

## Michels New Chairman of Waleria Group

The regular meeting of the Waleria Community Service Council was held in the auditorium of the Waleria elementary school at eight o'clock on last Monday evening with representatives of most participating organizations present.

B. J. Michels, elected to the chairmanship and George Powell, secretary-treasurer, were installed.

Michels, representing the Waleria civic organization, was recently discharged from the enlisted reserve corps of the regular army (armored force) and has been on inactive status since June 1943. Powell is representing the Boy Scouts of America, Waleria.

It was agreed that the council will act in conjunction with the co-ordinating councils of Los Angeles county. Charles H. Shoemaker, field supervisor will give a talk and a forum discussion at the school on March 11 at 2:30 p. m.

The following proposals were approved. The formation of a junior police and firewatch of the teen age boys.

A request to the American Red Cross for a home nursing course for the women of the community, Waleria having no physician within its borders.

The organizing of choral groups among the adults and children to participate in the Easter sunrise services on Palos Verdes Hill.

## Public Schools Week Starts On April 23

The twenty-sixth annual observance of public schools week will begin this year on Monday, April 23, according to a proclamation issued here today by Gilbert C. DeForest of Redding, grand master of Masons of California, who said in a public statement:

"The American public school system has been, perhaps, the most important single factor in the creation and development of our American way of life. Of all our institutions it comes closest to the lives and homes of the American people. It is the keystone of our democracy."

"No one can foretell the future of American education. This much, however, is certain. Our public schools will play no inconsiderable part in the readjustment of the social, political and economic life of the nation. Indeed they may perchance influence the lives of all the people of the world."

"No less certain is it that the accomplishments of the schools, and of the school people, will depend upon the sympathetic aid, support and cooperation they receive from the public. And that will be influenced by an intelligent interest in, and an adequate knowledge of, the aims, purposes and achievements of the modern school. Here in California an opportunity of obtaining information as to just what is being done in the local schools is afforded each year in the observance of public schools week to begin this year on April 23."

Charles Albert Adams, former member of the State Board of Education and founder of the observance, is state chairman of the Public Schools Week committee, and Vaughan MacCaughy, editor of Sierra Educational News, is secretary.



LOCAL ARMY COLONEL WORKS WITH STATE GUARD . . . Lt. Col. L. R. Dykes, principal of Torrance elementary school until he entered the military service at the outbreak of the war, is in charge of internal security in Southern California for the Ninth Service Command of the U. S. Army. In Torrance recently with units of the California State Guard on maneuvers which he directed, he is shown above, second from right, with other officers, Major J. A. Estill, N.S.C., Capt. D. A. Friedman, C.S.G., Lt. T. W. Brandes, C.S.G., and Lt. O. A. Freeman, C.S.G. Co. H, Torrance, commanded by Capt. R. L. Lewellen, and other units participated.

## Close Cooperation Between Civilian Police and State Guard Is Pledged

Close cooperation between the civilian law enforcement agencies and the California State Guard was the keynote of a meeting in Pacific Coast club today presided over by Col. John C. French, commanding the Ninth Tactical Command of the State Guard, embracing most of Southern California, participated in by Chief of Police John Stroth, Torrance.

Assurance of complete cooperation with civilian authorities by State Guard troops was given the group by Lt. Col. T. A. Gregory, chief of staff of the Ninth Tactical Command. He declared the state troops stand by ready for duty, self sustained and armed, for cooperation with civil authorities in any major disaster or local problem with which the police might find themselves unable to cope unassisted.

Deputy Chief of Police H. W. Eaton, of Los Angeles Police department, declared his department was happy to get the reassurance of aid, and suggested that State Troops and his forces and reserves participate in joint maneuvers in the future. Col. H. E. Yates, coordinator, Major Disaster Corps, Los Angeles, declared he was glad to know just what is due, in event state support is needed.

In response to inquiry from Chief of Police Alvin Slaight, Long Beach, Maj. A. Milton Fish, commanding the Second Battalion, 39th Regiment, CSG, said the troops of his battalion and others nearby are thoroughly equipped, motorized and armed ready for service in a few minutes notice. He declared that local unit commanders are given the authority to "use their own judgment" as to when to respond to call for aid in the absence of authority from the adjutant general's office. "There will be no time lost," Major said, "and when we do respond to call for aid and cooperation, we will be fully equipped and self-sustained."

"No one knows when an additional local force may be needed to protect life and property in an emergency beyond control of the authorities," Major Roland W. Van Deventer, of the adjutant general's department, said, declaring the State Guard forces are well able and trained to step into any situation.

First Lt. Robert Ward, one of the officers of the Ninth Service Command, assigned to State Guard units, declared that further training schools for the guardsmen are contemplated to give them additional instruction in internal security duties.

Also attending the participating in a round-table discussion of the local problems were Capt. Wm. Dovey, Long Beach police department; Chief of Police H. E. Murray, Hermosa Beach; Capt. E. L. Sickler, of the sheriff's department; Maj. O. H. DeHoog, commanding the Fourth Battalion, 39th Regiment, CSG; Capt. R. L. Genter, Co. I, Fourth Battalion, Compton; First Lt. George L. Maitrejean, Second Battalion, adjutant, and First Lt. Frank S. Selover, Second Battalion public relations, press and signal officer.

## RATION FACTS

MEATS, CHEESES, CANNED MILK, BUTTER, CANNED FISH—Book 4 red stamps, 10 points, X5, R5, and S5 good now to May 31.

T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5, good now to April 23.

Y5, Z5, A2, B2, C2, and D2, good now to June 2.

E2, F2, G2, H2, and J2, good now to June 30.

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

PROCESSED FOODS—Book 4 blue stamps, 10 points, X5, Y5, Z5, A2, and B2 good now to March 31.

C2, D2, E2, F2 and G2, good now to April 23.

H2, J2, K2, L2, and M2, good now to June 2.

N2, P2, Q2, R2 and S2, good now to June 30.

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

SUGAR—Book 4 stamp 35 valid to June 2.

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

GASOLINE—A14 coupons good for four gallons to March 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.

ALFRED C. BYK . . . a commissary steward, aboard an LST, recently sent his wife, the former Jane Benstead, many handsome gifts from the Philippines including slippers, a hand woven purse, Philippine bolo knives, mats, and decorative shells. Byk was aboard one of the first LST crafts to go into the Philippines.

## Blimp Offered For Use in Smoke Curb

Dr. H. O. Swartout, recently named air pollution control officer, said the Navy has offered the services of a blimp on days when weather conditions are favorable for surveys of pollution over Los Angeles.

Dr. Swartout has requested mileage allowance for Dr. Hugh Dierker, chief of the division of industrial hygiene of the county health department, and Maj. Joseph Ficklen, of the U. S. Bureau of Public Health, to make the trips to the blimp base in Orange county, which will be limited to eight a month.

Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

## Sgt. Fancher Is With Big B-29 Command

Sgt. Frank W. Fancher of Lomita, is one of hundreds of enlisted men at a huge superfortress base in the Marianas whose diligent efforts have made it possible for the giant B-29 bombers of Maj. Curtis E. LeMay's 21st Bomber Command to strike regularly at the heart of Japan's war industry.

Sergeant Fancher is a radio mechanic in a service unit commanded by Brig. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, Jr., who led the first B-29 striking force from Saipan to bomb Tokyo's aviation industry on Nov. 24, 1944.

"The work of Sergeant Fancher and his fellow soldiers is directly responsible for the success of the B-29's in bombing Japan's war industries," General O'Donnell said in congratulating them. "These men realize their responsibilities in the pre-mission tasks of insuring the maximum chance for safe return of the air crews."

"Without the spirit of teamwork which has been exhibited by every man, our pioneering job, which is only beginning, could not have been a success. They have given their services fully and in complete disregard for personal comforts and pleasures in lieu of hard work and long hours."

An additional tribute has been paid Sergeant Fancher and the others for their toil in constructing their B-29 bases. They arrived last August and September and, since aviation engineers were busy with the high priority task of airstrip building, they constructed homes for themselves and for the aerial combat crews who arrived later.

## Floyd F. Lee Home After Overseas Tour

Marine Sgt. Floyd F. Lee, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lee of 1502 W. 213th st., is spending a furlough at home after a tour of duty overseas.

He served as a radar technician with a defense battalion.

Sergeant Fancher's wife, the former Willie Marie Perry, lives at 24708 Narbonne ave., Lomita. He was employed by the California Shipbuilding Corporation in Wilmington, before entering the service in November, 1942.

## Junk, Second Hand License Limit Is Asked

An ordinance to make licenses issued by the county to junk collectors and second-hand dealers doing business in unincorporated areas revocable at the end of one year has been ordered prepared by the board of supervisors. An increasing number of businesses of this type are being driven out of municipalities by regulatory ordinances and are settling in nearby unincorporated territory to the detriment of property values, according to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

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