



IN JANUARY

Economy Shows Small Increase

Southern California's economy opened the new year on an optimistic note as it registered a slight increase over the December, 1966, period, Myron H. Eidsmoe, manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance branch, said today.

January's economic level, as measured by the bank's Index of Business Activity, was

Brokerage Firm Sets Free Class

Advanced investment procedures and philosophies will be the subject of a series of four-week lecture courses to be offered this month by Dean Witter and Co.

The free courses will be conducted by account executives of the firm. All lectures will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Classes will meet on Mondays, beginning next week, at the Broadway Del Amo and at the Plush Horse Inn. A Thursday evening course will meet at the Hunting Horn Restaurant in Palos Verdes beginning Feb. 23.

estimated at 153.7, compared with last December's preliminary index reading of 152.8. The index stood at 153.1 for November.

On a year-to-year comparative basis, business activity for January was approximately 2 per cent above that of a year ago, Eidsmoe said.

Among the economy's individual components influencing general activity during January were bank deposits, which gained substantially, and construction activity, which recorded a slight increase.

Following the holidays, department store sales eased. Real estate sales also declined.

Southern California metropolitan area civilian employment during December, the latest month for which figures are available, reached approximately 4,538,200, up 5 per cent or 214,500 above the same year-ago period.

December's unemployment rate in the metro areas averaged 4.1 per cent of the labor force or 0.9 per cent less than last year. Nationally, over a year's time, employment increased 2.6 per cent and unemployment has declined 0.3 per cent.

Best Gum Disease Hedge: Never Let It Get Started

(This is one of a series of articles on dental health prepared by the Harbor Dental Society, an affiliate of the American Dental Association.)

Your best security against periodontal (gum) disease is to stop it before it starts.

Allowed to develop, inflammation of the gums spreads to other tissues — including the bone around the teeth — destroying the tissues and leaving the teeth without support.

The most common cause of periodontal disease is the formation of calculus, or tartar, on the neck and roots of the teeth.

CALCULUS is a hard, crust-like substance composed chiefly of minerals from saliva, bacteria, and other substances normally found in the mouth. It is similar to the deposit that forms inside a teakettle — but much harder to remove.

Products from bacteria on the surface of the calculus as well as the calculus itself irritate the gums, causing them to swell and move away from the teeth. More calculus forms in the pockets between teeth and gums, deepening the pockets, setting the stage for infection, gum disease, and the serious periodontal

disorders that all too often result in tooth loss.

PROPER toothbrushing after meals, including brushing of the gums, helps prevent calculus from forming. But toothbrushing cannot completely prevent it. That's why periodic visits to your dentist, to have him remove all stains and deposits, is an important supplement to home oral hygiene. The careful removal of calculus from around every tooth is a major preventive measure.

Your dentist will also make x-ray examinations of your teeth to search for

Youth Held On Charges Of Burglary

A 20-year-old Torrance youth has been arrested on suspicion of burglary and receiving stolen property by Torrance police.

Tobi Michael Graves, of 2246 W. 239th St., was taken into custody about 9 p.m. Thursday.

Officers said they found jewelry, clothing, and cameras at the house which are believed to have been taken in several burglaries in the city.

Airman S.C. Luke G. Rutkowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Rutkowski of 14819 S. Darron Ave., Gardena, is participating in exercise "Frontier Assault," a 10-day joint military, cold-weather field maneuver now underway near Eielson AFB, Alaska.

Airman Rutkowski, a food service specialist, at Travis AFB, Calif., is providing support for Military Air Force Command contingent flying C-124 Globemasters in the aerial deployment of troops and equipment to the Big Delta region of eastern Alaska for the U.S. The airman, a graduate of Gardena High School, attended Harbor College.

changes in the supporting bone that are not otherwise detectable and that could cause tooth loss.

He will remove such sources of gum irritation as worn-out fillings and crowns and the sharp edges of cavities in decayed teeth.

IF A TOOTH has been lost or extracted, he will replace it with an artificial one, since drifting of remaining teeth into the space can also cause periodontal disease. The re-

sulting mal-positioned teeth lead to more wedging of food between the teeth and to improper meeting of the teeth when you chew.

The shock and uneven pressure of poor tooth contact often cause damage to the tooth's supporting tissues.

Other conditions your dentist will correct are ill-fitting partial dentures or bridges. These sometimes irritate and injure the tissues, and even the best dentures must be adjusted occasionally to allow

for the continual changes in the structure of your mouth, since there is evidence that faulty nutrition may be a factor in periodontal disease.

ANOTHER condition which requires immediate professional attention is a dysfunction of the temporomandibular joint, which serves as a hinge for the lower jaw. Patients suffering from this disorder often complain about pain in the region of the joint and ear, facial pain from moving the lower jaw and recurring headaches. Finally, your dentist will

advise you on proper diet, since there is evidence that faulty nutrition may be a factor in periodontal disease.

OTHER CAUSES, which you can eliminate yourself, are such habits as grinding the teeth, prolonged resting of the chin on the hand, and improper use of toothpicks.

In the prevention of periodontal disease, as in other aspects of good mouth care, you and your dentist are partners for health.

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