

## Keeping Community's Water Glass Filled is Big Order

Keeping Southern California's community water glass filled is a \$47,000,000 order for Torrance, Lomita, Harbor City, and 20 other localities that are using Colorado River water today.

In order to meet the rapidly increasing residential and industrial growth of this area, 513,500,000 gallons of additional water storage are being provided and 168 miles of mains are being added to distribution systems.

New pumping plants and other important operating units also are called for in the multi-million dollar construction program, details of which are disclosed in a survey just completed by Julian Hinds, general manager and chief engineer of the Metropolitan Water District.

"Every member city of the District is rushing work on extensions and enlargements to its water systems," Hinds said. A \$7,000,000 construction budget has been provided by the Metropolitan Water District to meet the over-all service demands of the various cities comprising the District.

Facilities for softening and filtering an additional 100,000,000 gallons of Colorado River water daily are under construction now by the Metropolitan Water District. Cost of this project is \$4,000,000.

Ten miles of pipe lines to serve Long Beach and the West Basin area, which includes such beach cities as Redondo, Hermosa, and Manhattan, also are provided for, District engineers stated.

"Twice as much Colorado River water will be used this year as in 1947," Hinds predicted. He said the sharp increase was due to "unabated community growth" and to the continuation of "drought conditions."

"The Colorado River is the only source that can meet our expanding needs," he said. "Protection of that supply is essential for sound growth of the cities that are entitled to use Colorado River water."



SHE'LL COMPETE—Pat Gibson, one of the gorgeous beauties who will compete in the annual Bathing Beauty Contest at Manhattan Beach Sunday afternoon, Aug. 22.

## Beauties Will Compete for Beach Honor

Scores of gorgeous beauties will compete in the annual Bathing Beauty Contest to be staged at Manhattan Beach Sunday afternoon Aug. 22, starting at 2 p.m.

The pageant will feature the pick of the South Bay's most beautiful girls, more than 30 of whom will enter the contest for the title of Miss Manhattan Beach and the handsome prizes which will be awarded the winners.

Red Ingle, Hollywood band leader and comic, will act as master of ceremonies and Tex Williams and Artie Wayne, noted recording stars, will act as judges.

The contest will be staged on the land end of the Municipal Pier and admission is free. A special section will be reserved for amateur photographers. The Chamber of Commerce may be contacted for credentials.

## Former WACs Eligible for Service Again

Former WACs, discharged since last May 1, are eligible for re-enlistment in the Women's Army Corps, it is announced by M/Sgt. James R. Callison, in charge of the local Army and Air Force recruiting station at 1337 El Prado, Torrance.

Capt. Lucille Wimberly, of McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, has been appointed Southern California chief for WAC re-enlistments. WACs re-enlisting within 90 days of their discharge will receive a re-enlistment bonus of \$50 for each year completed since July, 1943, to the date of discharge.

For further information, Capt. Wimberly may be contacted at the McCornack General Hospital, Pasadena, SYcamore 6-3131, Extension 88.

## Shipments of Finished Steel Set New High

Shipments of finished steel products in the first six months of this year exceeded any half-year in war or peace, according to American Iron and Steel Institute.

Despite the curtailment of furnace operations because of the coal miners' strike in the spring, shipments in the six months were over 32,250,000 net tons, exceeding the record set in the last half of 1947 by nearly 371,000 tons, and exceeding the tonnage shipped in the first half of 1947 by more than 1,000,000 tons.

The wartime record for shipments was established in the first half of 1944 at 31,766,000 tons.

If steel companies are permitted to continue shipping during the remainder of 1948 at the record rate of the first six months, the year's total shipments will be approximately 64,500,000 tons, compared with the highest previous shipments of 63,250,000 tons in 1944.

Shipments of sheets and pipe were chiefly responsible for the substantial gain in total shipments over the first half of 1947. Cold rolled sheets registered the largest single tonnage increase and constituted 10.2 per cent of shipments, compared with 8.6 per cent a year earlier. This products is used largely in automobiles and other consumer goods. Hot rolled sheet and tin plate also showed substantial gains.

## Monday Last Day to File UCLA Papers

Deadline for new students to file applications for admission in the fall semester at the University of California at Los Angeles is Monday, August 16, is announced by Dr. Edgar L. Lazier, director of admissions at UCLA.

Students who wish to be readmitted after an absence to either graduate or undergraduate status must submit applications to the Registrar's Office not later than Wednesday, September 1.

Consultation with advisers by all students and counseling will take place Sept. 6 to 11.

Instruction in the fall semester will begin Monday, Sept. 20.

## Harbor City Boy Enlists

Dick Darst, 18, of Harbor City, enlisted today at the U. S. Air Force recruiting station, Torrance, for three years in the Air Force.

Darst, the son of Mrs. J. B. Henderson, 1501 Rolling Knolls drive, is a 1948 graduate of Narbonne high school. He requested for his training the automotive mechanic school.

**ARMY NEEDS LAND**

The army is seeking additional land adjoining Fort MacArthur on the south and west as a drill ground, which it hopes to lease without cost from the city of Los Angeles.

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