



Many of Southland's Economic Indicators Firm, Bank Reports

Despite declining trends in certain sectors of the economy, there was evidence of firmness in many of the Southland's economic indicators during January, J. J. Weigel, manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance branch, reported today.

After a moderate decline in December, the bank's index of business activity in Southern California moved fractionally upward in January and at 214.8 (preliminary), the index was 2/10 of 1 per cent above the December figure and 1.6 per cent over the year-ago level, Weigel said.

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EMPLOYMENT in most areas

AiResearch Gets Two New Orders

Two contracts, one for air conditioning a hydrofoil boat, the other for an aircraft air conditioning system, have been awarded The Garrett Corp.'s AiResearch Manufacturing Co. The amounts of both contracts were not disclosed.

The first contract, awarded by Dynamic Developments, Inc. an affiliate of Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., is an air cycle system uniquely used to cool the crew of a new hydrofoil boat.

The AiResearch system air factoring Division of Arizona it from excessive heat generated by the boat's main turbine engines.

Use of the air conditioning equipment in hydrofoils represents for AiResearch a new market area where weight and high efficiency are of prime importance.

Garrett's AiResearch Manufacturing Division of Arizona has previously announced a contract to install two small gas turbines on the hydrofoil boat to provide auxiliary power.

The second contract, awarded by the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., is for an air cycle air conditioning system for the Navy's A2F-1 Intruder carrier based attack aircraft.

It is capable of receiving 860 degree F air and cooling it to shirtsleeve temperatures. Its flow capacity is 80 pounds per minute.

The system, incorporating latest design concepts, includes a stainless steel plate and fin heat exchanger, cooling turbine, water separator and flow control valves.

of the Southland declined in January. However, in nearly all instances, the declines were less than usual for the December-to-January period, the reported noted.

In the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area seasonally adjusted employment increased to a new all-time high. In the San Bernardino-Riverside area the adjusted figure for January was at the highest level since September 1960, and at a near-record level.

EMPLOYMENT in the San Diego area, on an adjusted basis, was at the highest level on record-exceeding the previous peak which occurred in November 1959.

Unemployment in the Los Angeles area increased during January, keeping in line with the normal seasonal pattern, the report said. On a seasonal adjusted basis, unemployment showed virtually no change from the December level.

It was below the recent peak established in November and was also moderately below the levels reached in the spring of 1958. As a percentage of the labor force, unemployment (seasonally adjusted) stood at 6.3 per cent in January, compared with 6.6 per cent in November, and 7.3 per cent in April 1958.

IN THE San Bernardino-Riverside area unemployment rose in January by less than the usual amount. Seasonally adjusted, the January level was the lowest since August, 1960.

In the San Diego area unemployment increased, but this rise was less than normal for this time of year.

Total building and construction in the southern half of California was at a seasonally adjusted rate equivalent to \$3,292,000,000 a year, 12.9 per cent above the January, 1960 rate but 6 per cent below the average level during the record year of 1960.

Large Class Confirmed By Church

His Excellency, Most Reverend Timothy Manning, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Lawrence Martyr Church in Redondo Beach, Tuesday evening, Feb. 28.

Two hundred eighty were confirmed including 110 from the Parish school; 80 who were prepared by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teachers; 15 from Marymount High School in Palos Verdes, and 75 adults.

Confirmation was last administered at St. Lawrence in December 1959. The officers of Parish organizations served as sponsors for children while adults had their own individual sponsors. Members of St. Lawrence Men's Club acted as Guards of Honor.

Garden Checklist

1. You can prune fuchsias this month. They bloom on new wood, so don't be afraid to cut back the old growth.
2. You can cut back lantanas to keep the plants young looking, and discourage straggling.
3. Plant citrus in a warm sunny spot in the garden. Tubed dwarf citrus is a colorful and fragrant addition to any garden.
4. It is possible to move camellias while in bloom, preferably before the new growth starts.
5. Plant all evergreen trees and shrubs and all bare-root deciduous shrubs that you can still find in nurseries. It's getting close to the end of the supply.

TARTAR TEEN TALK

By Carol Echols

The chemistry and physics students at Torrance High enjoyed lectures last week given by John Petree from the Southern California Gas Co. His program was entitled "Science, Safety and Natural Gas."

The freshmen heard Richard Wass speak on "Facts about Natural Gas." It included a series of demonstrations which graphically show how natural gas behaves. The program

stressed key points of safety and good usage.

THE HEALTH and Driver Instruction classes have been presented with one of a series of lectures that will continue through May 23. The first lecture was "Traffic Rules and Regulations." Among others to be presented will be entitled "Safety," "First Aid," "Personality Factors," and "Narcotics."

CON YOU spell Disestablishmentarianism? All students who could were urged to display their spelling ability in an "Old Fashioned Spelling Bee" that was held Monday after school. Kathy Kratville, sophomore, was chosen as the speller of the month. This was the first of Torrance High's spelling contests which will be held each month.

TWO STUDENTS from Torrance High were selected to compete in the Lions Student Speaker Contest that was held Tuesday afternoon at the Palms Restaurant in Torrance. Lisa Smith, Dave Mullen, Carol Por-

terfield, and Carol Echols entered the contest. The two chosen to represent our school were Carol Porterfield and Carol Echols. At the club level they competed against Joseph Allen who represented Bishop Montgomery High School. All three received trophies, and Joseph Allen was chosen to compete in the zone contest. The topic of the speech was "Our National Heritage—Pattern For Today."

THE TARTAR Knight Sports Night was held on Friday evening at the school. Activities included dancing, volleyball,

ping pong, badminton, chess, and checkers. This wide variety of sports provided quite an evening of pleasure and relaxation.

Howard Achenbach and Lann Tamura are the title winners of the tallest boy and smallest girl competition of Torrance High. Howard, a senior, stands a towering 76½ inches tall, and has always had the honor of being looked up to. Lann, a freshman, stands 18½ inches shorter than Howard, measuring 58 inches, or 4 feet 10 inches. She wears a size 4½ shoe and size 10 sub-teen clothes.

THE FOREIGN exchange program is in danger of being abandoned because of lack of living facilities for its students from abroad. This also places the Americans Abroad program in jeopardy in that it is available only to those schools who are able to take in foreign students. Any family who would like to share its home with an AFS student who would attend Torrance High School next fall is urged to contact Mrs. Henry Graef at FRontier 5-3404, Mrs. John Walti at FRontier 5-1282, or the school immediately.

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