



'SPEISSING'... That's what one of the workers at Pacific Smelting Co. is doing. The operation releases back pressures, letting the air out of the retort. The firm has two banks of Belgian style retorts for the distillation of zinc.

Smelting Firm Among Largest

Starting with five people in 1943, the Pacific Smelting Co. at 22219 S. Western ave. now numbers a total of 100 employees, most of whom are local residents.

The corporation is one of the largest secondary zinc smelters in the United States, and the only complete such operation on the West Coast.

The firm was founded here in 1930 by Frank and Ollie Lannon. Officers of the present corporation are as follows:

Jack Schwartz, president; M. D. Schwartz, vice president and general manager; Allen Klatzker, executive secretary; and J. O. Schmidt, plant manager, and W. P. Ruemmler, plant engineer.

The plant, which has undergone a steady growth since then, produces slab zinc as its major product. The slab is the basic metal in a hot dip galvanizing process used to protect steel from atmospheric corrosion. Typical end products of this process are galvanized water pipe, hot water heaters, chain link fences and corrugated roofing.

During the past year, the firm has entered into zinc oxide production, producing French process grade zinc oxide used by paint and rubber industries.

Insurance For Harvey Employees

Harvey Aluminum's extension of their group insurance plan to include all dependents of employees affects over 10,000 persons living in this area, according to Lawrence A. Harvey, executive vice-president of the Torrance company.

The policy was formulated to bring employees and their families a greater feeling of security by providing hospital, surgical, and similar benefits for the wives and children of the firm's employees. Entire cost of the dependents' policy is being paid for by Harvey.

Underwritten by the Prudential Insurance Company of America, the insurance policy represents a forward step by private industry to share responsibility in the community health program.

Dominguez ...

(Continued from Page 1) located at the corner of Carson and Alameda sts.

Tradition T. V. Tallon, general manager and chief engineer of Dominguez Water, has a tradition with the firm. His father, E.P. Tallon, was superintendent and chief engineer until the time of his death in 1943. Corporate officers of the firm are J. P. Bradley, president; V. J. Carson, a descendant of a pioneer California, vice-president; and F. Sheafor, secretary.

Civic Center ...

(Continued from Page 1) between the present city hall and the new one, he said, was that there would be much more space available and that the building will be modern with modern facilities.

The Recreation Department, now separated from the city hall, will be housed in the new city hall. Provisions have also been made for Civil Defense quarters in the basement.

One of the outstanding ways in which the new center will be vast improvement over the present one is through its parking facilities.

"We will have all off-street parking both for the employees and individuals transacting business at the new civic center," Stevens stated.

Architect for the city hall and police station is Marion J. Varner. General contractor is R. E. Payne. Basic cost of the city hall is \$519,500 with about \$35,000 additional money to be spent for case work.

POLICE STATION
Among the most crowded quarters presently is the Police Department which is hardly large enough to turn around in, yet must accommodate a staff of 50 employees and their various functions and departments.

The new station will end all this, according to Police Chief Willard Haslam.

Among its special rooms and departments will be a file room, booking room, temporary detention room, and photography and fingerprinting room.

Separate Departments
There will be separate offices for police chiefs, detectives, a larger squad room, quarters for the police matrons, a holding tank for prisoners ready to go to court through an adjoining underground passage (once the court located here), and an office for the watch commander.

At present, all police activities are carried on in about eight crowded rooms and equally inadequate jail quarters.

The new police station will have separate offices and detention quarters for juveniles, both male and female. There will be accommodations for six juveniles, and the jail will be able to hold 12 female adults and 28 male adults. The present jail can only take seven male adults and two female adults.

Seven more patrolmen will be added to the force. A separate building will house a firing range.

SWIMMING POOL
Torrance residents will have an easy solution for beating the heat next summer—they'll be able to go to their own municipal swimming pool to be located on the new civic center, Torrance Blvd. and Madrona.

Sun-worshippers will welcome the open-air pool and sunning facilities.

Heated Water
Even if the air is cool, the water will still be warm because special facilities will keep the water heated, one of the outstanding features which is not often found at other municipal pools, according to Harry Van Bellehem, director of recreation.

The pool will hold 740 people, VanBellehem stated. When the dressing rooms are not being used for pool purposes, they can be transformed into quarters for other recreational activities.

VanBellehem stated that the department would make full use of these facilities, seeing that they will never stand idle.

Pool architect is Hugh Davies while general contractor is Walker and Murphy. The pool will cost \$243,785.

Fire Station
"There's simply no comparison between the old headquarters station and the new one," Chief J. J. Benner stated this week in commenting on the new fire station at Carson and Crenshaw, expected to be ready for occupancy early September.

The new station will be vastly superior to the old one both in size and efficiency, Chief Benner stated. Offices will be concentrated at one end of the building. Adequate recreational facilities will be provided. There will be a shop for making mechanical repairs and a full length hose

tower with an electric hoist. The old headquarters either had inadequate offices and facilities or lacked them altogether.

The new station will be able to house a potential staff of 35.

Architect for the \$192,000 central headquarters is Marion J. Varner, with R. E. Payne general contractor.

The station will house three pumps, and aerial ladder truck, inhalator car, and officers' cars.

A substation, going up at Calle Mayor and Pacific Coast highway, is expected to be completed in about six weeks, according to Chief Benner.

Varner is the architect and D. Wolf is general contractor. There will be eight men at the new station.

Columbia ...

(Continued from Page 1) which had purchased the Llewellyn Iron Works in 1923.

Smog Control
The U. S. Steel Torrance Works has many milestones of progress to its credit. Significant among these is the fact that the Torrance Works was the first steel mill in the nation to install electrostatic precipitators to each of its four open hearth furnaces to remove smoke and pollutants from this steelmaking operation.

Industrialists, scientists, and government officials from throughout the world have been steady callers to Torrance since then to study this trailblazing accomplishment in the battle against air pollution.

The smog control devices have proved so successful at the Torrance Works that similar installations have been made at various other steel mills throughout the country.

The precipitators have been operated on a round-the-clock schedule since they were installed in 1951. Rising 60 feet alongside the 126-foot open hearth stacks, the electrostatic precipitators operate like gigantic magnets in purifying smoke and fumes generated in the steelmaking process.

Safety Stressed
As in all U. S. Steel Divisions, safety is stressed at the Torrance Works. The philosophy of "safety first," the national slogan which was originated by U. S. Steel in 1905 at one of its Chicago plants, is promoted energetically at Torrance. Improved safety appliances on machines and intensive, never-ending teaching of injury prevention to employees have made the mill on Border Avenue a consistent winner of National Safety Council awards. Recent recognition includes the Award of Honor, the National Safety Council's highest honor, which the Torrance plant received in 1946, 1947 and 1952. The 1952 Award of Honor was received for the plant's having achieved 3,513,436 lost-time, injury-free man hours between August, 1951, and December, 1952.

Million Hours
The Torrance Works has won first place two consecutive years, 1953 and 1954, in the steel classification judging of the Annual Safety Congress and Exhibit of the Greater Los Angeles Safety Council. The plant completed the contest year of 1954 with .65 of an injury per million man hours worked, as compared with the steel industry average of 4.75.

Several significant dates stand out in the history of the Torrance Works since it was founded in 1916.

In 1917 a foundry was added to the mill for making marine castings for the U. S. Navy in World War I. That same year construction was completed on a second 40-ton open hearth furnace, and a combination 22-inch roughing and finishing mill, a 12-inch merchant mill and an 8-inch merchant mill were added.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Edwards of 21007 Shearer Ave. announce the birth of a son, Gregory Monroe, weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces. Date of birth Aug. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis of 20516 Hawthorne Blvd. announce the birth of a son, Orin Neil, weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces. Date of birth Aug. 1.



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