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Torrance Builder Of Sensational Camp Trailer Now Has 2700 Orders

By JACK STRIPLING

Simplicity still is the keynote to new ideas.

At the turn of the century it was Henry Ford who took the complicated bulk from the automobile and made it into a comparatively simple gadget.

Today Walter King, 1912 W. 22nd st., has orders for 2700 camp trailers at \$85 each, because of simplicity in designing a trailer which has revolutionized the industry.

According to King, it all started last March shortly after his termination at the Consolidated shipyards, where he was employed as a shipfitting foreman. He conceived the idea of building a small trailer for a camping trip with his wife, Elmore, and two-year-old daughter Sandra.

Although the 33-year-old Torrance inventor had never built a trailer, he was no novice at building, as a 26-foot boat built by him shortly before the outbreak of World War II may witness. The boat, now owned by Mrs. Vera Rideout of San Pedro, is slated soon for a trip around the world with its present owner at the helm.

King reports that he had hardly completed his first trailer before he was offered a good price for it. He sold it. Again he started a trailer for his personal use and again it was seen before completion and sold.

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Building Permits From San Pedro Office-\$1,700

The following local building permits were issued at the San Pedro building department office:

Glenn L. West, 1830 W. 262nd st., will construct a sandwich stand at 259th place and Western ave. to cost \$1,400.

William C. and Thelma R. Langdon, 1410 W. 216th st., residence at 1547 W. 22nd st., \$6,300.

I. O. Bourland, 1417 W. 25th st., residence, \$7,500.

Albert Regg, 1445 Sepulveda bldv., apply stucco to dwelling, \$1,900.

BARTLETT LEAVE ON VACATION TRIP TO SANTA BARBARA

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett is on a vacation trip to coastal cities north of Los Angeles county.

With Mrs. Bartlett, the clerk left Tuesday to visit in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria.

The clerk said that he will return to Torrance in time for the regular council meeting on Sept. 24.

when the trailer was shown during the exhibit.

Yes, there was not one feature that even your reporter could not have thought of—but didn't.

The easy going mid-westerner, who spent his early life as an orphan in a foundling home, became one of Father Flanigan's pupils at the renowned Boys Town in Nebraska, once before pioneered a new thing when he saw the need for it.

During the depression in Montana, where King worked on a farm, he saw first-hand the destruction caused by the hated coyotes and when the state and county offered a sizeable bounty on their pelts, he conceived the idea of hunting them down in a plane.

Within a few days he had secured additional employment for himself, and with the added income learned to fly. It wasn't long before King had obtained a private pilot's license and a permit from the department to hunt coyotes from an airplane using a shotgun.

He and a helper received a total of six dollars, including the hide of the animal, for every coyote they bagged. Only an airman can imagine the difficulty encountered in landing near their "income" after the kill.

King said that in less than a year 25 airplanes were in the air over Montana hunting the high-bound pests.

He came to California in 1934, and the following year he and a friend, Dave Elmendorf, bought a Wendell-Williams racing place from the famous airman Roscoe Turner.

Together they entered the Thompson trophy race in Cleveland and placed fourth in the big event. The next day, King lamented, the plane burned as he and his friend tried to start it.

King confessed that the loss practically broke him, and he returned to California where he found employment with a Beverly Hills lumber company.

From then until now it has been nothing but work, work, work—and the Kings have yet to take that little camping trip which has been planned for so long.

Building Permits

Building permits issued in Torrance, totaling \$26,050, during the past week are the following:

R. J. Roberts, 1635 Crenshaw bldv., residence, \$6,000.

Alfred Grabowski, 816 Sartori ave., garage house, \$2,200.

T. I. Bray, 1019 Arlington ave., addition to garage, \$175.

Donald Findley, 930 Arlington ave., six-car private garage, \$1,000.

R. C. Brown, 1004 Crenshaw bldv., two-room garage house, \$1,800.

Church of Jesus Christ, 2010 Cabrillo ave., moved-in tool shed, \$250.

L. E. Maddux, 1011 Beech ave., residence and garage, \$7,500.

Walter Tappin, Jr., 22981 Narbonne ave., guest house, \$750.

Charles E. Robinson, 2360 El Dorado st., residence, \$3,500.

C. T. Berry, 1512 Cabrillo ave., taxi waiting room, \$350.

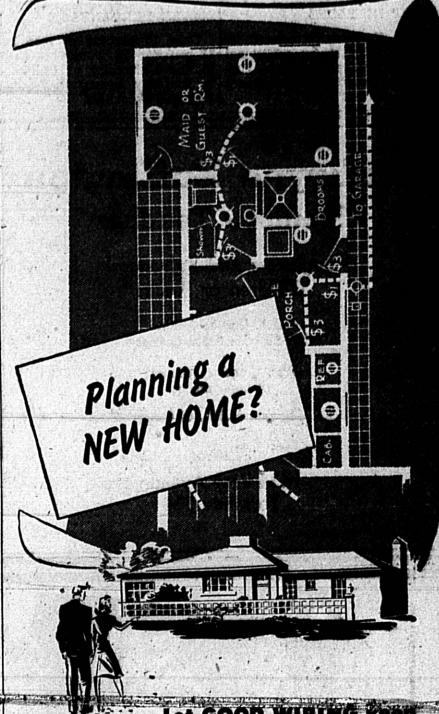
Torrance Laundry Co., 1870 Carson st., reset sign, \$25.

G. B. Holt and H. M. Bird, 305 Hollywood Parkway, addition to residence, \$2,500.

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