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Castler Given New GP Post

Leo A. Castler has been advanced to the post of chief design engineer in the engineering department of the General Petroleum Corporation at Torrance, according to an announcement by C. M. Reading, department manager.

Castler, who joined the company in 1943 as a senior draftsman, will report directly to F. C. King, assistant manager at the Torrance engineering offices. Castler became a job engineer in 1947 and a project engineer, his former post, in 1951.

During World War II he served with the United States Army Engineers, assisting in the design of petroleum storage and distribution system in military airports and in the design of a new refinery in Canada.

A native of San Francisco and graduate of the University of California in 1940, Castler played on California's winning 1937 Rose Bowl team.

Half-Streets Taboo Now In Torrance

No more half-streets will be approved by the Planning Commission and City Council in future subdivision developments, according to a recent ruling of the City Council.

The following regulations will apply according to City Engineer Ronald Bishop:

When a minor "half" street is required for good planning, it will be necessary that a minimum of 37 feet be dedicated for a 10-foot parkway and a 27-foot paved roadway.

The remaining 17 feet may be dedicated at a later date to widen the street to a minimum right-of-way of 54 feet.

Similarly, collector streets shall have a minimum dedicated temporary width of 40 feet for a 13-foot parkway and a 27-foot paved roadway, the remaining 20 feet to be dedicated later.

If future widening of a proposed minor "half" street is blocked, the right-of-way shall be a minimum 42-foot width, and for collector streets the right-of-way shall be a minimum of 45 feet for a 10-foot and 13-foot parkway, respectively, 27 feet of paving and a 5-foot width berm.

State Plans Employment Building

Construction of a new building which will house the California Department of Employment and other State agencies may get under way by June 30, 1955, according to Assemblyman Vincent Thomas.

The State owns property located at Cravens and Engracia avenues (southeast corner). The present building at Cravens and Gramercy avenues is leased.

These buildings for Torrance and other California cities have been approved by Gov. Goodwin Knight and the project will be presented to the State Legislature at the next session. If the bill is passed money for the project will be put into the State budget by June 30.

Typical School Day Told

The Education Code of California lists 20 subjects which are required to be taught and specifies that a minimum of 50% of the school day be devoted to instruction of reading, arithmetic, writing and spelling.

Torrance teachers and administrators are meeting these requirements, school officials declared. Instead of teaching the 20 subjects separately, many of them are grouped to provide for better education.

A typical school day for an elementary school classroom would find approximately 40 minutes for arithmetic; 60 minutes for reading; 60 minutes for writing, speaking and spelling; 50 minutes for art and music; 50 minutes for health and physical education, including recesses; and 70 minutes for social studies, which include civics, geography and history, manners and morals, safety, fire prevention, thrift, alcohol and narcotics, humane treatment to animals, and science.

The leather carving class at Scott Park will meet again starting Wednesday, October 6, at 9:30. Adults may begin at any time and progress rapidly as they wish. Tool patterns are furnished and there is no charge for instruction.

EXPENDITURE OF SCHOOL BONDS TOLD

The following list of expenditures shows where the money went from the various bond issues which the people have voted since 1948. The unexpended balance of approximately three million dollars can be used only for buildings and sites and building equipment. It is not available for operating expenses. It can only be used for the purpose that the people voted for. The total amount of the bond issue voted is indicated opposite the date and underlined in each case.

In addition to the money which was voted by the people of Torrance, there have been several grants from Public Law 815 for building construction. They are indicated at the end of the statement below.

The district had 54 classrooms in the beginning and, with the buildings under construction, will have 270 classrooms and still needs more.

Completion Date	1948 BONDS	
10/1/49	Fern Avenue Addition No. 1	\$1,504,000
10/1/49	Perry Addition No. 1	24,632
1/3/50	High School Bleachers and Athletic Field	80,617
2/5/50	Seaside	86,903
2/5/50	Administration Building	452,889
2/5/50	North Torrance	68,306
2/5/50	Walteria	357,039
2/12/51	Crenshaw (temporary building)	353,869
2/12/51	El Nido	73,438
	Total	42,039
	Balance Brought Forward	\$1,497,734
	1950 BONDS	8,286
	Total	2,000,000
5/8/51	Fern Avenue Cafeteria	\$2,006,266
11/8/51	Greenwood	95,456
3/7/51	North Torrance Addition No. 1	215,014
7/8/51	Perry Addition No. 2	69,470
8/8/52	Madrona	123,451
8/8/52	Riviera	241,299
1/20/53	Seaside Addition No. 1	312,448
7/1/52	High School Addition (gym, music, cafeteria)	80,390
10/8/53	Madrona Addition No. 1	671,747
	Total	64,185
7/9/52	South Torrance High School Site	95,000
11/16/51	Arlington Site	30,100
	Total	\$1,998,530
	Balance Brought Forward	7,736
	1952 BONDS	3,000,000
	Total	3,007,736
Completion Date		
6/19/50	North Torrance High School (total estimate equipped)	2,069,044
8/26/52	Hillside	268,625
11/15/51	Meadow Park	57,650
11/9/53	Pacific Site	29,000
4/23/54	Perry Site-Addition No. 3	15,498
	Total	\$2,972,144
	Balance (unexpended but committed)	35,592
	1954 BONDS - mature September 1954	3,000,000
	Balance on hand	\$3,035,592
	PUBLIC LAW 815	
	Wood	\$ 301,077
	Walteria Addition No. 1	80,231
	Crenshaw Addition	389,382
	Steele	497,676
	Total	\$1,268,346

Gifford Inducted Into Foreman's Ass'n At G.P.

Frank W. Gifford, 21237 Archibald street, Torrance, will be inducted as a member of the Foreman's association of the

General Petroleum corporation at the organization's dinner meeting tomorrow, September 10, at the Rodger Young auditorium in Los Angeles.

Gifford, who has been located at the Torrance Mobilgas Refinery since 1937, is shift foreman there.

He is a native of Butler, Pennsylvania.



WHAT'S DOING

R. S. Pyle, your Telephone Manager in Torrance

A radio powered by sunlight

For centuries man has dreamed of getting power from the sun. Perhaps you, too, have wondered about it. Well, now it's happened. Bell Telephone Laboratories has invented a solar battery that directly and efficiently turns sunlight into useful amounts of electricity. It's made from an ingredient of common sand. Even at birth, it supplies enough power to run a small radio set (right) or send voices over telephone wires. Much development remains to be done. But the Bell Solar Battery, used with transistors, offers great opportunities for improvement and economies in telephone service. Research like this helps us bring better telephone service to more people at the lowest possible cost. Pacific Telephone works to make your telephone a bigger value every day.



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ATTEND THE FISHERMEN'S FIESTA THIS YEAR

The Eighth Annual Fishermen's Fiesta will be held October 9 and 10 at San Pedro's Fishermen's Wharf. Sponsored by the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, this annual celebration salutes Los Angeles Harbor as the world's largest commercial fishing port.

Highlights of the fiesta will be the blessing of the fishing fleet October 10 by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre and the colorful parade of the decorated fishing boats. Vice President Richard Nixon will be a guest and make a brief speech about the fishing industry.

There will be continuous entertainment October 9 and 10 at Fishermen's Wharf, with a carnival and international food booths, and a free dance the night of October 9.

You newcomers of the Harbor area should attend this very interesting and spectacular event.