

NEW MEAT CEILINGS BECOME NATION-WIDE NEXT THURSDAY

Specific cents-per pound—retail ceilings on beef, veal, lamb, and mutton go into effect next Thursday, April 15, throughout the nation. The beef ceiling is the same which has been in effect in most of Los Angeles county for some time.

Striking a telling blow at black markets in meat, the new price action, coupled with rationing, will make it impossible for black market operators to continue to pose as legitimate dealers, since these new ceilings posted at each meat counter or store will let every housewife know the top price she will be charged.

Starting April 15, no retailer can charge more for the 102 cuts of beef, veal, lamb, and mutton in five officially established grades of beef and veal, four grades of lamb and three grades of mutton than the ceiling prices named by OPA. However, the retailer at any time may charge less than these new ceilings.

Cuts Are Standardized
Southland housewives will find hamburger, (designated by OPA as ground beef) as attractive from the price side as it is on point basis. The new maximum will be 33 cents per pound, compared with previous consumer prices ranging up to 50 cents. Top prices on leg of lamb range between 43 and 45 cents per pound, chuck roast (bone in) from 35 to 37 cents, grade A sirloin steak 48 cents per pound in small stores and 46 cents in all others. Retailers of Kosher

meats will be guided by a separate provision to be issued shortly.

To place all consumers on even footing, retail cuts of meats will be standardized as to cutting and trimming and only those described in the new price regulations may be sold by storekeepers. Following the pattern adopted in pricing pork at retail, OPA places independent stores whose 1942 sales totaled less than \$250,000 in classes 1 and 2, grants them ceilings from 1 to 3 cents per pound above those for all chain stores and independents with sales over \$250,000 who are in classes 3 and 4.

Maximum retail prices follow (quoted in cents per pound):

Commodity	Class 1 & 2	Class 3 & 4
Lamb rib chops.....	52	50
Leg of lamb, whole, half or short cut.....	45	43
Veal cutlet.....	54	52
Roast beef 10" rib.....	40	38
Round steak (bone in).....	50	48
Sirloin steak (bone in).....	48	46
Porterhouse steak.....	64	61
Chuck roast (bone in).....	37	35
Ground beef (hamburger).....	33	32

Red Cross War Fund Drive Should Top Quota Next Week, Lee Says

One more week's effort should put the Torrance Red Cross War Fund drive over the top.

That was indicated today when receipts up to 5 p.m. yesterday were totaled to \$6,766.73. The city's quota is \$7,500. The difference between collections and the anticipated goal—\$832.27—is expected to be wiped out as late contributions are recorded and the subscriptions from local war plant workers are received, according to General Chairman Hillman Lee.

"We have not been able to obtain a definite commitment from leaders in the war plant drives as to what they expect to raise for the Red Cross," he said today, "but we have been assured the contributions will be most substantial."

Commends Workers
"We also believe there are still a number of both large and small donations that need to be collected or properly recorded and so we have every hope that the drive will end next week. I cannot praise the many volunteer workers too highly for their attention to the drive. All of them have given much time and effort to the War Fund and they deserve the highest commendation as patriotic citizens," Lee said.

Week-by-week progress of the Torrance drive, as reported to The Herald by the workers since its start March 15 were:

March 15.....	\$1,696.00
March 25.....	2,186.53
April 1.....	1,435.35
April 8.....	1,448.85
TOTAL.....	\$6,766.73

Contributions reported to The Herald during the past week were as follows:

Previously acknowledged.....	\$5,317.88
Superior Oil Co.....	50.00
Grand Theatre collections.....	118.88
Longren Aircraft Co.....	100.00
Torrance Theatre collections.....	52.82
A. K. Longren.....	25.00
E. Masie.....	25.00
Dr. John W. Beeman.....	25.00
Nazarene Church.....	15.00
Western Auto Supply Co.....	15.00
Rev. Father J. L. Bauer.....	15.00
Torrance Business and Professional Women's Club.....	10.00
Mrs. H. E. Keller.....	10.00
Mrs. Audrey Bacon.....	10.00
Mrs. Frank Dalton.....	10.00
William and Phoebe Sykes.....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Peterson.....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Benzel.....	10.00
Albin K. Peterson.....	10.00
Hampden Wentworth.....	10.00

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This Week At the Model Victory Garden

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City Park Superintendent

... who is available for consultation at the community plot, El Presa, on Green ave., 10 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon daily, Monday thru Friday.

It has been said that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Disease prevention was practiced this week on the growing vegetable plants at the Model Garden.

It is dangerous to use arsenic in any form on vegetables, so a powder with a pyrethrum base was chosen and all the plants completely covered with this material. As a preventive measure, we will use different dusts or sprays alternately to prevent the spread of disease or pests. That is, this week we used a pyrethrum dust; next week we will use an emulsion spray.

These two operations will take care of aphids, chewing insects, and fungus diseases. Next week: thinning the plants.

Dye Awarded Masonic Order

Burt F. Dye of 1609 Cota ave., was signally honored last Friday night at the Masonic Temple when he was presented with a 50-year Masonic membership certificate.

Mr. Kelly, grand state deputy warden, was master of ceremonies and after an instructive address presented Dye with the honor scroll. This came from his home lodge in Moulton, Iowa and members of the Torrance lodge.

Dye is also a member of the Order of Railway Conductors and takes an active part in both this order and the Masonic lodge.

Torrance Men Hurt When Car Hits Train

C. W. Kimberling, 24, and W. O. Kirby, 29, of 118 East Road, Torrance, were slightly injured in a collision last Thursday in Wilmington, according to police reports. Officers said Kimberling's car and a Pacific Electric train were involved.

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Postal Receipts On Way to New Record In City

Industrial plants booming with war orders are no different than the Torrance postoffice which is well on the way toward its greatest business in its 31-year history.

Total postal receipts for the March quarter amounted to \$19,921.23 which was only \$2,066.54 less than the all-time quarter record set as result of the huge amount of Christmas mail business last year. The March quarter 1942 postal receipts were \$13,662.51, Postmaster Earl Conner reported.

"And last month a total of \$55,762.50 was received from investors in War Bonds and Stamps at the postoffice," Conner said.

"In order to keep pace with the bond and stamp sales we have had to work overtime nearly every night writing bonds and catching up."

The postmaster announced that another receipt and dispatch of mail has been added to the Sunday schedule. This is at 2:19 p. m., and the incoming mail is placed in the boxes. The local office dispatches mail at 9:45 a. m. and receives postal matter at 10:50 a. m.

To provide extra service for local patrons, the postoffice windows are all open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., Saturdays except the money order and postal savings departments which are open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., that day, Conner said.

Local Cafemen Do Not Favor 2 Meatless Days

Most of the cafes here have been observing meatless Tuesdays but the operators are undecided about following the lead of the Southern California Restaurant Association which announced yesterday its members would observe two meatless days a week—Tuesday and Friday.

A survey of the local eating places indicated that the cafemen are making every effort to serve as much variety in their menu as possible and, because of the many war workers here, hope to continue serving meat at least six days a week.

They believe they have a war duty to fulfill by keeping the workers here well-fed and are determined to continue meat courses as long as they can obtain supplies. The restaurant association, which has few members here, adopted a resolution yesterday to petition Gov. Warren to issue a proclamation asking all restaurants in the state to have two meatless days weekly.

Point-Rationing Appears to be Well Understood

"We have not received a single request so far from any household—or even a bewildered husband—for information about how to juggle food ration points. I think that speaks well for the intelligence of our people and for the splendid informative articles which have been appearing in The Herald."

That's what F. W. Daniels, chief clerk of the Torrance War Price and Rationing Board, said today.

"We were all set up to give this assistance. Principal B. J. Strand of Torrance Elementary school and Mrs. Vandegraft had volunteered to serve on the consumer education committee but they have not had a single client yet," Daniels said.

He also mentioned that the Ration Board has received very few complaints about the food rationing plan.

"Oh, there have been a few 'gripes' about the points not going very far but on the whole the point-rationing plan seems to be functioning with a minimum of discomfort to our people," he said.

HAVE HOUSEGUEST

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Beecher are entertaining as their house guest their niece, Mrs. H. C. Stokke, who will remain with them during the absence of her husband, Lieut. H. C. Stokke, who is in North Carolina on official business.

Welder Trains Apprentices



An experienced welder is giving instructions to two girl apprentices at the United States Steel Corp. plant.

DRAFT TAKES 37 MORE; NEXT CALL IS APRIL 19

Thirty-seven men were accepted for the armed forces out of 54 who composed the 36th contingent sent from the Torrance Selective Service Board No. 280 April 2, according to Mrs. Doris Watson, clerk of the board. Fifteen were Torrance residents, seven were from Lomita, six from Gardena and the others from nearby communities.

The Navy received seven of the selectees. They were: Roy V. Hollomon, Jr., 1635 Crenshaw Blvd., and Robert L. Hiedbrandt, P. O. Box 220, Welteria, both of Torrance; Leo Smith, 23750 Pennsylvania ave. and Alexander S. Zagala, 25320 Eshelman ave., Lomita; John W. Windes, Los Angeles; Frank R. Harshaw and William C. Bennett, Gardena.

The next Selective Service call is scheduled for Monday, April 19, when the 37th contingent will report to the Torrance Civic Auditorium at 7:30 a. m. for transportation to an induction center for final physical examinations.

Members of the 36th contingent who are now beginning Army training were:

- From Torrance: Gordon E. Northington, 1634 Anapola ave.; James L. Gannon, 2424 Andreo ave.; Allan M. Johnson, 1100 El Prado; Charles E. Grubb, 1640 Beech st.; Wilson Woodburn, 2066 Carson st.; Richard Hogue, 2115 Gramercy ave.; Charles A. Wright, 1312 223rd st.; Lester L. Wright, Jr., 907 Beech st.; Howard T. Willson, 2129 237th st.; Don C. Townsend, 2203 Gramercy ave.; Arthur R. Vega, 20450 Hawthorne Blvd.; Lawrence L. Prince, 1618 Acta ave.; Donald B. Rittmiller, 2432 Cabrillo ave.

From Lomita: Charles F. Scholl, 24620 Moon st.; Laurence Richina, 25964 Eshelman ave.; George D. Gilbert, 24329 Narbonne ave.; Charles W. Hill, 25527 Cypress st.; Nelson R. Imel, 24652 Moon st.

Other Communities: Gilbert G. Sullivan, Wilmington; James R. Geen, Moneta; John F. Carrigan, Venice; Delamere F. Harbridge, Jr., Palos Verdes; Paul C. Kirk, Gardena; Daniel C. Jupp, West Arcadia; Elmer E. Filkins, Los Angeles; Jimmy E. Collins, Gardena; Charles Shields, Jr., Moneta; Robert J. Gilmore, Gardena; Stewart E. Ginter, Jr., Gardena; Robert H. Payne, Redondo Beach.

RAINFALL TOTAL
This week's rainfall amounted to .49 of an inch, bringing the season's total to 16.96 inches as compared to 9.02 inches at this time last year, according to fire department records.

HONOR OFFICER
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hansen and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lock were hosts last weekend to Lieut. Parks E. Baker, U.S.N. Baker, home on sick leave from overseas duty, has five stars for major overseas combat action.

Public Schools Observance to Start Monday

Next Monday, April 12, will mark the beginning of the 24th observance of Public Schools Week which is sponsored annually by the Masonic lodge. Members of the Educational committee of Torrance Lodge 447 are Paul Watson, Dr. O. E. Fossum and Dr. C. L. Ingold.

The week's events will begin with a student portrayal of various activities of school life in a program sponsored by the P.T.A. at 2:15 p.m. Monday. All parents and interested students are invited to attend this meeting.

A jeep in the auditorium will be the main attraction of a patriotic rally at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, April 14. Admission will be the purchase of War Stamps by parents or students. At 2 p. m. the Girls' Athletic Association will hold a dance, admission by War Stamps, with students and mothers invited.

Girls and their mothers will be especially interested in a speech given by a nursing educator at 9:40 a. m. Friday, April 16.

It is hoped that many of the community will take advantage of the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the schools by attending these programs and visiting.

'T' FLAG AWARD PROGRAM SCHEDULED

Even Avenue school's first class here to win the Minute Man flag, will receive the emblem April 15 at a Public Schools Week program, with the P.T.A. making the flag presentation. The P.T.A. unit for several months has been leading a drive to help the school raise its quota for the Minute Man flag by taking turns as stamp sellers in a booth in the school lobby.

Hills Vegetable Plantings Slashed 2,200 Acres

Vegetable plantings in the Palos Verdes hills have been slashed from 3200 acres last year to approximately 1100 acres this season, due principally to fear of a labor shortage during picking or harvesting time.

Paul Wilson of the county agricultural commissioner's office announced the reduction today on the basis of a field survey of the district by one of his deputies.

Planting so far, the survey showed, included: 325 acres of peas; 300 acres tomatoes and 135 acres of string beans. An additional 425 acres in tomatoes is expected to be put in sometime before June 1.

Shift Is General
The Palos Verdes Land Co., which previously planted tomatoes as one of its principal crops, is switching to beans and grain as a means of conserving labor. Both requires less work.

Other farmers likewise are either cutting down or abandoning their usual acreage in tomatoes because of a poor crop last year. Wild, pests and only light rainfall, it is deeply in the 1942 vintage according to Wilson.

The shift from tomatoes to other crops is general throughout the county. Only 2000 acres have been planted to tomatoes this year as compared to 7000 acres in the previous season.

Drivers' Tests Begin Here Next Monday

Resuming a service that was withdrawn from Torrance four years ago, the State Motor Vehicle Department has arranged to have deputies at the Torrance police headquarters two days a month to give drivers' examinations and issue licenses both new and renewals starting Monday, April 12.

The drivers' license service will be available every second and fourth Monday from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m., according to information received by Police Chief John Strohm today.

CHIMNEY FIRE
A fireplace chimney at the home of W. C. Moyer, 1635 Post ave., caught on fire last night causing no damage but some excitement in the neighborhood as the fire department arrived.

Builders Combing City Seeking Sites For 1,025 Homes

Attention of many prominent firms engaged in construction of group housing throughout the Southland has been focused on Torrance during the past few days following announcement by Kelvin C. Vanderlip, National Housing Agency chief in Los Angeles, that 1025 new housing units had been approved to ease the housing pinch in the Torrance-Gardena area.

War Prisoner Reported from Torrance Area

Included in a list of 563 American soldiers announced last Friday by the War Department as being held prisoners by the Japanese was the name of Private George A. Barham, who was said to be a friend of a Mr. Caldwell of Torrance.

Efforts to learn more details about Barham failed because no address could be found of the Mr. Caldwell. The Herald will appreciate any information concerning either Barham or Caldwell in order to maintain an accurate community war service record.

Dullest Election In Years Draws Only 431 Voters

While members of the consolidated election boards yawned, visited, knitted or just sat, less than four per cent of the qualified voters here went to the polls Tuesday to cast ballots in the most apathetic school board election in years.

In all Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes Estates and two Shoestring strip precincts only 431 made the effort to cast their ballots. A total of 165 Torrance voters sauntered to the polls, there were 118 in Lomita who exercised their franchise and 72 citizens X-ed ballots in the Shoestring precincts.

The light vote here was typical of the response throughout the school district and in Los Angeles city where eight incumbent city councilmen were defeated and four were nominated as challengers to try conclusions with four incumbents in the final Los Angeles city election of May 4.

Close Race in Harbor Dist.
Returns from the school board election indicate the election of incumbents Lawrence L. Larva, Mrs. Gertie H. Rounsaville and Roy J. Becker. Mrs. Fay E. Allen and Mrs. Adams will decide the fourth seat in a runoff election May 4.

In the 15th L. A. Councilman district, Harbor Commissioner George H. Moore won over Councilman Wilder W. Hartley 6383 to 4664. The Shoestring precincts gave Moore 37 and Hartley 31.

Complete but unofficial returns on the school board race from the Torrance, Lomita, Palos Verdes and Shoestring precincts were as follows:

Becker (inc.).....	267
Rounsaville (inc.).....	255
Larabee (inc.).....	254
Allen, Fay E. (inc.).....	191
Adams.....	123
Both Lester W. Johnson.....	83
McCormick.....	63
Roth, George Knox.....	46
Riggs.....	43
Bowly.....	33
Bonsall.....	30
Newman.....	29
Billings.....	19

Rifle Taken from El Monte Jap On Guadalcanal Given Chief Strohm

A 25-caliber rifle, taken by a local man from a Japanese lieutenant on Guadalcanal, is being exhibited here by Police Chief John Strohm who has temporary custody of the weapon which bears a U. S. number on its gun-sight. It is a crude looking piece as rifles go and the Japs are now replacing it with a shorter .30-caliber weapon.

Strohm told the story of the rifle at the regular meeting of the Torrance Auxiliary Police Monday night. He said he was not permitted to divulge the present owner's name but the Jap who had it on Guadalcanal was a graduate of El Monte high school and U.S.C.

"The returned veteran of Guadalcanal who brought the rifle home with him when he was relieved of invasion duty in the South Pacific told me the Jap-

anese lieutenant who carried the weapon was shot through both legs by our Marines. When he was found he spoke good English and the man who took his rifle asked him where he was from.

Saw Women Snipers Killed
"He said El Monte, California" and disclosed he was graduated from high school there and from U.S.C.," Strohm said. "The Jap said he returned to Japan shortly before the Pearl

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