

Home Savings Plans Eight New Offices at \$10 Million Cost, Ahmanson Declares

Home Savings and Loan Association has started on a construction program which will see the rise of eight new offices representing a \$10 million investment, Howard Ahmanson, Home's chairman, announced Thursday at a luncheon honoring the mayors of the 24 communities in which the association's offices are located.

Among those present was Mayor Albert Isen, Torrance. Ahmanson indicated that by 1964 Home Savings will occupy new offices in Hollywood, downtown Los Angeles, Pomona, Whittier, Pasadena, Burbank, Studio City and Glendale.

"This construction program is evidence of our unqualified faith in the future of Southern California business," Ahmanson told some 500 business and community leaders at the Biltmore Bowl.

Purpose of the affair was to publicly thank the 24 communities for "maintaining a business climate which permitted Home Savings recently to pass the billion-dollar asset mark."

Most impressive of the buildings planned will be a million-dollar structure on the present NBC site at Sunset and Vine.

Although Home Savings has an arrangement with Lionel H. Uhlman Jr., developer of "The Hollywood"

complex, existing leases with NBC will probably not permit start of construction for two years.

In downtown Los Angeles, the association's office will occupy the ground floor of a contemplated 35-story office building at Sixth and Hill. The structure, to be developed by David Shustett, will be known as "The Savings Building."

Immediately after the first of the year, construction will start on a multi-story, \$2.5 million office building at Second and Garey in the 10-block-long Mall project in Pomona. Home's office will be the ground floor of the building which was planned by artist-designer Millard Sheets.

New offices in Whittier, at Santa Gertrudes Ave. and Whittier Blvd., and Pasadena, at Lake St. and Colorado Blvd., will be completed by May 1962.

Announcement of the start of construction on the Burbank office at the northeast corner of San Fernando Rd. and Burbank Blvd., will soon be made.

Next in line for development will be new offices in Studio City and Glendale.

Missilemen Keep Holiday Sky Watch

While millions of Americans are busy commemorating Christmas, missilemen at Nike guided missile units of the United States Army Air Defense Command will be keeping a vigil which cannot be relaxed even at this special time.

These troops, whose mission keeps them in a state of combat readiness every day of the year, belong to the Army's air defense installations which encircle the major population and industrial centers from coast to coast.

Many of the men who maintain this continuous 24-hour alert to repel any attack from the air over the communities they defend must forego the traditional Christmas holiday at home with their families to remain close to their weapons.

The 3rd Missile Battalion (Nike-Hercules), 57th Artillery, commanded by Lt. Col. James W. Shockley, is composed of three such Nike units.

These sites, located in Malibu, Point Vicente and San Pedro, are responsible for the defense of the southern Los Angeles area.

Although many of the battalion's personnel will be required to remain on-site during the holiday season, the missile units have a liberal policy for granting leaves during the Christmas-New Year period to as many as possible without impeding their operational readiness.

For those who remain on duty, religious services and Christmas activities will be available at their missile sites. Holiday menus at the sites will offer the traditional turkey feast with all the trimmings.

New Year's Eve Celebration Set At Polynesian

An authentic Tahitian-Samoan-Hawaiian show, headlined by "The Tani Marsh Holiday Revue," will provide island entertainment for New Year's eve celebrations at The Polynesian Restaurant, Torrance.

Tahitian singer-dancer-comedienne Emma Terangi will be joined by other island artists, including ceremonial knife dancers from Samoa and Hawaiian song-and-hula performers.

Instrumental and vocal entertainment by Harry Baty's "Polynesians" will also spark the musical show that will herald the arrival of 1962.

The New Year's Eve party, beginning at 9 p.m., is packaged at \$15 per person and includes five-course dinner, tropic favors, noisemakers and other surprise features.

Required reservations are now being taken at The Polynesian.



EQUIPMENT READY FOR NEW YEAR'S — Leo Heytens (top) and John Stiglich, of Pacific Telephone's television field forces, test and adjust part of the mobile microwave equipment which will be used to transmit TV coverage of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses and the Rose Bowl football game Jan. 1.

Health Department Warns Of Yule Tree Dangers

Use of the evergreen tree during the Christmas season is a custom that originated in Germany well over a century ago.

Its annual use has spread to many parts of the world; indeed, so much a part of the Yuletide festivity has the Christmas tree become that many people would not consider Christmas complete without one.

Yet, though the modern Christmas tree is safer than the old candlelit tree, it may still be hazardous, K. H. Sutherland, Los Angeles County Health officer said.

The tree itself, however, is only one of the possible hazards. The decorations frequently constitute another. Bubbling lights that are made to resemble flickering candles, for instance, may be the source of an electric shock to a child who tries to remove one while it is lit.

There are also cases on record where children have broken them and have either inhaled or swallowed the liquid contents. This may give rise to slight disturbances of the central nervous system or, in cases where large amounts are swallowed, to liver or kidney damage.

Children who wish to participate in the Christmas decorating are sometimes given the task of applying snow spray to windows, trees, and the like, as it is so easy to use.

But, though the spray is perfectly harmless when dry, the propellants it contains may be irritating to the lungs.

Even the icicle decoration on the Christmas tree may be a menace to the curious toddler, as its stringiness may cause choking or intestinal obstruction when swallowed.

And the attractive trimming made of spun glass that is generally called "angel hair" is capable of producing irritation both inside and out depending on whether it is handled or is taken internally.

However tempting holly and mistletoe berries may appear, they are not meant to be eaten. While it is unlikely that a child would digest enough of them to become ill, the possibility should be kept in mind.

But the most common hazard associated with the Christmas tree is fire. This may occur when the tree is set too close to radiators, heaters, fireplaces, or any other heat-giving device, including a television set that is kept on for long periods of time.

Fire may also be invited when defective electric wiring or fixtures are used or when electric trains are operated too close to the tree. The danger of fire is increased when the tree becomes dry. This can sometimes be avoided by not putting it up so early that it dries out before Christmas week is over.

The tree may also be kept moist by placing the freshly cut base in a container that is kept filled with damp sand or with water. If the needles start dropping off, the tree is no longer safe to have around.

Each year fire department warnings are issued concerning the inadvisability of leaving Christmas tree lights burning when away from home. People still do this, and fires that could be avoided if families were at home still occur.

Fire retardant substances, which are available for purchase under several trade names, may be sprayed on the tree as a safety precaution. Most trees that have been coated with white or colored substances at the time of purchase have been treated with a fire retardant.

If a metal tree is used rather than a natural one, the tree lighting with colored flood lights is recommended. Besides being attractive, it is safer than the use of electric bulbs as it decreases the likelihood of electric shock.

Parade, Game Televised With Pacific's Help

More than \$350,000 worth of video microwave equipment is being assembled and tested this week by Pacific Telephone for use in telecasting the Pasadena Tournament of Roses parade and the Rose Bowl football game to millions of viewers locally and across the nation on New Year's Day.

The West Coast "spectacular" will be televised nationally in black and white for the 13th consecutive year and for the sixth year in color.

Jack Odell, Pacific's division toll maintenance superintendent, said that the company will provide 34 video (picture) links to enable two net works and three Los Angeles area channels to cover the activity.

Video signals will be relayed from Pasadena to Pacific's Hollywood TV center over two different routes to lessen picture interference caused by bunching all the various broadcasts.

From Hollywood the signal is sent to local broadcasters or to Pacific's downtown Los Angeles toll center for further transmission throughout the nation via microwave radio relay and coaxial cable.

Audio or sound signals will be sent over regular land-line telephone cables, said.

"All of the special TV facilities are required to be ready two days prior to New Year's Day," Odell explained. "This is to allow time for the connection of broadcast-er-owned equipment."

County Museum Announces Staff Reorganization

Announcement was made Monday by Dr. Herbert Friedmann, director of the Los Angeles County Museum, of the approval by the Board of Supervisors of the reorganization of the division of science and three new staff changes.

Due to tremendous expansion in the division of science over the past ten years, it has been divided into a division of earth sciences and one of life sciences.

Chief curator, earth sciences division, is Dr. Theodore Downs, formerly curator of vertebrate paleontology.

Chief curator, life sciences division, is Dr. Fred S. Truxal, formerly curator of entomology.

Kenneth E. Stager, formerly curator of ornithology, has been appointed senior curator, ornithology, with special responsibility for programming field work and exhibits.

Dr. Friedmann pointed out that the changes were made because of continually increasing activities in both divisions, in anticipation of an expanded exhibition schedule in science as well as history to be fulfilled in the space available in the Exposition Park facility after much of the division of art moves into the new Los Angeles County Museum of Art in Hancock Park.

Future plans also encompass a projected exhibit museum of Rancho La Brea fossils at Hancock Park.

Supervisors Request Secondary Road Allocation for County-Federal Projects

The Board of Supervisors has adopted a resolution requesting the California Highway Commission to set aside \$514,058 in the state 1962-63 budget for use on county federal-aid secondary highway projects in Los Angeles County.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors' Road Committee, said that under provisions of the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1960, funds are made available through the state to the various counties for construction on rural federal-aid secondary highways.

Expansion Plans Told By Northrop

Northrop Corporation has embarked upon a program to substantially expand its space research and development work through establishment of the Northrop Space Laboratories, Northrop President Thomas V. Jones told the company's shareholders at their annual meeting this week.

The importance given by Northrop to this new organization is emphasized by the fact that the company's senior vice president—technical, Richard E. Horner, will be in charge of this activity as general manager of the space laboratories, Jones said.

Horner was the first associate administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Headquarters for the new scientific research organization will be established at Hawthorne. Funding has been allocated for the construction of additional space laboratory facilities at the company's mile-long complex at Hawthorne.

Noting the company has furnished a wide variety of sub-systems and components for existing space programs, Jones declared, "We are preparing to move into the field of system management on major space programs."

"We are gearing ourselves for this expanded activity by establishing the Northrop Space Laboratories. We are confident this new mobilization of our capabilities will broaden our participation in the nation's space programs," he said.

Programs of the new space laboratory will augment Northrop's already extensive space research activities.

The company's space projects include work in the field of space guidance techniques employing advanced automatic star tracking devices, the recovery system for the Project Mercury capsules which brought astronauts Shepard and Grissom safely back to earth, research studies in the development of space payloads, space rendezvous, space refueling and plasma propulsion, and a wide variety of precision space components.

In addition to accelerated space activity, Northrop's major goals for growth are in the fields of manned aircraft, missiles, commercial products and international sales, Jones declared.

Shareholders voted approval of a two-for-one split of the company's common stock.

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The act stipulates, however, that the counties must furnish additional funds to match those provided by the federal government.

MATCHING FUNDS

The state recently initiated a program to aid the counties in providing matching funds by agreeing to share the cost of federal-aid secondary projects on the counties' highway systems up to a maximum of \$100,000 for each county.

Supervisor Chace said Los Angeles County's portion of the funds provided by the federal government for fiscal year 1962-63 is \$414,058.

This, together with the \$100,000 maximum allotment from the state for matching funds, will provide the county with an additional \$514,058 for the county's use on rural federal-aid secondary highways.

Supervisor Chace pointed out that in recent years these funds have made it possible for the county to improve many sections of rural federal-aid secondary highways.

One of the major projects now under construction, which was made possible by such funds, is the \$1,000,000 highway improvement project on Willow St. (Katella Ave.) between Studebaker Rd. in Los Angeles County and Los Alamitos Blvd. in Orange County. This project will eliminate the only missing segment in a major inter-county route which extends from a distance of 29 miles between the Pacific Coast Hwy. in Redondo Beach to Placentia

Crest Escrow Moves Office

Crest Escrow has moved its offices to a new location, 1611 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, according to Ken Miller, president.

Other officers of the company are: Ken Peters, vice president; Jack Clayton, secretary; Bette Compton, office manager; Irene Jurk, escrow officer.

The new offices open Monday.

\$600,000 WORK

The \$600,000 improvement project on Grand Ave. from Rowland Ave. to Holt Ave., which is also under construction, is another major improvement which comes under the provisions of the Federal-aid Highway Act of 1960.

The completion of this long-awaited project February, 1962, will fulfill a vital need in the country's arterial highway system, Chace said.

Still another federal-aid secondary project is the \$580,000 highway improvement on Hacienda Blvd. between Haliburton Rd. and Graziade, Rd. This improvement consists of a 6-lane divided highway with curbs and gutters and will add another link in this major arterial highway through the Whittier Hills.

"It is through the county's use of these various funds which are made available to us, that we have been able to improve our rural highways," Chace concluded.

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Torrance Firm Plays Part in Gas Industry

When gas lighting was being extinguished back in the late '30's, some people thought the gas industry would be snuffed out along with the street lamps.

This dark view of the industry's future not only failed to materialize, says J. F. Ray, vice president of the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, but there are now 8,000,000 investors in gas, more than 110,000,000 gas appliances are in daily use — and gas lights are selling at a faster clip than at any time during the so-called "Gas Light Era."

Ray is also vice president of General Controls Co., Glendale, Hayes Furnace Manufacturing and Supply Co., Torrance.

The utility serving the area's residential, commercial and industrial gas customers is Southern California Gas Co.

The GAMA official reports that gas now outsells all fuels for househeating, leads the field in cooking, outnumbers its nearest competitor 4 to 1 in water heating and is closing the gap in home laundry equipment.

By 1970, Ray predicts, more than 44,300,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers will be served by gas, and today's 632,000-mile gas pipeline network will grow to 925,000 miles.

To prove further that the gloom-and-doomers of the late '30's were wrong, he adds, it is noteworthy that many cities now are going back to gas street lighting, because it's efficient, picturesque and economical.