

Southwest Highways Group Is Again Activated at Meeting in Inglewood

At a special meeting of the Southwest Highways association, held in Inglewood Tuesday night, the association was reactivated and many plans formulated for the improvement of the southwest district communities. Dan Wise, of Inglewood was elected president, succeeding Sam Hill.

Lloyd Aldrich, engineer, of Los Angeles, pointed out that many plans of the individual cities had been presented to his office and it was uncanny how all of the engineering plans for freeways and beaches agreed. Priorities for the first two years building of parkways and beaches had already been estimated and the third year period was under way. There has been much activity in preparing bills to finance the program, stated Aldrich. The increased gas tax would be the best and easiest method, he said, as the tax money would be spent in the area where it was raised, based on the car registrations for the various sections. Roads are needed in Southern California worse than any part of the world.

"We have had a great deal of development in the way of cheap water and power," Aldrich said. "We must furnish better transportation and living conditions. Our greatest asset is our wonderful climate. This is one of the very few sections of the world where working men can labor in comfort for 12 months out of the year. If we serve the industries with utilities and transportation we could have all we wanted in the general harbor area. We can offer single family residences in this district to over eight millions of people without crowding. I would strongly recommend using the Palos Verdes Hills as a residential area for the workers and executives, where we can offer homes of all sizes and prices, where the natural atmospheric conditions permit the dissipation of smoke and fumes and an absence of the objectionable noises of factories.

County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby endorsed what had been suggested by Engineer Aldrich. He added that he would be obliged to carry the highways to the airways. It takes longer to get out to the airport from downtown Los Angeles than it does to fly from here to San Francisco. We are in an aviation area and we must cater to the aviation public and industry.

The meeting was attended by Mayor William H. Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCreary, Harry B. Lewis, James L. Lynch and G. M. Jain, new secretary.

Miss Munsterman Completes WAC Clerks' Training

Private Gertrude Munsterman, of Lomita, has completed training in the clerks school of the First Women's Army Corps Training Center at Fort Des Moines, Ia.

Army specialist schools here include cooks course, where members of the WAC learn to prepare food, cut meat and bake the Army way; clerks course where members acquire a thorough knowledge of military office routine and maintenance of Army records; motor vehicle operators course where they learn inspection, maintenance and operation of Army motor vehicles.

In addition to specialist schools at the training center, WACS attend Army schools where they study with enlisted men, and also receive on the job training at many posts. The Army Medical Department is training a large number of enlisted women as medical and surgical technicians at Army General hospitals.

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Boy Scout Week Message Sent By Executive

One of the greatest adventures the Boy Scouts of America has brought to the American boys, says Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, Chief Scout Executive, has been "the adventure of friendship, the brotherhood that speaks around the world."

In his message to the Boy Scouts of America on their 35th anniversary which will be observed from Feb. 8 to 14, Dr. Fretwell believes that "the Scouts of the World—Brothers Together" will do their part to build "the triumphant new world."

His message follows: "For 35 years Scouting has brought to American boys a great adventure, the adventure of the out-of-doors, smoke rising from the camp fire, the lure of unblazed trails. It has brought the adventure of citizenship, serving other people, the Good Turn Daily, helping to win the war. These and many other adventures have captured the imagination of boys. One of the greatest of them all has been the adventure of friendship, the brotherhood that speaks around the world."

"In practically every civilized country on the earth, Scouts are dedicated to tolerance, good-will and friendliness. There are 1,800,000 of us here. There are over 3,000,000 brother Scouts throughout the world. We like to think of all of them as Tenyson put it, as 'a glorious company, the flower of men, to serve as model for the mighty world.'"

"The time, God willing, will come soon, when the Scouts of the World—Brothers Together will do their part to build the triumphant new world, more glorious because of their devotion to Scouting's high ideals and service."

Food Costs \$20 A Week for Average Family

The average family in the Los Angeles area spends a little more than \$20 a week for food, for a family of four, according to figures obtained by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, last September during the first half of a nationwide survey.

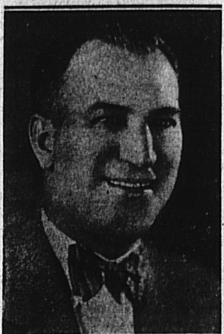
Charles A. Roumasset, price economist for the bureau here, said that according to data provided voluntarily by housewives to help the government in its study, \$17.26 goes for food eaten at home and \$3.64 for food and drinks away from home, including lunches and afternoon or evening snacks. That means a weekly total of \$20.90 or \$1088.80 a year, a large part of the average family's income.

The second half of the nationwide survey to determine the kinds of food, clothing and other things consumers are buying and what they pay for them is starting today in Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Fullerton, Long Beach and Glendora, Roumasset said. It will show how Americans have adjusted their spending in the face of shortages, price rises, and lower quality of some goods and provide a check-up on the prices obtained at stores for the cost of living index which the data on clothing purchases and to note price changes since last fall.

Clothing purchases also took a big part of the family budget. During the first eight months of 1944 families in Los Angeles and neighboring cities bought clothing costing per person, \$91.40 for men, \$110.40 for women, \$30.55 for boys under 16, \$59 for girls under 16 and \$22.65 for babies.

R. J. Deininger Director of Bankers Group

R. J. Deininger, vice president and cashier of the Torrance National bank, was elected a director.



R. J. DEININGER
Independent Bankers Director

Director of the Independent Bankers Association of Southern California at the 18th annual meeting of this banking group held in Los Angeles last week. This association is composed of community-owned banks in eleven southern counties of the state, with combined resources of approximately one billion dollars.

Commenting on the association's program for 1945, Deininger said: "The coming year will bring many problems to the banking institutions of America. We must carry on our important wartime responsibilities such as the sale of war bonds and the handling of ration coupons. At the same time, we must plan for the coming of peace when banks must again take a leading role in assuring the orderly return of this area to a peacetime economy that will insure the maintenance of jobs and purchasing power for our millions of citizens. In this vital task, the community-owned banks can, I believe, perform an important service."

Local Scouters To Participate In Anniversary

Boy Scouts in Torrance and throughout the harbor district will be a part of the national and international celebration Feb. 8 to 14. Every troop and Cub pack in this area have plans to celebrate this anniversary week, according to H. R. Lee, council chairman.

Feb. 8 will be "Anniversary Day" and this should be the traditional one for all Scouts and Scouters to rededicate themselves to the Scout oath and law and Cubs to the Cub promise, Lee said.

Feb. 11 will be Scout Sunday and every unit has plans in the making or has them completed to take a part in church worship at their church during the morning worship or the evening services.

Feb. 12 many of the schools will arrange for scouting during a part of the week and at some schools the entire week. Many of the Scouts are planning to wear their uniforms the entire week.

The 35th anniversary week window display contest is to be sponsored again this year by the Beverly Hills B'nai B'rith lodge.

Many of the units have already selected the windows from the Torrance merchants to participate in this contest. The judges have been selected to view these windows and from their selection of the three best displays, pictures will be made and sent to the Los Angeles council to be entered in the final contest for the Los Angeles and metropolitan area. There will be many worthwhile prizes presented to the troops and packs winning top places in this contest. Prizes will be given by the Beverly Hills B'nai B'rith lodge.

Sponsoring institutions and committees are to be complimented on their untiring efforts they have put forth to help the Scouts and Cubs complete their programs for this celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary week of the Boy Scouts of America, Lee said.

C. S. PROGRAM
On Sunday morning (Feb. 4) the Columbia Church of the Air will be given under the auspices of the Christian Science Committee on Publication for the State of Massachusetts. The program will be released over Station KNX at 10 a.m., Pacific War Time.

War Chest Funds Allocated and Many New Service Center Budgets Formed

The \$7,850,523.00 donated by citizens of the Los Angeles area to provide necessary services for "our boys, our homes and our Allies" through 133 War Chest agencies now has been allocated, it is announced by Harvey S. Mudd, War Chest president.

Allocations were made in accordance with the recommendations of the volunteer budget committee of leading citizens, headed by John O'Melveny, well known Los Angeles attorney.

Of the grand total contributed, the sum of \$3,303,709 was designated for national, international and local war services including USO, United Seamen's Service, War Prisoners Aid and twenty great relief organizations sending necessities of life to peoples in the Allied nations and to refugees.

Also included in this appropriation are local war services, chief among which is Veterans

Service Center, recently opened to assist returning men and women; Salvation Army Red Shield clubs and hospital services, Hollywood Victory committee, L. A. Officers Club, Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps, Naval Aid Auxiliary, Lawndale Hostess Club, Westwood War Services Council, Citizens Committee for Army and Navy.

The 95 Community Chest agencies, for which a center is maintained in Torrance for health and welfare services, were provided \$3,344,961 of the War Chest Fund given Community Welfare Federation. Allocations to the individual agencies now are being determined by the federation's budget committee, of which Herman R. Erkes is chairman, and which is now studying various social needs.

The Youth Project, established late in 1943 to help combat juvenile delinquency in less privileged areas, has been given \$257,258. Motion Picture Relief Fund, supported for and by workers in the film industry, received \$51,562.

Nine cities and towns joined in the War Chest for the first time this year, including Lomita and Gardena, will have the benefit of services of Community Chest agencies through the allocation of \$99,602.

A reserve of five per cent, or \$392,526 was set aside for pledges uncollectible because of death, personnel turnover and removals. Cost of fund administration on a year-round basis and cost of collection was set at \$51,505. Campaign costs and publicity necessary to fund-raising was set at \$349,310, or less than 4½ per cent.

Blankets and Clothing Gathered For War Victims

Judge Otto Willett, president of the Torrance Rotary Club, reports collection of repairable clothing, blankets, shoes and general apparel for the bombed-out Londoners. More than ten crates of items are now on hand for shipment and all citizens are invited to join in the campaign.

Carsonmart, Ideal Ranch Market, the local office of the O.P.A., Harvey's Service Station and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce may be used as collection stations.

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Dog Leash Law Must Be Obeyed, Authorities Say

All dogs must be on leash or kept within the yards or confines of their owners.

This warning was voiced again this week by authorities in Torrance.

Complaints have been received from owners who have kept their dogs on leash that larger animals unleashed have attacked or otherwise molested the leashed dogs.

City authorities said that complaints of this sort should be sent to the South Bay Humane Society, under contract to the City of Torrance for handling such matters. The telephone number is Redondo 8100.

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