

County Building Totals Decline

Valuation of building totals in the unincorporated areas of the county continue to show a marked decline from corresponding months of last year, according to the March report issued today by the county department of building and safety. During last month 1565 permits were issued for construction valued at \$1,873,432, as compared with 1621 permits with valuations of \$3,012,300 for March, 1944.

Single family dwellings to the number of 320 accounted for over half the March construction, with total valuation of \$951,212.

For the calendar year 1945, total valuation of permits issued in the first quarter is \$5,396,885, compared with \$8,843,065 for the corresponding period last year.

AMBUL-JEEP

Newest equipment added to the U. S. Coast Guard's Air-Sea-Land Rescue units is an "ambul-jeep" equipped with stretchers and capable of plowing through sand, mud, and shallow water. This vehicle teams with planes and ships in the mercy agency.

BIG MAJORITY

The 10 million dollar sewer bond issue to partly finance construction of the proposed 21 million dollar sewage disposal plant at Hyperion, was favored by 86 1/2 percent of the voters at Los Angeles election.

Pueblo Fund Here Grows, Lynch Says

James L. Lynch, chairman of the Torrance Rotary Club International Service Committee, announces that the donations toward erecting recreational facilities in the Torrance-Pueblo Village are growing.

The Torrance Rotary Club made the initial donation toward the fund in the sum of \$500.00. Last Sunday, a special collection was taken at the Church of the Nativity, Torrance, when \$234.82 was received. Another special collection will be taken by the church next Sunday, it was announced.

Approximately \$5,000.00 will be required to complete the buildings and Recreation Center, stated Lynch, and the service clubs, fraternal organizations, industries and commerce, again are being asked to arrange special programs and devote the proceeds to this worthy cause. "Organizations not able to arrange programs are urged to donate from any source available," Lynch said.

This project is being coordinated between Lynch and Hillman R. Lee, who is chairman of the community service committee of Torrance Rotary Club. In a joint statement, Lynch and Lee pointed out that Torrance enjoys one of the finest Spanish elements in the nation.



WOUNDED . . . Pfc. Gordon Thomas Russell, U.S.M.C., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell, of 1319 Crenshaw Blvd., has suffered gunshot wounds in his chest in the Battle of Iwo Jima, on Feb. 27, according to a telegram received here Friday. On Pacific duty for the past 18 months, Russell has a brother, Kenneth E. Russell, A. F., a tailgunner on a dive bomber, who has been in the South Pacific for about six months.

NEPHEW VISITS

Leon Butts, U.S.N., stationed at San Pedro was a weekend guest of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Peer, of 1328 Amapola ave.

Dance Hall Rules In County To Be Made More Strict

Following a flood of protests against alleged laxity in the operation of certain dance halls in the unincorporated area, the Board of Supervisors ordered tightening of restrictions covering the granting of dance hall licenses in accordance with a recommendation received from the Public Welfare Commission. Request for such a study and recommendation had been previously made by Supervisor Raymond V. Darby.

Under the amendment to the ordinance, minor violations, such as failure to adequately light the premises, delay in meeting code requirements of the building department, laxity in eviction of questionable patrons, etc., are made punishable by a suspension of the license for periods of from ten to thirty days. The amendment further provides for uniform lighting of any adjacent parking lot operated by licensees, abolition of pass-out privileges except where specifically provided in the license, and employment of a supervising employee when capacity of dance hall exceeds two hundred.

MRS. HUGHES DIES

Mrs. Rupert Hughes, wife of the famous author, died in Hollywood Receiving Hospital recently apparently from an overdose of sleeping tablets.

Prisoners Pass Remagen



En route to prison camps, unending lines of German captives pass through captured Remagen, guarded by U. S. doughboys.

Vaccines Are Subject Of Dr. Swarthout

H. O. SWARTHOUT, M.D., Dr. P. H. Los Angeles County Health Officer

Last week a simple explanation was given of immunity to disease or the ability of the body when attacked by germs to generate several amazing germ fighting substances.

These substances can be produced through artificial stimulation afforded by the injection into the body of carefully measured amounts of vaccines made from germs or toxins. When made from toxins, the toxins are chemically treated or otherwise changed so that their ability to poison the body is reduced below the danger point. In vaccines made from germs, the germs have been killed by heating or grinding so that they cannot grow or cause disease.

Classic examples of artificial protection against virus diseases were Pasteur's vaccine against rabies and, antedating that, Jenner's successful smallpox procedure against smallpox, unique in that the immunity was at that time and still is induced through an injection of cowpox virus, closely akin to but not identical with smallpox virus.

Because of military reasons, disclosure of detailed results of recent immunization advances employed by the armed forces must await the end of the war. It is known, however, that certain diseases such as typhus, cholera, and yellow fever, not previously controllable in war time are becoming preventable through immunization.

Vaccines for specific diseases will be discussed from time to time.

ROBERT WARDROP HERE

Robert C. Wardrop, seaman, 1/c, arrived recently for a 25-day leave from South Pacific duty to join his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Wardrop of 2428 Gramercy ave.

FIRST AID

A new class in standard first aid will be offered by the Redondo Evening High School beginning Tuesday, April 18. This class will meet each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 in room 90 of the High School.

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Chatterbox in Action



Officially known as the M-3 submachine gun, this weapon has been given a number of nicknames by men in service, one of them the "chatterbox." It is shown in the hands of Sgt. Jack M. Cohen of Cleveland, firing at German positions near the Siegfried line. More than 500,000 M-3's have been produced by the Guide Lamp Division of General Motors at Anderson, Ind., and the weapon has been in service in every theater of the war.

Tire Shortage Will Tie Up Many Autos

More than 500,000 cars, almost half the 1,200,000 passenger cars registered in Los Angeles County need immediate tire renovation work to avoid being forced to go off the road through inability to find new tires.

This warning was issued today by Paul Barksdale, chief, OPA district ration chief, and Clare V. Ward, state director of the National Independent Tire Dealers' Assn.

A check by trained tire men of the association here recently revealed that 46 per cent of the passenger cars in this area need recapping. If this work is not done immediately the cords will be burned or carcasses damaged so that it will be impossible to retreat these tires.

"This survey showed a need for recapping of over two million of the 4,800,000 tires on the wheels of Southland passenger cars," d'Orr commented. "The chance of car owners being able to find new grade one passenger tires for replacement is getting smaller every day. To meet this need for two million tires, providing they are not recapped, we have an April quota of but 34,000 tires."

"Recap or lay up the car is the only answer," d'Orr said.

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Foreign Trade Week Here to Be May 20 to 26

"Trade between nations means friendly relations."

This was the slogan adopted today to express the theme of the 19th annual Foreign Trade Week observance, May 20-26, throughout Los Angeles County, Michael Harris, chairman in charge, announced.

Numerous civic meetings, decorations and exhibits in downtown areas and special addresses before service clubs, Harris said, will stress the theme that increased prosperity stems from world trade.

Importance of world trade in the postwar era for stabilization of payrolls and maintenance of high purchasing power in Southern California also will be brought out by speakers.

"Southern California," Harris said, "will be more dependent upon foreign trade than any other industrial area in the postwar era. Los Angeles—Long Beach harbor, ample potential production and a large merchant marine can go far in enabling this area to become one of the great foreign trade centers of the world."

Per Capita Income Now Is \$1532 Yearly

Preliminary estimates indicate that 1944 per capita civilian income in California reached an all-time high of \$1,532, an increase of 107.9 per cent over the average of \$737 for 1939, according to a survey report released here today by Harrison S. Robinson, president of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

This is an increase of \$87 over the California average of \$1,465 in 1943, according to the report. The 1943 per capita civilian income for the United States as a whole was \$1,032, having risen to that figure from \$537 in 1939, the report states.

The report, which was prepared by the state chamber's research department, estimates that 1944 individual civilian income in the state totaled \$12,521,000,000 compared with \$5,013,000,000 in 1939. This is a gain of \$7,508,000,000. Totals for 1942 and 1943, respectively, were \$8,842,600,000 and \$11,247,300,000.

After the collection of income and social security taxes, there was left for disposal by California civilians \$11,217,564,000 in 1944, compared with \$4,920,000,000 in 1939, the report estimates. Total disposable individual incomes in the state are placed by the report at \$5,447,193,000 in 1940, \$6,724,529,000 in 1941, \$8,457,947,000 in 1942, and \$10,076,456,000 in 1943.

LOS ANGELES NEEDS SPACE

Because the county recently purchased the Civic Center building in which the City Department of Water and Power leased space the department is looking for other office space in the downtown area.

Continuation Of Tax Cuts Is Described

Continuation of the 1943-45 state tax cuts, opposition to any increase in state taxes, and opposition to further subventions to local governments was expressed by the Los Angeles citizens budget committee in letters to the members of the California legislature, made public today by Harry H. Baskerville, of Los Angeles, chairman of the committee. The committee is made up of more than 50 trade, civic, and women's organizations in Los Angeles county.

"We resent the pressure against the continuance of state tax reduction being put on the legislature by the representatives of local governments," the citizens committee said. "The governor's budget for 1945-46, on the basis of reduced tax rates, shows that balances available for postwar use will exceed \$350,000,000."

"The taxpayer realizes the need for heavy federal taxes to pay for the war, but to increase state taxes from their 1943-45 rates with \$350,000,000 of postwar funds available would be intolerable."

In opposing further subventions to local governments, the committee cited the following reasons:

"Revenue collection by one government and spending by another leads to extravagance. "Property" taxpayers pay sales, income, and other state taxes as well.

"Since 1912, when the state relinquished the property field to local governments, property taxes have increased from \$55,386,000 to \$315,067,000 a year."

"Subventions by the state to local governments have rocketed from \$7,819,000 in 1912 to \$160,713,000 in 1944."

"From 1912 to 1944, property taxes increased 5.7 times, subventions 20.6 times, and population only 3.3 times. "As taxpayers in Los Angeles city, we would prefer to issue \$16,000,000 of sewer bonds, instead of the \$10,000,000 on the ballot, and not dip into the state treasury for a strictly local need."

"We urge that the legislature grant no further subventions until local needs have been determined and inadequacy of local revenues has been proved."

Organizations which make up the membership of the Los Angeles county citizens budget committee include Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Two Local Men Recovering From Wounds

Pfc. Ross B. Nelson, serving with the Infantry in France, is convalescing from leg wounds suffered in France last February. A son of Mrs. Sylvia Nelson, of Los Angeles and formerly of Torrance, he had been in service five years.

Pvt. Mitchell B. Wilson with the 10th Armored Division of the Third Army is hospitalized "somewhere in Germany" following wounds suffered March 22, while engaged in battle in Germany. His wife, Ida Lee, lives here at 2030 Cabrillo ave.

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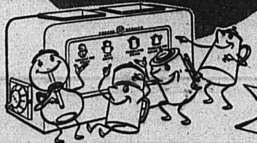
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