

Industrial Construction Leads Building in August

Industrial construction continued to pace building activity in Torrance during August, accounting for more than 80 per cent of the \$2.8 million in new construction reported.

John J. McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety, said 270 building permits valued at \$2,887,165 were issued during August. The August totals brought to \$19.6 million the value of new construction begun since the first of the year.

During the same eight-month period in 1965, more than \$21.2 million in new construction was reported.

LARGEST of the permits issued in August went to

Standard Brands Paint Co., 4300 W. 190th St. The permit, valued at \$910,000, is for a new warehouse at the plant.

Other major permits were Toyota Motor Sales, 2055 W. 190th St., and Tridair Industries, 3000 Lomita Blvd. The Toyota permit, issued for a warehouse and offices, was valued at \$495,000. The Tridair permit, valued at \$360,000, is for offices and manufacturing facilities.

PERMITS also were issued to Radion Corp., 21735 Westman Ave., for offices and manufacturing facilities; to Kenneth E. Watts, 20905 Earl St., for an addition to his sail-making plant; Air-

search Manufacturing Corp., 2525 W. 190th St., for foundations for a new plant, and to Getz Roymac Inc., 540 Hawaii Ave., for a warehouse addition.

Two major commercial buildings were begun during the month. They included a \$24,000 market to be located at 21210 Anza Ave., and a new Norm's Restaurant, under construction at 18705 Hawthorne Blvd.

Six single-family homes valued at \$127,980 were begun during the month.

Army Sp. 4-C. Stephen K. Jelf, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk B. Jelf of 1827 W. 254th St., Lomita, was assigned to the 176th Signal Company at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Aug. 20.

Spec. Jeff, a powerman in the company, was last assigned in Korea.

He is a 1959 graduate of Narbonne High School and received his bachelor of arts degree in 1964 from Pepperdine College.

City Tries New Left Turn Lane

New pavement markings on a just opened section of Del Amo Boulevard are designed to increase safety when completing a left turn, according to Arthur T. Horkay, traffic engineer for the city.

Horkay said the new markings provide for a "two-way left turn lane." The state now permits such lanes on highways having two or more lanes for through traffic in each direction, he explained.

The markings include conventional lane dividers and highway median marked by double yellow lines. In this case, Horkay explained, the double yellow lines are broken to permit cars to legally enter the center median when making a left turn.

CARS MAY not enter the median area unless they are making a left turn, Horkay said.

Chief advantage of the new lane is to allow legal left turns into driveways and side streets without increasing the potential of rear-end collisions. "It also eliminates the need for repaving the center lane striping everytime a new driveway has been installed," Horkay said.

The new markings are being tried on an experimental basis between Anza Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard.

Dominguez Area Storm Drain Set

Award of a \$593,919 contract for construction of additional drainage facilities in the Dominguez area was announced yesterday by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The action was recommended by County Flood Control District Chief Engineer Walter J. Wood, who said the bid ran \$14,727 less than the estimated cost of the project. The low bid was submitted by John S. Pehar Co. of South Gate.

Chace said the job involves installation of nearly a mile of reinforced concrete storm drain in Avalon Boulevard from Victoria Street to south of Del Amo Boulevard. A short section running east in an unimproved section of Del Amo to an existing drain is also included in the contract.

THE FACILITY will pick up storm waters along Avalon Boulevard and convey them to an eventual outlet at Dominguez Channel.

Construction is expected to get underway within the next two or three weeks and will

take about seven months to complete, the Supervisor said.

Funding has been provided by the County Road Department while construction, operation and maintenance will be a Flood Control District responsibility, he added.

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Marine Cpl. Samoa T. Allifua, son of Mr. and Mrs. Siatumotu Allifua of 22238 Cat-skill Ave., is serving in Viet Nam as a member of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 542, a unit of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

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