



**ROARING TWENTIES**—A model "T" famous car of the '20s, propels Judy Kozeluh and Doug Brinker through Banning High production number, "Yes, Sir, She's My Baby." The song

hit is being offered as part of a musical comedy extravaganza to be held at the school Wednesday evening, March 21.

## Food Giant Markets Consolidate Central Services, Facilities in Huge Warehouse

In a move designed to streamline handling procedures and operations, Food Giant Markets have consolidated their formerly wide-spread facilities into a newly constructed five unit complex on a huge 25 acre site at 12500 East Slauson Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, California, it was announced by Theodore E. Cummings, president of the rapidly growing supermarket chain. "We believe," said Cummings, in making the announcement, "that this new warehouse complex will make Food Giant one of the most efficient and cost-saving market chains in the entire country." Total estimated construction cost of the project, exclusive of furnishings, equipment and inventories is expected to exceed \$1,750,000, Cummings said.

### DESIGNER

Designed by Maxwell Starkman AIA, and built by the Technion Company, the 1,089,000 square foot area now houses the dry grocery warehouse, delicatessen and produce warehouse, sign and carpentry shops and auto maintenance depot. The dry grocery warehouse also houses the non-foods and liquor departments.

A new administration and executive offices building, still under construction, will also be contained in the complex. To be occupied sometime in April, the new administration building will house the more-than 250 people now spread over three buildings. All other buildings in the complex are now in use, Cummings said.

Largest of the new buildings is the 215,000 square foot grocery warehouse. Served by two spur tracks of the Southern Pacific Railroad, the warehouse and its crew can efficiently handle and unload up to 16 freight cars at one time, or approximately 32,000 cases of canned groceries, for efficient handling inside the warehouse, all merchandise will be stored and moved on pallets, using some 16 forklift trucks.

According to Jim Nichols, manager of the warehouse, the big building will always carry some 2,500 different items. This, Nichols said,

would usually be about 500,000 cases or approximately 12,000,000 individual cans and would be enough to feed a family of four persons approximately 5,000 years.

Warehouse operation, stocking and loading trucks for deliveries to stores, is done using a system that compares to the way a housewife shops at her own local Food Giant Market. The difference is quantity—and it's quite a big difference.

### SMALL QUANTITIES

Comparatively small quantities—up to 25 cases or so—of merchandise are kept in an area called the selection line. This is comparable to the store shelves with which every housewife is familiar. Reserve stock is kept in the back area of the warehouse, corresponding to the back room or reserve area of the local market.

Using an electrically driven truck, a selection line driver moves a small train of four wheel carts among the merchandise on the selection line, and chooses merchandise to fill orders sent in by stores. Acting just as a housewife does, he chooses brands and quantities set out on his shopping list. The cases he chooses are placed on the four wheel carts.

When his orders are complete and his shopping list completed, the four wheel carts are then attached to a conveyor belt, built right into the floor of the building. A 1,000 foot end-less chain then pulls the carts right up to the loading area, where fork lift trucks remove the filled merchandise pallets for transfer to trucks and ultimate delivery to local Food Giant Markets. When filled with carts, the floor belt and carts in operation remind an onlooker of a miniature railroad in operation.

After removal from the local train and prior to loading on trucks, each store order is checked against the list sent to the warehouse by an IBM system. Merchandise is charged to each store using much the same procedure a housewife sees when she goes through a market checkstand.

### LOADING AREA

A huge loading area, almost big enough for a football game, handles the loading of 38 trailers at a single time. It is estimated that the new warehouse with its efficient handling system will be able to process some 70,000 cases of groceries each day. While procedures have been streamlined and individual transaction costs lowered, the new warehouse will employ about 55 people—about 20 more than at present, as a result of the expanded facilities.

Much the same order procedures are followed in the non-foods section of the building. Here, because of the many irregular shaped cartons and boxes, merchandise is stored in specially shaped containers. Orders are filled from these containers and placed in special shipping boxes. These shipping boxes are then moved by fork truck up to the loading area, and set into the proper truck for delivery. Non-food orders are coordinated with grocery orders so that they arrive at the loading dock just at the right time to be loaded with the balance of the grocery order for a specific store.

Occupying a special 60,000 square foot building with special rooms containing individual temperature and moisture controls, are the produce and delicatessen warehouses. Here, behind specially insulated 20 foot high electrically operated doors are three 4,000 square foot rooms for produce storage. Produce that requires moisture is stored in a wet room that has water jets built into the walls so that moisture can be controlled at all times. Water is sprayed onto produce automatically and in just the proper amounts, by special pre-set controls that may be changed according to the items stored in the room.

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