



READY TO GO . . . It's camping time for these lads, thanks to All Nations Foundation, one of 29 welfare agencies affiliated with the Church Federation in the interests of united Christian service. The boys are shown lined up for the required physical check up which precedes camp. All Nations, a Community Chest agency serving people of all ages in the section bordering skid-row in downtown Los Angeles, operates a camp for boys, girls and families in the Big Pines area near Valyermo. More than 300 young people and families are expected to benefit this summer by the agency's extensive camping program.

MOORE ASKS PURCHASE OF BIXBY SLOUGH

Another development toward the city's acquisition of the Bixby Slough within the city of Los Angeles came yesterday when City Councilman George H. Moore's resolution calling for immediate action by the city land agent was passed by the City Council. The land agent was instructed to proceed with the gathering of complete data pertaining to acreage, cost and other particulars surrounding the purchase of the property, owned by several companies and heirs of old estates. Moore's action follows a statement by County Supervisor-elect Raymond V. Darby, mayor of Inglewood, that the county will be prominent in the picture in the development of the area into a large city-county park. Darby said he would have all the county's share of the data ready when he takes office late this

year and be ready to act on the matter. The council's resolution also follows the drowning Sunday of two men boating on Machado Lake, the largest body of water in the slough system. Latest of many tragedies there, the death of the two men aroused authorities, Moore indicated. The councilman is considering a new plan to regulate the use of boats on city lakes and have all such craft inspected to the end that trail craft will be barred from the water. Some plan to make it unlawful for intoxicated persons to embark on such craft is also considered. A project which will further enhance plans for the making of the slough into a public park is the \$10,000 culvert to connect two bodies of water on the north and south sides of Lomita Blvd., authorized by the city council. The County Board of Supervisors granted the city permission to extend part of the work into county territory there. If you should lose your valid operator's license, get a duplicate at once. Don't wait.

Canning Data Available from Farm Agency

The canning season is rapidly approaching—in fact it's here for berries and apricots. Do you know that you can have fruits and certain vegetables which have been raised in your garden canned for you point-free by a commercial cannery? Complete details on this custom canning plan—where, how, when, etc., can be obtained from the chambers of commerce of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, Alhambra, and the agricultural department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

Sprouting Seeds
Successful sprouting of seeds in late summer is the first step toward a fall garden. The job requires great care and close attention. Rapid drying of the soil in the seedbed is the principal cause of failure with damping-off of young seedlings an important second cause.

Make the seedbed in moist soil. Plant seed about the same depth as usual but it must be kept damp until the plants appear. To accomplish this sprinkling is usually more satisfactory than furrow irrigating. Wet the soil two or three inches deep at each sprinkling. In hot weather you may need to sprinkle every day and possibly twice a day on very sandy soil. A quarter inch layer of dried grass cuttings, sphagnum moss, peat or other material sprinkled over the seedbed will prevent the soil from packing and washing and will help hold moisture around the seed.

The seedbed can be temporarily covered with newspaper, boards, tar paper or any other impervious material for the purpose of holding the moisture around the seeds. These coverings must be removed immediately when the little plants appear at the ground level.

If furrows are used to wet the seedbed, the water level should be about two inches below the seed. Water should be held in the furrows long enough so that the soil around the seed is wet. The surface of the soil should not be flooded. Organic mulch can be used over the seed with furrow irrigation.

Diseases
Moist conditions in the seedbed during warm weather are ideal for damping-off fungus. These diseases can easily kill your young plants.

To prevent damping off apply yellow copper oxide or one of the organic mercury compounds to the seedbed. A garden sprinker can be used if a sprayer is not available. The material can be dusted on, also. It is available at nursery supply houses.

Large Seeded Crops
String beans, bush or climbing type, summer squash, and sweet corn can be planted at intervals until late August for harvest until frost or cold weather stops them. No mulch covering should be necessary over these seeds in hot weather, but have the soil moist. No damping-off should be experienced with these crops.

Irrigation
Remember that young plants have shallow roots. Never let the roots dry out. Apply a little water often. No use putting water deep in the soil when the roots cannot reach it. Furrows must be close to the plant and relatively shallow. Fill them quickly so both sides will be getting water at the same time. Learn how long is required to wet a foot deep in your soil.

Fertilization
Spread an inch or two of the well rotted compost from that pile you started this spring or some manure (one and one-half to two sacks of dairy or one-third sack of chicken or rabbit to 100 square feet) on the areas to be planted in August and September. Spade the material under and wet the ground so the manure will decompose. This should be done at least three weeks before planting.

If you don't have a compost pit or pile, better start it. Write the farm advisor, 808 N. Spring st., Los Angeles 12, for mimeographed page on "Compost". Fertilization of currently growing crops requires side dressings of nitrogen. These can be ap-

BURNED BODY INQUIRY HAS NEW CLEWS

By EDSEL NEWTON
Investigation of the circumstances surrounding the death of a woman whose body was found in a burned-over field near the intersection of 223rd st. and Moneta ave. is expected to be facilitated by the finding of a section of dental bridge work. The bridge work was found this week by William C. Gregory, 22582 Moneta ave., combing the field following the finding of a purse clasp about 150 feet from the body by a Herald-News reporter. He turned the article over to Deputy Sheriff Comer of the homicide squad. Previously, Chief of Police John Stroth of Torrance had delivered the purse clasp to the homicide squad.

Meanwhile a suspect in the slaying of the woman has been named to authorities.

About long enough ago for the body to have had time to get in the wasted state it was in when found, a woman whose identity is not disclosed "fought and beat a woman horribly." This was the information telephoned the News reporter by an anonymous caller who seemed sincere.

"I am withholding my identity and all other facts until I see a lawyer," the caller said. That was all the information gained from that source, the informant having failed to call again.

Considered one of the remarkable phases of the strange case is the continued absence of a missing persons report to indicate who the victim might have been. It is considered possible that she may have been slain by someone related to her or closely associated with her who might thus evade justice or at least the necessity of explaining her death by failing to report her missing. The investigation is continuing.

Catherine Puckett Doing Wac Duty In Louisiana

Pvt. Catherine V. Puckett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry A. Richmond, 26309 Governor ave., Harbor City, is a member of a Women's Army Corps unit which recently left First WAC Training Center, Des Moines, Iowa, for duty with the Army at Esler Field, La.

WAC units now are at work with the Army on more than 268 posts in all 48 States, the District of Columbia, and in Africa, England, Italy, India, New Caledonia and Hawaii.

The expanded WAC training program is resulting in a rapid increase of supplemental troops, the WAC members of which are talking over more and more Army jobs. Hundreds of trained Wacs go out each week from WAC training centers and specialist schools, to take their places with the Army.

WAC companies on duty with the Army are self-sufficient. In addition to the women trained to do Army jobs, WAC companies also include mess and company personnel.

Jobs with the Army in which Wacs now supplement soldiers, number in the hundreds, ranging alphabetically from accounting to weather observing.

plied in the bottoms of irrigation furrows. The ounces or pounds applied to 100 feet of row will differ with the amount of nitrogen in the fertilizer and the spacing of rows. If you use the official Victory Garden Special containing 6 percent nitrogen, to rows two feet apart, 9 measuring cups, or 3 1/2 lbs. will give a good application. Only two cups (1 1/2 pounds) of sulphate of ammonia containing 20.5 percent nitrogen, or 2 1/2 cups (1 1/2 pounds) of nitrate of soda containing 16 percent nitrogen will be required to give as much nitrogen value.

Fatalities to Army personnel since Dec. 7, 1941, and through April 30, 1944, aggregate 63,000.



RETURNING VETERANS' SERVICE . . . Paul K. Vost, chairman of executive committee of War Chest, with Col. R. A. Bringham, leaders who established the first Veterans Services Center in the country. The Center will provide headquarters for all organizations prepared to help returning service men and women re-establish themselves in civilian life. It will be ready to assist manager of Veterans Administration, at meeting of community veterans shortly.

DEMAND FOR BIXBY SLOUGH PARK IS RENEWED AS TWO WILMINGTON MEN DROWNED

A new object lesson to Harbor City and Lomita area residents—two men drowned in the unguarded, unregulated Machado Lake section of Bixby Slough late Sunday afternoon when a boat carrying four on a fishing party overturned.

The drowned are William Sloan, 32, of 715 Anaheim st., and William Collins, 39, of Wilmington.

Those who escaped are W. L. Webb, 39, Wilmington Hall, who like the others is a shipyard worker, and "Red" McArthur, proprietor of a Wilmington cleaning establishment.

Sloan left a young widow who is an expectant mother, friends revealed. Collins has relatives in Oklahoma.

McArthur purchased the boat the previous Sunday and Sloan worked on it all week, painting and caulking it in anticipation of a happy fishing trip on the lake.

Civic leaders and officials of all political subdivisions in the harbor district are heartily in favor of making the slough area into a park. A. E. Hanson, owner of a large section of Machado Lake, promises "to go as far as others" in seeing that it is made a public park.

It is now suggested that boating on the lake be strictly regulated and no boats not approved by the Los Angeles Playground and Recreation Department be permitted on any waters within the city.

National traffic safety contest's grand safety award for 1943, western division, went to Utah.

T. C. HYDES ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hyde of Cabrillo ave. are entertaining their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Howard of San Francisco, who are vacationing in Southern California.

FROM INDIANA

H. E. Adams arrived Monday from Indianapolis, Ind., for a visit at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Reynolds, 1856 Plaza del Amo.

production in China were announced recently by the Chinese Minister of Information.

Postwar plans for automotive



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NEW BLOW AT RAIL TRAVEL

We want you to be forewarned

As you may have read in the newspapers, the Office of Defense Transportation has given the railroads authority to take train space from civilian passengers at any time, to make room for wounded service men.

We sincerely hope that people planning trips not essential to the war effort will cancel their plans so that more room will be left on trains, and so make it unnecessary to take these drastic steps. We are going to take care of these wounded men first. They come first with us, and we believe they come first with you. But we and other railroads would dislike very much to cancel reservations at the last minute, or to make people already on trains give up their space.

The invasion of Europe has started, and how great the toll of wounded will be nobody knows. We have our wounded from the Pacific coming in too. And more and more cars must be taken for them from the restricted amount of equipment left after the regular military requirements are met.

We cannot guarantee that if you start a trip you will be able to get space returning. You must face that fact. If you're away from home on a pleasure trip and emergency space cancellations must be made, you may have great difficulty getting back.

For some time we have been urging people not to travel except on essential business. We haven't enjoyed doing this. For many years we have been trying to promote travel, and it "goes against the grain" to suggest that people stay off the trains. The very fact that we have issued these appeals should indicate the seriousness of the travel situation. And the new ODT order emphasizes this still more.

Why don't we provide more cars, more trains? Virtually no new cars can be built during war time. Materials are scarce, and car builders have been making guns and tanks and other war equipment. With the biggest army and navy in our history, about 63% of all Pullman sleeping cars have to be used exclusively for military service. Travel by men in uniform on furlough, or traveling on orders, plus the greatly increased volume of business travel due to the war production effort, taxes the capacity of the remaining equipment used in regular passenger train service. There are no more passenger cars available. We must get along with what we have.

We have now reached the point where there just isn't room on our trains for people who don't have to travel.

People planning a vacation or other non-essential trip may think "There's always room for one more."

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If you are planning a train trip not essential to the war effort, we strongly advise you to change your plans, now.

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