October. Meanwhile, unemployment in Southern California's metropolitan areas averaged 6.1 per cent of the total labor force in October on a seasonally adjusted basis. The national average for the same period was 4.3 per cent.

Rose Parade Chamber Urges Prompt Donations for Float

Torrance business firms and local residents are being urged this week to make their contributions as early as possible to the Torrance Tournament of Roses Association to help pay for the Torrance entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's Day. The association has set a goal of more than \$7,000 to cover the cost of the city's "Her Small World" float. Early contributions from Torrance citizens, club groups and business houses amount to \$1,444, according to Robert H. Vroman, association chairman. The overall theme for the tournament parade is "It's A Small World." Torrance's float will depict in two hundred thousand flowers, the Mother Goose nursery rhyme "There Was an Old Woman Who Lived in A Shoe."

COUNT MARCO Home Beauty Remedies Do Work

This column is primarily for beautiful women, and ALL of you can be beautiful with my help. Here are some helpful hints on improving the exterior woman. Read my other columns for improving the interior woman. That you enjoy receiving beauty tips is evident from the number of you who pass on your own to help other women. Such as this one from a fan: "An eyeliner brush of good quality is better for applying lipstick than are most lipstick brushes. After three years I have yet to see any signs of wear in my eyeliner brush, whereas lip brushes wear out within the first year or so." Here are several tips from another woman, who writes: "I took a beautician's course back in 1924 and have recently been reminded of the many home remedies we practiced in beauty parlors in those days. Plain table salt applied to the scalp, rubbed in and massaged, then washed off was just about the most refreshing shampoo I can remember. "And, of course, for sun-bleached or dried hair nothing could beat an application



MESSIAH . . . Community choir singers from El Camino College will present a concert program of Handel's Messiah in the Campus Theater next Saturday and Sunday. Pictured are-choir members (second row, from left, Kathy Taylor, Frank Gross and Jeanne Wilkens; (first row, from left) Joan George, Beverly Nyitrai and Dorothy Shuipis.

Dr. Hull Claims Double Sessions Likely If Voters Reject Bonds

Torrance schools will get somewhere between \$3 and \$3.5 million a year for building purposes if voters approve the bond issue at the forthcoming Feb. 8 election, according to Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools. Speaking before 38 PTA presidents at a Torrance Council of Parents and Teachers Christmas luncheon, Dr. Hull said the amount of the bond issue has no effect on how much money the district can use for buildings in a given year. "All that the amount approved by voters controls," he said, "is how long the district can wait before going back to the voters for the next bond election."

IF THE bond issue is passed, the Board of Education has earmarked the funds which would be available in the next few years to go towards the following projects: two new elementary schools, two additional school sites for future building, a vocational education center, additions at each of the four high schools, classroom additions at six elementary schools, construction of eight remedial reading classrooms, remodeling and additions of teacher workshop areas at ten elementary schools, additions to the district central service facility, construction of special classrooms for handicapped children, and addition of storage facilities at elementary schools.

Sheriff Warns Bad Check Artists Are Active During Holidays

A warning to area merchants to be on the alert for bad check artists who are taking full advantage of the holiday shopping confusion to cover their acts has been issued by Sheriff Peter Pitchess. "Worthless checks are a billion-dollar business in the United States. Los Angeles County merchants can markedly reduce check cashing risks by observing a few simple rules," Pitchess declared. Identification is the key-note. Require good identification and compare the physical description on the document with the person cashing the check. The number of gross discrepancies which go undetected is astonishing. Do not accept a temporary operator's license as valid identification. A smooth operator may apply for a driver's license under a fictitious name, and present the temporary license as identification. Check endorsements carefully. Always ask the party to endorse the check in your presence. Then compare the spelling with the name on the face of the check requiring identification. Be especially wary of business and payroll checks. Many forgers will burglarize a well-known company on Friday night and pass a flood of checks before the loss is discovered Monday morning. This trick is particularly successful because clerks recognize the name of a reputable firm on the face of the check and do not bother to carefully examine the payee's I.D.

THE SHERIFF also pointed out that users of lost and stolen credit cards can often be detected if the clerk will ask for one additional piece of identification to confirm that the rightful owner is using the card. "Above all," the sheriff continued, "be alert. An honest person is not afraid to identify himself to your satisfaction. The care you exercise in cashing checks will pay off handsomely."

MARINE MEETING The next meeting of the South Bay Detachment of Marine Corps League will be held tomorrow at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at 1822 W. 162nd St., Gardena.

Ann Landers Says Corsage Pinning a Convention Smash



Dear Ann Landers: Your column has provided me with many a good chuckle these last several years and now I'm going to give you one. The letter from the woman who complained about the \$2 falsies floating to the top of the swimming pool reminded me of one of the most unforgettable experiences of my life. Many years ago I attended a convention where all those ladies wear silk dresses with floral patterns and big hats. My best friend's aunt was being installed as president. This was back in the days when falsies were inflatable, like balloons. Well, the outgoing president made a gushy speech and closed with: "It is an honor for me to present you with this corsage as a token of our esteem and affection." She then proceeded to pin it on the incoming president. You guessed it BANG went the balloon and half of her dimensions changed right there in front of 2,000 people. Naturally this was the highlight of the convention and it was a topic of conversation for several years. So be thankful for foam rubber, girls.—NO TOWN FOR GOSH SAKES

Dear No Town: If you ever hear of a contest for the most embarrassing moment, that woman has first prize right in her pocket. (And I hope it's not a medal.) Dear Ann Landers: My husband's little sister, Cora (age 14) spent the month of July with us. We drove 1,000 miles to pick her up so she would not have to travel alone. Her parents came to get her, spent three days, and brought along their son, his fiancee and their niece. At this writing I have not had a line from any of them. Last week my mother-in-law called about another matter and closed with this: "Thank heavens Cora is talking normally again. She drove us crazy for weeks with that revolting southern accent she picked up from you and your friends." Both my husband and I are very hurt that none of them has written to say thanks. I don't want a family feud. Shall I make an issue of this or ignore it?—ICE IN THE SOUTH

Press-Herald Sunday Crossword

(Answer on Page A-10)

ACROSS

- 1—Worried by dulness
- 2—Improve
- 3—Dip
- 11—Washing
- 21—Washing
- 22—Worn away
- 23—Positive pole
- 24—Lash
- 25—Conjunction
- 26—Crates
- 28—Small valleys
- 30—Christmas
- 32—Part of "to be"
- 33—Note of scale
- 34—Obscure
- 35—Openwork
- 36—Female student
- 37—Beverage
- 38—Standing room only
- 40—Lowest point
- 42—Possessive pronoun
- 43—Young salmon
- 44—Prohibit
- 45—Musical composition
- 46—Baker's product
- 47—Gastous hydrocarbon
- 48—Flying mammals
- 80—Burmese native
- 81—Rugged mountain crest (pl.)
- 84—Lampyre
- 85—Musical composition
- 86—Writing implement
- 89—Plunge
- 92—Good-natured
- 94—Challenge
- 95—Practical net
- 96—Man's nickname
- 97—Corded cloth

DOWN

- 1—Urine
- 2—Proprietor
- 3—Communist
- 4—Tautonic deity
- 5—Disingenuous service
- 6—Cross (abbr.)
- 7—Dwell
- 8—Genus of cattle
- 9—Pronoun drying
- 10—Spread for
- 11—Lose color
- 12—Diluted
- 13—Race of lettuce
- 14—Man's nickname
- 15—Spanish title (pl.)
- 16—Raisé
- 17—Be II
- 18—A continent
- 19—Country of Europe
- 20—Tilt
- 21—Pronoun
- 27—Giraffe name
- 28—Poker stake

ACROSS

- 68—Totaled
- 70—To
- 71—Time gone by
- 72—Rodent
- 74—Eagle's nest
- 76—Godeeas of
- 77—Winter healing vehicle
- 78—So be it!
- 79—Despotic
- 82—Tilted
- 84—Breathes loudly in sleep
- 85—Word of sorrow
- 86—Woody plant
- 88—The sweetsop
- 89—Chew
- 90—Stumbles
- 92—Chaperone
- 94—Responsive
- 95—Lubricates
- 98—Difficult
- 100—Gratuity
- 102—Rips
- 103—Vehiliate
- 104—Those holding office
- 105—Certain
- 106—Surgical thread
- 108—Arist (abbr.)
- 109—Symbol for tantalum
- 110—Legal seal (abbr.)
- 111—Gull-like bird
- 112—Vegetable
- 114—Cloth measure
- 116—Affirmative
- 117—Continued
- 119—Cronies (collec.)
- 120—Frosts
- 122—Baroam
- 124—Everyone
- 125—Male deer
- 128—Insect
- 129—Cleaning device
- 129—Shore bird
- 131—Sauce
- 132—Pronoun
- 133—Grasslike plant

DOWN

- 135—Bitter vetch
- 138—Aged
- 139—Giraffe name
- 140—Make lace
- 141—Female sheep
- 142—Near
- 143—Symbol for tellurium
- 144—Giraffe name
- 145—Recalled
- 147—Gaiters
- 148—Devoired
- 150—Odor
- 151—Drying vessel
- 152—Bury
- 153—Horse god
- 158—Precipitous
- 159—College officials
- 160—Protect
- 161—Chicken

ACROSS

- 81—Above
- 81—Ward lightly
- 82—Mead with cotton
- 83—Ward
- 84—Islands
- 85—Articles of merchandise
- 86—Liquid measure
- 87—Ward east
- 88—Yeast
- 101—Small bearing
- 106—Fur-bearing mammal
- 107—Seasoning
- 111—Cash drawer
- 112—Separate
- 113—Fondles
- 114—Gripplid
- 116—Bark
- 118—Fay
- 119—Brazilian satulury
- 121—Hallroad car
- 123—Preposition
- 125—Habitinger
- 126—Nip
- 127—Man's name
- 128—River
- 130—Wideawake
- 131—Shallow vessel
- 132—Filaments
- 134—Obtain
- 136—Proportion
- 137—Strut
- 138—Break
- 140—At that time
- 144—Ancient Indian
- 145—Nahour form
- 146—Excavate
- 147—Music as written
- 148—Algonquian
- 149—Indian teacher organization
- 151—Fare
- 154—Snake
- 154—Whirlwind
- 155—That is (abbr.)
- 156—Greek letter
- 157—Babylonian deity

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