Building Here Tops '40 Mark by $85,000

New construction in Torrance for the first eight months this year has topped the mark for the first three-quarters of 1940 by more than $85,000, it was learned this week from the city engineer's office where the building department records are maintained. Building to Sept. 1 this year has totalled $333,897, as compared with $248,030 for the first eight months of 1940.

Last month's construction amounted to $69,795, while the building total for August 1940 was $22,760. The past month's construction projects included 18 homes, costing $52,300; five garages, $1,200; a $4,800 service station, a $2,500 storage building, a $2,000 two-family auto court and other structures. Included were alterations and repairs to 13 residences valued at $5,245.

Week's Building Permits

Building permits were issued during the past week to A. Schatz for remodeling a shed into a two-family auto court at 2306 235th st., $2,000; Charles M. Bryan, installation of a back porch and washroom at 24423 Park st., Walteria, $300; Julia Reller, two-car frame garage at 18404 Hawthorne blvd., $200, and Edward C. Rhone, 1027 Beech st. construction of a six-room frame house and double garage at 1019 Beech, $5,250.

J. Stewart Miller, frame sun porch and service porch at 1628 Fern ave., $200; Dudley Houghton, three-room frame and stucco house with garage attached at 2020 Martina ave., $2,150; the Lutheran church, re-roofing job at 2368 Sonoma ave., $135, and James L. Foncannon, five-room frame and stucco house and garage attached at 1318 Date st., $8,000.

Interest Gains in Torrance Card Party and 3-Day Show

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for both the card party and exhibit, announced today that headquarters for the Flower, Art and Hobby Show are located in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce building where full information may be obtained. Entry blanks are now available there and exhibitors are asked to notify the Show officials at the Chamber at once as to the amount of space required for their displays, description of their entries and other details.

Want Hobbies-in-Action

There is no fee for entering the Show and there will be no admission charged for spectators afternoons and evenings, Sept. 25, 26 and 27. The Rotary club's Community Service committee, Parks, chairman; Sam Levy, Tom Mitchell, Dr. John Beeman and Hugh Sherfey, also would like to present "Hobbies-in-Action" during the course of the show.

Groups organized for promotion of their handicraft work are cordially invited to reserve space and time for exhibiting their hobbies for the entertainment of visitors.

Window cards publicizing the show have been distributed thru out the district.

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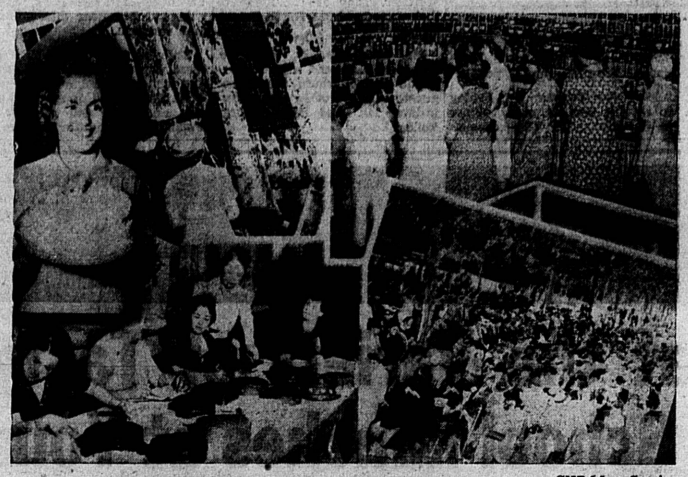

—CNPA Inc., Service.

The opening of Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona, Friday, Sept. 12, will find the beautiful big Domestic Arts building filled to overflowing with the prize products of women's handiwork in the home. Never before has there been such a collection of needlework, knitting, culinary and decorative articles assembled and never before has the competition been keener. Above are scenes from different departments including rugs, canned fruits, cake judging and the annual crochet contest.

Ford Completes First Plastic Automobile

Henry Ford's promise that some day he would "grow an automobile from the soil" has become an actuality. This is the world's first plastic automobile body, unexpectedly displayed in Dearborn recently. The plastic panels used have an impact strength ten times greater than steel. They mark a new high in Mr. Ford's intensive effort to bring industry and agriculture into partnership, for they were made from such ordinary farm crops as wheat, flax, rainil, acmp and spruce pulp. Mr. Ford, shown here with the car and Robert A. Boyer, Ford Motor Company research chemist in charge of plastic development, emphasized that the plastic body is still in an experimental stage, and that substitution for the conventional steel body on a production scale may take months.

NEW SCHOOL TERM BEGINS SEPT. 10 FOR 2,000 HERE

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in order to enter the second semester of the school year.

Admission Ruling

However, inasmuch as the law does not go into effect until on Sept. 15, and school opens Sept. 10, beginners will be admitted the first three days of school according to the provisions of the old law, as follows: Kindergarten beginners who are five years of age, or who will become five years of age on or before Monday, Dec. 8, 1941, will be admitted if they enter school on or before Sept. 12.

First grade beginners who are six years of age, or who will become six years of age on or before Monday, Dec. 8, 1941, will also be admitted if they enter school on or before Sept. 12.

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"Without forgetting the cultural arts and the development of individual character and personality," Kersey said, "these are the very practical precepts that guide our teaching."

COUNCIL MEETS SEPT. 11

The next regular session of the city council will be held on Thursday night, Sept 11, at 7:45 o'clock. The council will meet again Sept. 15 to canvass the votes cast in the Sept. 10 special election.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lowen and daughter Neva June spent the weekend at Pinecrest.

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H.S. Students Will Have Longer Day

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on a regular assignment as the junior clerk following advanced training in Los Angeles. She is now in line for a senior clerkship, an assignment which is expected at an early date.

Miss Muriel Duncan, who was quite popular as girls' physical education instructor, has been advanced and transferred by her own request to Polytechnic high school. She was regarded as an outstanding teacher, versatile and community-minded and will be missed by many students here. She is being replaced by Mrs. Leona Carnichael, formerly of John C. Fremont high school, who comes to Torrance highly recommended.

Up to today only one other change has been made in the high school faculty, according to Principal Elson. Miss Helen Coller, who was on leave last term while she continued her studies at U. C. L. A., is returning to direct home economics classes. She will take the place of Mrs. Virginia Jones a substitute instructor last year.

Slogan is Changed

Coach Pete Zamperini, it was learned, will continue at Torrance high because he has received no notice concerning his application for the U. S. Navy's physical education department. He will continue to serve as physical education instructor here with Coach Robert Barr until he receives orders from the Navy Department.

Torrance high students will report in the assembly hall at 8 o'clock for re-organization work next Wednesday morning, Principal Elson said. The teachers will meet there next Monday morning for final instruction. Last year the schools' slogan was "National Defense." This year the watchword will be "Citizenship," Elson announced.

Guests of the Gilbert Wegners of Palos Verdes at their Crestline cabin this week are Messrs. and Mmes M. L. Johnson of Palos Verdes, R. J. Ashley, J. C. Snow, and Fred Harder.

Six Women to Guard School Crossings Here

Times have certainly changed.

Instead of announcing a "man hunt" in the interest of justice, law and order, Police Chief John Stroh is in the midst of a "woman-hunt" in the interest of safety for Torrance school children. He is lining up six women who are on relief who are qualified to take over the job of guarding school crossings here starting next Wednesday morning, September 10.

The feminine guards will be costumed in spiffy uniforms, approved by P. T. A. organizations and the county defense council, which will be provided by the county women's WPA sewing project. While a lot of the detail connected with the selection of the crossing guards is still nebulous, Stroh has learned the following facts:

The WPA will furnish the uniforms, trim khaki tunics and skirts with white peaked hats and crossing guard arm-bands; the city will furnish supervision and rain equipment and must provide over-time pay at the rate of 40 cents an hour if the guards work more than their budget hours.

Shortage of men for the work made it necessary to enlist the women, according to County Manager Wayne R. Allen. Two hundred women, all mothers, will be selected for the work thruout the county.

17 Patients Enter Hospital

In addition to six accident victims, 11 new patients admitted to Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week were. Mrs. Ethel Aspittal, 2307 243rd st., Aug. 30 for medical care; Mrs. Mary Burgwnkel, El Nido, Sept. 1 for observation and medical treatment; Mrs. Viola Eide, 2317 Carson st., Aug. 28 for surgery, and Emile Girardin, Gardena, on Aug. 31 for surgery.

Mrs. Lela Hight, 2314 Carson st., Sept. 1 for surgery; Mrs. Betty Lamphere, Redondo Beach Sept. 2 for surgery; Eugene Lapp, Hermosa Beach, Aug. 28 for medical care; Mrs. Anna O'Brien, Redondo Beach, Sept. 1 for surgery; Mrs. Vivian Theobald, Los Angeles, Sept. 1, for surgery; Patsy Boyd, five years old, of Redondo Beach, Sept 3 for a tonsillectomy, and Robert Hardin, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hardin, 1617 Amapola ave., Sept. 3 for a tonsillectomy.

The accident victims were: Mrs. Margaret Nichols, 67, of Los Angeles, mother-in-law of film producer Hal Roach, who succumbed a half-hour after she was received last Friday. She was injured internally in an automobile collision in Gardena. Mrs. Nichols was driving with her brother, Donald Parker of Fresno, who suffered a laceration over his right eye, on his hands and brush burns on his knees.

One Hurt at Catalina

Donald Ruffa, Los Angeles, the other driver involved in the collision was treated for a minor laceration on his face.

Mrs. Sarkis Sahagian, Los Angeles, who was injured in Gardena last Friday was treated for minor injuries. Paul Jennison, Redondo Beach, injured in a motorcycle collision in that city, Sept. 1 was treated for lacerations over his left eye.

Mrs. Marguerite Melville of 1423 Beech st., whose hand was caught between a boat and a pier at Catalina Island, was brought to the hospital Monday for treatment. Ronald Nash, eight-year-old Gardena boy who fell off a roof, was treated for a dislocated left wrist Aug. 30.

Interesting study of a Russian peasant type is this radiophoto from Moscow of Ivan Linkov, described by Moscow censor as oldest member of "Avangard" collective farm volunteer fire brigade. His job is to guard property from fire. (Passed by Moscow censor.)

Scouts in Appeal for Transportation to Weekend Camp

Unless some Torrance motorists come to their rescue—and pronto! — 15 or more Boy Scouts won't be able to enjoy a four-patrol outing at Lake Elsinore this weekend. All of the Flaming Arrow patrol and several other scouts have been unable to find transportation to the lake.

Scoutmaster Merton Gilbert today appealed to local residents for the use of five or six cars to take the Scouts to Lake Elsinore early Saturday morning and return them home Sunday evening. He will be glad to accept offers at Torrance 885.

Meanwhile, Marvin Kent, patrol leader, and other rideless Scouts are seeking means to get to the camp grounds. About 35 Scouts will make the trip if enough cars are made available.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DATA ANNOUNCED

According to Principal Leonard Dykes of Torrance Elementary school the times of dismissal of pupils on the first day will be: Kindergarten at 10:20 a.m.; Grades 1, 2 and 3 at 11:40 a.m.; and Grades 4, 5 and 6 at 12:20 p. m. Cafeteria service at the elementary school will not start until Thursday, Sept. 11.

Principal Dykes urges parents to "check and double-check ages of children starting school for the first time" with the review of the new state law given elsewhere in this edition. The elementary school head said that registration of beginning pupils will begin Friday, Sept. 5, at 9 a. m. and will continue Monday morning, Sept. 8 at 8 a. m. and Wednesday morning, Sept. 10, at 8 a. m. Parents are advised it is not necessary to register children who were in school at the close of the semester last June.

At 26, James Tocher, Middletown farmer, is believed to be youngest county supervisor in California, possibly in nation.

Six transfers of teaching personnel will take place at Torrance Elementary school. Mrs. Eleanor Alvord, a special teacher, has been transferred to Bellevue Avenue school and she will be succeeded by Margaret Warder Craig of Bellevue. Mrs. Ruth Borden, another special teacher, has been sent to Terminal Island school and her successor has not yet been announced.

Mrs. Verna M. Allen, A-3 instructor, will go to Amestoy school and her class will be taught by Lila Coghlan from Cortez street school. Miss Edith Chilver, kindergarten teacher, will go to Wilmington Park school with Lilliam M. Morris from that school taking her place here. Mrs. Lida Feltham, A-5 instructor, will report at State Street school and her class will be directed by Benson Rotstein, a substitute teacher. Mrs. Florence Landry, B-4 and A-4 teacher, has retired and her successor here will be Agatha Boebel from Fries Avenue school.

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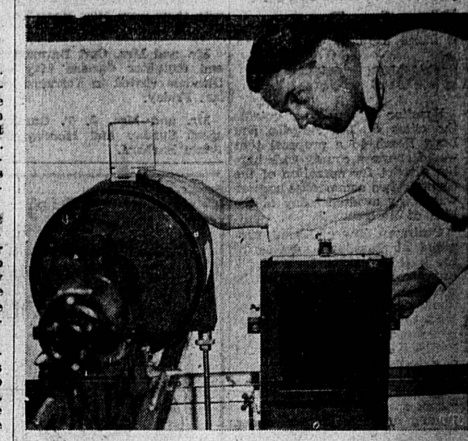

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