RIDGEWAYS BUY TORRANCE HOME ON MAPLE AVENUE

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay D. Ridgeway and their two sons, 20-month-old Lindsay Jr., and 6-month-old Jonathan, moved into their new home at 1217 Maple ave. last week and are now "at home" to their many Torrance friends, Ridgeway said.

Also "at home" with the Ridgeways is their prize Doberman puppy.

Ridgeway will maintain his offices at 1019 W. East Road, he said.

High School PTA To Meet Tuesday In School Library

The monthly meeting of Torrance High School PTA will be held at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, in the school library. Mrs. A. C. Turner will preside.

A diversified program will be presented by members of the seventh and eigth grades, who also will serve refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

Mrs. Turner extends a cordial invitation to all the members and their guests, and to non-member parents of students.

NEW STAINLESS STEEL MACHINE CO. IN CITY

Indicative of the growing trend toward the establishment of this area as one of the most active industrial centers of the southwest is the announcement this week of the formation of Precision Equipment Co., Inc., manufacturers of stainless steel and nickel and cobalt base alloy valves, fittings and machined products. General offices and plant are located at 1835 West 220th st., Torrance, to serve the major oil refineries, chemical plants, and aircraft factories located in this area.

Some of the alloys used by the company have been developed on a commercial scale only since the end of the war. Notable among these are those alloys used in their original form on aircraft turbo-superchargers, and, more recently, on jet engines and military rocket motors. These alloys retain their strength and resistance to heat and corrosion at red hot temperatures and are, of themselves, perhaps, the greatest single contribution toward the development of "packaging" thousands of horsepower in a space small enough and with sufficiently low weight to make supersonic flight possible from both an economic and military point of view. The company is applying the use of these alloys and their derivatives to the field of corrosion resistance as well, manufacturing products which now last many times longer than earlier prototypes which were comparatively easily attacked by highly corrosive fluids and gases. Hitherto, the cost of such alloys has been prohibitive, but the refinement of machining techniques has kept pace with the achievement of lowered production costs of the metals themselves. Thus the use of these alloys has been opened to a much wider range than has up to now been economically feasible.

The company is owned and operated by three young men, all associated with Naval aviation during the war. Manager of the plant is H. J. McGuire, at one time foreman in charge of machine work at North American Aviation. With a background of over 12 years of machining stainless steel and similar alloys, McGuire has been associated with several plants located in this neighborhood, including Northrup Aircraft and National Supply in Torrance. President of the company is Richard Gilman, graduate industrial engineer of Yale University, and manager of contract administration of Solar Aircraft Co. in San Diego prior to his association with Precision Equipment Co. The third officer, Warner Edmonds, Jr., a Stanford graduate, is now practicing law with the firm of Paul, Hastings and Edmonds.

The company is equipped to render engineering and metallurgical service in connection with its products and bids fair to fill a noticeable gap in the growing use of stainless steel, monel, nickel and allied metals in industrial and military production.

LOCAL MAN HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT; DRIVER BOOKED

Following an auto accident at 204th street and Western avenue, Feb. 21, Charles Brickhouse, 1618 Cravens st., was treated at the Harbor General Hospital for contusions and lacerations on the head and face.

According to police reports of the accident, Brickhouse was a passenger in an auto driven by Gerald Fairchild, 16013 Harvard blvd., Gardena.

The reports indicated that Fairchild was booked for driving while intoxicated, involving injury.