

Phone Company Cuts Dividend

N. R. Powley, president of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., announced following the meeting of the board of directors today that a dividend of \$1.50 per share was declared on preferred stock payable Oct. 15 to shareholders of record Sept. 30, 1942, and a dividend of \$1.25 per share was declared on the common stock payable Sept. 30 to shareholders of record Sept. 18, 1942.

President Powley in announcing the dividend action taken by the board stated: "While the volume of telephone traffic is of record proportions, the resultant increased operating expenses, substantial additional carrying charges due to unprecedented construction expenditures, increased labor costs and heavy increases in the forthcoming Federal taxes clearly indicated the necessity for the action taken by the directors in reducing the dividends on the common shares from \$1.75 per share previously paid to \$1.25 per share for the current quarter of the year.

"We appreciate greatly the sympathetic understanding and expressed cooperation of the public of our policy to keep the lines clear for the Armed Forces. Our current advertising program seeks the aid and assistance of all of our customers to cooper-

Mrs. Cucci Re-named For Term on State Democratic Committee

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, who was re-elected at the Aug. 25 primary, announced this week that Mrs. Julia Cucci, wife of Councilman Nick Cucci of 1634 Crenshaw Blvd., had been re-appointed on the Democratic

fully in making it possible for us to move with dispatch the telephone traffic vital to the needs and necessities of our Nation's war activities. War calls come first. Our every endeavor is devoted to that end."

CLAREMONT GUEST

Mrs. Maude Masse of Claremont is a guest this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mothersole, at 1220 Elm ave.

Central Committee. The state group is now acting in an advisory capacity to the county central committees, Thomas said, and is revamping its policies to act in closer harmony with the smaller units.

Thomas left yesterday to attend the Democratic state convention at Sacramento today and tomorrow. He said he is drafting his program of legislative work for this district and will shortly announce his proposals for study by all groups in his constituency.

School Clerk May Become Ferry Pilot

It would have to happen the first week of school but Mrs. Esther Nelson, new clerk at Harbor City school, was thrilled Saturday when she received word to leave at once for Wilmington, Del., to take an examination for ferry pilot. Mrs. Nelson is the wife of a ferry pilot, and she has had 550 hours in the air so she applied for a test, hoping to be accepted and assigned to Squadron Two, Ferry Pilots.

Mrs. Nelson left Saturday night. She has a leave of absence and pending word of her test, no other clerk will be assigned Harbor City.

Industries Train Own Firemen



COLUMBIA FIREMEN—Flanked by Superintendent Otto Kresse, left, and Dept. State Fire Marshal Jack W. Olney, right, here are the Columbia Steel auxiliary firemen with some members of the regular Torrance fire department, pictured at conclusion of their training.

STORKatorials

New arrivals-of-the-week at the Torrance Memorial Hospital were:

WILFORD LYN COURON... born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Couron, 1514 214th st., Sept. 8, weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces. He has an eight-year-old sister, Jacqueline Lee. His father is employed at Bethlehem Steel Co. on Terminal Island and his mother is the former Lillian Bendit.

WILLIAM LA DUE WILLIAMS... was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Williams of Lomita, Sept. 4. He weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces and has a brother, Larry Lee Grisham, age 4 1/2 years. His father is timekeeper at Bethlehem Steel Co. and his mother is the former Marjorie Grisham, Mrs. Claude Blakney of Salt Lake City is his grandmother.

MARGARET ANN AND MILDRED LOUISE... twin daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Watson of 615 Harbor Hills, Lomita, Sept. 11. They weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and 6 pounds 2 ounces. Their father is a shipyard worker and their mother is the former Mildred E. Boone. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Foust and Mrs. Emma Watson of Market Tree, Ark.

MICHAEL BROOKS... arrived to Mr. and Mrs. Merrill B. Collins of Hermosa Beach, Sept. 12. He weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces. His father is a service station attendant and his mother is the former Phyllis Arlene Yates. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Yates, Walnut Hills, and Mr. and Mrs. Gail A. Pittman, North Hollywood.

STEPHEN ALBERT... was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morgan, 616 Sartori ave., Sept. 8. He weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces. His father is the former Howard Ellinger. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ellinger, Pugette, Wis., and Mrs. L. R. Steadard, Springfield, Ore.

ROBERT GEORGE... was welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blackburn of Redondo Beach, Sept. 11. He weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and has a three-year-old sister, Shelly Jean. His father is a welder at California Shipyards and his mother is the former Ella Sylvia Clark. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Blackburn, Castle, Wis., and Beva Clauer, Heston, Wis.

LARRY RICHARD... was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Stephens of 16294 Annapola ave., Sept. 10. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce. His father is a city truck driver and his mother is the former Mildred E. Lambert. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lambert, Redondo Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo S. Gonner, North Torrance.

RICHARD ALLEN... arrived to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon B. Wilkie of Hermosa Beach, Sept. 12. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce. His father is a North American Aircraft machinist and his mother is the former Eileen Marth. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Marrieth of Beaumont.

LARRY HOUSTON... was greeted by Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Potter of Lomita, Sept. 13. He weighed 9 pounds and has a sister, Lynda Lee. His father is a Douglas Aircraft machinist and his mother is the former Mary Ellen Sullivan. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Potter of 1651 22th st., Mrs. Selma Sullivan, Petaluma, and T. T. Sullivan, San Pedro.

WANDA DIANE... was welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. John Ray of 1612 22th st., Sept. 19. She weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces. Her father is employed in Wilmington and her mother is the former Inez Brown. The grandparents are Mrs. Lizzie Ray and J. E. Brown of Lake City, Ark.

PAULINE ELBA... was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hartmann of Lomita, Sept. 10. She weighed 5 pounds 10 ounces and has a sister, Roberta Belle, 4 1/2 years old. Her father is a foreman at Steel Products Co. and her mother is the former Frances Jewel Spayker. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van Victor of Lomita.

BACK IN SCHOOL... David Delano, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Delano of 2567 Sonoma ave., returned recently from Idaho where he has been serving with the U. S. Forestry Service. He enrolled at Torrance high school where he is in his senior year.

Torrance Stands 12th in County For Valuation

Nearly half the 45 cities of Los Angeles county, including Torrance, have assessed valuations in excess of \$10,000,000 this year, according to official list of cities prepared by County Auditor J. M. Lowery. War manufacturing changed the rank of some.

Torrance is 12th on the list, with \$21,751,490. Here is the order in which the "upper half" of the list of cities rank this year:

Table listing city valuations: Los Angeles \$1,365,765,665; Long Beach \$1,345,900; Pasadena \$84,561,200; Burbank \$75,618,135; Beverly Hills \$64,492,705; Glendale \$63,966,015; Vernon \$62,471,085; Santa Monica \$54,251,985; Alhambra \$31,997,695; Huntington Park \$24,530,925; Inglewood \$22,682,870; Torrance \$21,751,490; South Gate \$21,281,700; Signal Hill \$21,007,550; San Marino \$17,612,715; Pomona \$15,847,915; Culver City \$15,760,615; El Segundo \$14,942,300; Arcadia \$12,697,585; Whittier \$11,541,815; South Pasadena \$11,149,730; Compton \$10,627,370.

13 Patients Enter Hospital

Thirteen patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were: Mrs. Kitty Hollowwa, Long Beach, Tuesday, and Frank Studer, Manhattan Beach, Monday, both for medical treatment and the following for surgery: George Capellino, Redondo Beach, Sunday; Mrs. Birtie Culum, 117 East 220th st., yesterday; Mrs. Ruby Ellenberry, Santa Monica, Sunday; Mrs. Marie Friedly, 1912 Arlington ave., last Thursday; Mrs. Laurene Lator, Hollywood Riviera, last Wednesday, and Elmer E. Lowe, Redondo Beach, Friday.

Mrs. Edna Liston, Lawndale, last Wednesday; Mrs. Daisy Mathew, Wilmington, Tuesday; Mrs. Marshall Payton, Manhattan Beach, Monday; Mrs. Lelia Snyder, Redondo Beach, Saturday, and Mrs. Joyce Vandergrift, 1007 Arlington ave., Monday.

Before You Buy... Read Our Want Ads

Rodents Cost State Million Dollars a Year

DAVIS—Nearly one million dollars of public and private funds are spent annually to control injurious rodents in California, according to a new free circular released today by the University of California Agricultural Extension Service.

TEMPORARY MANAGER... While Bus Manager C. Z. Ward is enjoying his two weeks' vacation, starting Sept. 22, Alvin K. Hill, senior driver, will be temporary manager, the city council decided Tuesday afternoon.

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