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## Whittier Narrows Flood Control Project Important To Torrance

Building of the Whittier Narrows dam is just as important to Torrance, Gardena and other West Basin cities as it is to Southeast Los Angeles County, according to Pat MacDonnell, secretary of Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, who is working in behalf of the tremendous multi-million dollar water conservation project.

## Landlords Must File New OPA Statements

All landlords operating a hotel, rooming or boarding house, motor court, tourist court or space rented in an auto or trailer camp in Southern California are required to file supplemental registration statements for their establishments, it was announced by Ben Koepke, Southern OPA rent director.

Landlords may obtain the necessary forms by calling at any one of the thirteen rent offices in Southern California, including: 1206 Santee st., Los Angeles; 110 E. Anaheim, Long Beach; 8 Marine Terrace, Santa Monica.

Koepke explained that this registration is being conducted throughout the country to comply with a provision of the Price Control Extension Act of 1946, which directs OPA to classify separately transient hotels, residential or apartment hotels, rooming houses and tourist courts.

"It is vital that all landlords affected register promptly and file the registration form in duplicate so that their establishments may be classified properly on the basis of the data submitted," Koepke said.

"Landlords in the area who rent only houses and apartments under the housing regulation, need not file this additional registration and are not affected."

## VETERANS WITH STORES MAY BUY SURPLUS PIPES

Indicating that bargains in war surplus sales are no "pipe dream," nearly 40,000 smoking pipes are offered to World War II veterans who own their own small businesses, the War Assets Administration announced.

The pipes are available for inspection at the Mira Loma Quartermaster depot, near San Bernardino.

## Plans Ordered For Harbor Junior College

Preliminary sketches for the first \$900,000 worth of buildings for the Harbor Technical Junior college have been ordered, the Los Angeles Board of Education disclosed.

James R. Friend, San Pedro architect, and A. C. Zimmerman of Los Angeles, have been authorized to prepare the plans, Roy Becker of San Pedro, a member of the school board, said.

The first group of structures will be erected on the Figueroa st. near Anaheim site in Wilmington recently purchased by the board as location for the college, which will feature courses in shipbuilding, petroleum refining and correlated skills and techniques.

Construction is contemplated as soon as materials are available, school officials said. Form of architecture to be followed in the Friend-Zimmerman sketches has not been specified.

Representative of the school superintendent's office expect to make a trip early next year to eastern school centers to pick up ideas which might be used here.

"We may not necessarily discover what we want, because my trip last summer showed no other city has developed exactly the type of technical school we have in mind for the harbor junior college," Becker said, "but since the board soon will begin calling for bids for work under the recently-voted school bond authorization, we felt it would be worthwhile to take a look around the country at the latest types of school buildings."

Becker is chairman of the board of education building committee.

He said that the dam will harness the flood waters of the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel rivers and tributaries in the Whittier area. This will accomplish two things:

1. It will prevent the destruction and floods from the overflow of channels of the San Gabriel and Los Angeles rivers.

2. Gradual release of the waters from the Whittier Narrows dam will permit seepage which in turn will help fill underground reservoirs including those which feed the wells of the West Basin area.

Rio Hondo is a tributary of Los Angeles river, and its flood waters pass down the flood control channel west of Long Beach. Considerable damage was caused by flooding in North Long Beach during recent storms due to the heavy flow, MacDonnell said.

U. S. Engineers have drafted some six plans for the Whittier Narrows project, and are to conduct a public hearing on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles. After weighing resolutions of civic groups in all the areas interested in the Whittier Narrows project, as well as oral discussions at the public hearing, the engineer's office will complete its report and pass it on to Congress with a recommendation.

MacDonnell urged local study of the plans and recommendations from organizations here.

## G. M. OLMSTEAD EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT V. A. CENTER

The appointment of G. M. Olmstead, former chief of rehabilitation and education for the Los Angeles Veterans Administration regional office, to the newly created position of executive officer for the VA Center, Sawtelle, was announced by Robert A. Bringham, manager of the Center.

The program, outlined by General Omar N. Bradley creating the office of executive officer for all VA hospitals, is designed to coordinate all administrative duties in one office and to relieve medical staffs of this responsibility.

## U. S. SAVINGS BONDS WEEK BEING OBSERVED IN CITY

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors last week adopted a formal resolution designating the period from December 17 as "U. S. Savings Bonds Week" and urging citizens of the county to cooperate through purchase of these government securities with any surplus funds they may have on hand.

Similar action was taken by Mayor Fletcher Bowron, as well as by mayors of other cities throughout Southern California.



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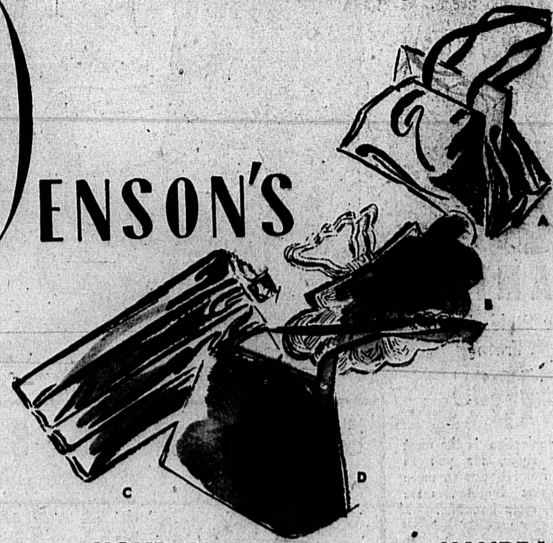
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