

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH EXPECT HUGE SAVINGS

An annual savings of \$114,000 is expected to be realized by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. through action of the State Public Utilities Commission Feb. 25 in allowing the firm to absorb its subsidiary, Southern California Telephone Company.

LAW LIBERALIZING SERVICE INSURANCE SIGNED BY TRUMAN

Approximately 1,000,000 veterans of World War II in California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, who have allowed NSLI term policies to lapse, have until August 1 to reinstate by payment of two monthly premiums, provided they are in as good health as they were at time of lapse, Colonel Thomas J. Cross, San Francisco VA chief, reported.

U.S. Attorney Hits Columbia-Consteel Deal

U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark holds that the proposed sale of the Consolidated Steel Co.'s assets to Columbia Steel Co., U. S. Steel western subsidiary would be in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, Allen G. Roach, president of Consolidated, announced.

Consolidated, which fabricates steel products, and operates the Western Pipe & Steel shipyard at San Pedro, has its main plant at Maywood.

"Word has been received from Attorney General Clark stating that he has considered the proposed sale and has concluded that, in his opinion, it is within the condemnation of the Sherman act," said Roach in a state ment. He added:

VETS' PURCHASE OF SURPLUS SIMPLIFIED UNDER NEW ORDER

Sales of surplus property earmarked "set aside for veterans" will be simplified March 1, according to C.P. Fickes, WAA regional director, when veterans will be able to buy surplus for personal use merely by showing their army or navy discharge papers.

However, Fickes pointed out, veterans must still be certified for all surplus items intended for use in their businesses, professions, or agricultural purposes.

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Hearing Slated March 11 As ICC Cancels Freight Reduction On Steel

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce acknowledged suspension February 28 by the Interstate Commerce Commission, of reduced steel freight rates proposed by six western railroads affords an opportunity for western industry to inform the commission more fully of its reasons for support of the lower rates.

The commission, acting in Washington, D. C., suspended the rates, which would have been effective tomorrow, published by the roads pending hearing of oral arguments on March 11 in the capital.

"The decision was unique in that no new evidence can be submitted and arguments must be confined to statements already submitted," H. W. Wright, Chamber general manager, said. "We are satisfied that the case for western industry has been submitted in every detail and we are willing to stand by the record."

"We welcome the opportunity, however, to clarify our position and answer direct questions from the commission relative to our reasons for wanting lower priced steel in the west for our industrial plants."

"New rates would reduce the freight rate on steel from the war-built plant at Geneva, Utah, to west coast points from 70 cents to 48 cents per 100 pounds. The 22 cent saving would be passed along to the steel buyer and would not be pocketed by the operators of the mill—the U. S. Steel Corporation."

"Railroads which announced their intention of publishing the low rate are: Union Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande Western; Western Pacific; Great Northern; Bamberger; and Sacramento Northern."

"The rate was opposed by several mid-western and eastern steel companies not operating mills in the west and others."

Land planning consultants of the Federal Housing Administration staff are available to assist in the planning of rental housing projects as advisers to developers and builders, it was announced today by John E. McGovern, district director.

The provisions of Title VI of the National Housing act authorize the Federal Housing Administration to insure mortgages for as much as 90% of the necessary current cost of the completed property, including land and structures. Rental preference is given to veterans of World War II.

"In order to provide a volume of rental housing, it is anticipated that a considerable amount of new land will be developed. Site planning, streets, drainage, and other development features are important to both large and small projects of rental housing structures."



AVIATION DREAMS THAT COME WITH SPRING

With spring just around the corner, the robin this year will forecast good flying weather, hence, modern youth's thoughts will turn to airplanes and the blue sky overhead. In this respect there is no law against oldtimers inviting their friends to share their dreams of coming events in aviation.

The not-spinnable, non-stallable, tricycle landing gear airplane stands out in bold relief against tomorrow's immediate horizon. A short distance behind it, in a dimmer outline, will be a strange craft with a four-wheel landing gear, engine in the rear of fuselage with two hydraulically driven propellers mounted high on the top side of the high wing monoplane driven from the single engine. No movable ailerons will be necessary, for that job will be done by air jets. The controls will be fashioned after those used in the family auto. Parked on the various airports it will be noticed that some wings on, and others not, for this innovation will be the combination airplane capable of easily shedding its wings for practical roadability. Close inspection will reveal that it is gearless, without transmission, differential or steering worm, for everything will be electrically or hydraulically driven, even to the individual absorption motors hidden in the hub of each of the four wheels.

As time goes on, both of the above types will be superseded by the "push button" airplane, wherein take-off, flight and landing will be accomplished by a series of buttons connected to fantastic radar, electronic and television devices that will fly the human launch. This creation will eliminate the necessity for aeronautical skill to pilot a plane and completely erase the two big drawbacks to the average person plotting their own airplane—weather and navigation.

Dreams do come true, and when this one does, credit must go to the scientific strides made so severely during the late war, for the eyes of tomorrow's youth will be in the sky.

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Reports Needed On Physically Handicapped

To assist in carrying out the regulation of the California State Department of Public Health making it mandatory that physicians report children with physically handicapping conditions, plans have been contemplated for the handling of these reports in the Torrance health district, Mrs. Margaret W. Patriquin, deputy registrar of vital statistics, has announced.

According to the new rules, children under 21 years of age who are born with physical handicaps or who acquire them through accident, disease or faulty development must be reported to the local health officer. Information in the report should state whether or not the child is under care for the condition.

The regulation is designed to aid in seeking out all handicapped children in order to assist in securing treatment through private or public facilities, the deputy registrar said.

Public health nurses of the local health district are participating in the program to the extent of investigation of cases and referring those not under care for service. Included in the list of reportable conditions are those of orthopedic nature such as poliomyelitic paralysis, cerebral palsy and congenital club foot, and defects requiring plastic surgery such as cleft palate and lip or disfigurement due to burns or injury.

No Competition Between Columbia And Consolidated, Says Fairless

Benjamin F. Fairless, president of United States Steel corporation, this afternoon made the following statement:

"Attorney General Clark today announced the filing of a suit at Wilmington, Delaware to enjoin the proposed acquisition by Columbia Steel company, U. S. Steel's west coast subsidiary, of the fabricating assets and business of Consolidated Steel corporation on the ground that such a purchase would violate the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

"The facts will speak for themselves. In the judgment of ourselves and our counsel, this proposed acquisition would not result in a substantial suppression of competition.

"Consolidated is a fabricator of steel. Its principal fabricating operations are at Los Angeles and San Francisco. U. S. Steel now has no fabricating plants on the west coast of the continent of those owned by the consolidated. There is no competition of any substance today between Consolidated and Columbia Steel, or between Consolidated and any other U. S. Steel subsidiary.

"The active competitive situation now existing in the steel fabricating field on the Pacific coast, with some 47 different concerns engaged in this business, would not be changed in any substantial way by the consummation of this transaction. Columbia Steel would merely take the place of Consolidated."

"Such an acquisition of the assets of Consolidated would not increase the steel making capacity of U. S. Steel for the simple reason that Consolidated has no steel making facilities and does not produce steel.

"Last June U. S. Steel purchased from the government its large steel mill at Geneva, Utah. This was a war facility, built by the government to provide plates and structural steel for the government's huge wartime shipbuilding program on the Pacific coast. Geneva's capacity to manufacture plates and structural steel is in excess of any likely post-war needs for these products in the far west. Upon acquiring the Geneva plant, it became U. S. Steel's responsibility to seek means to utilize so far as possible these excessive plate and structural steel capacities, and thus permit the Geneva plant to be continued in

Guardsmen Legion Seats Officers

Officers of Dr. F. H. Raer Post, Legion of Guardsmen, were installed at a recent joint ceremony held in Long Beach.

The officers are: Harry S. Ramskill, commander; Richard B. Coleman, senior vice commander; James R. Wilkes, junior vice commander; Aaron O. Vaughan, adjutant; Conrad Wilkins, sergeant major; Leland A. Mitchell, quartermaster sergeant; Herbert R. Burgess, officer of the day; Lee G. Nelson, chaplain; Thomas Walker, color bearer, John P. Stripling, historian.

The Legion of Guardsmen is composed of men who served in the California State Guard, the National Guard, Civil Air Patrol on active duty, the Coast Guard temporary reserve, and in the regular armed forces, it was pointed out.

Advertisement for Dr. Cowen, a dentist. It includes a portrait of Dr. Cowen and text: 'DR. COWEN says: SAVE ON DENTISTRY. Keep Dental Care Within Your Means! Dr. Cowen continues to offer a complete Dental Service at Low Cost, without sacrifice of quality. Visit Dr. Cowen Friendly Credit Dental Office with the assurance of receiving dental attention that conforms to the required standards of the profession. Always Low Cost... Liberal Credit Terms without interest or Any Extra Charge.'

Advertisement for watch repair. It features a large graphic of a watch and text: 'We Fix 'Em Right WATCH REPAIRING BY Master CRAFTSMEN. We fix anything that ticks! Dependable, guaranteed watch repairing of all types of watches and clocks. As the official PE watch inspector of Torrance you can be assured the finest workmanship. Allen Jewelers 1321 Sartori—Torrance—Ph. 87'

Large advertisement for the Torrance Herald's printing department. It features the headline 'You Name It... WE PRINT IT FROM A CARD TO A BOOK' and lists various printing services: 'Printing is an art! ... And the impression it makes is telling—good or bad! ... That's why Good Printing is so important. And by Good Printing... we mean copy, layout, form, art, paper, color and type, as well as the actual printing itself! All of this must be in character. The style, the form, the idea must do the job effectively as it is intended to do... whether it be an engraved social note or a black handbill. Here you have the assistance of trained experts in the art of Good Printing. Ready and willing to help you... with a background of practical "know-how" and with a free library of over 10,000 illustrations.'

Advertisement for Merrick's Nursery. It lists various plants for sale: 'BARE ROOT ROSES and FRUIT TREES. Are in full swing - Plant Now for Best Results - Many of the Best Older Varieties and the Newer Patented Varieties and Novelties. BERRIES - ASPARAGUS - CITRUS SMALL FRUITS - STRAWBERRIES - PERSIMMON THRIFTY PLANTS EXTRAORDINARY FIELD-GROWN PANSIES. CAMELLIAS ARE IN BLOOM. Our collection includes Varieties from all the Best Growers in the West... If you are not a "Camellia Lover" Now, You Will Be After You See These Beauties. Hours 8 A.M. to 6 P.M. - Closed Tuesdays. MERRICK'S AMERRICKAN nursery 15212 SOUTH VERMONT - GARDENA 845 REDONDO BEACH BLVD. ME 4-1022'