

City Building Nears \$1,000,000 Mark During Week

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Issuance of a building permit to the General Petroleum Corp. for the construction of a new administration building at the company's refinery here shot the week's building permit total near the \$1,000,000 mark, according to J. B. Dresser, the city's building inspector.

The new General Petroleum building carried a permit valuation of \$635,000, Dresser said. Total for the week was \$894,621.

Other permits issued during the past week included:

WEDNESDAY

Aradia Savings and Loan, residence, 5130 Sepulveda, etc., 12 residence, \$12,000.
Kenneth Laverly, 1321 Cordary, block wall, \$290.
Seth Fenick, 1329 Cordary, block wall, \$423.
Helen M. Cullen, 1317 Cordary, block wall, \$174.
Otis M. Evans, 1338 Cordary, block wall, \$244.
James Amos, 1325 Cordary, block wall, \$327.
Crenshaw Mill and Lumber Co., 180 Paseo de Gracia, dwelling, \$9300.
Allen Plimney, 4507 Sharyne Lane, garage, \$600.
Joseph A. Penevost, 2317 Torrance Blvd., garage, \$600.
Luther M. Wallace, 119 Via Colusa, fence, \$300.
Ethel B. McCall, 17212 Amle, fence, \$200.

THURSDAY

Clark E. Portzer, 147 Via La Ciruela, fence and patio, \$225.
Hollis Button, 148 Via Los Miradores, retaining wall, \$75.
Bernard G. Beard, 400 Via Pasqual, service porch, \$400.
Jack Catrey, 17213 Atkinson Ave., garage and ramp, \$1500.
Joe R. McPherson, 22318 Ellinwood Dr., fence, \$243.

FRIDAY

Torrance Liquor Store, 2508 Torrance Blvd., move neon sign, \$80.
James Gibson, 239 Paseo De Los Dolencias, residence and garage, \$15,200.

MONDAY

John T. Lamb, 18513 Ashley, garage and fence, \$650.
Charles L. Robertson, 6007 Sharyne Lane, retaining wall, \$900.
Choi Matsushita, 5224 W. 130th St., move shed, \$500.
W. S. Moore, 2083 W. 223rd St., residence, \$3000.
D. E. Blankenship, 617 Cota Ave., replace front porch, \$250.
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bailey, 1787 Fern Ave., storage room, \$100.
G. A. Powell, Co., 13151 Prairie Ave., gas pumps, \$2000.

G. A. Powell, 18181 Prairie Ave., three 40,000-gallon gas tanks, \$1050.
Chester Phillips, 18950 Prairie Ave., garage, \$1000.
Homer Greene, 16331 Yukon Ave., addition to residence, \$1200.

TUESDAY

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 326 Hollywood-Palos Verdes Parkway, church educational unit, \$12,000.
General Petroleum Corp., 190th and Crenshaw, administration building, \$835,000.
Isaac Washer, 1319 1/2 Sartori Ave., new store front for Squire's Children's Shop, \$2000.
Emmett Barrett, 1835 W. 186th St., garage, \$500.
Choi Matsushita, garage and storage building moved, \$500.
Sheffield Homes, between 167th St. and 168th St. on Palda Ave., eight dwellings, \$80,000.



LOU ARBETTOR
... Heads Merchant Group

Arbettor Named To Head Better Merchants Group

Reorganization of the Better Merchants division of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was officially completed yesterday with the election of Lou Arbettor of Allen's Jewelers as president, and the naming of other officers and committee men.

Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce building, the merchants gave a unanimous vote to Arbettor as their president. Elected to serve with the new president were Eddie Raphael of Gary's Jewelers, vice-president; and Dale Isenberg, executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, as secretary-treasurer.

A Christmas decorating committee appointed at the meeting included Frank Dominguez, Jr., L. Milton Isbell, Jim Lawson, George Powell, Harry Abramson and Arthur Strumwasser.

Appointed to the sales committee were James Squires, Paul Diamond, J. H. Paget, A. Robinson, Bernard Lee, Charles V. Jones, Everett Messinger and Charles Markland.

The four-man parking committee includes Paget, who is also on the city's Parking Authority; Sam Levy, Lee and Robinson.

Services Held For Long-Time Local Resident

Services for Evelyn Deal Cheadle, 45, will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. Stone and Myers Chapel, with interment to follow at Green Hills Cemetery.

Mrs. Cheadle, of 916 Crenshaw Blvd., died Tuesday at Torrance Memorial Hospital. She had resided in Torrance for 22 years.

Active in church and civic organizations, she was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Women's Benefit Association.

Survivors include her husband, Carl; her mother, Mrs. Ethel Ironson, Colo.; and a brother, also of Colorado.

'Mrs. Jaycee' Name Selected by Group

"Mrs. Jaycee of Torrance" is the name officially adopted by the 25 members who attended the first meeting of the Auxiliary to the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce building.

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TOT DEAD, 17 INJURED IN WAVE OF HIGHWAY WRECKS

Drivers Injured As Car Smashed By Heavy Tanker

A light passenger car collided with a heavy, tank truck at Figueroa and Carson Sts. sending both drivers to the hospital, one suffering serious head injuries, Monday night.

Richard C. White, 24, of Long Beach, was taken to Harbor General Hospital suffering a possible skull fracture and serious head cuts. He was cited by Highway Patrol officers R. O. Bossaert and A. E. Allen for allegedly running a red stop signal.

The truck driver, William T. Jones, 32, of Willowbrook, received minor injuries and was treated by a physician at a private hospital.

Officers reported that White's car was traveling east on Carson St. when he evidently failed to stop for a red light and plowed into the tractor of the heavy tanker. The truck was hauling used commercial acid.

Traffic was slowed to a crawl for nearly an hour along Figueroa St. with the demolished wreckage of the light automobile and the damaged Diesel truck blocking most of the roadway.

Fire equipment was summoned to the scene to wash down gasoline leaking from the tank of the car.



MURDER-MILE MISHAP . . . Billy C. Johnson and William Lyons, both sailors, lie injured beside their wrecked car after they were involved in a bloody crash at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Newton St. Sunday night. Five persons were taken to Harbor General Hospital suffering serious hurts. Bystanders attempt to comfort the injured youths.

Motorists Jam Roads

Fourteen Injured In Week-end Wrecks

Warm weather brought thousands of motorists onto the highways over the week-end, resulting in one of the most hectic and bloody two-day periods in recent Torrance Police Department history.

Fourteen persons were injured in two traffic collisions, nine of them in a three-car crash on Hawthorne Blvd. north of 190th St. Saturday night, according to police.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital suffering major injuries were Charles C. Sultz, 22, of Lawndale; Henry P. Lujan, 21, of El Monte; and Francisco H. Franco, 23, of Tijuana. Franco is on the "critical" list, hospital attaches report.

Receive Lesser Hurts
Lesser injuries were received by Pascual Vargas, 23, who works at 3601 Lomita Blvd.; Marvin Andrews, 33, Culver City; Tony Luera, 21, Compton; Victor Marquez, 23, Compton; Rufino Rubalaba, 22, San Diego; and Francisco Murillo, 23, Tijuana.

Police said drivers of the smashed autos were Franco, Andrews, and Ross H. Harbough, 1038 W. 168th St. Gardena.

A Sunday night crash at the Murder Mile intersection of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Newton St. sent five persons to the hospital. The head-on crash occurred in the exact area where today workmen are attempting to chan-

nelize the intersection to alleviate the death-trap situation which has prevailed there for several years.

Sailors Injured
Injured in the crash were Venus D. Boest, 35, Hawthorne; Billy C. Johnson, 18, U. S. Navy; Beverly Sicloff, 22, Venice; William Lyons, 19, U. S. Navy, and Grace Thomas, 67, Hawthorne. Police said Mrs. Boest and Johnson were drivers.

Several persons were killed and many have been injured at the Newton St. intersection. Other accidents throughout the city kept traffic officers jumping, with non-injury accidents reported at Post and Arlington Aves.; Torrance Municipal Airport; 2115 W. 203rd St.; Torrance Blvd. and Portola Ave.; and 182nd St. and Hawthorne Blvd.

Steelworkers Vice - President To Give Report Here Saturday

A general report on the negotiations between the steelworkers union and the steel companies will be given Saturday morning in the Civic Auditorium by James G. Thimmes, International Vice-President of the Steelworkers of America.

The special meeting to which all steelworkers in the area have been asked to attend will start at 10 a.m. according to Vic Teer, president of Local 1414 of the Steelworkers Union.

According to a spokesman in union headquarters in Los Angeles, Thimmes will tell why there has been a breakdown in the negotiations between big steel and the union.

To Explain Deadlock
He will explain why the industry and the union are stymied in their attempts to end the nation-wide strike, now in its third week.

The high union official will point out what he claims are false statements in the propaganda being put out by the steel industry.

Thimmes was director of the union's Western district and

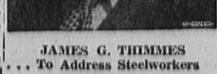
served as a president of the California State CIO Council before being elevated to the vice-presidency of the steel union, headed by Philip Murray. Thimmes has on several occasions visited Torrance USA Local 1414, the last time being in 1949 when this local was organized.

It is expected that Thimmes will take issue with the letter sent Columbia Steel employees by its president, Alden G. Roach, in which the steel executive stated that the only issue in dispute was the union shop demanded by the union.

To Speak in Bell
Following the meeting in Torrance, Thimmes will speak at another meeting called for the same purpose at 2 p.m. at 4025 1/2 E. Gage Ave., Bell, for steel strikers in the Los Angeles area.

He plans to make similar meetings being scheduled in various Western States, where the union has memberships in steel, aluminum, can, and other kindred industries.

His home is in Covina, Calif.



JAMES G. THIMMES
... To Address Steelworkers

Services Today

Small Girl Killed By Fall From Auto

Little Rebecca Jean Wright, who died Monday after she fell from a moving car while attempting to lock the door so her playmates would not fall out, will be buried today at Pacific Crest Cemetery.

Rebecca, who would have celebrated her third birthday next month, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital soon after she fell from

her father's car on 190th St. near Yukon Ave.

In Rear Seat
Riding in the back seat of her father's automobile were Rebecca, her brother Robert Jr., and three other young children. Her grandmother, Mrs. Fanny Wright, also was with them.

In the front seat were Wright and Rebecca's mother, Claudia, expecting a third baby soon.

Rebecca reached to latch the door so that her brother, playing on the car floor, would not fall out. She pulled at the handle. The door shot open, dragging the tiny tot out onto the roadway, officer Donald Nash was told.

Another motorist, Carl Goodwin, narrowly missed running his car over the little body sprawled on the highway. He slammed on the brakes, skidded off the road and up onto the embankment.

Rebecca's father, Robert, of 1639 W. 203rd St., told officer Nash that he was traveling about 40 miles an hour when the tragedy occurred.

Surviving Rebecca are her mother, her brother and grandmother, and six aunts and six uncles. Services will be held at 2 p.m. at Gardena Mortuary.

Sunny, But Later

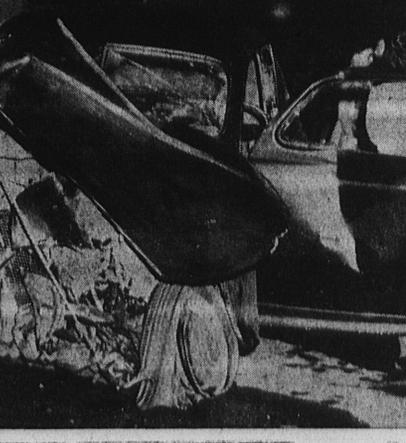
Night and morning low clouds, local fog, brings a snap to the early week warm spell, but it'll be sunny this afternoon, the weather man declares. High temperature for yesterday was 77, and the same is predicted today.

Woman Badly Beaten, Assaulter Gets Fine, Probation for Attack

A Redondo Beach man who assaulted his estranged wife and a Marine companion in Torrance last Feb. 4, yesterday was sentenced to pay a \$150 fine and placed on three years probation by Superior Court Judge Fred Miller. The man, Rudiofo G. Andrade, 29, pleaded guilty to the charge.

Wedenkeller of Lawndale, where she was treated for lacerations of the face and mouth—which was badly swollen—numerous bruises and shock.

She was found on Palos Verdes Dr. North, near the intersection of Narbonne Ave. by a midnight stroller, John T. Wil-



SMASHED TO SMITHERINES . . . This is what a light coupe looks like after it has collided with a heavy tank truck. Driver Richard C. White was seriously injured and truck driver William T. Jones received minor hurts, Monday night. Traffic was slowed to a crawl for an hour.

loughby, 37, of Rolling Hills.

Willoughby moved her body to the roadside and summoned sheriff's deputies and an ambulance.

The woman told police that she had been drinking with two men earlier in the evening and they had taken her for a ride to

"find somewhere to dance."

When they reached the hills, one man attempted to disrobe her while the other drove. Finally, when they reached the deserted spot, only a mile from the Harbor Hills housing project, they beat her and threw her out of the auto, she reported.

Mrs. L. Buckley Taken by Death

Funeral services for Mrs. Lotie S. Buckley, 72, formerly of 2028 Reynolds Dr., were conducted at the Stone and Myers Chapel yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Buckley, who had resided with her daughter in San Gabriel for six months, died there Saturday.

Interment was held at Inglewood Park Cemetery, with the Rev. Homer Miller, Central United Brethren Church, presiding at graveside rites and at the chapel service.

She is survived by two sons, Forrest of the Reynolds Dr. address; and Loton, of Montebello; her daughter, Mrs. Dora Mae Aitcheson, San Gabriel; two sisters and three grandchildren, including Claudette Buckley, of 1516 Crenshaw Blvd.

Mrs. Buckley was active in the Townsend organization while residing here.

Pardner, Beware Whar Ya Park Yer Livestock

Careful whar ya' park 'ur livestock, pardner.

'Cause, it seems, that's a injun or two running plum crazy.

A cow poke (or pig poke) named George Green out Green's Hog Ranch way is havin' a heap of trouble. Just yesterday he told the sheriff that he pulled arrows out of two critters, big helpers, out on his ranch in West Torrance.

One was shot square through the neck, the other in the . . . well, it's a mighty good thing them helpers don't sit down. The critters are still a-livin', but Green, he's a mighty mad hombre. And the sheriff, he's got his posse out lookin' for a guy with a bow and a bag full of them arrows.