

DON HITCHCOCK HEADS L. A. CAMP FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN AT UNIVERSITY

Following up his career in the field of social service, with a backlog of experience gained here in Torrance, Don Hitchcock, son of James E. Hitchcock, member of the city council, now heads the University of California at Los Angeles Camp for Underprivileged Children. Besides his work in social welfare activities, Don holds the position of president of the Associated Students of the University, the highest office which may be held by any student.

While attending Torrance High school, Don was outstanding in both student government and social service. He was student body president of his Junior High school and in Senior High school he was elected president of the Boys' Self-Governing Board. Don also earned a letter for his work on the Torrance High track team. As a graduating senior, he received the American Legion Award given each year to the student who has been outstanding in scholarship and activities.

After graduation from high school, Don was chosen by the American Legion to attend Boys' State in Sacramento. For an entire week each year, boys from all over the state meet in the capital to perform the various functions of our state government. During this week, Don was elected to the office of Lieutenant Governor from among eight hundred boys.

Before entering the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, Don went to work at the International Derrick Company and then attended Metropolitan Business School, where he was elected vice president of the student body. In February, 1942, Don entered UCLA. His activities in school politics reached their climax last February when the students in a spirited campaign elected Don as their student body president.

Don's remarkable knowledge of people and their reactions

was, he admits, gained during the several times he was confined to a hospital. This understanding of the human charac-



ter undoubtedly contributed heavily to his success in later college political campaigns, during which he relied heavily upon his appeals to the voters.

Previous to his election as student body president, Don was president of the UCLA Associated Men Students and among his duties directed work with underprivileged children in the West Los Angeles area. At the present time, Don is continuing his social welfare activities through both the University Camp for Underprivileged Children where he is head counselor and the University Religious Conference Board, which is at present concentrating on work with the children of defense workers.

Don, who recently became a member of Beta Theta Pi, a national men's fraternity, is a political science major at the university. After his graduation in June, 1945, he plans to attend law school and to continue his work in the field of social welfare.

109 Elementary School Districts Active In L. A.

There were 109 active elementary school districts in Los Angeles county in 1943-44 and not one was suspended in 1942-43, California Taxpayers' association stated today, analyzing the adequacy of elementary school support in California counties.

Thirteen elementary school districts in the county had fewer than 20 pupils in average daily attendance, the association stated.

The smallest elementary school district in the county, Pine Canyon, with only 7 pupils in average daily attendance for 1942-43, received \$1,658 from the state for 1943-44.

Biggest elementary district in the county, Los Angeles City, had 148,415 pupils in average daily attendance in 1943-43 and received \$9,541,028 from the state for 1943-44. Total state apportionment to the county for 1943-44 for the 254,639 elementary pupils in average daily attendance was \$16,622,920. Each year's state aid to a district, the association explained, is based on the district's average daily attendance for the preceding year.

California state law permits the maintenance of hundreds of

All Service Men to Get State Ballots

State war voter ballots will be sent to Los Angeles county service men requesting them regardless of whether they sent in federal war ballots to the secretary of state before the legal date, County Registrar of Voters Michael J. Donoghue has announced.

"The state law specifically provides that it shall be interpreted liberally and that is what I propose to do, giving those in the service the benefit of every doubt," said Donoghue.

Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan recently announced that he had received a number of federal ballots from servicemen although the law required that they not be sent in before Oct. 1.

very small and, from an operational standpoint, very costly elementary school districts. Throughout the state, 882 elementary districts had fewer than 20 children in average daily attendance in 1942-43. They carry on, in the main, because of the large sums the state provides, the association stated.

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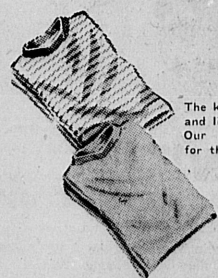
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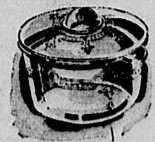
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