



Business Slides From May Record

Southern California's business activity for June tumbled slightly from the all-time high set in May, but still was the second highest on record, H. P. Atherton Jr., manager of Security First National Bank's Torrance branch, reported yesterday.

Activity, measured according to the bank's business index, dropped 2.7 points in June from 248.8 in May.

Contributing to the index downturn were May to June declines in six of the bank's 14 local indicators, led by the three bank debit series measuring the volume of check clearings.

ATHERTON pointed out that gains in building, real estate activity, industrial power sales, manufacturing employment, and factory payrolls only partially countered the downward pressure. However, eleven of the index series surpassed their June 1961 level.

Employment continued to increase through the beginning of summer, with 35,000 additions to Southland payrolls between May and June. Employment increases in the Los Angeles and San Bernardino-Riverside areas boosted employment to record levels. Los Angeles reported a working force of 2,881,000 (preliminary), up 21,200 over May.

UNEMPLOYMENT, however reflecting the influx of students and graduates into the labor force — increased throughout the local area. This is a normal occurrence this time of the year, the bank reported. Compared with the same period a year ago, unemployment dropped by 56,000. Activity in the Southland's

building and construction industry also fell below the record high set in May. Total volume dropped from \$4.53 billion in May to \$4.05 billion in June, not a severe decline, however, according to the bank. On a seasonal adjusted basis, construction activity was the third highest of the year to date, exceeded only by performances in May and January.

Real estate sales activity, however, showed an increase over May. A total of 22,720 deeds were recorded in Los Angeles county in June, up 1,337 from May.

Pair Place High With Shepherds

Two Torrance entrants scored impressive point totals in the annual Southwest Obedience Club's licensed obedience trials at Rosecrans Playground Sunday.

They couldn't pile up enough scores, however, to keep Elaine Hornbuckle of Orange from sweeping the show for the second time with her black Belgian sheppdog. The entrant scored 199 1/2 of a possible 200 points for victory.

Local entrants included Theresa Mullin, 2372 Del Amo Blvd., who won a third-place trophy in the Novice A with a point total of 197 1/2 with her white German shepherd.

Mary Hester of 22714 Fern Ave., placed sixth with her German shepherd by compiling a point total of 195 1/2 in the Open Class A.

A total of 273 dogs were entered in the event, according to show officials.

New classes in beginners work will start at the playground on Saturday at 2 p.m. and again on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 7:30 p.m., according to Bill Phillips, training class supervisor.

James C. McFarland, aviation electrician's mate airman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Milosevich, 151 W. 226th St., was graduated on May 24 from Aviation Electrician's Mate School at the Naval Air Technical Training Unit, Jacksonville, Fla.

During the 22-week school students receive instruction in the fundamentals of the aviation electrical field, including various systems, instruments and components.

Adamson to Head Cast In Comedy

Bob Adamson, well-known locally and in professional circles as an actor of many facets, has been signed to play the lead in the Drawing Room Theater's production of "No Time for Sergeants."

Adamson will play the role of Will Stockdale in the popular comedy hit. The play will be directed by Charles Rothlein.

Bill Engle, Carroll Hauser, Don Larson, and Bert Milligan head the supporting cast. Five parts are still available for men, and anyone interested may contact Rothlein.

The play first opened in New York City in 1955. Since that time it has been made into a hit movie.

Opening night is Friday, Aug. 31. Advance reservations for the six weeks run are being accepted at the House of Music in Manhattan Beach.

Subdivisions Approved by Commission

Approval of two subdivisions in the Palos Verdes hills was granted Friday by the Regional Planning Commission.

The two parcels are located in the Crenshaw area. One tract, at Silver Spur Road and Crenshaw Boulevard, will have 457 homes in a 165-acre tract, while 175 homes will be built on a 63-acre tract east of Palos Verdes Drive East.

The Commission also recommended approval of a zone change on a 4.4 acre parcel at 228th Street and Figueroa Street. The zone change would be from light agriculture and neighborhood business.

'Teahouse' Scheduled At El Camino College

Climaxing the summer theater series of dramatic productions at El Camino College this weekend will be the performance of the contemporary comedy, "Teahouse of the August Moon."

Scheduled for 8:30 p.m. curtain times Friday and Saturday in the Campus Theater, the play is presented under the instructional guidance of Howard M. Banks, who is being assisted in directional du-

ties by student Dennis Morgan.

A 2:30 matinee is scheduled for Saturday.

Other major roles are played by Bob Laubower as Sergeant Gregovich; Ron Quint, Colonel Purdy; Warren Lavender, Captain Frisby and Bob McCaman, Captain McLean.

COMPLETING the cast are Barbara Gaienne as the old woman's daughter; Dave Pritchard, Mr. Hokaide; Paul Wilkening, Mr. Omura; Don Bishop, Mr. Sumata; Moel Fon-

uela Cuajunco as Lotus Blossom.

CHP Chief Warns of Fire Peril

California Highway Patrol Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden this week cautioned motorists against throwing lighted material from vehicles or upon the roadway.

"During summer and early fall, fire danger soars. The careless discarding of cigarettes, matches or other lighted material can touch off a serious blaze."

He pointed out that it is also a violation of law to throw any flaming or glowing substance from a vehicle.

"Highway Patrol officers will cooperate in the battle against fires by strictly enforcing this law."

He expressed the hope that motorists themselves would recognize the danger, and "take it upon themselves to voluntarily comply with the law to help in preventing these costly fires."

Ralph D. Lewis, radioman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lewis Jr. of 1246 Redondo Beach Blvd, is serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Helena, a unit which took part in Exercise Pork Barrel, a 10-day Navy training operation recently off the coast of Southern California.

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