MILITARY FREIGHT

French railways, operated by the Military Railway Service of the Army Transport Corps, daily move more than 10,000 tons of military freight.

Vacancies Still Exist In Several Guard Branches

Additional vacancies still exist in specialized branches in Co. H, 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, its commander, Capt. R. L. Lewellen, said yesterday.

He recently promised quick advancement to men qualified or prepared to qualify as machine gunners, supply men, mess men, medical assistants and other specialized branches.

A few more are needed, Capt. Lewellen said, asking the men interested to go to the armory at Torrance Municipal Park on Monday night from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Approximately 200,000 parking meters are now operating in 449 cities in the United States.

Christmas Play Planned by Dramatics Class

By REITA EILER

The students of Mrs. Margaret MacKinnon's dramatics class are presenting the yearly Christmas play. This year they have chosen "La Posada," written by Agnes Peterson.

This is a Mexican story with all Mexican surroundings. The costumes are colorful and the play will certainly be enjoyed by all.

The story takes place the day before Christmas. Ramon Alvardo; Lupe, his wife, and Pancho, their son are all around the fire. Ramon is accused of stealing from the church thus making many difficulties for the family. The real thief confesses but only because of the truthfulness and sincerity of their young son.

The pupils participating in the play are: Jack Blackmore, Ramon; Margaret Roses, Lupe; Harold Chapman, Pancho; Alfred Pabst, Padre Estebun; John Rush, Jose; William Wernett, Vender; Russell Reece, Benito; Donald Valko, Jose; Ronnie Selover, Vidal; Thelma Burks, Elena; Jean Wetzel, Manuela; Sally Valencia, Rosa; Dorothea Franks, Camila; Patti Sumner, Beverly Karganillo, and Joyce Standifer, other playmates.

Miss Anna Mae Aiken, director of the choral work at Torrance high school and Miss Genieve Norfolk, teacher of the eighth grade glee club, will supervise the choruses of singers.

Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Redondo Beach Elks Lodge 25th Silver Jubilee was celebrated with a gala evening on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5. That marked the 25th milestone for the lodge which had open house at the lodge quarters from 5 to 8 p.m. with a barbecue, two shows at 7 and 11 p.m. and regular lodge session at 8 p.m.

Many state and grand lodge officers were present.

The Redondo Beach Elks lodge has many members throughout the South Bay including El Segundo, Manhattan, Hermosa, Torrance, Gardena, Lomita and Palos Verdes Estates.

JOE PALOOKA SOUNDS OFF
Ham Fisher—*McNaught Syndicate*

Rationed Foods Point Values Will Remain Unchanged In December

Present point values for rationed meats, butter, margarine, cheeses, canned milk, canned fish, and processed foods, will continue unchanged during the new ration period which began Sunday, Dec. 3, the Office of Price Administration has announced.

Point value charts now posted in retail stores will continue in effect. The December ration period is a four-week period starting Dec. 3 and ending Dec. 30.

The supply of meats—both rationed and non-rationed—moving into commercial channels for civilian use in the December ration period is expected to average 281,890,000 pounds weekly on a retail trim basis, according to calculations based on estimates by the War Food Administration.

This would be an increase of 5.4 per cent over the average of 267,540,000 pounds weekly made available for civilian use in the November ration period.

December supplies of rationed meats only—those for which points must be paid—are expected to average 104,450,000 pounds weekly in December, an increase over the November period average of 11.8 per cent.

Overall, the outlook for December is this—estimates call for between 5 and 6 per cent less beef of all kinds than in November and around 4 per cent less lamb and mutton. More than offsetting these decreases are the estimated increases of between 15 and 16 per cent in pork supplies and an improvement of 3.5 per cent in supplies of veal.

For the four-week December ration period, three red stamps in War Ration book Four worth 10 points each, are being made good, beginning Dec. 3 for purchases of rationed meats, butter, margarine, cheeses, canned milk and canned fish. The stamps validated for the five-week November ration period.

Other high-lights of the December supply situation are:

Creamery butter: 87,000,000 to be made available for civilian use in December as compared with 85,000,000 in November. No change can be made in the present high creamery butter point value of 20 red points per pound. Margarine, 56,000,000 pounds, the same as for November; American cheddar and cheddar type cheeses, 33,000,000 pounds, the same as for November; all other cheeses 15,000,000 pounds, compared with 14,000,000 pounds; canned milk, 130,000,000 pounds, the same as in November.

Girls' League Will Have Yule Parties Soon

The Girls' league of Torrance high school, under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth F. Parks, vice principal and Miss Catherine Jennings, teacher of girls' physical education, will enjoy Christmas parties next week on extended noon hour time. The Senior high school girls will have their frolic on Tuesday and the Junior High girls on Wednesday.

Each group will feature a volleyball tournament between grades, followed by the introduction of new girls in the school according to the states they come from. A treat of ice cream will close the happy affair as the girls sing their school and Girls' league songs and yell in a general hilarious good time.

More children between the ages of 1 and 5 die from accidents than from any disease.

Darby Takes His Supervisor Post At L.A. Meeting

Convening promptly at noon Monday for its biennial reorganization, the County Board of Supervisors elected William A. Smith of Whittier, representing the First Supervisorial district, as its new chairman.

Stepping down from the position of chairman, which he has held off and on for many years, Supervisor Roger Jessup placed Smith's name in nomination.

Raymond V. Darby, the new supervisor who took his seat today, seconded the nomination and Smith received the unanimous votes of his colleagues without any other names being offered for consideration.

Surrounded by banks of flowers, Supervisor Darby, elected at the May 16 primary to succeed Oscar Hauge, of Long Beach in the district including Torrance, took his seat on the board of supervisors and expressed his gratification at the opportunity to further serve the people of Los Angeles county.

"Southern California, to me, is an empire of its own and I want to have a part in building it," the new supervisor declared.

Darby brings to the office a long political experience, having served for four years as a councilman and for the last 13 years as mayor of the city of Inglewood. Darby stated that he would not appoint a field secretary in his office until some time next spring but is bringing in Mrs. Florence Webb, formerly deputy city clerk as an investigator.

HONORED BY FRENCH

In appreciation of the 36th "Texas" division, the main street of Die, France, has been named "Texas Avenue."

RATION FACTS

MEATS, CHEESES, CANNED MILK, BUTTER, CANNED FISH—Book 4 red stamps, 10 points, A8 through Z8 and A5 through B5, valid indefinitely.

GREASE BONUS — Butchers will give 2 red tokens for every pound of salvaged kitchen fats received.

PROCESSED FOODS—Book 4 blue stamps, 10 points, A8 through Z8, and A5 through Z5, A2, B2, valid indefinitely.

NOTE—New red and blue stamps will become valid on or about the first of each month.

SUGAR—Book 4 stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 valid indefinitely for five pounds each, stamp 40 good for five pounds for home canning through Feb. 28, 1945.

SHOES — Book 3 airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 good indefinitely. NOTE: Take book along to make purchase.

GASOLINE — A13 coupons good for four gallons to Dec. 21.

All coupons must be endorsed on face with car license number and state of registration.

PRICES—For all information regarding prices contact the Price Clerk of your local board.

OVERLOOKS SLC

The Army Service Forces operational center for the eight western states is located at Fort Douglas and overlooks scenic Salt Lake City, Utah.