

Volunteer Help Is Needed to Handle Veterans

Because of the expected flood of returning war veterans to civilian life, the Office of Price Administration today issued a request for extra volunteer help to work at local war price and rationing boards throughout the Southland.

All persons wishing to volunteer at local boards should contact either the volunteer supervisor or board chairman. When veterans return as civilians they will be issued complete sets of ration books. When on furlough service men, who qualify, are issued gasoline.

Burton Business Opportunity Broker Here

Joseph N. Burton, well known real estate broker of 2468 Torrance blvd., announces that he is now licensed as a business opportunity broker and is therefore qualified to handle all types of business properties in addition to his regular business of selling and trading homes, residence and business lots, farms, ranches, etc.

The United States lost 11,500 men in uniform through accidents in 1944.

Gasoline for Service Men Is Expedited

In an effort to save precious time for members of the armed forces here on short furloughs, Charles G. Scott, OPA gasoline rationing official, today explained rules governing the issuance of furlough gasoline.

Scott said service men applying should be able to provide, on first contact with rationing boards, the mileage record of the car they are to use during the period of their leaves.

Many of the boys, Scott pointed out, fail to have the record available, and as a result, are required to make one or more "time killing" trips to ration board headquarters before obtaining the desired fuel allotment.

SOUTH STATES PICNIC
Dixie Land-South Atlantic and Gulf States with Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, will hold a picnic called by W. J. Holmer for all day Sunday, June 3 in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. Badges, coffee, registers available.

He who would arrive at the appointed must follow a single road and not wander through many ways.

— Seneca

Final Proclamation of Roosevelt Asked Observance of Maritime Day

The last proclamation issued by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt before his death was that fixing Tuesday, May 22, as National Maritime Day for 1945.

A Proclamation

Whereas, A notable contribution was made in the history of ocean transportation when the steamship "The Savannah" set sail from the United States on May 22, 1819, and made the first successful voyage across the Atlantic Ocean under steam propulsion; and

Whereas, In commemoration of this achievement the Congress by a joint resolution approved May 20, 1933 (48 Stat. 73) designated May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that day; and

Whereas, Many thousands of patriotic men and women are toiling through the long hours of the day and night in the construction of the great fleets of vessels to carry the goods of victory to the distant battle fronts of the United Nations; and

Whereas, Our ships, sailing every ocean, have been manned by courageous officers and seamen all of whom have left the security of their firesides and many of whom have given their lives for the land of their allegiance; and

Whereas, The American people are looking forward to the days of lasting peace when the merchant fleets of the nation, wisely used and vigilantly maintained, shall sail the seas freed from the perils of war;

Now, Therefore, I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do hereby call upon the people of the United States to observe May 22, 1945, as National Maritime Day by displaying the flag at their homes or other suitable places, and I direct that the flag be displayed on all Government buildings on that day.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this fourth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-ninth.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
By the President:
E. R. Stettinius, Jr.
Secretary of State.

May 22, National Maritime Day, the nation pays tribute to those heroic seamen who have accomplished the most dangerous transportation task in history. This symbolic date, marking the 136th anniversary of the first crossing of the Atlantic by a steam-driven vessel, the famous "S. S. Savannah," has been dedicated to the men of the Merchant Marine who have suffered casualties even higher, proportionally, than any of the other services; to the hundreds of thousands who have volunteered to sail with our Victory Fleet, and to the one out of every 33 of their number who has fallen; to these unsung heroes, whose devotion to duty has not been headlined as have the exciting battles of planes and tanks and marching men, we dedicate this day.

Countless thousands of these forgotten men were raw volunteers but a short time ago. The training of these "landlubbers" to man the ships has been the



job of the United States Maritime Service. To meet this challenge, huge training bases were established east and west, on the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts.

The Maritime Service's great West Coast base for apprentice seamen, under Commander E. F. Jaeger, U. S. Navy, is located on Catalina Island, just 22 miles off the shores of Southern California. Literally, this island has gone to war.

Today this prewar playground echoes to the clatter of machine guns, the cry of "give way together," and the familiar "heave ho." The shimmering waters of Avalon Bay, once filled with pleasure craft, now blazes with flaming oil and gasoline as seamen learn the technique of "abandon-ship" under simulated battle conditions. Docks once thronged with vacationists are now classes in small boats and davits. Even the former pleasure liner S.S. Avalon has changed her face and finery for a coat of wartime gray, and her decks are covered with training gear and guns.

Along the palm-lined beaches of Catalina sounds the beat of marching feet. The towering hills and wooded canyons where once wound hiking trails and bridle paths are cut with rugged and tortuous obstacle courses. And the world-famous Catalina Casino is now a classroom and recreation hall where trainees enjoy motion pictures and USO shows. In the cozy cabins of the Island Villas, in the St. Catherine and Atwater Hotels, are barracked 4000 apprentice seamen.

These are serious men who train at Catalina, for they know the job ahead . . . a job that will send them through heaving seas, under a blistering sun in alien waters, through icy blasts of sleet and rain, snow and fog to anchor their lumbering freighters and heavily-laden tankers off beaches where anxious comrades and allies wait.

It was of these men that General MacArthur said, "I wish to commend the valor of the merchant seamen participating with us in the liberation of the Philippines. With us they have shared the heaviest enemy fire. They have brought us our life blood and they have paid for it with some of their own. They have contributed tremendously to our success. I hold no branch in higher esteem than the Merchant Marine service."

Admiral Nimitz expressed his admiration when he said, "... without these ships and men, wholly devoted to winning the war, our substantial progress would not have been possible."

And General Eisenhower paid his tribute in proud, precise terms: "Every man in this Allied command is quick to express his admiration for the loyalty, courage and fortitude of the officers and men of the Merchant Marine. We count upon their efficiency and their utter devotion to duty as we do our own . . . they have never failed us yet . . . when final victory is ours there is no organization that will share its credit more deservedly than will the Merchant Marine."

Post-War Trade Courses Open At High School

An opportunity to learn a post war trade is provided by the announcement that classes in are welding will be open to the public at Banning High school, 1500 Avalon blvd., Wilmington, under the War Production Training program beginning Monday, May 7. Classes are to be held Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 11 to 3 o'clock.

For those employed on day shifts who wish to learn are welding, evening classes are conducted Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9:30 o'clock. Booths and equipment for the evening school instruction were made available when War Production classes transferred to day-time schedules, it is announced by Walter E. Holstein, principal.

Registration may be made at the War Production Training office any day between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Additional information may be obtained if desired by telephoning Wilmington 0848 or Nevada 6-1946.

Palos Verdes Acres Will Be Subdivided Soon

One hundred and three acres of land owned by the Palos Verdes Corporation at Rolling Hills will be subdivided into 89 lots of slightly over one acre each.

The county regional planning commission approved the subdivision. The tract is located north of Palos Verdes drive north and west of Narbonne avenue.

Company spokesmen said the lots will be placed on the market as soon as subdivision proceedings are completed.

The concern recently obtained authority to subdivide an additional 46 acres immediately west of this tract into 31 lots, commission officials said.

Dividend Checks Are Sent Out By FHA Office

The Federal Housing Administration has begun delivery of its first dividend checks to home buyers.

The initial dividend check was handed to Vincent Morgan of Los Angeles by John E. McGovern, FHA District Director for Southern California, today. The payment was made in accordance with a recent announcement that 14,868 home buyers who paid off their FHA-insured mortgages in full during 1944 would receive dividends from the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund. These mortgages were in group accounts which on January 1, 1944 had developed credit balances.

Morgan's mortgage was insured by the FHA on Oct. 31, 1936 in the amount of \$6,000. It was to be repaid over a period of 19 years but he paid it off in full on April 18, 1944.

While the loan was in force mortgage insurance premiums totaling \$204.89 were collected and the dividend payment was calculated at the rate of \$12.329 per \$1,000 of the original face amount of the loan which resulted in a dividend payment of \$73.97.

Others entitled to dividends will receive anywhere from \$1.81 per \$1,000 of the face value of the insured mortgage to \$19.83 per \$1,000, depending upon the credit balances in the group accounts involved.

McGovern announced that 3,495 California home buyers, who last year paid off mortgage loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration will receive dividend checks. These 3,495 in California are among the 14,868 home owners throughout the country who will share in the first dividend payments made to mortgagors from the Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund set up under provisions of the National Housing Act more than 10 years ago.

WEST VIRGINIA PICNIC

The Panhandle State will hold its summer reunion June 10 in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles. The McGuffey Club is invited. Enjoy renewal of old friendships in the all day fellowship—brief program—Election of officers, coffee, badges, registers available.

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\$750 in Bonds Per Member Is Legion Post Aim

Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 American Legion is out to sell \$750 in Seventh War Loan Drive bonds per member, according to Eugene Held, chairman, for the post and Mrs. Ethel Dunham, bond chairman for the auxiliary.

Both chairmen are working hard on the drive, Held selling \$750 in bonds during the Sixth War Loan Drive, and Mrs. Dunham selling \$500 worth of bonds.

Both are attempting to beat that record, with a total goal of \$20,000 set. The auxiliary will sell bonds at the booth at the Bank of America each Tuesday during the drive.

Bill to Reduce Auto Finance Interest Passed

The assembly has passed a bill regulating conditional sales contracts of automobiles, described by its author, Vincent Thomas of San Pedro, as a step toward wiping out exorbitant interest charges by automobile dealers who handle their own financing.

The bill provides that no dealer may charge interest of more than 1 per cent of the total owing, or \$25, whichever is greater. It would not apply to banks or finance concerns.

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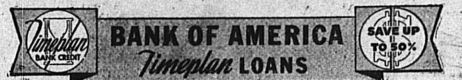
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