

Torrance Shell Plant to Make Latex Products

The first cold high solids latex—used in making foam rubber—to be manufactured west of the Rockies will be produced in new facilities to be built at Shell Chemical Corporation's Torrance Synthetic Rubber Plant, R. C. McCurdy, president, announced this week. Construction will start immediately.

He said the latex facilities will be part of a general program of additions and improvements designed to increase both the diversity and the quality of the plant's output. The plant was not equipped to make cold high solids latex when Shell Chemical bought it from the government earlier this year. The new latex facilities, comprising additional basic reactor capacity as well as latex finishing equipment, are intended to meet the growing demand for this material in the western states. Virtually all cold high solids latex is used in foam rubber, such as that in mattresses and upholstery.

McCurdy said the company is planning these additions and improvements, was guided by the best available indications of customer preferences as to types and quality of rubber desired in the market. The new equipment to be installed, in addition to increasing the flexibility of the plant for production in normal times will, in a period of national emergency, assist the plant in turning out more of the essential types of rubber than has hitherto been possible.

Harbor Tech Meeting Set For Teachers

Teachers of "Senior Problems" classes from ten Los Angeles City high schools have been invited to be the guests of the Harbor Junior College student body dinner meeting to be held Tuesday, Jan. 3, Raymond J. Casey, Director of the College, stated yesterday.

The meeting is planned to acquaint the teachers with the purpose and program of the annual Harbor Junior College "College Night" event to be held for all seniors of Los Angeles City High Schools at the local college on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

"Senior Problems" teachers from the following high schools have been invited to attend the dinner meeting: San Pedro, Banning, Narbonne, Washington, Jefferson, Jordan, Westchester, Fremont, Huntington Park, and Gardena.

Two Slightly Hurt In Car Crash Sunday

Louis B. Pinkney, 35, of Los Angeles, and Anna E. Buehring, of Gardena, received minor injuries Sunday when the cars they were driving collided at 186th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Police reports indicate that both persons were treated by private physicians following the accident.

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