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### Harbor City P.T.A. Group Meets Dec. 6

The regular monthly board meeting of the Harbor City P. T. A. will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 1:30 p.m. in the teachers' lunch room of the school. This is one of the most important meetings of the year and all board members are urged to attend. Parents and teachers are invited to attend the 10th District P. T. A. congress meeting, to be held at Polytechnic high school, 400 W. Washington blvd., Los Angeles. Teachers will receive institute training credit for this meeting.

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### P. T. A. COUNCIL MEETING IS REPORTED

The winners of the poster contest held by the Lomita-San Pedro Council P. T. A. were announced after the recent meeting held at the Lomita Elementary School. In Class A, for the best group of posters, first prize went to the Bandini Street School in San Pedro. In Class B, for the correct size, first prize went to Cabrillo Street School. In Class C, for undersize and oversize posters, Leland Street School won first prize. Cabrillo Street School won first place for their collection of posters put into book form. The best membership poster was entered by the Orange Street School in Lomita.

P. T. A. presidents of all schools will serve as hostesses for the musical scholarship tea to be held Dec. 1 beginning at 2:30 o'clock at Dana Junior high school. The public is cordially invited.

The necessary funds have been contributed by each school in the Harbor area for the purchase of games, materials and candy for Meyer Street and Torrance Development schools for Christmas, according to announcement made by Mrs. D. E. Davies, child wel-

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### A WORD WELL SAID Alfred Plastino—United Feature Syndicate



## Memorial Rites Scheduled on December 3

Memorial services, dedicated to western families who have suffered World War II casualties, will be conducted at all Ninth Service Command installations Sunday, December 3, Major General William E. Shedd, commanding general, announced today at Fort Douglas, Utah. Torrance Army Hospital is one of these installations.

Services will be non-sectarian, the general said and will be held for all families irrespective of creed, race or nationality. Friends of "Gold-Star" families as well as residents in the vicinity of Ninth Service Command posts, camps and stations are invited to attend, he added.

A request to pledge "Dedication of our Lives" so that the sacrifice of American youths was not in vain will be made by Army chaplains during the service.

Civilian clergymen in areas adjacent to military installations will be asked to conduct similar memorial services for the families of war casualties residing in their respective locales, Col. J. L. Blakeney, NSC chaplain, said.

## TURF WORLD AWAITS GOLD CUP RACE

With the Hollywood Park race course now entering the final two weeks of its all-out war relief race meeting, the turf world awaits the running of the famed \$75,000 added gold cup on closing day, Dec. 16.

The two-year-old championship is, of course, yet to be determined via the Starlet Stakes on Saturday, Dec. 9.

This final test for juvenile supremacy will likely attract a field of 20 or more combatants in the \$20,000 event over seven furlongs of ground.

With \$700,000 already earmarked or distributed for War Relief, raised in four days of the seven allotted for War Relief agencies, it is expected that the total accumulated during the meet will be at least one million dollars.

Hollywood Park looks forward to the three remaining days on the program for relief of the veterans returning from the war zones.

Of national interest will be the Gold Cup to be run on Dec. 16, at one mile and one-quarter. Since it is the final handicap event of the year for top ranking horses, it will attract critical attention of turf pundits and writers, since from its results, must come the various national rankings for the various of aged divisions.

Of the 39 original nominees, some have been dismissed as possibilities by their owners, but at least 30 are still prepping for the record sum of \$90,000 or more which will accrue as the pot's gross value. These, by their previous efforts and deeds, still remain with challenging records:

Marriage, Okana, First Fiddle, Happy Issue, Jezrahel, Paperboy, Phar Rong, Porter's Cap, Put In, Texas Sandman, Whirlabout, Jade Boy, Sickle's Choice, Lou-Bre, Reading II, Bull Reigh and Trace Heart.

The lesser lights, but still

## Gas Tax Gains In September Are Recorded

For the first time in five months, California gasoline tax assessments are more than they were for the corresponding month of 1943.

The State Board of Equalization made this revelation here today upon completion of assessments showing that taxes for September were \$134,047 more than for the same month a year ago.

Based upon distribution by oil companies of 142,458,658 gallons in contrast to 137,990,413 in September, 1943, the tax just computed marks a gain of 3.24 per cent. In August the collections dropped \$49,786 under those for the corresponding month of last year, marking a drop of 9.6 per cent.

Quinn said that the extent of the effect of war conditions on gasoline tax revenues could be gauged by the fact that at the end of September, 1941, the collections for that year had reached a total of \$47,311,480, or \$10,359,419 more than realized from the same source for the same period of the current year.

threats, seem to be Autocrat, Cracked, The Man, Welcome Pass, Sad Story, Shut Up and Stronghold.

Still defiant and as yet unwilling to declare out are: Bizerte, Dark Play, Gold Mike, First To Fight, Green Bush, Franworth, Herald, Native Fox, No Wrinkles, Scotch Abbott and Son of Peace.

Over one-half million miles of telephone pole lines serving rural areas have already been built so that more than two-thirds of all rural families in the United States can be served from existing lines. Since 1935 more than 500,000 additional families in rural areas have become telephone subscribers—an increase of 35 per cent. One of the major objectives is to continue this upward trend by making the service over existing lines increasingly valuable and attractive. This the industry intends to do to the limit of its ability.

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veloped new construction materials and methods which substantially lower the cost of building wire lines to areas not previously reached. In addition, work was started by the industry in 1938 to develop a practical system of transmitting telephone conversations over electric power lines. A similar system can be used over telephone lines to increase their capacity. This so-called rural carrier system transmits a very high frequency current over the wires. From 1940 on, experiments with this system for telephone service over rural power lines were carried forward in a cooperative effort of Bell Telephone Laboratories and the Rural Electrification Administration. Before this work was interrupted by the war, it was clear that a suitable system of this kind could be produced.

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## Telephone Companies In Postwar Plans

A joint committee of representatives of Bell and independent operating telephone companies throughout the United States has been formed to advance the nation-wide postwar programs which the various telephone companies have been working on individually to extend and improve farm telephone service, it was announced today.

Co-chairmen of the committee are John P. Boylan, president of the United States Independent Telephone Association, the national organization of the thousands of independent telephone companies, and Keith S. McHugh, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., representing the Bell operating companies.

"Rural telephone service is more highly developed in this country, under the American system of private enterprise, than in any other country in the world," Mr. Boylan and Mr. McHugh said today in a statement issued by them for the committee. "However, it is by no means as highly developed as we in the industry want to see it, and the industry intends to do everything in its power to provide more service, and better service, at a cost which the farmer can afford."

"Since operating telephone companies throughout the whole country have been working on this problem, a representative joint committee has been formed consisting of a number of their most experienced officials. We believe that the application of new facilities and methods which were under development by the industry before the demands of war interrupted our research and construction program will help to bring telephone service to many new farm customers. As soon as war demands are reduced, we propose to resume and expand our research effort and along with it, the intensive program for extending farm service which was being carried on before the outbreak of hostilities."

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## Yule Liquor Baskets Face O.P.A. Action

Christmas gift packages or baskets of liquor, in which the customer is asked to buy unwanted brands in order to purchase hard-to-get items, were under an O.P.A. price regulation ban today.

"A recent development of the gift package idea is the offering of packages containing one or two bottles of the more popular brands in combination with several bottles of assorted slow moving liquors," Leonard M. Kearns, O.P.A. food price chief, said.

"To display a basket containing such a combination is an offer to sell such combination and is therefore illegal under present O.P.A. regulations which specifically prohibit 'tie-in' forced purchases. A consumer cannot be required to purchase liquors he does not want in order to obtain the merchandise of his choice."

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"One practical effect of these developments is to make it physically possible to furnish telephone service wherever there are rural power lines and no telephone lines. The telephone companies plan, in cooperation with R.E.A. cooperatives and with power companies serving rural

territory, to determine the full extent to which rural carrier telephone service can be used economically and effectively. "The telephone companies also plan to study the possible application of microwave radio systems to rural telephone service and to make use of this and any other new methods which will be helpful in serving the farmer."

## Lowell Fuller Speaks at Narbonne P.T.A.

Lowell Fuller gave good advice on gardening as speaker at the Narbonne P.T.A. meeting held Tuesday, Nov. 21. The girls trio sang several selections and the home economics department displayed sewing, canned fruit and hand work, which they had made.

At the social hour which followed, the mothers of the A-12 class were special guests.

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