

County Building Hits Boom Stride

Unmistakable indications that the long-predicted housing boom has struck Los Angeles county with full force was seen by county officials today in the monthly report of Chief Engineer William J. Fox of the county building bureau.

Gain of more than 60 percent over figures for the corresponding period of last year was shown by the figures, analyzed today as to classification. The month's total was \$2,626,123.

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CITY'S WATER USE INCREASE TOPS IN S.C.

76 Percent Increase in Consumption During Five-Year Period

With Torrance's amazing gain of 76 percent in five years leading the entire parade, the increase in water consumption by the 13 cities in the Metropolitan Water District during the period 1933 to 1938 was halted this week as basic proof of the advance in population and industrial growth in Southern California. The figures announced by the

District officials revealed a marked and continuing increase in the number of water service connections and in the consumption of domestic and industrial water in the 13 cities who will share in M.W.D. water the latter part of this year.

The greatest percentage of increase during the five-year period when major construction was under way on the 392-mile Metropolitan aqueduct was

shown by Torrance, which reported it used 76 percent more water in 1938 than it had used in the year 1933. Burbank showed an increase of 65 percent in its water consumption during the same period.

Other M.W.D. cities which recorded heavy gains in 1938 as compared to 1933 were Santa Monica with a gain of 36 percent, Fullerton 30 percent, and Anaheim 22 percent. Pasadena and Beverly Hills showed increases in their water consumption, during the period, of 15 percent and 13 percent respectively.

The statement listed Los Angeles city's water consumption for 1938 at 1,150,000,000 gallons more than in 1933 and that of the other 12 cities in the district at 3,700,000,000 gallons above the figure five years ago.

DIRTY DISHES DEFEATED



Lomitans Form New Lodge

With a program featuring the Harbor City Girls' band, opening ceremonies inaugurating the Lomita Pioneer Council of The Praetorians were held last Thursday night at the Odd Fellows hall on Wilmington-Redondo boulevard.

Officers seated by the new lodge were John Fuller, Augustus Roy H. Berger and Albert L. Walters, tribunes; Doris Harris, counsellor; Edgar Jorgensen and Cheise P. Williams, centurions; Mary Jorgensen, soothsayer; Fred Calvin, Zygian; Walter Scott, recorder; Virgil Phippen, sentry; Harry Dean, musician, and Nadine Swanson, guest.

Nearly 250 attended the open meeting, officers said. The lodge membership includes several who were active in the former Lomita Artisan lodge as well as a number of new members.

Model Home on Acacia Is Sold

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rauss have moved into their new home at 708 Acacia avenue. This home is in the section which has been building up rapidly during the last few months. There are three new homes now under construction in the neighborhood and more are contemplated for the near future. The transaction was handled through B. C. Buxton, 1990 Torrance Blvd.

Dishwashing, most troublesome of household tasks and last to succumb to the ingenuity of inventors, has received what appears to be a final defeat in the simple but effective machine pictured above. Consisting of a spray nozzle and circular brush which is fed hot, soapy water thru an ingenious device attached to the hot water faucet, this appliance eliminates dishpans, dishrags and dish drying, and enables home-makers to do the dishes without immersing hands in water.

Local residents will be interested to learn that a complete dishwasher is now being given away to every purchaser of an automatic gas water heater. Details may be secured at the Southern California Gas company office on Cravens avenue or from any Torrance gas appliance dealer.

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The feminine touch is added by Jo Anne Eloise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Willis of Wilmington who made her appearance last Wednesday night, and several other girl babies who are shortly to be taken home.

New boy arrivals this week were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Mohler of Wilmington, last Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. O'Brien of 1844 26th street, Lomita, Monday; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Seifert of Hermosa Beach, last Saturday; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vise of Redondo Beach, last Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson of Redondo Beach, last Sunday. Wilson is a clerk at the Columbia Steel office.

Regular Gas Thefts Draw Autoist's Ire

One gas theft from his car was enough to make C. L. Bell of 2216 Maricopa street peeved but when his auto fuel disappeared the second, then the third, four and fifth nights in a row it was time to call in the gen-darmes.

Bell registered his five complaints with local police Tuesday. He said his car was parked in front of his home when the thefts occurred.

The depression is said to have increased counterfeiting in the U. S. A. at least 400 percent.

U. of C. to Hear Benes BERKELEY (U.P.)—Eduard Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, will deliver the Charter Day addresses at both campuses of the University of California. He will speak at Los Angeles campus on March 29 and at Berkeley March 23.

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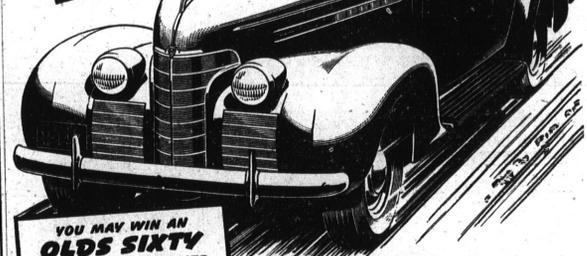
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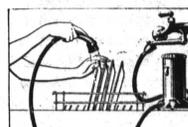
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