

STATE PICNICS

Two state picnics are scheduled for Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, over the coming weekend. Former residents of Minnesota will gather for an all-day reunion on Saturday, Feb. 19, and former residents of Montana will meet together Sunday, Feb. 20, for an all-day outing.

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Victory Rummage Sale Prompts Purchase of \$4,000 War Bonds

Nearly \$4,000 worth of war bonds were purchased as the result of the odd-article sale and auction conducted by Mrs. R. R. Smith, Mrs. Charles C. Schultz and Mrs. L. C. Miller. A final check of proceeds of the novel plan for swapping odd-articles for war stamps, as reported by the committee, shows sales of \$1,343.38, all of which was invested in war stamps. To this amount individuals invested sufficient additional funds to purchase \$3,975 (face value) in war bonds, and the committee was credited with this amount in the Torrance quota.

In a letter addressed to Grover C. Whyte, editor of the Torrance Herald, Mrs. Smith, Schultz and Miller state: "A great deal of the success of our Victory rummage sale was made possible because of your gracious cooperation in publicizing our efforts."

The committee also requests the Herald to convey its thanks to Hillman R. Lee, manager of Penney's; E. W. Quimby, manager of Newberry's; Mrs. Sylvia Fink for the use of the store room in her building; Jack Miller, who acted as auctioneer; Police Chief John Stroh and

members of the city council for their cooperation, and the following women who assisted with the sale: Mmes. George Morgan, Louis Smith, Joe Tavan, J. H. Burchett, J. W. Post, C. T. Rippey, B. Lamb, R. Dunbar, J. Siegfried, O. E. Fossum and A. E. Kerber.

The committee is also grateful to Postmaster C. Earl Conner and Assistant Postmaster Louis H. DeWinger and Mmes. Muriel Hanman and Francis Lee Hill of the post office staff, who worked continuously from 1:30 p.m. Saturday until the close of the sale at about 10 p.m., and who supplied their own desk, typewriter and other bond writing equipment. Lights were furnished by the Torrance Rotary club.

Anyone who wishes to reclaim

LICENSES VARY

Multi-colored license plates on front and rear of motor vehicles will all but disappear during 1944 and will be replaced by single plates of steel or plastics, tabs inserted into old plates or windshield stickers, according to data sent to the Automobile Club of Southern California.

FATALITIES DOWN

Kentucky highway fatalities for the first ten months of 1943 showed a reduction of 32 percent as compared with 1942, according to information reaching the Automobile Club of Southern California.

unsold articles submitted may do so by calling Mrs. L. C. Miller, 1317 Beech ave., not later than Monday evening, Feb. 21. The balance of merchandise will be donated to the Torrance Relief Society, Red Cross, Russian Relief, or according to the donors, wherever it will do the most good. Mrs. Smith reports. "We are also appreciative of all the people who brought supplies in to be sold and to those who purchased the same, as without their assistance the sale could not have been held," Mrs. Smith added.

Doctor Tells Experiences With Fighting Men in Island Jungles

Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter, 1650 Carson st., Torrance, is in receipt of a long letter written by Dr. Charles McMahon, chief of staff, general surgical section of the U. S. Army in the South Pacific theater of war, written to Rev. Lingenfelter's son, Dr. John S. Lingenfelter of the Poly Clinic at Seattle, Wash.

The letter from Dr. McMahon describes graphically many of the experiences he has had among the men fighting the enemy Jap in the jungles, of their fortitude and hardships, of treating the men wounded in battle and their expressions about the job they were assigned to do. Here are some excerpts from the letter: "You should see the jungle and how our men live there. It makes the river bottom in the woods back home look like a meadow. There they live, work and fight months on end, housed in bamboo shacks with dirt floors. Eating C rations—Spam and corn willy—corn willy and Spam—an corn willy for a change. They don't feel sorry for themselves."

"The night before last I had supper with a boy from Mississippi. His plane had been shot down in flames by the Japs—all the crew except himself burned up in the flaming pyre over a jungle a long way from home. He fell free for a long while before pulling his ripcord, not wanting to get any personal attention from the Japs. Down he came in thick jungle. On the second day he lost a bit of chocolate he was counting on for food while fording a stream. The next ten days passed with nothing to eat—nothing at all. Finally he was picked up by hill people and brought in. Crawling through the jungle is like crawling through barbed wire fences. The leeches are terrific—malaria is everywhere. A few days out to gain his strength again, this young flier returned to his job."

"Last night I talked with a young pilot for three hours—he was tense with fatigue-war worry. He said: 'Doc, if I keep on what I am doing for three more months, I know I am going to die.' His concern, however, was not for himself but for members of his crew who will fight anyone at the drop of a hat who dares to say he is not the best pilot in the world—and ended up by grinning in an embarrassed way."

"Of all peoples I have yet seen and of all lands—the nature has been most lavish in her gifts to us Americans. Of all peoples in the earth we have less reason to feel sorry for ourselves—or be depressed. My only hope is that this strange malady will not prevent us from rising to and meeting the challenge of the day in the true spirit of Americans."

"The fact that the home front has been so passive in accepting a non-voting status for the men in the service of their country overseas does, however, raise the question in my mind: Are they so interested in keeping what they have, or so apathetic, that they will not rise up and demand that some machinery be set up so that the men serving overseas can voice their opinions at the polls? (The writer probably refers to the squabble going on in Congress over federal or state control of the election. The states insist on their rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, fearing invalidation of the entire election. More than 40 have amended their constitutions.)"

Banks are Ready, Retailers Slow In Getting Tokens

Because most banks already have their supplies of the red and blue tokens which will come into use as change makers on Feb. 27, and many retailers have been slow in filing their applications for the stock they will need, the OPA office in this area today issued another reminder to the food dealers. "Immediate action is advisable if retailers are to be sure of having their orders filled and ready for Feb. 27."

"The retailer should take an average week's business in red and blue points, divide this by five and then add 25 percent to each as reserve. Round both figures to the nearest multiple of 250. This estimate of his needs plus the necessary ration stamps should then be presented to his ration bank. Those whose business does not warrant their maintaining a ration bank account may apply at any bank. "Payment for the boxes of tokens of 250 each may be made in any form of ration currency—stamps, coupons, certificates or the retailer's ration bank check. Two envelopes should be prepared—one with processed food points to pay for the blue tokens needed and the other with meat-fats points to pay for the red tokens."

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