

### It's an Old Yankee Custom

The amazing feats of American ship-builders in meeting the U-boat menace by turning out warships and merchantmen faster than either our friends or enemies believed humanly possible aren't actually "something new under the sun."

Everybody knows of Perry's great victory on Lake Erie in 1813; every schoolboy has thrilled to that naval hero's message: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Yet one year before that victory there was not an American war vessel of any sort on Lake Erie. The British were in absolute control; all American lake seamen had been driven off or imprisoned. One of them, tough Captain Daniel Dobbins, made his way through hostile Indians and enemy held country to make an astounding suggestion to President Madison.

"I'll build a fleet for you, Mr. President," he said. "I'll build it right on Lake Erie, from the oak and pine on the shores. Just give me workers; give me Navy carpenters and shipwrights."

Back to the job with Dobbins went Henry Eckford, a naval architect, and two skilled boat builders. He had been promised a crew of naval carpenters. But these never arrived. Dobbins wasn't liked. He toured the wilderness, appealing from cabin to cabin for pioneers who could use a saw or axe. The frontiersmen responded. They built ten ships; pierced their sides for guns; somehow rounded up and transported the cannon; somehow provisioned the vessels for fighting. The fleet was ready for young Commander Perry, when he arrived, fresh from victories against Tripoli, to take charge. His was the battle victory; but the Henry J. Kaisers of his day—Dobbins and Eckford and the woodsmen who refused to believe "it can't be done"—gave him his ships.

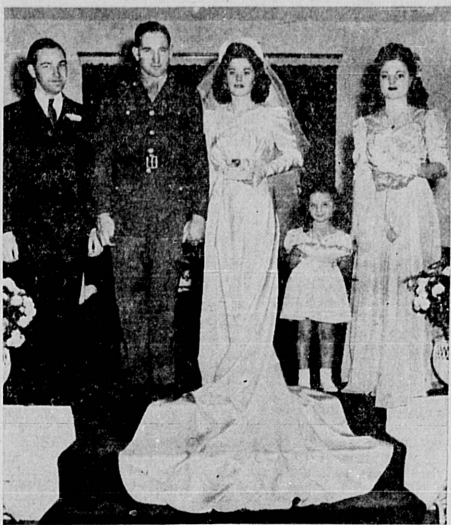
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### Many Gold Mines Closed for Duration

Today, because of the war, there are fewer miners in California than at any time since the historic gold rush of 1849.

The industrial accident commission revealed many of the gold producing mines and dredges have been closed to release miners for the production of minerals essential to the war plants.

Now is the time for the motorist to practice the Open Door Policy. Let's all ride to Victory together!



POST-CHRISTMAS NUPTIALS—Corporal Harry Alvin York and his bride, Velma Stegelmeyer, are shown here with their wedding attendants, Douglas York, brother of the bridegroom, and Sylvia Portnoy of Manhattan Beach.

—Photo by Homer Moran.

### York-Stegelmeyer Wedding Held at Church Saturday

Miss Velma Stegelmeyer became the bride of Corporal Harry Alvin York in a double ring ceremony performed at Central Evangelical church, Saturday afternoon. Rev. H. Wesley Roloff officiated in the presence of about 100 guests.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was beautiful in a princess model of white slipper satin with lace yoke, long sleeves and train. Her three-tiered finger-tip veil of bridal illusion fell from a halo of all-over lace. She carried a white Bible on which was placed an orchid. A single strand of pearls completed her costume.

Miss Sylvia Portnoy of Manhattan Beach, was the bride's attendant. She wore an orchid net and taffeta gown and carried a colonial bouquet of yellow roses and jonquils. Miss Portnoy's little sister, Hedy, in baby pink was ring bearer. Douglas York was his brother's attendant, and ushering were Betty Pierson in blue crepe and Elizabeth Fish who wore yellow chiffon. Miss Jean Yoder played the wedding marches and the accompaniment for Miss Harriet Pegons who sang.

Mrs. Stegelmeyer's gown was soldier blue with contrasting accessories complemented with a carnation corsage, while Mrs. York's gown was plum crepe with harmonizing accessories and a gardenia corsage. At the reception held at Guild hall, Mrs. Estelle Graham, grandmother of the bride, was assisted in serving by Betty Pierson and Elizabeth Fish.

Following a honeymoon at an unannounced destination, the bride will return to her parent's home here for the duration, while Corporal York reports at the Presidio in San Francisco. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stegelmeyer of 1104 Beech ave, while her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. York of 1027 Portola ave. Both graduated from Torrance high school.

In 1943, it is estimated there will be only five-eighths as many tires, including recaps, available for autos as the normal demand for new tires.

Conversion of jalopies to wrap throughout the country is at a rate exceeding auto production in 1929, a banner year for new cars.

### CALIFORNIA SPEAKS!

Significant Statements by Interesting Californians

"FATHER" WM. RIKER, Holy City, Santa Cruz—"I've never been jealous, but there just isn't room in this country for Father Divine's heaven and mine, too."

EDW. L. MOORE, San Diego—"An hour before daybreak our privileged and pampered aristocracy, the women, pour out of their cozy homes, hurrying out to do men's jobs. With firmness and efficiency the little hands control mighty machines—with deep resolve to help win this bloody game. And by God and such strong human hearts, we will win it!"

DOROTHY SHAY, Nor. Calif. "Miss Victory"—"Women in war work don't wish to be pampered—but they are—much too much."

SHELIA PEART, celebrated "chantreuse" at Palace Rose Room, S. F.—"People in show business feel that personal success these days is secondary to the vital need to help the war effort in every way they can, little or big."

DON MARSHALL, State Liquor Officer—"The midnight liquor curfew means drinking must stop on the stroke of 12. If everything in sight is not drunk up, unfinished drinks must be confiscated by waiters, or bars will be subject to suspension."

LIEUT. COMMANDER MILDRED McAFEE of WAVES, formerly Wellesley College president—"College, even more so now, is a training ground for assumption of responsibilities, not a place to play."

### Endorse Gas Coupons For Your Protection

Mileage-ration coupons must be endorsed for acceptance at service stations. Each coupon in the A, B, C, and D books, for private passenger cars and motorcycles, must carry the license number and name of state.

Coupons in the E and R books, for non-highway equipment, must carry the bookholder's name, street number and town and state.

Coupons in T books, for trucks and fleet cars, must carry the War Certificate number or fleet number.

OPA said the data should be written with ink to avoid erasures. The identifications are required for two reasons—to protect the motorist if he loses his ration book and to prevent illegal use by the finder.

### Curfew for German Aliens Is Lifted

Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army on Dec. 23 announced the lifting of curfew regulations affecting German aliens in this area, and also the abolishment of more than 1,000 zones designated as prohibited to enemy aliens under earlier proclamations.

In lifting the curfew, General DeWitt said "the need for the curfew no longer exists as other security measures have now been provided. Among these measures is the Individual Exclusion Procedure under which persons who are found, after hearing, to be dangerous or potentially dangerous to the military security of the West Coast are excluded. I desire to make it plain, however, that there will be no retardation of the program to rid the West Coast of such persons."

### LEGION AUXILIARY HAS EVENING PARTY

A highlight in recent American Legion Auxiliary activities was the post-Yuletide party held at St. Andrew's Guild hall Tuesday evening. A potluck dinner was served and bridge and other games were enjoyed. Attractive arrangements of poinsettias and tapers decorated the tables, set for 25 members and their guests. Mrs. Persia K. Fess, a new member, was introduced as the new Gold Star Mother. Bridge prizes were presented to Mmes. Lucille Lowellen, Mayme McDonald and Persia Fess. Hostesses were Mmes. J. R. Wilkes and Ella Robinson.

### VISIT HERE

Mrs. Raymond Tomkins and son Ernest of Palm Springs have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Richhart during the past week. They were joined by her other son, Glenwood Tomkins, a pharmacist 3/c, who arrived from Camp Elliott, San Diego.

### COUNCIL MEET SET

The first regular meeting of the city council in 1943 will be held Tuesday night, Jan. 12, at 7:45 o'clock.

The saving in steel from drilling 13,000 fewer oil wells this year than last is sufficient to build 26,000 tanks, or half a million 2-ton block buster bombs.

The Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe at least didn't have to worry about getting rubber tires for it.

### It's Agin th' Law To Ride Junior In Shopping Baskets

Mothers who place their babies in wheeled shopping baskets are violating the Food Sanitation Act, warns J. R. Kirkpatrick of the County Health Department.

"This practice is decidedly unesthetic; in addition it might cause damage to foodstuffs later placed in the same basket," said Kirkpatrick today.

Section 11 of the State Food Sanitation Act provides that any person who violates any of the provisions of the law shall be punished upon conviction by a cash fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500 or may be imprisoned in the county jail for a term not exceeding six months, or may be sentenced to both fine and imprisonment.

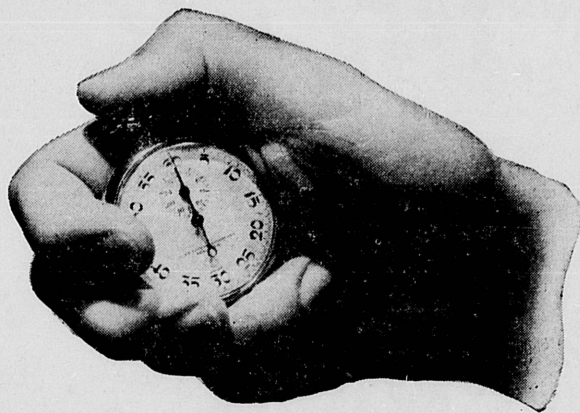
**BUY BUS MOTOR**  
A new motor for a city bus was purchased by the city council yesterday afternoon from Schultz & Peckham, Ford dealers, for \$139.

**FROM PT. HUENEME**  
Elmer Riley arrived from Pt. Huemene to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents and his wife and infant son, Dale Joseph, who have been living here since the baby's birth. The Rileys left for their home this week.

### WANTED TO RENT

3- OR 4-BEDROOM FURNISHED HOUSE IN TORRANCE NEAR BUSINESS DISTRICT. MUST BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND WE WILL LEAVE IT THE SAME.

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### THIS IS THE MOMENT!

1943 IS HERE . . .

Now is the time . . .

**THIS IS THE MOMENT**—for all of us to make a solemn pledge that nothing shall be left undone to win the war—and to win it quickly.

The Penney Company regards its more than 1600 stores, its more than 40,000 men and women associates, as a group of tremendous vitality and force in the war effort. In addition, helping shoulder to shoulder, we include the thousands of people who supply us with what we sell; who in mills and factories all over the land produce with only one thought in mind: the speeding up of the war effort. But most important of all, are the millions who are our customers. They know that no sacrifice is too great for our common cause—and they make it—willingly and gladly.



The Penney Company's job has always been to supply typical American families (people who live simply but well) with clothing and home furnishings at substantial savings.

Those American Families are now the Home Front!

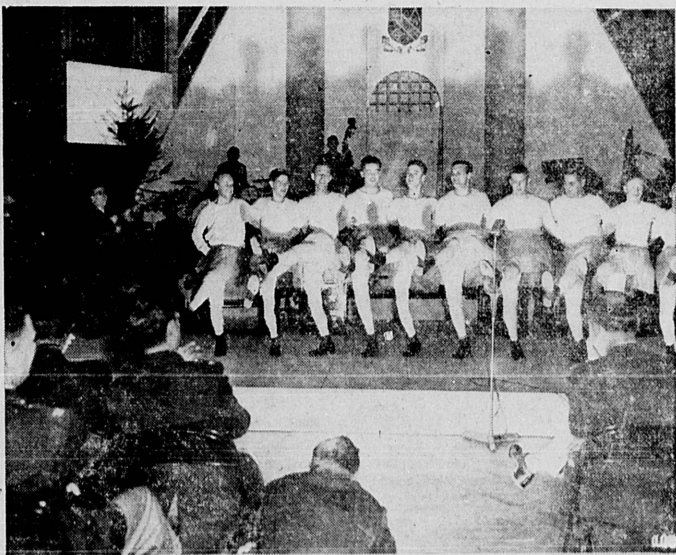
It is their job to send an ever-increasing avalanche of supplies to those who are fighting our battles on the far-flung war fronts of the world.

Those American families, that Home Front, can count on us to continue our efforts to supply the good American merchandise they must have to keep fit for their great task. We will continue, unremittingly, our efforts to secure their needs at savings: Today it is more than good sense and good management to save—Thrift and Savings are now an imperative duty.



This is the Penney Company's Statement of Faith, the Penney Company's Promise of Cooperation for the Year 1943, and for Every War Year Thereafter.

### Cadets Furnish Competition for 'Rockettes'



Members of the First Corps Cadets, historic military group organized in New England in 18th Century, now on active duty somewhere on West Coast, find time to put on annual Christmas show featuring these dainty "chorines." Group features Ray Bauduc, now in service, formerly of Bob Crosby's band, and selected by Paul Whiteman as first drummer for his All-American band.

### Traffic Casualties In State Approximate Nation's War Dead

Traffic casualties in California for 1942 were 22 per cent less than last year but this year's figure was almost as great as that of the nation's fighting forces abroad, the state department of motor vehicles announced today.

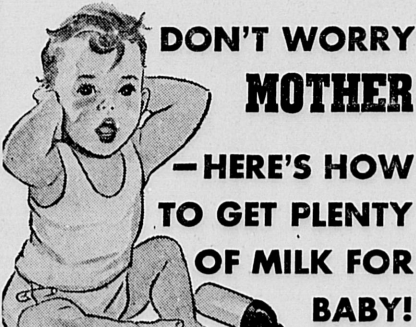
The dead and injured in highway accidents reached 56,300. "The public well may wonder whether the careless driver is not a greater menace to national safety than the Japs and Nazis," Victor W. Killick, departmental statistician, said.



WE WISH TO EXPRESS HEARTIEST New Year's Greetings to Our Many Friends and Patrons

### Drew's Flower Shop

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**DON'T WORRY MOTHER —HERE'S HOW TO GET PLENTY OF MILK FOR BABY!**

Many mothers have been worrying about whether or not they are going to be able to purchase enough canned milk for their babies. Safeway Stores have just completed arrangements to make certain that all infants can get the necessary amounts of this important food for their formulas. Babies are one group of citizens who would find substitutions in their diet rather difficult to accept, so we are going to be sure that they get what Doctor prescribes.

If you are finding difficulty in buying a sufficient amount of canned milk for your child, do this . . .

Ask your doctor to write a letter to the Safeway Stores Advertising Department (Box 3399 Terminal Annex, Los Angeles), stating that canned milk is needed for your baby. So that you can be sure of getting the brand and size that you favor, ask him to include information about your preference (better mention a second choice too). It is important that the address of the Safeway store near your home be given as well.

As soon as we receive the letter, instructions will be issued that will send a case of milk for your child on the next grocery load that leaves our warehouse for your Safeway store. You can call for it at your convenience, paying the regular retail price.

