

General Phone Reports Record Increase Here

General Telephone System District Manager, J. M. White, this week reported that 1029 telephones were installed in the Palos Verdes District during the first six months of 1961. The total number of phones now in use in the district is 26,547.

The Palos Verdes District serves the Hollywood Riviera, Rolling Hills and Palos Verdes Estates sections of the Torrance area.

The figure includes 16,505 main stations and 10,042 extensions. This means a ratio of 1.6 phones per customer, compared to 1.2 ratio ten years ago.

Color preference, an added feature of telephone service, is high, reports the manager. Most popular colors in the area are beige, white, ivory

and pink. Black phones are taking a much smaller portion of the market at the present time.

A long-range forecast made by company officials indicates the company expects about 61,000 phones in the area by 1980. The number is expected to reach 140,000, or nearly one for every person in the area, by 2000.

Cal-Vet Law Change Affects Refinancing

Veterans Service Officer Mrs. Sara R. Bridges, Torrance Veterans Service Center, announced this week that California veterans who filed for Cal-Vet home "refinancing" loans before July 2, 1957, are being contacted by the State Dept. of Veterans Affairs for favorable action on their applications under a new law.

Senate Bill 1023 (Gibson) was passed by the recent session of the California Legislature and signed into law by Governor Edmund G. Brown, to take

effect next Sept. 15. It amends the Military and Veterans Code to permit the Dept. of Veterans Affairs to use 20 per cent of available Cal-Vet funds to make refinancing loans to those who filed refinancing applications prior to July 2, 1957.

REFINANCING has been banned since that date, by action of the legislature, and the ban still applies to any refinancing applications filed since that date.

The new law, State Director of Veterans Affairs Joseph M.

Farber said, is designed to help those veterans who had expected to refinance their homes under the Cal-Vet loan program and had actually applied, but were unable to get a loan when the 1957 ban was imposed.

The service officer said she has been advised by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs that "no action is required on the part of the veterans who have applications in the newly eligible group, as the department has complete records and will get

in touch with the eligible veterans as rapidly as possible."

PROCESSING of these applications has already begun, so that the department can actually begin making loans on the date (Sept. 15) that SB 1023 becomes effective.

"Again, it must be emphasized," the service officer said, "that use of the Cal-Vet loan for refinancing purposes still is prohibited. It is only that group of veterans who had applications on file prior to July 2, 1957, and who were awaiting the department's action at that time who are eligible now for reconsideration."

Chest Workers Slate Meet at USC Sept. 13

Community Chest volunteer speakers in the Harbor Area will gather at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, in the Commons Building, University of Southern California, for their annual orientation meeting.

The announcement was made this week by Mrs. Jane Rye, principal of Lomita Elementary school and chairman of the Harbor Area Speakers bureau.

Dr. Gail Richards, associate professor of speech, USC, will lead the session that will train speakers for the approaching Community Chest campaign.

Charles R. Fleishman, chairman of the Los Angeles Community Chest Speakers bureau, will preside.

In addition to adult speakers that will appear before clubs, organizations and employee groups this fall, a junior speakers bureau has been planned.

These speakers are members of the Community Chest youth services, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, USO, YWCA and CYO.

Do-it-Yourself Market Boom Aids Economy

Strong advances in the do-it-yourself market are helping American industry to maintain economic stability in the face of rising costs and high unemployment, reports David O'D. Kennedy, president of Kentile, Inc. of Torrance.

Kennedy, in a report on general business conditions, hailed the swelling \$15 billion-plus do-it-yourself market as a saving grace for many other business fields at a time "when the consumer dollar is spent with much care."

The Kentile executive also pointed out that "as the market continues to widen, it will influence overall prosperity by helping to stretch the consumer dollar in all business directions."

Dog Obedience Classes Begin Next Week Here

Harbor Lite Dog Obedience Club will again start training classes Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. at Peck Park in San Pedro. The classes will be held in the parking area of the park.

Dogs need not have a pedigree or champion standing. The classes are open to all dogs three months old or older. Boys and girls six years old or older who can handle their own dogs are also permitted in the classes.

Entries and registration will be taken at the opening class. A dog show will be held at the end of the sessions and trophies will be presented to the winners.

Feeding roses is advisable in the first half of September. During the latter half, you will probably want them to taper off for a winter rest. Of course, as the California Assn. of Nurserymen points out, there is no definite date to mark the point at which to stop feeding roses. It depends on the age of the bush and the area in which you live, to mention but two factors involved.

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