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## New Building of Maritime Brass And Bronze Company Is Dedicated

Completion of a building around the already-expanded plant of the Maritime Brass & Bronze Works was marked yesterday by a dedication ceremony at the 1044 Lomita blvd., Harbor City, factory.

Established April 15, 1943, with a staff of three under its present name in the former Cressey Machine shop building, Maritime Brass & Bronze now employs a staff of 60 and pours an average of 20,000 pounds a day into castings for warships and cargo vessels.

The \$250,000 expansion program now being completed makes the plant one of the most versatile foundries in this part of the country. J. A. Robinson, general manager, pointed out. Many automatic machines have been installed to speed production of war materials and ease the conversion to a peacetime line of cast copper kitchenware, aluminum pieces and stainless steel.

Robinson, who indirectly, got into the foundry business through his San Pedro accounting firm, is joined in the operating end of the works by two brothers-in-law, Victor Haines, production manager, and Edward Haines, sales manager, both of San Pedro.

All three actually established the ground floor of their business, together digging the pit for the first furnace in back of the former machine works. Today the plant has a half-dozen furnaces and rows of molding equipment.

The newly-completed building encloses this expanded section of the plant which, however, hasn't lost a day of production because there wasn't time until now to build a roof. Last winter big army tents were hoisted to permit continuous operation during rainstorms.

Current major contract at the Harbor City foundry is a group of huge 16,580-pound stern bearings for the Victory ships being turned out at Calship and other west coast yards. Maritime pours the bearings and does part of the machining, and the contract also gives 14 months of work to three other harbor plants hiring a total of 1500 men.

Maritime Brass & Bronze got into business when Robinson took a contract to build deck machinery for Pacific Bridge Co. A. N. Thomas was originally affiliated with the shop but a year ago sold his interest to Robinson.

The Haines brothers believe their production high point to date was the recent successful gamble they took on a contract to other foundry would touch to make four-ton replacement aluminum-bronze bearing boxes for a Provo, Utah, steel rolling mill.

Other contracts successfully completed include the deck machinery for a group of freighters built by Pacific Bridge Co., stern bearing castings for the destroyer escorts built by Western Pipe & Steel Co., and incidental yellow metal fittings for pumps, ships and yachts.

The addition dedicated yesterday is an 80 by 600-ft steel building, to which will be added as soon as materials are available, a roof over the entire 240-foot frontage on Lomita blvd.

**STORKatorials**

Births to residents of this district during the past week include the following:

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Garrison, 24309 Narbonne ave., a boy, born Dec. 21 at 2:53 a.m., at Torrance Memorial hospital.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin, 2424 Andreo ave., a daughter, born Dec. 25 at 5:20 a.m., at Seaside hospital, Long Beach.

**Special Class  
For Spastic Cases**

The Los Angeles City Board of Education has agreed to open an experimental class for spastic children of preschool age. It is expected the first experimental class, for 14 children, will start in February at the Washington Blvd. school for crippled children.

The Spastic Children's Foundation had petitioned the board for such action since last March.

**GAS FOR TRAINING**

Gasoline consumed in training one American pilot would last the average driver 25 years.

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## Merchant Ship Communications Course Given

Required of all merchant marine deck officers before they can return to sea after Jan. 1, 1945, a course in war-time merchant ship communications and convoy procedure is now being given at the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A., San Pedro.

Approximately 200 masters and mates already have taken the five-day instruction and the required certificates, reported Lt. S. K. Arthurs, USNR, officer in charge. The classes start each Monday and continue through Friday noon, with approximately 25 men in each group.

With a liberal use of visual aids, experienced instructors cover the required subject matter in four days with the fifth devoted to the final examination. The officers finish the course, the tests, and receive certificates by noon on the last day, Lieutenant Arthurs said.

Masters and mates with previous experience in this type of work are permitted to take the examination without attending classes.

The course is based primarily on the three publications embodied in War-time Instructions for Merchant ships, issued by the U. S. and British navies, plus instruction in visual signaling. Blinker and semaphore are taught, although proficiency in them is not required for completion of the course.

In addition, the school located on the fifth floor of the YMCA offers a one-day course for commercial radio operators in convoy communications. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week.

The instruction staff consists of Lt. Arthurs, three signalmen and a radioman, all of whom have served on convoy duty for at least two years prior to being assigned to the school.

## Ten Million Dollars for Beaches Asked

Meeting with members of the County Board of Supervisors and representatives of various municipalities, the Shoreline Planning Association has voted to ask the next session of the legislature for an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for beach acquisition throughout the state.

To implement the request, the Board of Supervisors at its next meeting will instruct the county counsel to prepare the bill and will place it upon its list of approved legislation.

A. E. Henning of the division of beaches and parks stated that any matching provisions included in state acquisition appropriations could be met by cities and counties putting up beach frontage already owned by them. While the title of such property would pass to the state, the State Park Commission would gladly agree that the administration and operation of both the old and new beaches should remain with city or county contributing the matching property, he said.

In the course of the discussion, State Park Commissioner Isidore B. Dockweiler expressed himself as being opposed to any matching requirements in the acquisition program as tending to delay the acquiring of frontage which is now available but which may be considerably more expensive or difficult to obtain in a few years.

Geoffrey Morgan, head of the Shoreline Planning Association, declared that acquisition rather than development should be stressed at the next session of the legislature.

The meeting at the Hall of Records was under the chairmanship of William A. Smith, chairman of the County Board of Supervisors. Also present were Supervisors Raymond V. Darby, John Anson Ford and Roger Jessup.

**TANKS MANUFACTURED**  
Remanufacture of thousands of damaged tanks is a major part of a huge Army Service Forces Ordnance department reclamation program which returns worn out or battle damaged equipment to active combat duty, the Ninth Service Command Ordnance division announced.

Unnecessary use of your automobile horn is a misdemeanor.

## Shell and Red Wings Will Meet For Championship

The Shell Chemical baseball team will add to the local holiday spirit by bringing another local ball team, the Lomita Red Wings, to Torrance for a Dec. 31 game. This will give both Torrance and Lomita fans the opportunity to see who the local champions will be.

Shell's consecutive win streak of ten games will be in the balance as well as their position as league leaders.

The Lomita aggregation will bring a strong team as well as a crowd of fans in their try to upset the current first place, unbeaten in the league, Shell men.

The Eastside Beer team has challenged the Shell team to a return match on Jan. 7. With Bob White, formerly of Joe DiMaggio's All Stars at the Santa Ana Air Base, pitching, they are gambling for a win to even their 9 to 4 defeat of a few weeks ago.

## Drive Even More Carefully on Holiday Trips

Peak month for holiday good cheer is December, but December is also the month in which most traffic accidents occur.

This information came today from the Automobile Club of Southern California with the club's warning to motorists to drive carefully during the Christmas season.

Last December ran true to form in California with a total of 4,488 accidents reported which resulted in 6,102 injuries and 365 fatalities. Although the traffic toll has been on the increase during 1944, 11-month figures show that no month has equalled December's record.

Contributing factors, according to club officials, are increased holiday travel between Christmas and New Year's Day. There are more adult pedestrians on the streets during the month, as well as children out of school on Yuletide vacations.

Extreme caution on the part of pedestrians and motorists alike was urged by the club for the rest of "dangerous December," and the reminder was issued that California's traffic toll is the highest in the nation.

Reports received by the Automobile Club show that nearly one-eighth of the traffic deaths

## Register Changes Of Address, Asks Casualty Branch

News concerning men overseas, of vital importance to their families, is often delayed unnecessarily due to failure of dependents to notify the War Department of changes in address, the Ninth Service Command Adjutant General's office, Fort Douglas, Utah, declared today.

In one month as many as 4,000 telegrams were returned to Washington, D. C., because the address could not be found, official reports reveal. Practically every case of non-delivery was due to failure of the addressee to report the correct and complete address.

In keeping records of America's millions in service, the adjutant general's office accepts the responsibility of notifying families as soon as possible after a serviceman has become a casualty.

Receiving this news late, or from other than official sources, is a great hardship to a soldier's family. Telegraph offices receiving messages for delivery cooperate fully in attempting to locate addresses and exhaust every possible means prior to returning them to the War Department.

However, it is necessary to return thousands stamped "Address Incorrect."

Emergency addressees who have moved after departure of a soldier for overseas duty, or for other reasons, are urged to inform the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, Washington 25, D. C., Attention Casualty Branch.

Both new and old addresses should be given in addition to the soldier's full name, rank, serial number, organization, and his APO number.

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