Radio Equipment Arrives Here for CBS Transmitter

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the largest power amplifying tubes known to radio. These giant pieces of glass and copper stand more than six feet in heighth and are valued, according to the CBS officials, at $3,500. Specially crated and guarded against damage, the huge tubes dwarf $6,000 worth of mercury vapor that also were received here yesterday.

The power amplifiers must be water and air-cooled to prevent their melting under the intense heat their apparatus generates. Two of these will be in operation at all times and the plant will have two more in reserve. Seven of the mercury vapor tubes will be used, one for a spare, during broadcasting hours.

Both Middlebrooks and Shepard stressed the advance invitation given by CBS and KNX to the public to visit the transmitter station at any time. They said that visitors will be escorted about the plant and guides will be there to explain its operation. The unique design of the building will permit easy access to the operating rooms without interference with the attendants.

Air-Conditioned Thruout

An emergency power plant, capable of operating the station indefinitely in event of an interruption in the Southern California Edison service, will be a feature of the plant, Shepard said. The plant will be connected to power facilities by two separate lines and will use 500 horsepower.

The transmitter tower will be located in the southwest corner of the 37-acre site recently purchased by the Columbia Broadcasting company. It will be grounded by 130,000 feet of bare copper wire stretched out fan-shape from the base and solid sheets will be laid on the ground in a 50-foot radius from the tower.

Air-conditioning equipment will be installed in the main building and artificial lighting will be used 24 hours a day to assure controlled broadcasting. Middlebrooks said that the present CBS-KNX transmitter station in Van Nuys will be dismantled after the Torrance outlet goes into operation. Two men will be on duty at all times here, with others subject to call. Grounds around the station will be attractively landscaped to carry out the broadcasting company's plan of making the local plant "the showplace of the radio world."

Middlebrooks said that CBS is now planning to build a station of the same design as the Torrance plant for use in Washington, D. C.

REPORT RATES HIGH

An "achievement report" on the activities of the Torrance Kiwanis club during 1937, compiled by Micheal Straszer from Club Secretary Ed Brunner's reports, rated 82.5 in California-Nevada competition, according to President Earl Conner this week.

TO FACE CAMERA

Student pictures for the 1938 Torrance high school annual will be taken tomorrow on the campus.

Mrs. Leech Is Campaigning

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manager serving the Bank of America, she is the sole support of three sons who are attending Torrance schools.

Altho her sons and business are her prime interests, she has found time for club work and is an active member of the National Business and Professional Women's club, Torrance Woman's club and St. Cecelia Guild of St. Andrew's Episcopal church.

Free from Politics

"I shall seek no group endorsement of my candidacy for city treasurer but I will appreciate the support of every voter. I desire to enter public service because I am confident I can serve efficiently and with trust," Mrs. Leech said this week. "I have had enough practical experience to know that I can give the office the same close attention that I give my own business.

"The prime essentials of a city treasurer, as I understand it, are trustworthiness and and competency. My past record as a business woman in Torrance should assure our citizens that I possess those qualifications. I am not now nor will I be in the future connected with any group or faction. That means I have no commitments to anyone or any organization. The office of city treasurer, in my opinion, should be kept free of politics as such and the choice for that post should be based on integrity, business experience and fidelity."

Decision Due on Mercado Site

A decision is to be announced next Wednesday afternoon on a site for the proposed annual trade fair and Pacific Mercado by the Citizens' Committee of 15 but it was evident this week that the final choice of the exposition's location should be left to a decision of Los Angeles city voters.

The apparent effort to force the Chavez Ravine site in Elysian Park for the Committee's endorsement has aroused a strong sentiment bordering on a feeling of outraged 'justice" according to supporters of other locations, among them the Western avenue site near Torrance. Yesterday the Committee heard speakers praise the advantages of 14 of the 27 sites submitted.

The Western avenue locale, judged by standards set up by the Committee, meets every requirement, the site selection body was told. The people last year voted authority to the L. A. Bureau of Power and Light to expend $1,240,000 in purchasing and preparing the site but at the same time, by a large majority demanded that leading sites be submitted to a vote for final selection. This demand is to be stressed when the Committee's choice is made known.

CONDUCT LAST RITES

Members of the Torrance Masonic lodge conducted the funeral rites for the late William V. Mitchell of Gardena Tuesday. Mr. Mitchell, who was 86 years of age, was a Mason for 50 years.

Black Widow's Bite Fails to Daunt Webb

"I can take 'em or leave 'em alone," Neil Webb, employe of the Torrance Municipal Water District, said this week after he had recovered from a Black Widow spider bite without difficulty. Webb encountered the dread Widow last Friday while working on a meter box at 2351 Gramercy.

He did not fear any trouble from the insect's nip but soon the calf of his leg began to swell and he sought the aid of a physician. Webb did not lose any time, however, but continued working as tho Black Widow bites were all in a day's work.

Election Officials Picked by County

Publication of the list of election officials for the April 12 municipal ballot event in today's Herald does not contain an explanation of how the precinct workers are selected. City officials have nothing whatever to do with the selection of election officials, it is pointed out by Mayor William H. Tolson, that duty falling to the county election board. The selections are made from a file of applications and are sent here by County Registrar of Voters Kerr and the county clerk.

FASHION TIP

It's a yellow spring at Paris fashion houses.

SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Los Angeles City Board of Education offers Moneta School Site for sale. Site comprises 2.683 acres, 292 foot frontage on South side of Gardena Boulevard and 400 feet on West side of Gramercy Place.

Bids will be received at 770 Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles, up to 5 p. m., April 7. Public auction will be held at that time and place.

Terms are cash, $160.00 to accompany bid, balance to be deposited with escrow. Minimum price accepted will be $1600.00.