



MEASURE OF DANGER . . . The weighted tape which Torrance Police Officer Gale Whitacre lowered 50 feet into this abandoned oil well casing at 233 street failed to reach the bottom of the well. City Manager George Stevens has ordered the well capped in order to prevent a recurrence of the Kathy Ficus tragedy.—Herald Photo.

County Adopts New Smog Laws

New air pollution control regulations designed to eliminate 75 to 85 per cent of industrial dust and fumes now discharged into the air in this area and other areas of the County, were adopted unanimously by the Board of Supervisors recently upon recommendation of Dr. Louis C. McCabe, smog control director.

The new code, first of its kind in the United States, provides a sliding scale of permissible emissions of the two pollutants, based on the size of the industrial operation.

Result of a year of research by Dr. McCabe and his staff, in cooperation with experiments conducted by various industrial groups, the new regulations were protested only by one group at the public hearing held by the Board.

Regulations already were in effect limiting the amount of certain specific contaminants allowed for discharge but the new code takes in the whole field and will apply to all industries whose emissions fall in the categories of dust and fumes.

Previous regulations had been based on the amount of pollution contained in a cubic foot of air discharged from a stack and could be evaded by diluting the discharge with air.

The new regulations set the limit on the amount of contaminants discharged, regardless of dilution.

El Camino College Trustees Approve New Building Plans

Additional permanent building construction on the El Camino College Campus in Alondra Park was assured this week by action of the Board of Trustees in approving preliminary architectural studies presented by Marsh, Smith and Powell, Architects, Los Angeles, and commencement of detailed plans for the construction of a new Administration and Classroom Building to be erected on the Crenshaw boulevard side of the college campus. The plans approved by the board call for construction of a two-story reinforced concrete building to house the Administrative Offices, Board Room and twelve classrooms with commencement of construction scheduled for this fall. Estimated cost of the building is \$400,000.

The board has previously approved plans for a Student Union-Cafeteria Building to be erected in the approximate center of the campus at an estimated cost of \$300,000 with construction also scheduled to begin in September or October of this year.

Progress was reported to the board on the three buildings now under construction and it is expected that they will be ready for occupancy by the students in September. The board also authorized a call for bids for the installation of an underground electrical system to be constructed immediately at a cost estimated at \$30,000. This trial substitution, underground conduit system and other necessary connections to the new buildings.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Forrest G. Murdock, the board reemployed all instructors for the next school year and authorized Murdock to

DISCONTINUE CASTINGS

Columbia Steel Company has announced plans for discontinuing production of commercial castings at its Pittsburg, California, Plant. All other steel-producing units of the plant will continue in operation.

TOOLS REPORTED STOLEN FROM LOCAL BRICK YARD

A. V. Larson, 20485 1/2 South Vermont avenue, Monday reported to police that approximately \$75 worth of tools had been stolen from the office of the Higgins Brick yard at 2217 West 174 street.

Larson said that the theft must have occurred between Sunday morning and 9:30 a.m. Monday.

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doment of water wells, cess pools, celtic tanks, or any other type opening in the ground. He seeks an ordinance that would provide for the filling and capping of all dangerous open pits.

Persons having knowledge of other dangerous open wells, pits, holes, or excavations are asked to contact the Torrance Police Department.

SACKS OF CEMENT REPORTED STOLEN

Construction worker Garcia Salvador this week reported to police that 30 sacks of Blue Diamond cement were stolen sometime between Saturday and Sunday from a project he was working on for Matt Zaich, sewer contractor.

The project Salvador was working on is located at Crenshaw boulevard and 203rd street.

BREAKS LEG IN FALL

Claiming she fell over a pile of rubbish as she was leaving the rear exit of the V.F.W. last Saturday night, Mrs. Florence Wagner, 30, of 1023 Cota avenue sustained a broken leg for which she was treated at the Harbor General Hospital, according to a police report of the accident.

Installation of VFW Heads Set Thursday

Joint installation of Lomita Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1622 and Auxiliary officers will take place next Thursday night, April 28th, in the new hall at 2039 Lomita boulevard.

J. A. (Ike) Eichman is the commander-elect of Post 1622. Mary B. Smith is incoming auxiliary president.

Frank Andrews will officiate as post installing officer which Mary McFall acting in the capacity of Auxiliary installing officer. Tressie O'Laughlin will be the Auxiliary presiding officer.

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