

**BEATS USING A SHOVEL . . .** This giant compressed air-driven pile driver is doing some fancy post-hole digging out at 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave. The piling here will hold a temporary train trestle, opening the intersection for two additional lanes of traffic.

## Sidewalk Superintendents See Train Trestle Tactics

Sidewalk superintendents are having a field day watching construction at 190th St. and Hawthorne Ave.

A temporary train trestle is being built by the California Division of Highways.

The highly unusual operation currently is being led by a giant compressed air-driven pile driver, owned by the AT&SF Railroad.

An auger attachment is used to drill holes through the railroad fill so that the piling will have to be driven only the last few feet.

### Two More Lanes

When finished the operation will extend the El Nido underpass at 190th St., opening two more lanes of traffic.

The entire job of moving the train tracks will be done without interrupting railroad traffic for more than a few hours at a time, according to resident Engineer Ray Burgan.

The 64.5-foot steel girders, each weighing about 20 tons, will be assembled up in the air to one side of the tracks. They will then be moved side-

ways onto the line of the tracks.

The excavation and construction for the new abutment will next be made underneath. The steel girder span then will be

## \$112,000 in Club Checks To Be Mailed

Checks totaling in excess of \$112,000 will be mailed Monday, Nov. 11, to more than 900 members of the Christmas Club savings plan at California Bank's Torrance office, according to A. O. Otsea, vice president and manager.

Payment of the money, with interest, is being timed to arrive in the mail boxes at the start of the Christmas buying season. Customers may begin opening their 1958 Christmas Club accounts immediately, Otsea said.

A total of more than \$2,500,000 is being sent to approximately 21,000 Christmas Club members throughout the bank's 63 branch offices.

moved along the line of the tracks to their final resting place and the rest of the items of the contract completed.

### New Drainage Sump

Also included in the contract is the enlargement of the drainage sump, now completed. This will prevent the intersection from being inundated any more.

This contract will complete the widening of Hawthorne to a divided highway extending from Inglewood through Torrance.

General contractor for the \$130,000 project is Gardner & McCall, Inc. Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel is furnishing and erecting the steel girders.

### Area Reports Little Bit of Lot of Things

The Torrance health area had a little bit of a lot of diseases during the week ending Oct. 26, according to the County Health Department.

Diseases reported included: measles, 3; mumps, scarlet fever, and tuberculosis, each 2; and epilepsy, meningitis, and syphilis, each 1.

## Changes Reported in Eligibility Requirements for Vets' Widows

Widows of veterans whose applications for Veterans Administration benefits were turned down because the date or duration of their marriage did not meet legal requirements, or because of an unsuspected legal block, such as a former marriage not being legally dissolved, should try again. The law has been changed.

This word comes from Mrs. Sara R. Evans, director, Torrance Area Veterans Service Center, who points out several far-reaching amendments made by Congress. The date of a widow's marriage to a veteran may no longer disqualify her for pension or compensation from the VA if a child was born of the marriage or if the marriage lasted five years or more.

Eligibility Changed In addition, a woman who

married a veteran without knowing that a legal impediment to the marriage existed may be eligible for widow's benefits under certain conditions.

Before the law was changed, establishment of widowhood in the strict legal sense was a prerequisite to widow's assistance from the VA. As the law now reads, if the purported marriage was entered into in good faith by the woman, the VA may consider it to have been a valid marriage, provided:

- (a) it would have been valid had the legal bar not existed;
- (b) the couple had resided together for five years or more immediately prior to the veteran's death; and
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## Serra High's Open House

In keeping with the observance of National Education Week, Nov. 10-16, Serra High School, Compton and Van Ness Aves., Gardena, will have an open house on the evening of Nov. 14, beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend and visit the classes,

shops, band room, science laboratories where demonstrations will be given by students and where student work will be exhibited.

Serra High School was founded in 1950. It is an archdiocesan Catholic high school administered by the Society of Mary (Marianists) and staffed by members of this religious order and qualified lay instructors. The 600 students now attending the school come from 30 parishes in the Southwest Bay area, including Torrance and Lomita.

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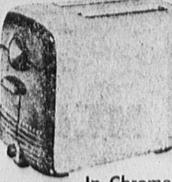
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