

Tire Repair Material Is Put Under Ceiling

It will cost considerably less to keep the family jalopy "on all fours" after March 27, according to OPA price specialists who announced the establishment of new dollar and cents ceilings on tire liners, boots and patches made from scrap materials.

New ceilings will be \$2.50 for each uncemented reliner for passenger cars, while the cemented variety will be \$2.75. Maximum charges allowed for installing without cementing will be 50 cents, \$1 for a ce-

SWALLOWS RETURN

The swallows returned to Mission San Juan Capistrano, March 19, St. Joseph's Day, as they have for many years — more years than the oldest padre can remember.

GENERAL FETED

The Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce feted Maj. Gen. Orvil A. Anderson, deputy commander of operations of the 8th Air Force in Europe, at a Friday noon luncheon at the Ambassador Hotel.

mented reliner and \$1.25 for cementing a cemented reliner.

Retail ceilings for boots and patches will range from 7 cents to \$3.75 and maximum installation charges will run from fifteen to thirty-five cents.

Caraway to Take Liberator Pilot Training Course

1st Lt. Archie E. Caraway of 1348 W. Carson, Torrance, Calif., has been specially selected for four-engine bomber pilot training and has been transferred to Liberal, Kansas, Army Air Field for instruction in flying Liberator bombers. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Caraway of 1348 W. Carson, Torrance, Calif.

1st Lt. Caraway will receive fifteen weeks of intensive training at this Southwest Kansas installation of the Central Flying Training Command, and upon graduation will receive the rating of "airplane commander."

A graduate of the Tulsa High School, Tulsa, Texas, Lt. Caraway was an aircraft electrician prior to entering the service. He received his flying training at Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas; and the BAFA at Waco, Texas. He graduated from advanced training March 20, 1943.

Living Costs Here Down, Says BLS Statistician

Los Angeles area living costs declined four-tenths of one percent during the month ending Feb. 15.

The downturn in Los Angeles living costs this month was brought about entirely by a 1.1 percent decline in food costs, which more than offset a slight gain of 0.1 percent in clothing costs, and a 2.6 percent increase in house furnishings.

The most important factor making for lower food prices this month was the sharp seasonal drop of nearly 11 percent in eggs, which ranged between 52 and 59 cents a dozen, with an average price of 55.6 cents.

Contributing to the one-tenth increase in family clothing costs — now at the highest level since the start of the war — were higher prices for men's overalls and work shirts, and for women's rayon hose. House furnishings increased 2.6 percent, reflecting an upward adjustment of costs for some goods of pre-war quality (especially spring filled living room furniture) as these goods have moved into retail stores in greater volume.

MICHIGAN-CALIFORNIA PICNIC

Rained out March 17, the Michigan picnic is now called by the state president, Dr. Floyd I. Beckwith, for all day, April 21, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.



THANKS TO YOU . . . USO FOLLOWS EVERYWHERE . . . Friendly clubs, mobile units, entertainment both at home and overseas have been provided service men and women through your War Chest contributions. USO camp shows travel the world over to battle zones and isolated spots to give the Yanks a touch of home fun. Clubs and mobile units operate in the States and offshore installations in the Western Hemisphere, wherever Americans are found. Shown here is Kay Kyser and his band on an overseas trip to the fighting forces.

Sgt. William T. Hammond Takes Over Platoon After Officers Killed; Beats Off Nazis

Sergeant William T. Hammond, whose 24 years seem older behind a fiery red beard which hides his chin, commanded his platoon of troops through three days of trouble caused by the Germans near Recogne, northwest of Bastogne in Belgium, last January. Hammond, a squad leader with the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division, took charge when his platoon officers were killed in an attack for some high ground.

The sergeant, whose wife, Ruth, lives at 1229 Madrid street in Torrance, Calif., said he "aged three years in those three days."

"I had only riflemen left," said Hammond. "The Germans threw tanks, artillery and machine gun fire at us. But we took the high ground and held it for two days before withdrawing under heavy artillery shelling."

"During those three days we knocked out two machine gun nests, took six German prisoners and killed more of the enemy than we could count."

One enemy tank pulled into their front 200 yards away, at dusk one evening. "The tank remained there all night," Hammond related, "and threw a lot of stuff at us. He withdrew about four in the morning, but I don't know why."

Hammond entered service in July, 1939, joined the paratroopers in January, 1944. He parachuted into Holland last September and was one of the battered defenders of Bastogne where the airborne troops were surrounded by the Germans for six days.

Before entering the army he served a milk route for two years for the Torrance, Calif., Family Dairy.

98 RECOVER

Ninety-eight of every 100 Navy men and marines wounded in the first three years of war have recovered.

New Food Stamps Good on April 1 Are Announced

Five new red stamps, worth 10 points each for a total of 50 red points, have been validated for the April rationing period, OPA announced. The new red stamps are K2, L2, M2, N2 and P2. They are good from April 1 through July 31.

The five new blue stamps, each worth 10 points for a total of 50 blue points, are T2, U2, V2, W2 and X2. They are good from April 1 through July 31.

Four sets of the red and blue stamps may be used during each rationing period. Each set is good for about four months, the first set going out of use when the fifth becomes good.

Sugar stamp 35 is the only one that is now good. It may be used through June 2. Another sugar stamp will become good on May 1, providing an overlap of one month.

Soldier Wounded On Home Front; Gets Care Here

Pvt. George Soukup is recovering at Torrance Army Hospital from a bullet wound inflicted by a motorist who was giving him a ride from Huntington Park to North Long Beach. The motorist, a youthful one, told Soukup to get out of the car and look at a tire that "seemed" to be flat. When Soukup looked up to tell the man at the wheel that all was O.K. with the tire the driver had a gun drawn on him. Soukup kicked at the gun and fled for safety, but not fast enough to escape the bullet which lodged in his upper left arm. He went to a house and had the occupant call police.

Donald E. Hill Is With Repair Unit in Hawaii

Ronald E. Hill, Machinist's Mate First Class, USNR, of 2225 First Street, Napa, California, is a member of the ship repair unit at the Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor.

The big job there is to maintain and repair ships so that they will keep sailing towards Tokyo.

Hill was employed by the Columbia Steel Company, Torrance, California, before entering the Navy. He is a graduate of Monroe (Okla.) High School where he played both basketball and baseball. His wife, Monatt, lives at the Napa address.

Trucking Man Faints After Sentence Given

Following sentencing of A. G. Scott, Maywood trucking contractor, to a prison term of from 2 to 10 years for operating a gasoline black market racket, the defendant fainted in Judge Edward R. Brand's department of the Superior Court and it was necessary to call in jail nurses to revive him.

Scott had been convicted of being the ringleader of a syndicate alleged to have placed 250,000 gallons of gasoline in the market. Evidence submitted at the time of the trial indicated that the fuel had been obtained from the OPA by Scott who claimed he needed it in connection with the construction of a canal in Imperial county.

PLAN BUILDINGS

Two major networks—the National Broadcasting Company and the Blue Network of the American Broadcasting Company—plan height-limit office buildings in Hollywood for post-war construction.

Cpl. M.W. Pitman Assigned to Texas Airfield

Cpl. Marion W. Pitman is among AAF personnel recently assigned to Brownsville Army Air Field, Texas, the new fighter pilot training station at Brownsville, Texas.

Cpl. Pitman is part of the big Army Air Force program for training fighter pilots for action against our enemies. Each month scores of young flyers are processed in aerial gunnery at this southernmost base in North America, under the careful supervision of veteran fighter pilots back from months of combat against the Nazis and Japs on our many battlefronts.

Cpl. Pitman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marion Pitman, Torrance.

Weed Removal Notices Out in County Areas

Notices to property owners that weeds must be removed from weed covered lots have been posted in unincorporated areas, according to the Forester and Fire Warden's department. If the owners do not clear the weeds, the county's weed abatement crews will do so and a charge will be included in the current tax bills.

A deadline of April 9 for weed clearing by lot owners has been set for La Canada, Flintridge, Altadena, Florence-Graham district, Willowbrook, Norwalk, Angeles Mesa, Pico, Sunshine Acres, South Whittier Heights and Santa Fe Springs; also, Belvedere Gardens, Lakewood Village, Hollywood-Sherman district and Mesmer City.

The weed abatement program in those districts has been advanced in order that lots not cleared by owners may be cleared more efficiently by mechanical methods used by the county crews. Property owners in the remaining county unincorporated areas will have until May 15 to clear their lots.

Owners who desire to do the work themselves or by contract and are unable to do so by deadline will be allowed an extension of time, provided that a written request for such extension, giving legal description of the property, is received prior to April 9 by the weed abatement section, Department of Forester and Fire Warden, 808 North Spring st., Los Angeles 12.

RESERVE COURSE

The Army's reserve specialized training program will be reinstated on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California this summer, after a suspension since last December.

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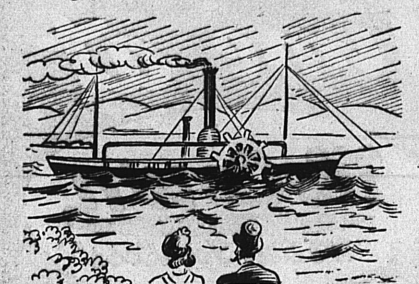
—ALSO—
"GOIN' TO TOWN"

SUN. MON. TUES.

"TO HAVE AND HAVE NOT"

—ALSO—
"HI, BEAUTIFUL"

J. Stanley King Quiz



RULES: Write the paragraph below correctly, describing the above scene, by filling in a word where each "X" appears. Contest closes each Saturday noon. Bring or mail your answer. Postmark on entries mailed will be accepted. Impartial judgment of nearest correct answer final. Winner will be announced following Thursday's issue.

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