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Conduit Installation By Telephone Company

Moving ahead with its huge program of expansion and improvement for the Torrance exchange, The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company announced this week that major telephone conduit constructio nprojects involving gross plant expenditures of nearly a quarter-million dollars are under way or

planned for completion here this vear. MANAGER SMITH

Manager A. B. Smith said the projects, providing a total o more than 209,000 duct feet of conduit for the installation of thousands of miles of wire in trunking cable. will greatly increase the number of circuits was installed as president of the that can be provided between chamber of commerce at the an-Torrance and other telephone nual dinner meeting of the civic calling areas.

Largest of the projects involves the laying of 128,000 duct dent, took office as vice president feet between the Torrance and of the group. Other officers are Compton exchanges. Starting at John Stanton, treasurer; Mrs. Western avenue, the route of the Joseph Bader, secretary, for her job proceeds along Torrance fifth term, and Harry B. Bowboulevard to Normandie avenue ker, Fin Branelette, G. J. Doyle, where it crosses into the Compton exchange. Another project is the exten-

sion of present conduit from tors. Cedar avenue west along Eldorado street to the Redondo exchange boundary, providing 32,-000 dúct feet at gross plant ex- stalling officer. On the program penditures of \$30,000.

ADDITIONAL CONDUIT Provision of additional conduit between the Torrance and partment. Lomita exchanges along Cabrillo and Eshelman avenues involves and Eshelman avenues involves another \$75,000 and will add Benner's Crew nearly 49,000 duct feet to the vast network of exchange facilities.

Addition of conduit is a preliminary to the extension of underground trunking cable, Smith said. When the laying of conduit

by private contractors has been completed, telephone construction forces will move in with huge reels of cable and start pulling it through the ducts. As section after section is placed, cable splicers will begin the exacting task of splicing the hundreds of individual wires to

complete the calling circuits.

Whitaker Quits **Registration for** Job as Officer **Spring Starts**

Gale Whitaker, who has been El Camino College registration with the Torrance Police Destarted last Monday and classes partment as a patrol officer for the past five years, terminated will begin officially tomorrow, his services today. He will take according to Forrest G. Murover a job in industry with more dock, president of the college. responsibility and pay.

He said that late registrations "I've certainly enjoyed my will be accepted until Feb. 14. work on the force," said Whi-More than 400 courses, includtaker. "I'll miss the department, ing liberal arts, sciences, perbut one has to think of his fu- sonal improvement and trade ture." subjects will be offered. Mur-While an officer, Whitaker dock pointed out that classes are

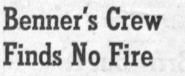
took an active interest in the tuition free. TAPS, a youth organization

Chamber Puts On Installation Monday Evening LOMITA - L. J. MacArthur

organization on-Monday evening. George Nelson, retiring presi-

Ray Reed, H. P. Osborne Jr., C. E. Hopkins and John Woodman, members of the board of direc-

Thomas McGowan. a vice president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, was inwere films on civilian defense, shown by a representative of the county parks and recreation de-



Monday's fire call close to the

Noon hour turned out to be a false alarm. It wasn't a little kid's trick, however. The Los Angeles dis-

patcher put in the distress signal. It just so happened that it was Greenwood in Montebello instead of in Torrance. "The call to Torrance was an

accident," said Fire Chief Benner. "When we receive a request reporting a local fire, we get there as soon as possible."



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