Steel Expansion Tapering Off

The steel companies of the United States will spend but half as much in 1938 for new equipment as they did in 1937, the American Iron & Steel Institute estimated in a statement released today. Approximately $165,000,000 has been alloted for new equipment this year, while last year the steel companies expended $320,000,000 for this same purpose.

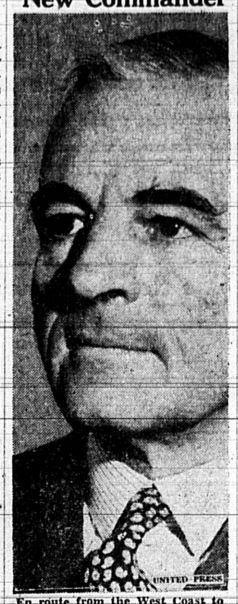
"The prospective decline from the 1937 total reflects not only the current low level of operations, but also the fact that many companies completed large expansion programs in 1937," the institute reported.

New Electrical Code Read Here

A new electrical code, product of several conferences by the city engineer, electrical inspector and local electricians was adopted on its first reading by the city council Tuesday night. The second reading will probably be Feb. 21.

This measure which revokes or amends previous ordinances regulating installation of electrical appliances and fixtures, also defines the duties of the city electrical inspector, provides for licensing of contractors and issuance of permits.

New Commander



En route from the West Coast to China today is Rear Adm. David Le Breton, 51, youngest U. S. admiral, who has just been ordered to take over command of the Yangtze naval patrol. His new assignment is called "the toughest job in the Navy."

Four Deepened Wells Standing Cemented Off

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ficult. However, the approaching pay-off is keeping interest high and operators are not very communicative about their progress reports.

Other wells nearing the time for production are Fisher and Johnson's Washburn No. 1, which is said to be around 5,000 feet, Neal H. Anderson's No. 4 on Narbonne is gaining depth daily as is the No. 2 on West Sepulveda.

Kelly and O'Brien's Emerald is located at 233rd and Narbonne and is reported cemented at 5,145 feet. Albertson's hole on the old Peyton lease on 233rd street is at about 4,936 and Grubb's No. 2 is near the 5,000 foot level. His discovery No. 1 stopped at 4,990 feet.

HOW CITY POSTS WERE FILLED HERE

Because Torrance is on the eve of another municipal election, The Herald presents the following concise history of past ballotings on city offices with two purposes in mind: To inform newcomers of former civic servants and to provide a reference source for the settlement of any election wagers on "who ran and how the election went" in past years.

May 15, 1921—A few days after Torrance was incorporated, the first city council assembled, chose the late George A. Proctor president. Members were R. R. Smith, Wallace H. Gilbert, Joseph Stone and J. M. Fitzhugh.

April, 10, 1922—Fitzhugh elected president by Councilmen Edwin H. Nash, Proctor, Gilbert and Stone. Votes cast: 592. A. H. Bartlett elected city clerk succeeding Robert J. Deininger who had served as appointed clerk since incorporation. Fitzhugh succeeded by Gilbert as president, April 17, 1923, Nash resigns, succeeded by F. A. Zeller, Dec. 11, 1923.

Drop 'President' Title

April 14, 1924—Willis M. Brooks, J. S. Torrence and Deininger elected. Votes cast: 850. Smith named president a week later.

April 12, 1926—John Dennis, Charles Inman and Brady Wolfe elected. Votes cast 1,151. Dennis chosen president, April 19, 1926, and Smith resigns, being succeeded by T. F. Foley. Foley resigned May 16, 1927, succeeded by C. E. Raymond. Brooks resigned July 5, 1927, succeeded by Earl Conner. In August, 1927, the title "president" was dropped for the present "mayor."

April 9, 1928—G. A. Maxwell elected, Dennis and Raymond re-elected. Votes cast: 2,295. Dennis re-elected mayor. Inman resigns April 15, 1929, G. A. R. Steiner appointed. Steiner resigns May 6, 1929, succeeded by Ed C. Nelson. Steiner reappointed May 28, 1929, to succeed Raymond who died.

April 15, 1930—Carleton Bell elected with Steiner. Votes cast: 1,077. Dennis re-elected mayor.

Up to Date

April 11, 1932—Scott Ludlow, William Klusman, J. M. Wright, and Conner elected. Votes cast: 2,300. Klusman elected mayor On Steiner's death in July, 1932 James Hitchcock appointed. Klusman ousted as mayor, Sept. 26, 1933, and Conner named mayor. Conner resigns Feb. 6, 1934, and Ludlow named mayor. W. H. Stanger appointed councilman Feb. 13, 1934.

April 9, 1934—W. H. Tolson, Hitchcock and Stanger elected. Votes cast: 1843. Stanger chosen mayor.

April 14, 1936—Tom F. McGuire, George V. Powell and Tolson elected. Votes cast: 1421. Stanger re-elected mayor. He resigned Feb. 25, 1937, to become superintendent of the municipal water plant; Robert J. Deininger appointed to serve out his term and Tolson was elected mayor.

Mrs. Kelton Victim of Freak Accident

Mrs. Eva Kelton, whose poem in tribute to Abraham Lincoln is published in today's Herald, was the victim of a freak accident this week. She was sitting in the Kelton car and it began to move backwards. When she jumped out, the car ran over her legs. Fortunately no bones were broken. Mrs. Kelton lives at 1224 Cota. Her sister, Mrs. E. D. Jennings of Dunsmuir is taking care of her.

TO ADDRESS BREAKFAST MEET HERE

JUDGE DESMOND

A breakfast meeting for all members of the Nativity parish of the Catholic church here will be held at 9 o'clock Sunday morning at Daniels cafe at which Superior Judge Walter J. Desmond of Los Angeles will be the principal speaker. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the progress of the current drive for seminary construction funds and all members of the parish are urged by Rev. Father Joseph V. Fitzgerald to attend the session.

City Election Campaign Gets Going Friday

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four campaigned for the clerkship.

The present incumbents—Councilmen Hitchcock and Deininger, Clerk Bartlett and Treasurer Ludlow—have not made any public declaration of their intentions to seek re-election. Of the quartet, Bartlett is seen as a certain entrant in the race. He was elected in April, 1922, and has been re-elected four times.

There have been 64 men entered in the race for council positions here in the past nine municipal elections. Nine have sought to wrest the clerk's office from Bartlett and Harry Dolley, the city's first treasurer, was opposed by six.

People

what they're doing

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moore of Villa Sondora apartments, had as their guests for the past week, the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilkins of Salt Lake City, Utah.

W. E. Shawger, 1521 Acacia avenue, left Tuesday morning for San Francisco to transact business in the interest of D. and M. Machine Works.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rouse of Oakland, California, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rouse and children Maurine and Richard of San Bueno, California, spent Sunday with **Mrs. Charles Kelton,** 1224 Cota avenue.

Jean Guyan, Flora McDonald and Anna Sandstrom, represented the local Woman's Benefit Association at the monthly meeting of the W. B. A. Breakfast club in Los Angeles Monday.

Attending a potluck dinner and dance given at East Los Angeles American Legion hall Saturday evening were Messrs. and Mmes. **Tom Watson, R. L. Lewellen, Harry Higgins** and **Mrs. Lon Ralston.**

Mrs. Edna Stone, 1508½ Post avenue, had as dinner guests Sunday evening, Messrs. and Mmes. **Court Vandecar, D. A. Murphy** and **John Riley.**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rath, Miss Mae Bauerle and Mr. William Goings of Monroe, Michigan, are guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Weik** of El Prado Court.

Darrell Custer, young manager of Bob Vevers' Richfield Oil station at Torrance boulevard and Border, was injured last week when the lubricating hoist accidentally fell on his back. He is recovering at a Los Angeles hospital from dislocated vertebra and torn muscles.

Big Steel Renews C. I. O. Agreement

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time for the commencement of a conference of the parties for the purpose of negotiating the terms and conditions of a change of the 1937 agreement, which conference shall be at the office of the Columbia Steel company in San Francisco, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

"(b) If, because of a failure to agree, the 1937 agreement is not changed by a written agreement entered into by the company and the Union within 20 days from the giving of said notice, then the 1937 agreement and all of the provisions thereof shall terminate upon the expiration of 20 days from the giving of said notice.

"Section 2. Notice hereunder shall be given by registered mail, be completed by and at the time of mailing and if by the company be addressed to the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, Grant Building, Pittsburgh, Pa., and if by the Union be addressed to the Company, Russ Building, San Francisco. Either party may by like written notice, change the address to which registered mail notice to it shall be given.

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