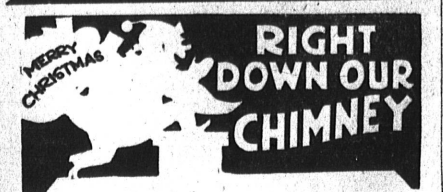


ARTIFICIAL SILK Artificial silk has been produced from wood pulp and other cellulose materials such as cotton.

MOTHER AGE Average age of American mothers at the time of the birth of their first child is about 23 years.



For your son or daughter, consider a gift that will give through the years. For as little as \$1.00 you can start them on the savings way... added regularly it can grow into a college fund or start a business.

TORRANCE NATIONAL BANK advertisement with logo and address: CORNER OF SARTORI and MARCELINA.

Coming Events

Monday, Dec. 21 - Community Christmas Sing-Fest, Walteria Recreation Park, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 - Elks Christmas Party, Redondo Lodge 1878, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26 - Jaycee Christmas Dance, Club Alondra, 9 p.m. New Year's Eve - Sportmen's Dance, Riviera Beach Club, 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4 - School resumes all Torrance schools. Jan. 6 - Adult Basketball League Opens... Torrance High School Boys Gym, 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 - Chamber of Commerce Installation dinner, Civic Auditorium, "Chuck Wagon" dinner.

New Treatment For Arthritis And Muscle Pain

TORRANCE - If you have been suffering for years from arthritis and muscle pain, do not despair. Dr. Larson's new application of the latest in scientific therapy is promising new hope for relief of the crippling torture of arthritis and rheumatic conditions. You are invited to come in for a complete examination to discover the true cause of your condition. Price for this examination is only \$3.00. Phone FAirfax 8-7378 before coming to offices of Dr. R. A. Larson, D. C., Ph. C., 1110 Sartori, Avenue, Torrance (three doors north of Torrance Blvd.) -Adv.

Methodist Choir Sings 'Messiah' This Evening

The Torrance First Methodist Church will present the chancel choir and the "Messiah" tonight at 7:30. The oratorio, composed by George Frederic Handel, in a furious 24 days during the year 1741, relates, through musical narrative, the story of the birth, life, death, and the events after the death of Jesus. The performance will be in the church sanctuary located at the corner of Manuel and Prado. Featured soloists will be Wilma Croly, Norma Dobrick, and Mary Lou Hutchison, sopranos; Martha Brown and Alta Gans, contraltos; Bill Galen, tenor; and Earle Peterson, baritone. Christmas sections and selections from Parts Two and Three will be presented under the choral direction of Earle Peterson, minister of music, with Mrs. Eve Brundin, organist.

Instructs Adult Typing Classes

Maack Landar, teacher at Woodbury College, is conducting classes in typing and business machines at the Torrance Adult Education School Monday through Thursday from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m., according to Marshall Crawshaw, director of the school. Classes are held at Torrance High School. Landar, formerly of New York City, received his master's degree from Columbia University and is currently employed

Adult Education Rug Making Class Offers Variety

The Torrance Adult Education School rug-making class is presently at work on hooked and braided rugs, mats, cloths and a variety of wood, cotton, and linen items, according to Marshall Crawshaw, director. The class is held each Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock at the Torrance Baptist Church. Each member of the group works on an individual project as part of a home building or gift giving campaign.

"At virtually no cost—with throw-away ties, shirts, and dresses—a woman can make startlingly colorful patterns and lighten and beautify the home," Wilma Johnson, instructor of the course, said. "Women who have never touched a sewing needle surprise themselves and their families by turning out actual masterpieces—a variety of 3 by 5's, and sometimes elaborate 12 by 12 woolen, braided rugs. Rugs frequently make the difference between a house and a home," says Miss Johnson, "and the little effort expended brings a lifetime of enjoyment and home appreciation."

All adults, regardless of residence, are invited to attend this class. as an instructor in shorthand, typing and work study during the daytime at the Woodbury school. The class intended for adults who wish to start studying typing or to brush up and acquire more speed and accuracy, is open to the public.

WASHINGTON NOTES

CHAIN LETTERS

The Postoffice recently announced a new epidemic of get-rich-quick, chain letter schemes flooding the country. Basically, officials said, the "endless chain" letters now going the rounds appear to be a revival of the old pyramid-plan which flourished years ago. The department warns that Federal courts have held such letters involved violations of fraud and lottery statutes.

FOOD PRICES

Wholesale food prices rose during the last week of November for the third week in a row, according to a Dun and Bradstreet index. Commodities rising in price included flour, corn, rye, oats, lambs. Lower were wheat, lard, butter, cheese, cottonseed, oil, cocoa, potatoes, raisins and currants.

MOBILIZATION TEST

Under a new plan, recently announced by the Army, some Army reservists with no previous combat experience, will get specified mobilization assignments next year. The men will be assigned to regular Army units or installations or to National Guard or organized reserve groups near their homes. The tests will last from January through June and be held throughout each of the six Army months. Reservists chosen must have at least six years obligated service remaining.

U. S. SPENDING

The Government spent \$11,000,000,000 in the first two months of the fiscal year which started July 1st, according to the Senate-House Committee on Reduction of Non-Essential Federal Expenditures. The Government still had about \$150,500,000 of spending authority left for the remaining ten months, the committee report said.

LIVING COSTS

For the fifth consecutive month, living costs edged up a bit in the month ending in mid-October. The increase of two-tenths of one per cent during the month brought the index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics to another record high—11.5 per cent of the 1947-48 average, or 1.1 per cent above a year ago.

FUEL OIL

In mid-November, stocks of light fuel oil (exclusive of kerosene) at refineries and bulk terminals, in transit and in pipelines, totaled nearly 34,000,000 barrels—a gain of 15,000,000 barrels or 15 per cent over the year-ago total of 19,000,000 barrels. The increase is attributed to the June-November temperatures which have prevailed in most parts of the nation, particularly along the Eastern Coast.

'53 BUSINESS IS GOOD

In its monthly bulletin, the Reserve Board predicted that gross national product—the total value of the goods and services produced—will total about \$368,000,000 for this year—a record.

Army Man Spends Week in Kobe, Japan on Leave

Paul E. Germain, son of Mrs. Ethel S. Germain, 1834 252nd St., Harbor City, recently spent a seven-day rest and recuperation leave in Kobe, Japan. Normally stationed in Korea with the 287th Signal Company, he stayed at one of Japan's best resort hotels and enjoyed many luxuries unobtainable on the war-torn peninsula. Germain, a former employee of the U. S. Navy, was a warehouseman for the Johns Manville Co. in civilian life.

PERSONAL INCOME

Personal income will also set a record at about \$285,000,000,000, six per cent over the previous record of last year.

STORE SALES

Department store sales during the week ended November 21 dropped two per cent compared with a similar week in 1952, according to the Federal Reserve Board.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

During the first ten months of 1953, spending for nonfarm residential construction declined about ten per cent. The total number of housing units started during the year is estimated to be about 1,100,000, about the same as in 1952 and 1951.

INVENTORIES

Since midyear, business men have slowed the growth of their inventories, with resulting fewer orders. This has been the chief factor in the slight economic downturn—about one per cent—since the spring high, according to the Federal Reserve Board.

FOREIGN TRADE

United States exports in the January-September period—not including military aid shipments—declined 10 per cent and imports increased by four and a half per cent.

Public Notices

TORRANCE HERALD 80037 NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL... In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

TORRANCE HERALD 80037 CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS FICTITIOUS FIRM NAME

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby certify that he is conducting a trailer manufacturing business under the name of BILTMORE TRAILER COMPANY, or BILTMORE TRAILER TRUCKS, in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

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TORRANCE HERALD 78310 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for a general increase in gas rates under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code.

TORRANCE HERALD 78310 CLASSIFICATION OF PROPOSAL FOR INCREASE IN GAS RATES

Table with 3 columns: Class of Service, Approximate Amount, Percentage Increase. Includes General Natural Gas Service, Commercial Natural Gas Service, etc.

TORRANCE HERALD 78310 Yule Candle

Burning Bright May its hopeful light guide us... and help to bring us happiness and prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

TORRANCE HERALD 78310 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To you and yours, this Christmas season, we extend our sincere wishes for happiness that will long outlast the time and the tree... and live on in your hearts through all the days and years to come.

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