

# Increased Production Spurs Southland Economic Gains

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In a five-page summary of first half economic developments, the bank's Economic Research Department cited manufacturing payrolls, and industrial power sales as significant indicators of increased industrial activity.

The volume of power sales to industry, as measured on the bank's seasonally adjusted index of kilowatt hour sales, averaged at 219.0 (1957-59=100) during the first half of this year, up 8.2 per cent from the first half of 1967.

**FIRST HALF** manufacturing employment in the Los Angeles-Orange County area averaged 995,900, up 2.9 per cent from a year earlier.

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Business failures and failure liabilities have sharply decreased. Failures in 11 of the Southland's 14 counties (excluding Fresno, Kings, and Tulare) numbered 690 in the first half of 1968, down from 970 in the first half of last year. There had been 1,127 casualties reported for the second half of 1966. Failure liability dollar volume fell by 53.6 per cent on a year-to-year comparative basis.

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Consumer prices rose more rapidly than they have for many years. The Los Angeles-Orange County consumer price index, based on 1957-59, was 4.2 per cent higher during the first five months of this year than the comparable period last year. The local CPI averaged at a record 120.9 for the first five months of 1968.

**CONSTRUCTION** worth slightly more than \$4 billion for the whole year is indicated for Southern California on the basis of first half activity, which has risen 13 per cent above its pace last year. This year's gain has taken place mainly on the residential construction sector. Commercial building is running slightly ahead of last year for Southern California as a whole.

Real estate sales activity in Los Angeles County is running 18.3 per cent ahead of last year, as measured by the number of deeds filed. Real estate loan volume in Los Angeles and Orange counties is up 14 per cent, from \$2.3 billion during the first half of last year to \$2.6 billion during the first half of this year.

Public Notice

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL  
In the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.

In the Matter of the Estate of ADDIE H. PIERCE aka ADA-LENE H. PIERCE aka A. H. PIERCE Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the petition of PAUL A. MAXWELL for the Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased and for the issuance of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed thereon to the petitioner to which reference is hereby made for further particulars, will be heard at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on Sept. 16, 1968, at the court room of Department Southwest "A" of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, City of Torrance.

Dated August 19th, 1968  
WILLIAM G. SHARP, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.  
By J. Bullock Deputy

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Los Angeles.  
In the Matter of the Estate of HARVEY LYNDON RUSHFELDT aka HARVEY L. RUSHFELDT, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given to creditors having claims against the said decedent to file said claims in the office of the clerk of the aforesaid court or to present them to the undersigned at the office of Hitchcock & Bowman, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard Suite 1030 in the City of Torrance, in the aforesaid County, which latter office is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to said estate. Such claims with the necessary vouchers must be filed or presented as aforesaid within six months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated Aug. 15, 1968  
ROSE MARGARET RUSHFELDT Executrix of the will of said decedent.  
Hitchcock & Bowman, Attorneys-at-Law, 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard Suite 1030 Torrance, California S-Aug. 15, 25; Sept. 1, 8, 1968

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No. SW P 5861  
In the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.

In the Matter of the Estate of ESTIE W. BIGLEY, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the petition of VIRGINIA BIGLEY JORDAN for the Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased and for the issuance of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed thereon to the petitioner to which reference is hereby made for further particulars, will be heard at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on Sept. 16th, 1968, at the court room of Department Southwest "A" of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, City of Torrance.

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By M. J. Henry, Deputy

Albert Isaac, 1616 Gramercy Avenue Torrance, California S-W—Aug. 18, 21, 25, 1968.

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NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL  
No. SW P 5875  
In the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles.

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM J. JOLLY Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the petition of HARRY L. TODD for the Probate of the Will of the above-named deceased and for the issuance of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed thereon to the petitioner to which reference is hereby made for further particulars, will be heard at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on Sept. 16th, 1968, at the court room of Department Southwest "A" of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, City of Torrance.

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## Law in Action

In a head-on crash, front seat passengers are in a dangerous spot. Automobile manufacturers have tried to make the front-seat passengers safer with padded dashboards, seatbelts, and wider seats.

A court has said that the wider front seat has added safety to cars. In one case, Mabel and her two friends were riding in the front seat of her car. Five youngsters were in the back. As they crept through an intersection, Sam Flash sped in and hit them, injuring the front-seat passengers. They sued Sam.

**SAM SAID** he was not to blame since they were overloading the car, a thing which the law forbids. With all the people in the car, Sam said, Mabel could not

see him at the sides. Therefore it was at least partly their own fault that they got hurt.

The court ruled against Sam. In today's cars with wide seats, the court said, three persons could ride in the front without overloading. The number of persons alone does not decide whether crowding interferes with driving.

In another case three passengers were riding in a compact car. One was drunk, restless, and was leaning from side to side. When they crashed, the driver of the other car could show that such a passenger in the front interfered with the driver's vision and control. Since this helped to bring on their own injury they could blame only themselves.

**PERSONAL** income in all of California advanced rapidly during the first quarter of this year, due in part to increased Social Security payouts and a higher minimum wage. First quarter personal income reached an annual rate of \$73.5 billion, up 3.2 per cent from the preceding quarter and up 7.2 per cent from the first quarter of 1967.

The ratio of unemployed to the Southland's total metropolitan civilian labor force averaged between 4.4 and 4.5 per cent. The comparable decrease in the Los Angeles-Orange County area was from 4.5 to 4.2 per cent.

Taxable retail sales in Southern California were 11 per cent ahead of those for a year ago, according to the Security Bank report. Sales advanced to an all-time seasonally adjusted high of \$4 billion during the first quarter. Sales during the first quarter of 1967 were lower by \$395 million.



ON THE DOTTED LINE . . . State Senator Ralph C. Dills (D-Gardena) looks on as Governor Ronald Reagan puts his John Hancock on SB 393, the motion picture film bill authored by Senator Dills, in Sacramento. The bill will hopefully make California's film production a year-round business rather than a seasonal one, Dills said.

### DEATH NOTICE

IDOV — Charles passed away August 18th. Born June 10, 1904 in Baltimore, Maryland. Survived by his wife, Lena of Torrance. Services and interment will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. Noland Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

TAYLOR — Elyrien Conboy passed away at home Aug. 21, 1968. Born in Michigan, June 27, 1906. Survived by her husband, Mason Taylor and two children, Taylor and Conboy. Services will be held Aug. 28th at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of the Wilmington Funeral Home, Interment, Green Hills.

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