

**Priorities for Conversion are Still Available**

Priorities for conversions continue to be available in this area, it was announced by John E. McGovern, district director, Southern California district, Federal Housing Administration.

Conversions apply to existing properties where the structure is adaptable to remodeling for the purpose of providing additional living quarters for war workers, McGovern said.

"It is generally known that there are a great number of existing homes so located that they can easily be adapted to conversion activities, but it is not generally known that priorities for critical materials are available for this type activity. FHA-insured loans up to \$5,000 are available through most Southern California lending institutions and these loans, up to \$5,000, are repayable in equal monthly installments over periods as long as seven years," he said.

**Well-Known Firm Public Accountants Opens Branch Here**

Grubb and Tweedy, public accountants and auditors of Huntington Park, announce the opening of a branch office in Torrance. H. M. Calvert will be the resident partner, with temporary offices at M. & M. Transfer Company, 1617 Border ave.

Complete state and federal income tax service will be available, also general public accounting and auditing, Calvert states.

**MONTANA PICNIC**

Members of the Montana State Society of Long Beach will hold their annual picnic in Bixby Park Sunday, March 5. All Montanans and their friends are urged to attend. Lunch may be obtained on the grounds.

**Back to School**



Richard Pendleton, a "veteran" of 13 months service in the Coast Guard, returned from the South Pacific to find a set of discharge papers awaiting him in San Francisco. Pendleton was told he was too young to be a fighting man. Today the 16-year-old lad was on his way home to Lynchburg, Va., to return to high school.

**Red Cross Requests Clothing Donations**

Mrs. Maude Lock, production chairman American Red Cross, requests contributions of used skirts or trousers or other clean woolen articles of apparel that may be used for laprobes. Those interested are asked to call 1524 or send donations to Red Cross headquarters at 1400 Cravens ave.

**Hatcheries in State Supply Trout Streams**

Fish are now being produced at 20 hatcheries or rearing stations operated by the bureau of fish conservation of the California state division of fish and game, and it is expected that one additional seasonal station will be operated later in the year. The stations now in operation are: Prairie Creek, Fall Creek, Mt. Shasta, Burney, Lake Almanor, Feather River, Yuba River, Tahoe, Tallac, Basin Creek, Yosemite, Kings River, Kaweah, Sequoia, Kern River, Fillmore, Brookdale, Mt. Whitney, Black Rock and Hot Creek.

In addition to the maintenance of these hatcheries, the bureau of fish conservation is operating egg taking stations on the San Lorenzo River and at Copco on the Klamath River for taking steelhead eggs. Two other egg-taking stations were operated on Rush Creek and Little Walker Lake in Mono County, earlier in the season, to supply brown and eastern brook trout eggs.

Last year these hatcheries reared and planted a total of 22,531,418 fish in California lakes and streams, according to Alan C. Taft, chief of the fish production bureau. In spite of current day difficulties of labor shortage and transportation, it is anticipated production will be equalled this year, if not surpassed.

**Priorities Relief Given Builders for Home Construction**

Federal Housing Administration has been authorized to issue preference ratings of AA-1 to permit the building of 10,500 new, privately constructed dwelling units in the Los Angeles County and San Diego areas, announced John E. McGovern, director Southern California FHA.

This determination became effective as of Feb. 18 and applies on quotas for dwelling units scheduled for private construction and not previously assigned AA-1 ratings, he said.

Applications for Title VI insured loans on approximately 9,000 units out of the quota recently assigned the locality had been previously received by the FHA and the major portion of these applications had been processed and found eligible for loan insurance. However, construction of these units had been delayed through the inability of builders to obtain critical materials on the lower AA-3 priority rating.

With this raised priority rating, the builder's ability to obtain critical materials is now simplified. This will result in an impetus to the entire program of construction for the 10,500 new residential units in various defense localities in Los Angeles County areas, it is claimed.

**Applications for Absentee Ballots Now Exceed 22,000**

Applications for absentee ballots are coming in at the rate of 500 per day, according to Frank Jordan, secretary of state at Sacramento, which is taken as an indication that Californians in the armed services are taking an interest in the coming elections.

Over the weekend 1,118 were received, of which only 67 indicated party affiliations. Of these 20 were democrats and 37 republicans.

The post card application forms which are being used are those issued by the government and they do not contain any blank upon which party affiliation is to be marked. Consequently, Jordan said, the applicant must write in his party registration if he wants to vote for other than non-partisan candidates.

Total applications now exceed 22,000.

**'Battle of Bands' is Decided a Tie; Both Bands to Return**

In the "Battle of the Bands" staged last Friday at the young people's dance in the Torrance Civic Auditorium the decision was a draw. At least that's all the judges could make out of the applause accorded Bob Crandall and His Bandsters from Los Angeles and the Swing Masters of Long Beach, who played alternate numbers.

This Friday the Swing Masters will return and the following Friday Bob Crandall and His Band has been booked for the rug cutters' delight.

**L.A. County's Population Gain Over 100,000 Percent Since 1850**

Since its organization in 1850, the population of Los Angeles County has increased almost 100,000 percent—from 3,530 to 3,225,000 estimated on Jan. 1, 1944—according to W. C. Mullendore, president of the Los Angeles County Chamber of Commerce.

"In celebrating the county's 94th birthday this week," Mullendore said, "there are numerous other comparisons which also tell us something of the miraculous development wrought by free enterprise and Yankee ingenuity here since 1850.

"Today we have almost 6,000 manufacturing plants now employing close to 500,000 workers. The 1850 census lists but one industrial establishment, a bakery operated by John Behn & Co., employing two laborers. It is credited with using 268 bags of flour worth \$4,556, and 40 cords of wood worth \$350, during that year. It boasted a capital of \$1,000 and baked 42,280 loaves of bread, worth \$8,560."

**AWARDS TO CALIFORNIA**

Los Angeles County's winning poultrymen included Robert H. Cain of Pico, who won first place with his light Brahma entry, and the Stodel Poultry Farm, Van Nuys, which won two firsts with their light Sussex entry, at the recent Boston poultry show in Boston, Mass.

John G. Cox, 904 Amapola, addition to bedroom, \$350.

John Perino, 1314 Elm st., frame garage, wash room, \$350.

J. J. and Marjory Willard, packing shed at 3711 Sepulveda blvd., \$50.

Mullendore said the 1939 U. S. census of manufacturers listed 6,325 workers employed in the county's bakery industries. They used up \$18,658,000 worth of materials, fuel and other costs, to produce total products valued at \$41,990,855.

In 1850 (this county then included Orange County, which was created in 1889), Los Angeles County's 3,530 total population included 1,610 in the city of Los Angeles. Other than Caucasian the races included Chinese 2, Indian 334 and Negro 15. Of county residents, 2,830

**Building Permits**

The Torrance city engineer's office issued building permits this week to the following:

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John Perino, 1314 Elm st., frame garage, wash room, \$350.

J. J. and Marjory Willard, packing shed at 3711 Sepulveda blvd., \$50.

**ONE BIG NIGHT—FEB. 26**  
**ROBIN MOOR**  
 AND HIS HIT BAND FROM THE ARAGON BALLROOM  
**BIG TIME SUNDAY NIGHT**  
**MANDARIN BALLROOM**  
 REDONDO BEACH  
 BOB WILLS EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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**Public Accountants Auditors**

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**BETTER FOOD Means BETTER PRODUCTION**

**SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 & 26**

Challenge—1st Quality  
**BUTTER lb. 52<sup>c</sup>**  
 16 Points

Large Ranch—Grade "A"  
**EGGS . . . . 49<sup>c</sup>**  
 In Cartons — Dozen

Hills Red Label  
**COFFEE lb. 31<sup>c</sup>**

SCOTT  
**TOILET TISSUE**  
**3 for 23<sup>c</sup>**

Alaskan Sockeye  
**LIBBY'S SALMON**  
**45<sup>c</sup>**  
 Tall Can—12 Points

BANNER  
**CANNED MILK**  
 1 Point  
**2 for 19<sup>c</sup>**

**SANI-CLOR**  
 Quart . . . . . 10<sup>c</sup>  
 1/2 Gallon . . . . . 19<sup>c</sup>  
 Gallon . . . . . 37<sup>c</sup>

- DURKEE'S TROCO OLEO . . . . . 1 lb. 24<sup>c</sup>
- WILSON'S OLEO . . . . . 1 lb. 19<sup>c</sup>
- NORGIS STRING BEANS . . . . . No. 2 Can 14<sup>c</sup>
- SUNSHINE KRISPY CRACKERS . . . . . 1-lb. Pkg. 17<sup>c</sup>
- PICTSWEET CORN . . . . . 10 Points 15<sup>c</sup>
- PICTSWEET PEAS . . . . . 10 Points 16<sup>c</sup>
- HEINZ BAKED BEANS . . . . . 18-oz. Glass 17<sup>c</sup>
- TREESWEET GRAPEFRUIT JUICE . . . . . No. 2 Can 13<sup>c</sup>
- A COOKING ESSENTIAL WESSON OIL . . . . . Qt. Bottle 52<sup>c</sup>
- USED BY GOOD COOKS SNOWDRIFT . . . . . 1-lb. Glass 24<sup>c</sup>
- SPERRY DRIFTED SNOW FLOUR . . . . . No. 10 Sack 60<sup>c</sup> 25 lbs. \$138
- C.H.B. BRAND CATSUP . . . . . 14-oz. Bottle 16<sup>c</sup>
- LIBBY'S VIENNA SAUSAGE . . . . . No. 1/2 Can 12<sup>c</sup>
- BEN-HUR MUSTARD . . . . . 6-oz. Glass 8<sup>c</sup>
- GOLD MEDAL BISQUICK . . . . . 40-oz. Pkg. 34<sup>c</sup>
- NEW, IMPROVED OLD DUTCH CLEANSER . . . . . 2 Cans 15<sup>c</sup>

**Get Better Meats for Less CARSONMART QUALITY MEAT DEPT.**

- SLAB BACON . . . . . 3 Points lb. 27<sup>c</sup>
- BACON SQUARES . . . . . 1 Point lb. 15<sup>c</sup>
- PORK SHOULDERS . . . . . 2 Points Whl. lb. 30<sup>c</sup>
- COUNTRY STYLE (SO GOOD!) SAUSAGE . . . . . lb. 33<sup>c</sup>
- CENTER CUT PORK CHOPS . . . . . lb. 40<sup>c</sup>
- FRESH GROUND, LEAN, MEATY HAMBURGER . . . . . lb. 30<sup>c</sup>

**Use Your No. 3 Spare Stamp In Book No. 4 - Worth 5 Points Each In the Purchase of Pork or Smoked Meats. EXPIRES THIS WEEK**

**CARSONMART**  
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**GRAND THEATRE**  
 PHONE TORRANCE 269

—NOW—  
 OLIVIA DEHAVILLAND and SUNNY TUFFS in  
**"Government Girl"**  
 AND  
 Chester Morris, Nancy Kelly  
**"TORNADO"**  
 Show Starts 6 p.m. Friday  
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
 Show Starts 1:30 Sunday  
 FRED MacMURRAY and CLAUDETTE COLBERT in  
**"NO TIME FOR LOVE"**  
 AND  
 Tom Conway in  
**"7th VICTIM"**  
 Starts Wednesday  
**Jack Pot Keno**  
 ALSO  
**2 Big Features**

**TORRANCE THEATRE**  
 PHONE TORRANCE 132

—NOW SHOWING—  
 Cary Grant, Hepburn in  
**"Holiday"**  
 ALSO  
 Joan Blondell, Mel. Douglas  
**"THERE'S ALWAYS A WOMAN"**  
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
 Barbara Stanwyck and Henry Fonda  
**"YOU BELONG TO ME"**  
 PLUS  
**"AT DAWN WE DIE"**

**GARDEN THEATRE**  
 PHONE MENLO 4-2752  
 EARPHONES FOR HAND-OF-HEARING  
 CRYING ROOMS FOR BABIES

—NOW—  
**"In Old Oklahoma"**  
 AND  
**"Dangerous Blondes"**  
 AND  
**"Northern Pursuit"**  
 PLUS  
**"Adventures of Tarz"**  
 WEDNESDAY  
**JACK POT KENO**  
**2 FIRST RUN HITS**

**Lomita Theatre**  
 24333 NARBONNE AVE. - LOMITA  
 FREE AUTO PARK

—Now Showing—  
 Ends Saturday, Feb. 26  
 Red Skelton, Ann Rutherford  
**"WHISTLING IN BROOKLYN"**  
 ALSO  
 Roy Rogers  
**"MAN FROM MUSIC MOUNTAIN"**  
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
 Feb. 27-28-29  
 Errol Flynn, Julie Bishop  
**"Northern Pursuit"**  
 AND  
 Jimmy Lydon, Charlie Smith  
**"HENRY ALDRICH HAUNTS A HOUSE"**  
 Starts Wednesday, March 1  
 John Wayne, Martha Scott  
**"IN OLD OKLAHOMA"**  
 AND  
 Evelyn Keyes, Edmund Lowe  
**"Dangerous Blondes"**

**PLAZA THEATRE**  
 The Friendly Family Theatre  
 HAWTHORNE, CALIF. Telephone 299

Last 3 Days—Ends Saturday  
 Michael O'Shea and Susan Hayward  
**"Jack London"**  
 ALSO  
 Roy Rogers and "Trigger"  
**"HANDS ACROSS THE BORDER"**  
 Friday Evening—  
 Open 5:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.  
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday  
 Feb. 27-28-29  
 Alice Faye  
**"THE GANG'S ALL HERE"**  
 In Technicolor  
 ALSO  
**"HOOSIER HOLIDAY"**  
 Starts Wednesday, March 1  
 Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray  
**"NO TIME FOR LOVE"**  
 ALSO  
**"SO'S YOUR UNCLE"**  
 Come Early: Doors Open 5:30 p.m.