

SYNTHETIC RUBBER BOOM SEEN AS REPORTS FROM FAR EAST TELL OF JAP DAMAGE

A boom in synthetic rubber manufacturing in Torrance was seen following the disclosure that Japanese war control in Far East rubber areas had destroyed a major portion of equipment and plantations.

The Nipponese conquerors of Sumatra and Malay assertedly cut down thousands of acres of trees and scattered, enslaved, or killed a great portion of native labor.

This was told by W. E. Calk, chief of scientific research in the far east, for the U. S. Rubber Company making the first report on the rubber situation in that area since the outbreak of the war.

Calk, taken prisoner by the Japs in 1943, managed to study the problem while interned and, following his release, inspected the rubber territory taken over by the Nipponese government.

In Calk's hurried survey, he revealed that at least 18,000 acres, containing 1,800,000 trees, have been lost during the war years because of neglect or cutting down to make way for food crops.

"This," he said, "means a loss of at least one out of every five and a half trees standing before the war."

Mechanical equipment including motors, tanks, piping and rail facilities were removed or destroyed by the Japs.

One-half of the native labor force has been transplanted to labor camps in Siam and Burma or dispersed to other centers according to the report. More than 31,500 natives were required before the war by the United States Rubber Company which was the largest rubber plantation operator in the world.

On the return of an adequate labor force, the replacement of the mechanical equipment and the replanting of the trees, depends renewed production of natural rubber. According to the information received, this will be a slow and expensive process. Not only will the destroyed trees have to be replaced, but those undamaged must be rehabilitated through removal of weeds and undergrowth.

Installations for the production of latex, the liquid rubber used to make golf balls, latex gloves, and aprons, are almost completely lost. Eleven out of 13 latex storage tanks have disappeared, and all piping and machinery destroyed. Some shipping of latex, however, will be possible by direct loading from tank cars it was stated.

Lindy Young Returns Home

Leonard C. (Lindy) Young, Mo. MM, 2/c USN, arrived recently following his honorable discharge at Terminal Island Separation Center. The returned serviceman is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Young, of 2355 El Dorado. His wife, the former Miss Dolores Race, of Chicago, will join him here early next month.

In service 26 months, he has seen 18 months' sea duty in Mediterranean waters aboard an LST boat, having participated in the invasion of Southern France and the Italian Campaign. He will take a position as diesel machinist at Navy Dry Docks, San Pedro.

ON SHORE DUTY

Ensign L. E. Stecker is stationed on Treasure Island, San Francisco, for six months shore duty. His wife, Eleanor, joined him last weekend. Ensign Stecker would like to hear from Torrance friends. Mail may be addressed to him at 1146 McKinley st., Oakland, Calif.

FROM FRESNO

Mrs. Margaret Grow, and daughter Sandra of Fresno, arrived this week for a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Buxton, of 1500 El Prado.



HOME FROM JAPAN . . .
Edwin W. Smith, Jr., who has just arrived from Japan for a visit with his parents. His arrival here marks the completion of 18 months service and his second round trip to Tokyo.

Marriage Licenses

Charles C. Nobbs, 457 So. Mariposa, L. A.; Dorothy H. Kopas, 21525 So. Harvard, Torrance.

Edwin Mims, USA; Ellen M. Adams, 2027 Abalone, Torrance. Clyde H. Cain, 1016 Acacia, Dorothy L. Reman, 1016 Acacia, Torrance.

Dolphin E. McGowan, 1824 247th st., Torrance; Delores R. Sudduth, 1824 247th st., Torrance. Reed Miller, 1601 Court st., Los Angeles; Margaret Haschak, 108 S. Lucia ave.

Raymond A. Booth, 1669 W. 203rd st., Torrance; Ann D. Hix, 1665 W. 203rd st., Torrance. Ferruccio Rossi, 1221 225th, Torrance; Rose Lauro, 445 W. 11th st., San Pedro.

F. R. HAIG WEDS

IN CANADIAN CITY
When F. R. Haig, of the photographic firm, Haig & Haig, returned recently from a three months' tour of Canada, he was accompanied by the former Mrs. Pearl Bowes, of Grand View, Manitoba with whom he exchanged wedding vows during his visit.

USE OF PALOS VERDES MAIN IN TRANSPORTING WATER FROM MWD RESERVOIR OFFERED

Use of the 14-inch transmission lines of the Palos Verdes Water Company in transporting Metropolitan Water District supply to Waleria area has been offered the Torrance City Council by Ben Haggott, president of the Palos Verdes company.

Haggott proposes that the MWD water be metered into his main lines at the metropolitan reservoir, Palos Verdes Drive North and Narbonne ave., and metered out again at point of delivery into Waleria and adjacent territory.

He said that this will save the proposed new district being formed in Waleria the expense of building a transmission line, and also eliminate boosting stations to higher elevations because the Palos Verdes line is at a 500-foot elevation.

Haggott declared that his company merely would be acting as a "common carrier" in transporting the water, and that the City of Torrance would act as intermediary to purchase water from MWD and sell it to Water District No. 1 in Southwest Torrance, or other agencies which might later be formed.

His plan has won favorable comment and it is anticipated that the City Council will agree with the proposal.

The letter in full follows:
November 10, 1945

Gentlemen:
It has come to our attention that you are contemplating transmission of Metropolitan District Water to Waleria and adjacent areas in the City of Torrance, which communities are not at present served with pipe lines connecting to the Metropolitan Water District.

This letter is written with the thought that certain of our transmission and distribution lines, as now installed are of sufficient capacity and could be used as common carriers; to bring Metropolitan water to the areas in question; such an operation would be in conformity with Metropolitan ruling that use of its water be restricted to within the District boundaries. This would be accomplished by metering Metropolitan water at the point of introduction into our 14" transmission main, where it now passes the Metropolitan reservoir at Palos Verdes Drive North and Narbonne ave., and by delivering a like amount, through meters, at point of delivery into Waleria and adjacent territory; the City of Torrance acting as intermediary to purchase water from the Metropolitan Water District and sell to distributing agencies as they now or in the future may exist in consuming territories, we to act and be paid merely as transporting or delivery agent.

Such an operation would benefit the areas in question by avoiding large capital expenditure necessary to install transmission facilities from existing Metropolitan feeders, also, and very important, it would eliminate boosting installations to higher elevations in areas to be served. Avoidance of such expenditures, while always desirable, is particularly advantageous in this instance because: 1. Future possible development of the area indicates that any new transmission pipe line constructed at this time would either be of capacity greatly in excess of present requirements, if its size attempted to anticipate future need, or, if it was so small as to serve only present requirements, a later installation of greater size would assuredly be necessary thus involving much duplication of cost.

2. At present, the status of water conditions in West Coast Basin as a whole is indeterminate and there is apparent need for imported water to many areas; if the Metropolitan Water District is selected as source of such additional supply, it will probably build other feeder lines throughout the Basin one of which may be close to the subject communities.

3. Water carried through our system would be delivered at pressure sufficient to serve higher elevations of Waleria and adjacent areas. Roughly estimated, some 600 acres of the most desirable land in this section of your City is at elevations ranging from 200 to 400 feet above sea level, lack of water at these higher elevations has retarded development; however, with adequate water supply, such land would comprise very attractive residential areas. This plan would furnish water to such higher elevations without the customarily attendant difficulties such as booster plants, high storage, and land acquisition problems for sites and easements; all of which, in both original cost and in operation, are expensive.

Thus, with points one and two immediately above it is indicated that attempting to project future requirements, one of the biggest problems in water supply, would be eliminated; further, with point three a most difficult phase of distribution would be eliminated.

Mixture of Metropolitan water with water similar in character to ours in now being accomplished in Long Beach, with, in some opinion, improvement in both waters. Similar results might be expected in this instance; the best characteristics of both waters predominating in the resultant.

Execution of the plan would be subject to our acquisition of certain easement rights, in which no difficulty is anticipated; also subject to approval of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Installations necessary would be connection between Metropolitan's and our system near Palos Verdes Drive and Narbonne avenue, (there would be a boost here from elevation 285' approximate low Metropolitan gradient, to elevation 500', operating gradient of our transmission main) and connections at points of delivery.

In consideration of factors involved, it appears that such an arrangement, using existing facilities, particularly during this period of construction difficulty, would be of great mutual advantage; it is hoped that you agree and that we will have the opportunity of negotiating further with your official representatives.

Very truly yours,
PALOS VERDES WATER COMPANY
By Ben Haggott, President.

Suspect



By United Press
Richard Worswick, 26, Oakland, Cal., was held by San Francisco police for investigation in the case of the missing mining heir, 3-year-old Dickie Sam Soden. The veteran allegedly phoned Mrs. Frances Gardiner, aunt of the missing child, and demanded \$2500 for information as to Dickie's whereabouts.

900 Persons To Receive \$100,000

Approximately 400 local citizens will be richer by some \$50,000 today according to the Torrance National Bank, as a result of their Christmas savings club checks mailed yesterday.

There are approximately 500 more persons to share the wealth by the same token, according to Bank of America officials, who announced that an even \$50,000 would be mailed to their Christmas club savers on Dec. 1.

Five hundred and fifty million dollars will be distributed to about seven million six hundred thousand Christmas Club members by approximately five thousand banking and savings institutions and other organizations during National Prosperity Week, starting Monday, Nov. 23, according to an estimate given out yesterday by Herbert F. Rawll, founder and president of Christmas Club, A Corporation.

The total distribution is 10% ahead of last year and represents a high since the year of the bank holiday. The average member distribution increased to approximately \$72.00 as compared with \$70.00 last year. The total number of individual members participating this year shows an increase of six hundred thousand over a year ago.

The use of Christmas Club checks this year shows a decrease of 2% to be applied to Victory Bonds, permanent savings and Government urged, anti-inflationary purposes. A recent cross section survey indicates the estimated fund of \$550,000,000 will be used by the recipients approximately as follows:

Permanent Savings 23%
Victory Bonds 18%
Insurance Premiums 11%
Debt Retirement 10%
Taxes 8%
Christmas Purchases 27%
Unclassified 1%

Contest Begins In Bond Drive At Torrance High

BY RALPH JAKUBOWSKI
Interest has run high and things have been on the move since the bond drive was launched for the student body of Torrance high school. The committee has been organized under the supervision of Miss Catherine Jennings, girls' physical education teacher, and plans to put the drive over the top by selling as many Victory bonds as possible.

The student committee consists of Ralph Jakubowski, chairman; Phil Anast; Leroy Schwenk; Burna Morris and Cecilia Bidwell.

A contest has been organized between classes. The ninth grade took the lead on the first day and has been out in front all the way. The total for the first four days of the drive has been \$3442.35 sold in bonds and stamps. Students are really on the move to put the drive over the top. They have been canvassing their neighborhoods for purchasers of bond.

Displayed in the main hall is a chart to show the progress of the campaign of each day's sale. The school looks toward the co-operation of every student to uphold the returning veterans. Each class has a ship loaded at Tokyo, representing as bringing veterans home. The ship progresses as the sales go up.

MORE TIME
Frank R. Bates, Waleria, has been allowed another 90 days by the City Council in which to complete his new home. The council Tuesday night granted the man, a federal customs officer, an extension of his permit to live in a tent house pending completion of the permanent house.

ASIA HOLDS KEY TO WORLD PEACE AND CAUSE FOR FUTURE WARS, SAYS P.T.A. SPEAKER

"Asia holds the key to world peace and the cause of all future wars," Mrs. Leroy H. Bailey, State and Tenth District chairman of International Relations, stated at the monthly meeting of the Lomita-San Pedro P.T.A. Council held Friday at Lomita. Using a map of the world to illustrate her topic Mrs. Bailey stated: "We cannot draw ourselves into a shell of isolation and remain the powerful nation that we are today. We must put the United Nations Charter into a working organization as soon as possible in order to prevent future disaster."

She suggested that the local associations help by having an open forum consisting of a newspaper editor, an educator and a member from a church group. "The Original Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1623" and "The Spirit of Thanksgiving, 1945" were read by Mrs. Willard Buchanan, as the inspirational message.

Mrs. George Simmons, in her report on the Child Welfare conference gave a list of acceptable toys and the council plan to assist in the Christmas activities for Torrance and Meyler St. development schools.

Mrs. Cheri Coates gave two interesting reports on the recent Public Welfare Conference—the first on International Relations by Harrison Wood, noted radio news commentator and the second on motion picture productions by Alice Evans, director of public service for motion picture producers and exhibitors of America.

The Council has a membership of 4346, according to Mrs. John Socolich's report.

Mrs. J. J. Millard, Mrs. J. S. Dresser and Mrs. Fred Klebingat of Gateway Council were judges for the annual poster and decorations displays. Awards were won by Orange Street, Lomita Elementary; Leland, Fifth Street, Bandini and Torrance Elementary.

Mrs. John R. Garner presided and the following local associations were represented by Mmes. Herbert C. Markham, Fern Avenue; E. R. Walker, Harbor City; Katherine Mowry, Lomita Elementary; Don Wolf, Torrance Elementary; H. W. Nansel, Orange Street and J. J. Millard, Waleria.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON AT MRS. RIPPY'S HOME

Mrs. C. T. Rippy was a gracious hostess to members of her bridge club when she entertained at her home on El Prado last week. At the attractively appointed table, luncheon centered with an arrangement of hybrid marigolds, covers were placed for eight guests. Awards for high scores at contract presented to Mrs. George Peckham and Mrs. J. R. Klink, Sr.

RE-OPEN HOME

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Adams (Ellen Miles) have moved into their home at 917 8th Place, Hermosa Beach.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

—Matthew 5:16



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