Local Wood Carver Scores Hit With Radio Stars

Building Permits Total $1,744,400 So Far In 1938

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of 1938 to the record figure of $1,744,400— were:

C. B. Bond, addition of a sun porch, eight by 12 feet, to his home at 1306½ Amapola, $100; William Boyd, alterations and repairs, enlargement of the living room and reconstruction of the roof at 2008 West 174th, $400; Fur Farms, Inc., addition of a utility building, 18 by 36 feet, to its chinchilla-breeding plant at 2227 West 182nd, $300.

Torrance Mutual Building and Loan association, construction of a 20 by 30 foot, one-story brick stucco addition to the firm's office building at 1335 Post avenue, $2,900; Woolner Oil company, erection of a frame derrick at 2246 227th street, $5,000, and W. E. Gainsley, Lomita, construction of three 20 by 200 poultry houses, costing $1,100 each, one-half mile east of Walteria on Redondo-Wilmington road, total $3,300.

GREETER

MAYOR WILLIAM H. TOLSON

Who will welcome those from other surrounding cities attending the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce dinner-session here tonight.

Don Miller, of the Western Auto Supply, with his wife and two small children, were guests of Mrs. Miller's brother, Homer Davidson, in Los Angeles over the week-end.

OBITUARY

FRED LEASE YAGER . . . a resident of this city for the past 16 years passed away last Friday at his home, 2121 Andreo avenue. He was 69 years of age. Born at High Cliff, Wis., he came to California in 1920 and in recent years had been a watchman at a local industrial plant. Death followed an illness of about a year.

Mr. Yager is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lena Yager; a son, Ray, of Oregon, and a daughter, Ruth. The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel and interment was at Inglewood Park cemetery.

MARK PORTER . . . former well-known resident of Madrid avenue who moved to Santa Ana for his health, passed away there last Saturday, according to word received by friends here this week. The funeral for the aged man, who was an active worker for the Christian church here, was held yesterday. Mr. Porter's wife passed away two years ago. He was survived by three sons, Harvey and Robert, who are in business in Denver, and Harry of San Francisco.

ELIZABETH TERESA HIGGINS . . . mother of Mrs. Samuel F. Webb of this city passed away at her daughter's home, 1003 Cota, early Tuesday morning at the age of 67 years. She was born in Ireland, where another daughter, Bridget Bryan, resides. Mrs. Higgins is also survived by third daughter, Mrs. Margaret Harrington of Bakersfield.

Funeral High Mass was conducted in her honor this morning at the Catholic Church of the Nativity by Rev. Father Joseph Fitzgerald and interment followed at Calvary cemetery. Rosary was last night at Stone and Myers' chapel.

CHARLES EICHHOLZ . . . succumbed at his home on Belleporte avenue in Harbor City Sunday after a short illness. He was 72 years of age and was a retired police officer who served the Homestead, Pa., force for 25 years. Mr. Eichholz had lived in California since 1921. The funeral service was conducted this afternoon at Stone and Myers' chapel and interment was at Roosevelt cemetery. Rev. D. L. Mounts of the Harbor City Community church officiated.

Mr. Eichholtz was survived by two daughters, Mrs. William Myerscough and Mrs. Thomas B. Todd, both of Harbor City; two sons, Charles, Jr., of that community and John A., of Cleveland, John A. Eichholz of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gets Amusing Letter of Thanks from Fred Allen; Bing Wants More

When he recently switched from more or less serious themes for his wood-carvings to adroit caricature in bas-relief, Charles Howard Daniels, pattern sketcher for the Columbia Steel company, discovered that radio stars greatly appreciate his unusual tributes.

For instance, there was gravel-voiced Fred Allen of Town Hall broadcasting fame. Here's an exact copy, minus all capitalization that the aerial comic affects, of a letter Daniels received this week:

"dear mr. daniels . . .
"this letter is a trifle tardy but i have had to keep my 'thanks' on ice until i could filch a few minutes from one of my hectic days to send you a scroll of appreciation.
"you certainly do uncanny work with a bit of driftwood and a razor blade and as far as i know you are the only man living who has found some practical use for an old razor blade. i know that if the new deal heads were aware of your prowess they would equip you with a quota of old blades and set you to work snipping down the budget.
"i don't know why jack benny should send you a profile photograph. a gesture of this sort is akin to giving a person one side of a phonograph record. still, with mr. benny it might help. you would only be exposed to half as much talk.
"many thanks for my likeness. i seem to look a lot better in wood than i do in skin . . . and i owe it all to you, sir!
"sincerely . . . .
(Signed) "fred allen
"n. b. c. studios
"new york city."

But Fred ("Hurry, hurry, hurry") Allen isn't the only radio entertainer to express interest in Daniels' draftsmanship and carvings on white sugar pine. Bing Crosby yesterday expressed keen delight in the laughable caricature that Daniels whittled out, showing the famed crooner with a couple of sleeping nags dozing over his shoulder, and asked for more.

Proud of Sketching Record

Bob "Bazooka" Burns, Gracie Allen, Rudy Vallee and others have been subjects for Daniels' artistry. The local cartoonist-in-wood (he lives in North Redondo Beach but says: "Don't hold that against me!") has been carving things out of wood ever since he could hold a jack-knife.

Most of his work was previously devoted to decorative articles—bookends, wall-plaques and so forth. He created a series of panels depicting the early history of California which caused considerable favorable comment among collectors and some of these are being shown in the east at the present time.

Daniels has no intention of allowing his hobby to grow into a vocation. He likes his job of sketching patterns at the steel plant and is very proud of the fact that he has completed more than 5,000 such drawings.

He describes his carved cartooning as "an old-fashioned woodcut made as a picture."

Jaysee Plunge Said Finished

Students living in Torrance and attending Compton Junior College report the completion at the Tartar institution of a swimming pool 50 feet wide and 100 feet long. It has been in use during the past two summers as an open air affair.

Construction just finished provides a building completely surrounding the pool and an automatic heating system. Showers and dressing rooms, offices and covered galleries to seat 700 spectators are provided. The plunge itself is not roofed.

South Sea Books Donated

PACIFIC GROVE, Cal (U.P.)—The 1,200-book collection of South Sea island works owned by Albert Seale, will be donated to the city library here.

FOG CAUSES TWO CRASHES

Last Friday night's heavy fog caused two accidents, one a triple collision, which resulted in injuries to three persons here. Douglas York, 19, 1027 Portola, struck a car being driven in the same direction by George Lehman, 27, Culver City, on Western avenue near 208th street. York and his companion, Vivian Wertella, 16, 3049 233rd street, were seriously cut and bruised. They were treated at Torrance Memorial hospital and then allowed to return home. Lehman was reported unhurt.

The intersection of Hawthorne and Spencer was the scene of the second fog-bound double crash. Barney F. Epley, Redondo Beach, driving south on Hawthorne, collided with a machine being driven by Dr. Irving Ewart of Long Beach who careened into a car operated by Carl Haskins of Hawthorne. Epley was supposed to have been seriously hurt in the mishap and taken to Redondo-Hermosa hospital but a police check-up there revealed that he had not been received.

Police Chief Rides Bicycle

CLEVELAND (U.P.)—Police Chief Garry Burczyk, of suburban Parma, saves taxpayers' money by pedaling from his home to work on a bicycle instead of driving a police car provided for his use.

10 Cigars Smoked Daily at 95

NEW ORLEANS (U.P.)—Isidore Levy, who has lived to be 95, despite a liking for limburger cheese and onion sandwiches and 10 cigars daily, wants to live until at least 1948. In that year he would break the family's longevity record.