

COAST INSULATING CORP. WILL CONSTRUCT BIG NEW MANUFACTURING PLANT HERE

Coast Insulating Corporation will construct a new manufacturing plant in Torrance covering an area of more than 40,000 square feet and to cost between \$50,000 and \$70,000, it was revealed this week.

The City Council Tuesday night granted the firm a variance of the uniform building code to permit them to construct the big plant on property acquired from the Pacific Electric Railway Co. at 401 Arlington ave.

The buildings will be for the manufacture of rock wool insulation and will house the main production line and fabricating operations.

The buildings to be constructed are:

Manufacturing building, 168x150 feet, total 25,200 square feet.
Wool collector building, 63x90 feet, total 5,670 square feet.
Furnace building, 53x101.3 feet, total 5,368 square feet.

Future offices, lockers and toilets, 60x80 feet, total 4,800 square feet.

Already constructed at the new location are two buildings, 33x75 feet and 60x205 feet.

The company is manufacturing at present in the old leased quarters at 500 Arlington ave.

According to Herbert C. Smith, treasurer of the company, the old plant is obsolete and inefficient, and throughout the design of the new plant, the greatest attention has been paid to the matter of safety and efficiency. All of the structural framework is of steel and all roofs and walls are of corrugated iron sheets. Floors and foundations are of concrete.

The old plant has been in operation for some 20 years, providing employment to a large number of Torrance citizens and has shown a steady growth, employing at the present time 75 workers on three shifts.

Prospects are that the new plant will have even a larger degree of success and will continue to be a valuable asset to the community, Smith said.

Plans for the new buildings were drawn by W. M. Bostock.

Torrance Red Cross Appeals For More Donors

An appeal for new Blood Donors to help meet the quota of 500 pints for the August 10 Blood Bank has been made by Mrs. O. A. Kresse, Blood Bank chairman of the Torrance branch. The mobile unit will be here from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. She said:

"Until this war in the Pacific is completely and finally won, our fighting forces will need the complete support of every American on the home front. A pint of your blood is the best personal contribution to victory in the Pacific."

"Let's Bring Them Back Alive."

She announced the addition of the following to the Torrance "Gallon Club" register:

Mary Bartholomew, 1423 Acacia; Henry Bays, 2214 Torrance; Gertrude Boyle, 1229 Acacia; Jennie C. d'Arcy, 4523 Lomita; Los Angeles; Ralph Dunlap, 1525 W. 83rd st., Los Angeles; Maurice Gagner, 2117 Torrance; John Grub, 1821 Acacia; Mary Jacobs, 2263 Torrance; Mathew Libeu, 1813 W. 83rd st., Los Angeles; Martin Martinez, 10022 Grape, Los Angeles; Blanche Orr, 1412 Manuel ave.; Opal Partain, 822 Sartori ave.; Thyra Peele, 2115 Cabrillo st.; Della Pinkerton, 212 S. Holberta ave.; Redondo Beach; Rosamond Peor, 1551 W. 213th st.; Katherine Sechler, P.O. Box 129, Gardena; Nathan D. Smith, 2010 Martina ave.; Millard Ward, 1616 W. 220th st.; Kenneth Williams, 14933 Margold ave., Gardena; Errol Young, 214 S. Pacific Coast Highway, Redondo Beach.

Seven Top Teams Already Entered In Southern Calif. Semi-Pro Play

Seven top teams already have entered the fourth Southern California Semi-Pro Baseball tournament to be played in Torrance Ball Park starting August 4, according to Dale Riley, Torrance city recreation superintendent who with L. J. Haenger, of the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion, is directing the affairs of the tournament.

The teams are: Signal Oil Co., Arcadia; El Monte Dodgers, Standard Oil of El Segundo; Glendale Stars, Pittsburgh Pirates, and the fast Torrance Athletic Club line. Entry blanks are in the hands of the 50 leading teams of Southern California and from these, 16 teams to participate in a double elimination tournament to declare a Southern California championship will be picked from the entries received.

Doris Reid Convicted on Murder Count

Love stabbing of her "boy friend" almost in the shadow of the Torrance Police Station last May 6 yesterday drew a second degree murder verdict against Mrs. Doris L. Reid, 32, of 1355 W. 220th st., Torrance, in Superior Judge Clement D. Nye's court.

Mrs. Reid was found guilty of stabbing to death William Kenneth Strang, 40, shipwright, just outside of a Torrance cocktail bar, across the street from the police station.

A few minutes after the fatal stabbing, Mrs. Reid told Torrance Chief of Police John H. Stroth, that she and Strang had a murder pact whereby both carried knives and if one caught the other of "stepping out," death was to be the penalty.

Mrs. Reid on the night of the stabbing contended Strang was paying too much attention to his pretty ex-wife, Lola.

Yesterday, Mrs. Reid under cross examination, denied that she and Strang had a stabbing pact, and said that she merely gave Chief Stroth that story in fun.

Strang, according to Dr. Frank Webb, deputy coroner, died from two stab wounds, one in the back, and a second in his left side.

Judge Nye set Monday, as the date for sentencing.

The penalty for second degree murder is from five years to life.

The murder was the first committed in Torrance in 12 years, according to Chief Stroth.

Clerks at Work As Employers, Union Confer

Clerks' union officials and employers of Torrance, Lomita, Wilmington and San Pedro met Tuesday to start negotiations for a new work and wage agreement to be presented to the War Labor Board. Sam Levy, pioneer Torrance merchant, represented the Torrance business men at the joint union-employer meeting in San Pedro.

It was agreed by the union that there will be no more work stoppages during the negotiations, and the merchants agreed likewise to continue for another week the restraining action filed in Superior Court to stop the day-time work-stoppage meetings of the union which started July 3 and continued for a week.

Terms of an adjusted agreement will be submitted to the union members at a meeting to-night in San Pedro, and the negotiating group will gather again Monday for further consideration of the problems.

Haskell Tidwell, business agent for Union 905, Retail Clerks International Protective Association, (AFL), met with the employers. Also in attendance was A. Schullman, union attorney, and other labor officials.

Meanwhile, the stores of Torrance and Lomita are back in normal operation with their full regular crews.

The union dispute started when the WLB refused to consider Tidwell's proposed agreement presented two weeks ago because it exceeded the "Little Steel" formula.

Bids ranging from \$28,924, from Bob Vosnyak, to \$35,966.73 from P. and T. Artkovick were received Tuesday night for building of the 203rd st., Pueblo district, sewer lines.

The bids were referred to the city engineer for checking and report.

Bids for Sewer Line Taken Under Advisement Here

Riley also announced that Dewey Weldner, former Coast League umpire, will act as arbitrator at all games.

The tournament is designed to run for 30 or 31 nights, or until 15 teams have been eliminated.

Sponsored by the Southern California Baseball Association and the Bert S. Crossland American Legion Post, the tournament is a revival of a series started in Torrance in 1939 and continued until 1941 when they were cancelled by war emergency restrictions. The winning club is guaranteed a \$500 purse, and 50 per cent of the gate receipts revert back to the ball clubs.

It is anticipated that attendance at the tournament will exceed 50,000 fans.

39 Postal Employees Get Raise

Thirty-nine employees of Torrance post office will be benefited by the signing by President Truman of the bill giving them their first pay raise since 1925, according to Assistant Postmaster L. H. Deininger, who is in charge during the annual leave of Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

They are: Two supervisors, 12 clerks, eight carriers, two custodial employees, nine temporary clerks, five temporary carriers and one messenger.

For regular postal employees in so-called automatic grades, the legislation provides a 20 per cent increase in base pay, or \$400 a year, whichever is the lesser amount. In no event will the raise be less than \$300. It also provides for overtime payment at the rate of time-and-one-half for time worked in excess of a basic 260 workdays annually, the payment to be in form of money or compensating time off, and for a differential of 10 per cent for employees who regularly work at night.

The legislation changes the salary rates of postmasters by putting them on a pay based on 100 per cent of the gross receipts for their offices instead of the present 85 and 90 per cent. Postmasters in first class offices except those now receiving \$6000 or more, will get boosts of from \$300 to \$400 annually.

All ordinary postal employees, including clerks, are eligible for the overtime pay provisions of the legislation, although some designated supervisory workers are not. While the law excludes some railway mail and air mail service workers from the overtime sections, the House post office committee, which drafted the legislation, said ordinary clerks in those services are eligible.

Joe Wheeler Rounsivill, 137 Elena ave., Redondo Beach, paid fines of \$150 and has his operator's license suspended in City court this week as a result of his arrest for driving while intoxicated and hit-run.

Rounsivill's car struck the machine of Leo Wagner, 20320 N. Elliot st., Chief of Police John Stroth said, and then sped away from the scene of the accident.

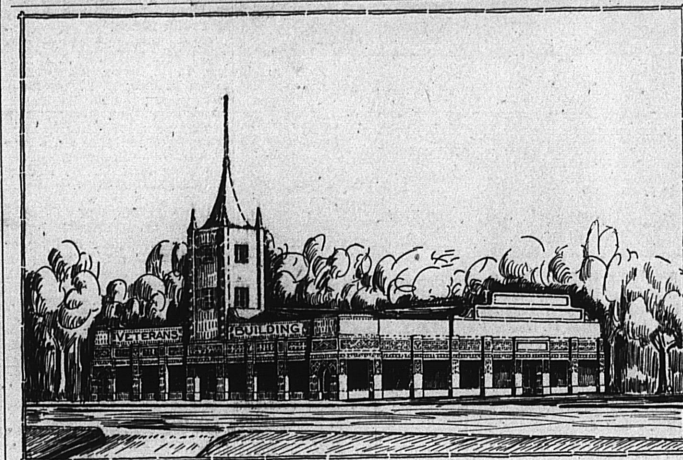
The man was apprehended by Officer N. Robison.

City Judge Otto Willett fined Rounsivill \$100 on the drunk driving charge, \$50 on the hit-run charge and suspended his automobile operator's license.

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Hit-Run, Drunk Driver Pays Fine of \$150

Torrance Facing City-Wide Water Program As Jurisdictional Lawsuit Is Planned by Subterranean Producers to Determine Need



LIVING MEMORIAL FOR VETERANS . . . The above artist's conception shows the type of building which will replace the old eye-sore at Cabrillo ave. and Gramercy ave., when the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3251, complete their plans. The Veterans Memorial hall will accommodate 1500 members. The post already has bought the old condemned garage building for the purpose.

Living Veterans Memorial to Accommodate 1500 Members Is Planned by Torrance V.F.W. Post 3251

Torrance Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3251 is planning a "living memorial" for the community, involving the remodeling of the old Ford building at Cabrillo ave. and Gramercy ave., long an eyesore into a beautiful Veterans Memorial building to accommodate 1500 members of the post and the auxiliary, it was announced this week by C. Earl Conner, commander.

Already the post has purchased the condemned building and architects are at work on plans for rebuilding the structure into a "Living Veterans Memorial" which will throw its doors open to all service men and their families and serve Torrance for years to come.

The post contemplates a membership of 500 within the next two years, Commander Conner said.

"Much has been said about Veterans' Memorials, and little done," Commander Conner said. "It was even suggested that a plastic tower be constructed in memory of the comrades who gave their lives that we might enjoy liberty here at home."

"Other communities, almost without exception, have spent upwards of \$50,000 to provide Veterans' Memorials in the way of halls. Torrance now is to have its Veterans' Memorial Hall, provided by this post and accomplishing a double purpose of removing that old eye-sore on Cabrillo ave. and serving the community."

"Living Memorial" "This time let's build a Memorial that will help perpetuate Peace. They will not forget these relatives of ours who have gone out from Torrance to Army and Navy training centers with liberty's song of faith and freedom ringing in their memories. It was the last thought of home many of them experienced — felt reaching out even across the water as they sailed from otherwise somber ports of embarkation . . . feeling inside themselves strengthened hearts, an uplift in courage, a sweet reminder of home . . . carrying in their hearts the things their loved ones would have said to them could they have been there in that last trying hour."

"They will not forget, and we men of peace who are restating the Declaration of Independence with bayonet steel and smoking gun. "And when they return, the first right of the old 'home town' to greet them — those who are fortunate enough to return — will be a living memorial, a useful and usable building, dedicated to their heroism and service — 'Well Done!'"

"What a wonderful thing it will be to keep steadily reminded in living memory the sacrifices we dare not forget — keep the message that cries out from our hearts today, true, authentic, eternal. It can be done so fittingly and efficiently, with a Memorial building of the type we propose to be utilized — when they, too, have finished their wartime job and are demobilized."

Torrance city budget matters now are under consideration by the City Council, and there has been no indication of the tax rate nor the total amount of the budget.

Torrance and Long Beach police and the sheriff's office are seeking two youthful bandits, armed with revolvers, who held up the Edwards Service Station, 17200 Redondo Beach, 3 a.m. today, and escaped with \$208 in bills and coin.

Paul Baird, station attendant, said that the robbers asked for gasoline and then menaced him with a gun. After taking the money from the cash register, the bandits fled on Redondo Beach.

Chief of Police John Stroth said the youths are wanted by the other departments for similar holdups in Long Beach and the county area.

Chief Stroth assigned Sgt. William Evans and Officers A. Thompson and P. Enfield to the investigation.

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Demands for a permanent and adequate water supply for Torrance, to care for all its domestic, industrial, commercial and agricultural needs for years to come, have been placed before the City Council, just at a time when ground-water interests in the West Basin, of which Torrance is an important part, are contemplating a jurisdictional suit, in which the City of Torrance will be named, to determine who is entitled to the ground-water, how much is available to meet the demand and to take steps to import water to meet the demand over the supply.

Doak Aircraft Gets Army-Navy Production 'E'

The Doak Aircraft Company, Inc., in Torrance, today was notified by the War Department that it is receiving the Army-Navy Production Award for high achievement in the production of war materiel.

In a letter addressed to the men and women of the Doak Aircraft Company, Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said:

"This is to inform you that the Army and Navy are conferring upon you the Army-Navy Production Award for high achievement in the production of war materiel. Your remarkable production record, has helped our country along the road to victory. May I extend to you my congratulations on your great accomplishments."

Reading the letter over the plant loud speakers, President Edmond R. Doak thanked employees for earning the award, and asked for continued effort to meet heavy schedules for the Navy's new Ryan fighting plane. He also stated that at least 200 additional experienced riveters and assemblers are needed by the company.

Formerly vice president of the Douglas Aircraft Company and general manager of its El Segundo division, Doak started his own organization in November, 1940. He recently announced that the company intends to remain in the aviation field after the war.

Tuesday Night Ration Service Is Discontinued

Under U. S. Civil Service regulations, War Price and Rationing Board officers can no longer extend night service for convenience of shift workers, according to Frank W. Daniels, chief clerk, Torrance board.

Hours hereafter will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday.

The civil service regulations prohibit working longer than 44 hours a week, Daniels said, and the Torrance board office must follow the new rules and discontinue the Tuesday night hours.

Daniels urged all applicants for rationing to mail in their applications, declaring that it is just as fast and less complicated a procedure.

INDIANA PICNIC The annual picnic of the Indiana State Society of Southern California will be held Sunday, July 22, at Sycamore Grove, Los Angeles. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Dispute Over 3 Rs and Progressive Education May Extend to Torrance

The "3-R's" vs. so-called "progressive education" dispute is being injected into the Torrance effort to withdraw from Los Angeles city school system, it was revealed this week.

While the instruction methods used by Los Angeles in the Torrance schools have been the subject of considerable criticism over the years, it remained for several easterners and midwesterners to make comparisons between "progressive" instruction here and "reading, 'riting and 'rithing" method in their former home towns.

One letter on the subject is printed under "Letters" on the inside pages of this edition and no doubt will provoke additional comments. Many have been made, including remarks on the advancement of children from the east and midwest over the Torrance children of the same age and grade in school.

The effort of the Torrance Parents' Association to bring about withdrawal of the Torrance schools from the Los Angeles system has been based largely on the excessive payment to Los Angeles for the privilege of running the schools, the Los Angeles district taking approximately \$2 for each \$1 it spends in Torrance, spending the other \$1 on schools in other parts of the gigantic system; on the lack of equipment and classroom facilities; on the lack of a sound vocational and industrial training program; on the method of throwing older and younger boys together and failure to provide a gymnasium for them; on over-crowding girls' dressing rooms, and other complaints, but the question of the "3-R's" now looms as another argument in favor of Torrance operation of its own schools, it was said.

Ask the Professor

(By H. F. Noake)

Dear Professor: Do you happen to know anything about the origin of barber shops?

Answer: From all I can gather on this subject, I Indians were the first to give scalp treatments.

