

Longren Aircraft Conversion To Peacetime Production Employs 100

More than 100 employees are now engaged in the production of the Longren "Shooting Star," a scooter that is built to last a life time. Weighing a bare seven pounds, only half the weight of an ordinary scooter, this toy was started into production with aircraft stock on hand after war contracts were terminated.

Franklin H. Wentworth, president of Longren Aircraft Co., has employed the same ingenuity in reconversion as many other American industrialists in refusing to have their plants lay idle due to contract terminations.

"Shooting Stars" a day after production wrinkles are ironed out. More than 200 employees will be needed at this time, he said.

Another product, the "carry-all," a household two-wheel truck weighing three pounds will make its appearance soon as shoppers are expected to take advantage of its many uses.

Nearly 36 miles of duraluminum which formerly had gone into the manufacture of the B-17 and the P-38, plus 6 miles of rubber non-skid padding will be used to produce nearly 40,000 of these scooters before Dec. 25.

Wentworth predicts that more than \$100,000 of eastern money will flow into Torrance before the first of the year from their sales. He stated that the company is shooting for a thousand

Motor Pools Safety Contest

All LAPE motor pools have been enrolled in the inter-fleet safety contest sponsored by the Greater Los Angeles Safety Council, Lt. M. I. Cotabish of the safety branch announced this week.

Approximately 75 motor fleets and an aggregate of well over 10,000 vehicles are represented in the contest.

Camp Ross, Camp Anza, and Torrance Army hospital motor pools are included in LAPE's enrollment. Other motor fleets include such companies as Lockheed and Douglas Aircraft, Firestone Tire, General Petroleum Corp., Los Angeles public transportation companies, and many others.

The contest, which began 1 Sept. will continue through 31 Dec., 1945. Comparative standings will be based on the number of accidents per 100,000 miles driven.

Trophies and individual driver's certificates will be awarded at a banquet to be held by the Safety Council at the conclusion of the contest period.

Rules Given As National War Labor Board Prepares To Wind Up Affairs

The National War Labor Board, through its newly appointed chairman, Lloyd W. Garrison, today advised the Tenth Regional Board that it has taken steps to terminate its work not later than Jan. 1, 1946 and has unanimously voted the following procedures into effect:

1. Effective from and after Oct. 22, 1945, except in pending appeal cases and in pending cases in which the parties have jointly stipulated to be bound by the Board's decision, no further directive orders will be issued by the National War Labor Board or by the Regional Boards or Industry Commissions (other than the Commissions which have been set up to effectuate directive orders of the Board). Instead, recommendations to the parties as to the appropriate terms of settlement will be issued.

2. No appeals from the recommendations of the Regional Boards and Commissions to the National War Labor Board will be permitted. Appeals from directive orders which have already been issued by the Regional Boards and Commissions will, however, be processed by the National War Labor Board as heretofore and will be disposed of by directive order.

3. In cases in which the parties have heretofore jointly stipulated to be bound by the Board's decision, the Board and its respective agencies will issue directive orders as heretofore. Appeals in such cases will be permitted as heretofore to the National War Labor Board where the case has been referred to a Regional Board and the parties have not agreed that the Regional Board's decision should be final.

4. The Board's policy has been to make decisions only in dispute cases certified prior to August 18, 1945, except where the parties jointly stipulated to be bound by the Board's decision. This policy will continue to be followed with the added proviso however that as to joint stipulations received by the Board on and after Oct. 22, 1945, and until a date to be later specified when no further joint stipulations will be received, the Board will act only to the extent of designating at the request of the parties an arbitrator or arbitrators as the parties may specify to make a final and binding decision and will not itself make the decision.

5. Staff aid will be given to the Regional Boards and Commissions which have the most congested calendars by appropriate transfers from the National Board or from other Regional Boards or Commissions as particular case loads may permit.

6. There will later be announced a program for carrying out the functions required under the Stabilization Act passing upon such voluntary wage adjustments as require approval and acting upon violations of wage stabilization regulations until the termination of that Act.

Merchant Marine Starts Peacetime Training Program

The West Coast's new peacetime training program for merchant seamen began without fanfare Wednesday.

Transferred from Catalina Island to three training ships based at Long Beach, the U. S. Maritime Service training station continued "business-as-usual."

Approximately 90 new men arrived in the first shipment as the new program got underway. The Training Organization of the War Shipping Administration plans actual sea duty training for all prospective seamen who join the Maritime Service. Each man will receive 13 weeks' training before being assigned to jobs in the peacetime U. S. Merchant Marine.

The three vessels, American Engineer, American Seafarer and American Navigator, will handle a total of 1,000 men. The Seafarer formerly gave Catalina Island trainees their sea legs. Both the Engineer and the Navigator were transferred here from the East Coast.

Men from 17 to 50 may enroll for training in the Maritime Service. Enrolling offices are now located in San Francisco, Long Beach, Portland, Seattle, and Salt Lake City.

Vets Warned To Secure SS Identification

Many returning veterans are going into business for themselves for the first time. Some are men who have never been an employer of labor before. These individuals are reminded that any new employer should file an application with the Social Security Board for an identification for the business. This is necessary even though only one person is on the payroll, and perhaps works only part time. Each employer is required to keep a record of the worker's social security account number to use when it comes time to make out the social security tax return to the collector of internal revenue.

Interested individuals, who live outside of Long Beach, should watch the newspapers of their cities for the announcement of when a representative of that office will visit their community. New employers may secure identification numbers either by calling at the office which is located at 423 Jergins Trust Building, Long Beach or by writing this office for application form SS-4.

Gasoline Taxes

Recording a gain of 31 per cent in gasoline tax assessments of California oil companies over the corresponding month of 1944, the State Board of Equalization announced returns for the month of August, 1945, based on distribution of 183,765,267 gallons, to be \$5,512,958.

ON 60 DAY'S LEAVE
Anthony M. (Tony) Nady, chief machinist's mate, USN, returned Saturday for a 60 days' leave from Pacific duty. His wife, Helen, lives at 1300 W. 21st st., his parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Nady, of 710 Madrid ave. Nady has completed seven years Navy service.

WATER MEETING
North Torrance Improvement Association will hold a water meeting Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 7:30 p. m. in the Perry school, according to Mrs. Lela F. Gerner, secretary. The meeting will be to discuss forming of a water district to serve North Torrance.

RURAL CARRIER EXAM
Applications for examination for rural carrier war service appointment will be received up to the close of business on Nov. 14, 1945, according to H. G. Shullenburg, secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Commission in Torrance.

Assessed Values In County Gain Twenty Per Cent

Assessed value of property subject to local taxes in Los Angeles county increased 20 per cent during the war years, California "taxpayers" association said today, making public its study of trends in assessed valuations in California counties.

For the current fiscal year, assessed valuation of property in the county totals \$2,978,392,865. For 1940-41, assessed valuation amounted to \$2,485,965,560. Of the total current taxable value, \$2,697,296,595 is assessed by county officials and \$281,096,270 by the state board of equalization. In addition, property exempt from taxation is valued at \$104,649,400.

Throughout the state, the assessed value of property has increased 20 per cent since 1940-41. For 1945-46, the total is \$3,541,172,363. For 1940-41 it was \$7,138,621,257. This year, taxable valuations fixed by county officials throughout California total \$7,451,031,453, and \$1,090,140,910 in valuation was assessed by the state board of equalization. Property exempt from taxation is valued at \$232,814,102.

This year, each dollar of tax rate imposed over the state as a whole would produce a property tax levy of \$85,411,724. For 1940-41, the last prewar year, each dollar of tax rate equalled a levy of \$71,386,213.

Coordinating Councils To Meet Monday

The members of the 65 Coordinating Councils in Los Angeles County have completed plans to be represented at the Fourteenth Annual Conference of Coordinating Councils to be held at Patriotic Hall, 1816 S. Figueroa st. on Monday, Oct. 29.

The conference has been called primarily to discuss the problem of young people to be called upon to face during the period of reconversion and to plan a coordinated community effort to help young people to assume future leadership in our democracy.

Beginning at 9:30 a. m. the conference will divide into workshop sections to discuss such topics as: Teen Centers, Youth Councils, Education for Parenthood, Schools for Parents, Youth Participation in Adult Planning, etc. At 3:30 p. m. the various sections will report to the entire group and the conference will be addressed by Dr. C. C. Trillingham, county superintendent of schools and Hon. William B. McKesson, judge of the Juvenile court.

New V-5 Class Is Offered By U. S. Navy

The Navy today announced the opening of another V-5 class for naval pilot training.

Eligible for the aviation cadet program are youths of 17 through 19 who will have graduated from high school on or before Feb. 25, 1946. Applicants who will have reached their nineteenth birthday before Mar. 1 will be required to have completed at least one semester of college.

Young men now being enlisted in the program will be returned to their homes and will not be ordered to active duty until Mar. 1, 1946. Applicants accepted for training will be given one to three semesters of college at a civilian university, approximately 26 weeks of pre-flight training, approximately 16 weeks of primary flight training and approximately 20 weeks of intermediate flight training. Upon completion of intermediate flight training the aviation cadet will be commissioned as a naval reserve officer.

Applicants for the V-5 program may apply at the Naval Aviation Cadet Selection Board, 411 W. 5th st., Los Angeles. Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

Veterans Affairs Committee In Laudable Aid To Returned Vets

The Torrance Area Veterans Affairs Committee began its fourth week of operations Oct. 22 and, according to J. G. Caldwell, executive secretary, a wide variety of requests from the returning servicemen have been received.

He stated that "our problem is to help the veteran in the best way possible and it will be up to us to answer his particular problem."

"These fighters of ours are hard men to handle on the battle front. The German and Japanese soldiers will vouch for that. On the other hand the veteran is the greatest example of our way of life. This is shown in his sympathetic understanding and love for the children of other lands which has amazed the adults in the foreign countries occupied by him."

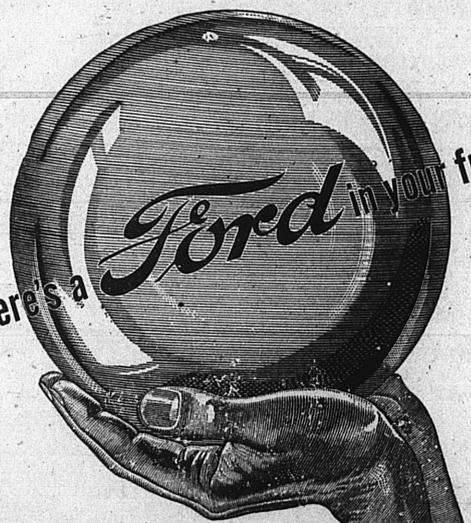
Caldwell recalled a story happening in China where a little girl had crawled into a jeep and had dropped off to sleep. The G. I. stood by until the youngster had awakened. This produced such a profound impression upon a Chinese writer that he

was lost in bewilderment. He spoke of a simple understanding existing between the people of these foreign lands and our troops, all wanting to live and enjoy the benefits of life, home, children and security. Caldwell opined that: "Our boys are doing more good than any ambassador that our country could appoint."

"These people do not understand all the documents that are written upon the highly worded papers, but they do understand that our boys are kind and sympathetic with a courtesy for all. 'Let's all get together'—and help these veterans get jobs and homes."

The location of the Torrance Area Veterans Affairs Committee is at 2300 Carson st., Room 208, 210 and 211. Office hours for the time being, will be Monday through Friday, 8:30 a. m. to 4:45 p. m.

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Lease Executed For Offices In County Building

The Board of Supervisors at its Tuesday meeting authorized the execution of a lease covering the second floor of the County Health Center Building, 2300 Carson st., Torrance to be used by the U. S. Selective Service System.

This space has been occupied by the OPA, but due to the elimination of a large number of the OPA offices the space was available and is being taken over by the Selective Service System, Local Board No. 280, at a rental of \$76.00 per month. The Torrance Area Veterans Affairs committee also shares the building.

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