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Significant Statements by Interesting Californians

JOHN ANSON FORD, L.A. Supervisor—"A study of art, music and science for teenagers will aid immeasurably to curb delinquency. If these young dynamos do not have a sufficiently normal chance to create, they will destroy—and they are destroying altogether too much."

ROBERT A. NEEB, attorney, speaking at Fresno,—"California's farm areas, normally more 'moral' than the cities, has had a crime increase of 200 per cent in some counties since Pearl Harbor."

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War-Time Houses Not Sub-Standard Says FHA Head

Study of recently built residential structures throughout the Southern California area discloses some excellent examples of housing built under the current War Housing Construction standards as promulgated by the War Production Board, which is in distinction to the unwarranted impression, in some localities, that cheap, sub-standard, undesirable housing must result, it was announced today by Wilson G. Bingham, Southern California District Director, Federal Housing Administration.

"Such housing, when built under critical F.H.A. inspection, meets the critical requirements of war conditions, complies with required savings of critical materials, and yet produces an exceptionally comfortable, modern, desirable home," says Mr. Bingham. Floor Area Reduced "Floor area was given but little attention in pre-war construction. Five-room homes were constructed with floor areas differing from 750 to 1200 square feet, but the design frequently offered little difference in comfort or livability for the occupant," he said.

"Current War Housing construction standards do not cause reduction of the required strength or serviceability of the home through the use of smaller or lighter floor, wall, or roof timbers.

"Luxuries" Eliminated "The type of fixtures attached to plumbing have necessarily been restricted. Chromium and highly-polished plated brass or nickel, and the like, have gone to war—for after all, finish is a luxury, and such material makes war weapons. War housing does restrict the number of electric outlets, but, nevertheless, gives a sufficient number, both for lighting and for convenience outlets. Electric fixtures may often be of plastic, and many prefer them because plastic does not tarnish nor break easily. Tile, for baths and kitchen drain boards, and all clay products remain unrestricted. Paints or wall coverings are not restricted. Oak floors and linoleum coverings continue available.

"Small home structures, built under current War Housing construction standards with F.H.A. inspections, accordingly, include comfort, attractiveness, soundness, and long life; and have gained in floor efficiency through engineering and planning skill;—and most important, are available to war workers at rentals or, in many cases, sales prices entirely in line with purchaser's ability to pay," Mr. Bingham concluded.

Revised Ceilings On Used Trucks

Approximately 400 Southland dealers in used commercial vehicles as well as representatives of finance companies handling such sales were invited by the Office of Price Administration to attend a meeting at Convention Hall, Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26.

O.P.A.'s revised regulation governing the prices of used commercial vehicles, of which the vast majority are trucks.

Medical Group's New Building Provides Complete Facilities

Formal dedication of their attractive, and modernly equipped new professional building at 1333 and 1335 Post ave., is announced today by Dr. W. I. Laughlin and Staff, physicians and surgeons, operating under the firm name of the "Torrance Medical Group."

The new medical building—pictured elsewhere in this issue, follows the modern architectural design of the recently constructed civic center buildings and other new buildings in the neighborhood. Attractive new furnishings and draperies lend an atmosphere of refinement to the two reception rooms, one for private patients and a separate one for industrial cases.

The most important features of the new offices of the Tor-

1,200,000 Tons of Steel!

U. S. Steel Completes Plans For Operating Geneva Works

United States Steel Corp. announces the completion of arrangements with Defense Plant Corp., an RFC subsidiary, for the operation during the war of the new government-owned steel mill in Utah, substantial completion of which is now scheduled for the end of this year. Under the terms of the agreement, these facilities will be operated for the account of Defense Plant Corp. by Geneva Steel Co., a newly-organized U.S. Steel subsidiary.

No operating fee or other compensation is to be paid to Geneva Steel Co. or U.S. Steel for their services in directing the war-time operation by this large plant. All costs incidental to its management and operation will be paid by Defense Plant Corp. and all proceeds from the sale of its products will be for account of Defense Plant Corp. When completed, this will be by far the largest integrated steel mill west of the Mississippi, a plant of the most modern design, whose cost will approximate \$180,000,000. The site of the main plant at Geneva, Utah, known as Geneva Works, embraces more than 1600 acres.

These Utah facilities were ordered by the government to provide steel for shipbuilding needs on the Pacific coast. Geneva Works was designed by U.S. Steel engineers and is being erected for Defense Plant Corp. by Columbia Steel Co., U.S. Steel's Pacific Coast steel-producing subsidiary.

Completion Retarded United States Steel has made available to the government, without charge, its vast experience and knowledge in the engineering and construction of steel mills of this character. No construction fee is paid to U.S. Steel or to any of its subsidiaries for designing and directing the construction of Geneva Works. It only receives reimbursement for its out-of-pocket expenses.

The greater part of the construction work is being performed under sub-contracts with outside contractors numbering more than 100. The only subsidiary of U.S. Steel directly performing construction work is American Bridge Co., which has taken sub-contracts for fabricating steel and erecting certain steel structures.

Delays in obtaining priorities of sufficiently high rank to secure hoped for early deliveries of the central items of equipment have retarded completion of Geneva Works, and also greatly increased the original estimated cost. Another hindering factor has been shortage of labor. Despite these obstacles, this large integrated steel plant, embracing raw material facilities, coke ovens, blast furnaces and steel making and finishing equipment, having an annual capacity of approximately 1,200,000 tons of ingots, 700,000 tons of

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Trench Seems Like Featherbed to Soldier



It may be only a sleep trench on the hard ground at a Sicilian front line command post, but it seems like a featherbed to Captain O. Paul Herzog of Bristol, R. I., who is snatching his first nap in 36 hours.

L. A. Ship Will Hire 2,000 More Women at Once

Hiring of 2000 more women for production in the next few weeks is the goal set by H. B. Ely, personnel manager at L.A. Ship. This large feminine contingent will be sent aboard the huge Navy ships now under construction and into the myriad of shops that make up this quarter-century old shipyard.

This is the first time in its long history that L.A. Ship has allowed women employees aboard vessels heretofore a strictly masculine domain.

"We owe it all to the draft boards," laughingly remarked one woman sheet metal worker, who had tried unsuccessfully for many months to get aboard one of the Navy repair ships at the yard. The first day women went aboard, men on adjoining ships lined the decks to cheer them on! Now, however, the "no-woman's land" is well dotted with the "weaker sex" who, sans applause, are releasing men for heavier jobs. Yes, manning table draft requirements are swinging wide the door of almost every trade in shipbuilding, including shipfitting, welding, painting, copper-smithing, sheet metal, etc. And women who have never seen beyond the gate of a shipyard are now rapidly learning the "know-how" of shipbuilding.

Attired in snappy blue overalls and caps, with lunch bucket on arm, the neophyte female shipbuilders are stopping the proverbial manpower hole in the labor dyke. Without them, ship production, in itself a complicated process calling for a great many trades and skills, would gradually slow down to a snail's pace.

These soft-skinned women of the sturdy navies are tackling jobs never before undertaken by feminine hands. To be absolutely certain these hands and hearts will be physically capable of doing the job, a woman coordinator has been selected to test each new production job opened to women. If a particular job is found to be unsuitable for women, it is re-engineered and adapted to them.

Opportunity to Advance Equal pay and opportunity with men for advancement further assures the women at L.A. Ship that their welfare and morale is of vital concern to the management. Already many women at this yard have been promoted from "helper" up the scale to full mechanic's pay. The latest innovation is the advent of female "bosses" to aid the women in their transition from housework to shipwork.

And they are making this transition exceedingly well, according to Ely, who states, "Women at L.A. Ship are doing a bang-up job. We're mighty proud of their accomplishments."

COMMANDER C. M. WASSSELL, U.S.N., So. Pacific veteran—"I give California credit for common sense in putting the Japs behind barbed wire. For God's sake keep them there for the duration!"

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You'll be Able To Order Turkey About October 1

SAN FRANCISCO—With a total embargo effective today on the serving of turkey, the War Food Administration revealed approximately 1,750,000 pounds of turkey were obtained for delivery to the armed forces during the first two weeks following Aug. 2 when diversion of sales to the military began, and predicted abundant supplies of the holiday bird again will be available to civilians about Oct. 1.

"All restrictions on turkeys will be lifted as quickly as the armed forces obtain the required 10 million pounds for early overseas shipment," said Merritt A. Clevenger, Pacific region director of the Food Distribution Administration. "There is a record crop of turkeys this year, and unless during the next few weeks only marketings of 1943 crop birds are considerably smaller than in previous years, it is not expected that the embargo will extend much beyond Oct. 1."

Under provisions of food distribution order No. 71, sales of live and dressed turkeys were diverted to government procurement agencies beginning Aug. 2, although use of turkeys already in storage on that date was unrestricted. The amendment effective today not only "freezes" all storage stocks, but prohibits the serving of turkey.

Townsend Club No 1

By BETH PAIGE Our various clubs have greatly enjoyed the Townsend radio talks recently featured; the full-page ads in the big dailies seem to have attracted much comment and discussion by non-members the county over. Tomorrow (Friday) evening will be the occasion for our social with something "special" in the line of refreshments; all are invited to be on hand to sample and to enjoy the games, prizes and dancing which always are on our program.

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Fathers' Draft Again 'Clarified'

The father draft situation was "clarified" again last week. Lt. Col. Kenneth Leitch, director of selective service, gave California pre-Pearl Harbor fathers assurance that they wouldn't be drafted before Oct. 25.

He said also that before re-classifying fathers, local boards will ask each for more information, and any found in non-deferred activities will be notified they are subject to reclassification.

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