

New War Housing Program to Boost Torrance Construction

Outline of a war housing construction program, which by June 1 is expected to step up building of new homes in Los Angeles County to a pace of 2,000 a month, was announced this week by Pat MacDonnell, Area War Housing Center manager. This will speed up construction of homes already started to place them on the "occupation list," as well as stimulate erection of other homes in the Torrance area to meet the demands of essential war workers.

Third For Sale
Of the new homes thus constructed, MacDonnell asserted, one-third will be offered for sale and the remainder for rent, it was stated.

Proper housing of war workers, MacDonnell claimed, assumed major importance if men and women are to stay and finish the job, as advocated by the Citizens Manpower Commission.

In a recent message from the commission to all center managers, employment of a slogan, "List your vacancies with the War Housing Center," was stressed.

While this suggestion mainly was directed at property owners, MacDonnell said many real estate brokers also are listing centers with housing offices. The centers, he explained, respect the brokers' rights, refer prospects to brokers who have made the listing, and permit the real estate man to earn his commission.

City Court Collects \$1,811 In Fines During Month of January

During the month of January \$1,811 was paid into the Torrance city court in fines. Of this sum \$1,033 was credited to the general fund and \$774 to the road fund, these originating from motor vehicle law violations. From civil cases filed, \$14 was collected in fees.

General fund monies were collected from the following cases: Drunkenness, \$685; parking, \$89; boulevard stop, \$139; disturbing the peace, \$145, and miscellaneous criminal violations, \$25.

Vehicle code funds were derived from the following cases: Drunk driving, \$587.50; speeding, \$162.50, and miscellaneous traffic violations, \$14.

There were 158 arrests, 130 convictions and 24 non-convictions reported by Judge Otto B. Willett in his monthly report.

Dispute Arises Over Farm Equipment

A dispute over farm equipment formerly used by a Japanese farmer caused concern to Fernin Tovera, Filipino farmer operating near Redondo Beach, and Crenshaw blvds. late yesterday, when Herman A. Keller, 12658 Washington blvd., Venice, came to the ranch, demanded the equipment and prepared to move it. Keller said he had purchased it from Walter Lindberg, 12628 Venice blvd., but carried with him no evidence to that effect.

Listings Increase

Listings of both apartments and homes for rent or sale, he asserted, had increased by 10 percent during the past two weeks. This increase, however, had failed to keep pace with the demand, which during the same period upped some 35 percent.

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General Chats in Arabia



Although interpreter (not shown in picture) is needed, Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, left, commander of U. S. Forces in Middle East, gets along in a most neighborly way with King Ibn Saud in Saudi Arabia. General headed special mission.

'Q' and 'A' About Ration Tokens Due February 27

The following questions were issued by the Office of Price Administration today to help consumers understand how they will buy with this newest ration currency:

- 1.-Q. When will I begin using ration tokens?
A. Consumers will begin to receive tokens in change from their retailers on Feb. 27. They can be used immediately.
- 2.-Q. Will OPA give each consumer a certain number of tokens when this new program begins, just as everybody was given a supply of ration stamps?
A. No. The only tokens you will get are those your retailer gives you in change.
- 3.-Q. Why will I need ration change? So far, except for receiving 1-point meat stamps in change, I have just counted out the right number of stamps to give my retailer when I have bought rationed foods.
A. You will need change when tokens go into use because each red and each blue stamp in your ration book will be worth ten points. It will no longer be so easy to give your dealer an exact number of points as it was when you had 8, 5, 2 and 1-point stamps to use.
- 4.-Q. What about the green and brown stamps which are still in use after Feb. 27?
A. Dealers will give red tokens in change for both brown and red meat stamps from Feb. 27 through March 20. Blue tokens will be given in change for both green and blue processed food stamps during the same period.
- 5.-Q. If each stamp is worth ten points, will I have more points to spend than I do now?
A. No. Point values for the brown and green stamps will not be changed in the least while the lesser number of red and blue stamps to be released will leave you with almost the same number of points as before. A slight shifting of ration point values will account for this.
- 6.-Q. With red and blue stamps worth ten points each, how will OPA adjust the rationing program to make the total points per month come out approximately even?
A. Now, all the blues total 48 points; with tokens in five blue at ten points each will be worth 50 points. Now all the reds total 32 points; with tokens in three reds at ten points each will be worth 30 points. This leaves a slight different of two points each on stamps of each color to be adjusted.
- 7.-Q. Is there any difference between meat and processed foods tokens?
A. Only in color. The colors match the stamps they will ultimately be used with.
- 8.-Q. How will I use my tokens?
A. Through March 20 you may present any combination of stamps or tokens you wish. For example, if buying processed foods worth 22 points, you may offer three blues and get back eight blue tokens; two blues and a five-point green stamp and get back three blue tokens; three eight-point green stamps and get back four blue tokens; two blue stamps and two tokens to exactly settle your account, or any combination of blue and green stamps and tokens. Whatever balance is due you will be paid by the retailer in tokens, each having a value of one. In buying meats, the same situation would prevail save it would be red and brown stamps and red tokens.

Hitler Helps Bond Sales In Drive at LAPE

Adolf Hitler is helping to make the Fourth War Loan drive at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation a great success. This cardboard fuhrer stands six feet high and, with hand outstretched for a handshake, says: "Danke, your division is in der last place."

The thanks are extended to the director of the Port division lowest in the bond drive standings, which are computed on the basis of the percentage in persons in each division taking out payroll bond deductions, and on the percentage of the gross payroll allotted to bonds.

The low division keeps the sneering Hitler effigy until it climbs out of last place, then the new low division gains possession of it. For the moment the intelligence and security division is host to der fuhrer and is hard at work to get rid of him.

Also a spur to bond drive workers has been a letter received by Col. James K. Herbert, port commander, from Maj. Gen. Charles P. Gross, chief of the Army Transportation Corps, which said:

"I am personally interested in seeing that each installation of the Transportation Corps attains the goals established by the Secretary of War. Nothing less than the prescribed objectives can be regarded as satisfactory."

In addition, more than \$35,000 worth of bonds have been sold for cash so far in the drive.

Civilian Defense Gas Masks for Exchange

The state Office of Civilian Defense has advised that the Army will soon send a new lot of gas masks to be exchanged for those sent to the local Defense Council after Pearl Harbor, according to J. E. McMaster, Torrance fire chief, who is in charge of the gas mask distribution among local members. He requests all persons to whom gas masks were issued to be ready to exchange them for the new ones soon after they arrive. McMaster said a notice will be sent out to members just as soon as the new masks reach here.

Strand Reveals 104 Pupil Gain At Elementary

Promotion of 18 pupils from the kindergarten grades boosted enrollment of the Torrance Elementary school at the opening of the new semester last Monday to 990, an increase of 104 over the opening day enrollment last September, according to Bernard J. Strand, principal.

Mr. Strand also reported that five teachers who were members of the faculty during the first semester have been transferred to other schools, mostly because they desired to be closer to their respective homes. They are: Mrs. Mabel Rowley, Miss Myrtle Leary, Miss Gertrude Dullam, Mrs. Lillian Biggins and Mrs. Charlotte A. Atwater.

They have been succeeded by Mrs. Willis Horn, Miss Willa Belle Maloney, Mrs. Fannie Schneider who is returning after being on sick leave during the last semester, Mrs. Ina J. Applegate who was given a leave of absence earlier in the year so that she could be near her husband in Texas during his military training, and Mrs. Gretta Wells who was transferred here from Gardena. One additional teacher has been added to the faculty, Mrs. Gretta Wells. Still the school is understaffed, we need more—if we can get them, Principal Strand stressed.

Ten-Month Traffic Toll In U. S. Shows 20 Per Cent Drop

The 10-month traffic death toll in the United States in 1943 was 18,110—a 20 per cent decrease from last year and a 43 per cent drop from 1941—according to reports forwarded to the Automobile Club of Southern California.

October's fatalities in traffic, however, showed a jump of 18 per cent over the same month a year ago.

Explanation of the increase when compared with October of 1942 centers about the fact that October set a new low for that calendar year, and also marked the introduction of the 35-mile an hour speed limit. Surveys on traffic speeds recently completed nationwide indicate further that motorists generally "are disregarding wartime traffic regulations and pledges in the optimistic belief that victory is just around the corner."

While the October traffic death aggregate of 2430 halted the downward slide through the year, it nevertheless was 38 per cent below the total for October, 1941, one of the last pre-war months, the report pointed out. Of 38 states included in the October survey, 25 recorded more deaths than last year.

Torrance CDO Now Fully Accredited

Richard Graves, state director of civilian defense, in a letter to the Torrance city clerk's office, advises that the California State War Council, at a recent meeting, that the Torrance civilian defense organization was declared an accredited C.D.O., in accordance with Chapter 920, statutes of 1943, and rules of the war council.

CALIFORNIA SPEAKS!

Significant Statements by Interesting Californians

RUFUS B. VONKLEINSMID, L. A. educator—"If we are to wait to develop good relationships with our neighbor countries until peace is signed, we shall lose half a generation in building a nation that goes away from war instead of toward it."

POLICEWOMAN KATHERINE SULLIVAN, S. F.—"The worst saboteurs are mothers who unnecessarily leave their homes to work, leaving children to shift for themselves, breaking up their homes and leaving nothing for the boys to come back to after the war."

RABBI EDGAR MAGNIN, L. A.—"We desperately need political leaders who know how to think and who are endowed with fine sensibilities. Until we get that kind of leadership we shall continue to experience chaos, and war will follow on the heels of London, England, several weeks ago when German airmen dropped several bombs, one of them hitting a small theater and killing about 25 children. Jewish men's ship was anchored in a London harbor at the time. The ship was not hit and crossed the Atlantic again to New York. During his voyages into the war zones Jensen came into possession of numerous war trophies, among them several helmets worn by members of the Royal Japanese Marines while battling American Marines on Guadalcanal, it was said."

Thirteen Incumbent Judges of Superior Court to Run Again

First county candidates to file their nomination petitions for the consolidated election to be held on May 16 were 13 incumbent superior court judges.

The jurists who appeared in the office of Michael J. Donoghue, county registrar of voters, Monday were: Judges Ingall W. Bull, Walter S. Gates, Harold B. Jeffrey, Ruben S. Schmidt, Charles Haas, Stanley Mosk, Carl A. Suitsman, W. Turney Fox, Robert H. Scott, Alfred L. Bartlett, Georgia P. Bullock, Henry M. Willis and Benjamin J. Scheinman, the latter now in the armed service.

Soya Bean Products Use Being Advocated

Increased acreage and a growing appreciation of the food values contained are behind the determined campaign to interest housewives in using more soya products in the family menu.

In the southland the drive may have to be held back so that a more full distribution is assured. As the situation stands today, southern California distribution is established on a "gold-en crunch" for cake tops, two types of flour, "salty soya," a soya-sauce for flavoring in cooking and one brand of bread containing 20 to 25 percent soya flour.

Shortly egg noodles, macaroni and spaghetti (with 15% soya flour), bean, potato and green puree for soups (with 30% soya), soya grits, "soya puffs," an extender to be mixed at home with hamburger or other meats in meat loaves will be added. Soya beans are said to come more nearly matching the protein value of meats than any other vegetable on the market.

How Housewives Spend 'Points'

A check has been completed covering over 30 states, and OPA finds that of the 16 points that have to be spent on meats-oils, housewives use 11.2 points for meats and spreads the rest of her brown stamps over butter, cheese, fats, canned milk and canned fish. OPA also found that the nation's housewives have been buying lard at a rate about 12 percent over the civilian allotment, so a point raise on this item will probably come soon. There is just one new stamp in for this week—X in the browns from book 3. Mrs. America has until Feb. 26 before this must be spent.

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Minute Men of '44



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