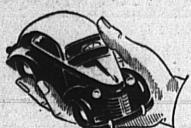


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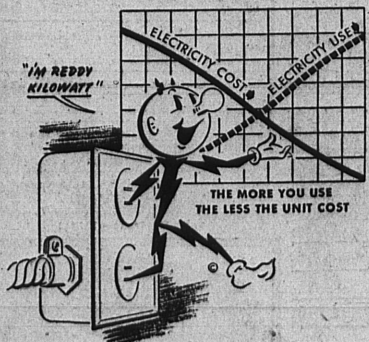
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Schools Finance 1,399 Mobile Units in Drive

Total bond sales for the 837 Southern California schools participating in the recent "Name Your Weapon" campaign amounted to \$11,143,945, representing the financing of 1,399 mobile units for the Armed Forces.

In announcing the results of the special campaign, Avery J. Gray, director of Thrift Practice Instruction for the Los Angeles City and County School Savings and Loan Association, sponsors of "Schools-at-War" Education Section, U. S. Treasury, said these students helped to give Southland schools top rank in the Nation's school districts with a total of \$21,465,628 in War Bond sales from July, 1944 to January, 1945.

Included in the sponsored units were 206 Jeeps, 575 Ambulances, 16 Tanks, 49 Landing Craft, 248 Planes, 4 Bombers and 241 additional pieces of major equipment. Total bond sales for 172 units of non-sponsorable miscellaneous items totalled \$65,492.15.

Students have pledged themselves, with a self-imposed quota, to go "over the top" in the Pre-Seventh War Loan Drive which will exceed their exceptional Sixth War Loan purchases and sales.

Graveyard Beckons Tireless Cars



Thousands of Southland cars needing immediate tire repairs will soon be forced off the road if trends are not recaptured, Paul Barksdale, O'rr, OPA ration chief, tells Frank L. Ryan, OPA tire rationer, left, and Clara W. Ward, Alhambra U. S. Tire Distributor, who is National Tire Dealers' Association director.

Telephone Co. Accomplishments Are Recorded

President N. R. Powley of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and of the Southern California Telephone Company in his message to shareholders accompanying dividend checks for the first quarter of the year calls attention to the company's performance in handling the high volume of business, confronted as it is with inadequate facilities, due to the pressing war demands, to meet promptly the unfilled civilian orders for telephone service. Mr. Powley pointed out that it may not be generally appreciated how heavy the work volumes are and how strikingly they reflect the tremendously increased and mobile population and the unprecedented activity throughout the Pacific Coast.

Powley called to the attention of the shareholders that, "Inclusive of new installations, discontinuances and moves, our company handled last year a movement of 991,559 telephones—a number equal to more than a third of our total telephones in service. This movement was composed of 360,443 connections, 340,590 discontinuances, and 145,263 moves due to changes of address by our customers. To gain one telephone, it was necessary to connect and disconnect, and incur the costs therefor, a total of 50 telephones. Telephones connected were 23 per cent greater and discontinuances were 16 per cent less for the first two months of 1945 than for the corresponding period of last year. Due to the pressing war demands upon manufacturing facilities, the unfilled civilian orders for telephone service continue to increase. All telephones, however, essential to the war effort are being installed.

"The cooperative understanding being shown by the many people who are on the waiting list is most sincerely appreciated, as is the splendid response of the public to our long distance service requests to 'save from 7 to 10 p.m. for the service men,' and to limit calls to five minutes where circuits to war-busy centers are crowded. We earnestly seek, at all times, to merit the confidence of the public. Our fine personnel does itself traditional credit through its courteous and efficient service. In whatever department or capacity our employees serve, they all are representatives of our company and their conduct, individually and collectively, determines its character and reputation.

"The preliminary earnings report for the first quarter of the year indicates earnings per common share of \$1.75 as compared with \$1.84 per common share for the last quarter of 1944 and \$1.55 per share for the first quarter of last year. Labor costs and taxes continue to increase markedly. Further wage increases involving substantial expenditures have been recently under negotiation with the unions. Our commitment to the armed forces and the merchant marine will require large wage expenditures when we gladly welcome them home to our family circle.

Servicemen's stationery? Call Torrance 444 or 443.

Warships Preservation System Given

Warships slated to go on the Navy's "inactive" list after the war can be readied for service in 30 days by the bureau of ships' new preservation method, Eleventh Naval District officials disclosed this week.

The actual process by which a warship can be placed "in preservation" is a matter of a few days, Navy authorities said, explaining that the methods used include dehumidification, a thin-film rust-preventative compound, hot plastic paints and plastic stripable film for packaging deck equipment.

"The size of the job will depend upon how many ships the government decides should be preserved for possible restoration to active duty," one spokesman said, "but ship maintenance experts know that present methods would enable the entire reserve fleet to become operational in 30 days, and that the preservation will cost only one-tenth of one per cent of the cost of the ships."

He said further that the preservation of warships eliminates a duplication of World War I days when no longer needed floating veterans rotted and rusted in almost forgotten berthing spaces.

All Navy vessels are treated with hot plastic anti-fouling paints as a routine practice, quadrupling the time out of drydock for active ships. For an average ship ten gallons of a wax-like compound prevents rust of steel surfaces, without harming machinery operation.

Red Cross Blood Bank

We civilians here at home buy War Bonds, give money to war charities and work at the local Red Cross. Yes, these are a few of the ways that we here can back up the fighting men over there. But, the greatest personal contribution that you and I can make to the men at the front is a pint of blood.

The Los Angeles Chapter of Red Cross Blood Donor Center needs 9000 pints of blood each week if we are to back up the fighting men over there. Now, for the first time, it is possible to dedicate your pint of blood to someone in the armed forces. Your name and his, in your own handwriting, go right on the label which is pasted on the overseas plasma package.

The next visit of the Mobile Unit in Torrance will be May 18 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Civic Auditorium. Five hundred registrations will be needed to supply the quota, according to Mrs. O. A. Kresse, blood donor chairman. Call Torrance Branch Red Cross Blood Donor Center today and make an appointment to dedicate your blood to someone overseas. Phone 1524.

DRUNK DRIVING
The Department of Motor Vehicles sees no danger that the saturation point in automobiles ever will be reached in California. Drunk driving accident records, however, indicate many drivers have long since reached

The place to slow down is 40 for people with aging arteries, say doctors. It's even less than that for people with aging tires. Take it easy!

Things to Do In Case of Car Accident Told

There are 6 things to do if you should have an automobile accident. Failure to do any of these 6 things may result in illegal action on your part, and further injury to the other parties involved.

1. Stop at once and give all the help you can to anyone who is hurt.

2. If any person is hurt or killed, call the local police, sheriff or California Highway Patrolman, at once.

3. Give anyone else in the same accident your address and name, and show him your driver's license and registration certificate.

4. Make a full report of the accident in writing, to the Department of Motor Vehicles or to an office of the California Highway Patrol, within 24 hours, in case of injury or death of anyone involved.

5. If you hit a parked car, or damage property, and the owner is not there, make an effort to find him.

6. If you can not find the owner, leave a note in the driver's compartment or under the windshield wiper, in which you have stated your name and address and the name and address of the owner of the car you are driving. Notify the police, sheriff or California Highway Patrol within 24 hours.

Aerial Mapping Of California Is Requested

Recommendations for the aerial mapping of California through a cooperative program by the Federal and State governments are contained in a report released today by the State Reconstruction and Reemployment Commission. The report is the result of studies made by the State Aerial Mapping Project Committee of the Commission, of which Olaf P. Jenkins, State Geologist, is chairman.

In submitting the report to the Commission, Colonel Alexander R. Heron, State Director of Reconstruction and Reemployment said:

"Full development of California's natural resources in post-war years requires the use of modern, aerial mapping methods. The program recommended by the committee which studied this subject contemplates the matching of all state funds by Federal funds on a fifty-fifty basis.

"Of California's total of 158,693 square miles, less than one-half is now covered by adequate basic maps. Unmapped and inadequately mapped areas represent nearly two-thirds of the State's area.

"In addition to being useful to all citizens of the State, adequate topographical maps would invite outside capital to make investments in California, because such maps are the prerequisite of all engineering enterprises.

"Practically all of the money expended on the proposed mapping will go into employment channels. This presents an opportunity for returning service men with engineering training to obtain permanent, useful employment.

"Accurate, accurate topographical maps, such as only the modern aerial mapping methods can produce, are absolutely essential in the development of California's natural resources in minerals, forestry, water, agriculture, etc.

"A large proportion of these resources lie in areas which still are unmapped or which are covered by inadequate maps.

"Another advantage of aerial mapping is the time element. If California hopes to take early advantage of postwar development of natural resources, adequate maps must be ready soon. Aerial photography greatly shortens the time necessary to complete the maps."

The recommendations contained in the report are covered

Los Angeles County Schools Will Get \$30,285,469 From State This Year

The school districts of Los Angeles county are receiving \$30,285,469 in direct aid from the state treasury for the current fiscal year, California Taxpayers' Assn. said today, making public the third section of its study of state payments to local governments in California. In addition to aid from the state, property tax levies for the school districts in the county amount to \$47,784,481 for the current fiscal year.

The state apportioned \$18,274,506 for the 280,880 elementary pupils in average daily attendance credited to the county, \$11,065,031 for the 124,065 high school average daily attendance, and \$945,930 for the 10,377 junior college attendance.

Over the state as a whole, \$80,996,098 is being paid from the state treasury to the school districts during the current fiscal year, the Taxpayers' Assn. said. In addition, \$119,110,226 is levied in local property taxes for schools.

State aid to the elementary school districts for next year and the years to come will be increased by at least one-third, because of the passage of Proposition No. 9 at the November, 1944, election, the association said.

The governor's \$684,000,000 state budget for the 1945-46 biennium sets aside \$417,000,000 for aid to local governments, with \$216,000,000 for apportionment to school districts. Other state aids include social welfare and public health, \$119,700,000; highways and streets, \$46,200,000; and other purposes, \$34,700,000.

"No further increase in state aid to local governments appears necessary at the present time," the Taxpayers' Assn. declared, pointing out that the \$100,000,000 and the \$57,000,000 proposals now before the legislature will either drastically reduce the amount the state will have on hand to care for the postwar problems or will make increases in state taxes inevitable.

In Senate Bill No. 803, by Senator Randolph Collier, on which the Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency will hold a hearing April 12.

Highlights of the recommendations are:

1. That an aerial mapping program for California be carried on as a cooperative arrangement between State and Federal agencies on a fifty-fifty basis.

2. That a ten-year program be arranged with the U. S. Geological Survey to do the mapping and the State Engineer to administer the State funds appropriated.

3. That a permanent advisory committee, composed of members of map-making agencies be established to advise and assist in the yearly mapping programs.

4. That \$3,000,000 be earmarked as the State's share in the ten-year program.

5. That the U. S. Geological Survey submit to the State a detailed report on procedure, costs, technique and plans. The report points out that recently many new and practical methods have been developed in mapping from aerial photographs which not only take far less time in constructing topographical maps, but which are more accurate and in greater detail. Such maps can be made on a larger scale for far less money than by former methods.

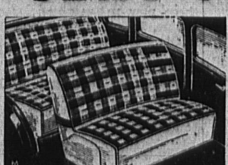
OFF-STREET PARKING

Off-street parking is coming to the fore in six States, including California, where legislation is now in session. The bills being considered would permit municipalities to construct, acquire, and maintain parking facilities.

BULL MONTANA

Bull Montana, former wrestling champion and later a movie actor, will referee at the Redondo arena during matches to be held on Saturday night, April 21, managers announced.

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T5, U5, V5, W5, and X5, good now to April 28.

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, T2, U2, V2, W2, and X2, valid through July 31.

C2, D2, E2, F2 and G2, good now to April 28.

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. Another sugar stamp good May 1.

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

GASOLINE—A15 coupons good for four gallons to June 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.

Ordnance Shop In Italy Rebuilds 12,000 Motors

An Army ordnance shop in Italy recently celebrated the completion of the 12,000th rebuilt engine for 2½-ton trucks, a record achieved in a little over six months and in spite of a constant struggle to obtain the necessary parts.

On one assembly line alone, the ordnancemen under the direction of Lt. Robert L. Powell, of Gulfport, Miss., and M/Sgt. Stanley Surowel, of Clifton, N.J., have installed well over six million parts.

The engines are rebuilt on an assembly line basis. A continuous roller conveyor, extending through the plant for 400 feet, keeps 150 engines in process of repair at all times. Overhead electric cranes, pneumatic wrenches, central water cooling, exhaust pipes and gasoline lines in the final test-department add to the efficiency of the shop.

According to a report received by Col. K. S. Harmon, district chief of the West Coast Army Ordnance District, from the headquarters of the Mediterranean theatre of operations, the ordnance shop does automotive maintenance work in support of the Fifth Army, and the 12th and 15th Air Forces.

In addition to rebuilding truck engines, the ordnance shop salvages, reclaims, and rebuilds general purpose vehicles, major unit assemblies, tires and tubes. Thus a complete cycle of all phases of automotive maintenance is discharged at this one location.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Coast Guard is charged with regulating and enforcing all safety precautions in the nation's shipping industry, from blueprinting to scrapping.

Navy Providing Glasses for Men In Service

For the first time in any war the United States Navy, through the development of optical units over the past two years, is now meeting all the immediate needs of Navy personnel for eye-glasses, originals, replacements, and repairs, to maintain vision of its fighting men at the highest possible level of efficiency.

The Navy is furnishing only one type of eye-glass frames, gold-color and gold-filled. Lenses furnished will be white, toric and/or meniscus. The overseas units have been furnishing since mid-1943, expanding the special service as experience was gained. Approximately 50 Naval hospitals and dispensaries now provide the service within the United States.

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