ATOMIC BRAINS

Science claims to have perfected a defense against atomic bombs but has had little luck thus far against drivers with atomic brains.

Cuts Tenant's Eviction Rate

Evictions of tenants—petitions for which had been pouring into the OPA district rent office at an average rate of nearly 3000 a month this year — have been sharply reduced since the six-months' eviction regulation went into effect last Sept. 15, according to figures released today by Ben Koepke, OPA district rent executive.

Estimated eviction petitions to be filed this month—based on the number received in the first one-third of the month—will be about 1240, Koepke's report indicated, as against an average of 2948 for the first nine months of the year.

This approximately 60 percent decline is ample evidence of the protection afforded thousands of rent-paying persons in this acutely congested area by the six-months' eviction regulation, Koepke declared.

And, the rent executive pointed out, not all of these petitions were granted by OPA. "Well over one-third of them have been denied," he said.

Cash Awaits Vets Reenlisting In U. S. Army

Veterans who now reenlist for the regular army will hit the jackpot for sums up to one thousand dollars each, it was revealed yesterday, as Lt. H. A. Glover, commanding officer of the San Pedro Military Personnel Service announced that the newly-passed "Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945" has gone into effect.

Under the terms of the new law, men who enroll for service in the peacetime Army are paid a variety of cash benefits, the Lt. said. These include muster-ingout pay, which is $200 for men who have at least three months previous service, and $300 for men with overseas service.

Other payments now made to men who reenlist include bonuses of $50 for each year of previous service, and travel pay of five cents per mile for each mile of travel from the place of reenlistment to the soldier's home, and return.

Lt. Glover predicted the new inducements would attract large numbers of ex-soldiers back into the ranks of peacetime Army. He pointed out that men now volunteering are permitted to select their own branch of service as well as the area in which they will serve. Men who reenlist within 20 days of their discharge are also reappointed to their former Army rank.

Special benefits are also thrown into the pot for married men. By the new congressional act, family allowances will also be paid to anyone who now reenlists. Volunteers may enroll for periods of one year, 18 months, two years, and three years, and the benefits of the GI Bill of Rights are granted to all men now signing up for the Regular Army.

Local Recruiting office is located at Room 202, Post Office Building, San Pedro, California.

CAR, TRUCK CRASH

Mrs. Viola Hawkins, 53, with her 14 year old daughter, Ruth Hawkins, drove her Willys sedan into a truck driven by Ernest Fischer, 47, 121 Adams, Long Beach, near Garden Grove Sunday. The truck was operated by the Oil Fields Trucking Co., 23310 Narbonne ave. according to police reports.

Your Kitchen Counsellor

by
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BEANS AID THE BUDGET

Beans aid the budget whether it's the cash-money plan or the protein-value picture. Most of us have to consider the cost of family meals to some extent, and all of us must be sure the family budget of food values is kept at a high standard at all times.

It's easy to see why proteins play a major role in the nutrition picture. They are essential to life. They are body-builders.

The main function of protein foods is to build body tissues in growing children and to replace worn out tissues in adults. An adequate amount of high-quality protein food is necessary in every day's meals.

Meat, eggs, milk and cheese are the favorite protein foods. Vegetable proteins—beans, dried peas, legumes and nuts—supplemented by some of the animal proteins, may be used when meat is scarce. And those vegetable proteins are good money-budget stretchers, too.

DON'T BE BORING

Beans may be one of those foods that pall. In fact, any food will be boring if served too often and always in the same old way.

Consider how many kinds of beans there are—navy beans, limas—big and baby, pink beans, red beans, pinto beans, soy and garbanzas. And think how many ways you can fix them—boil them for soup, bake them or fix with barbecue and other kinds of sauce.

Really, there's no reason for boring menus even though you may serve this stand-by quite frequently.

MENU VARIETY

Let's consider a few menus. Variety in the kind of beans used, the recipe combination and other foods served at the meal will accomplish wonders in pleasing the family.

Barbecued limas, buttered broccoli, fruit and cottage cheese salad, cornbread, milk and cake will make a tasty meal.

Old-fashioned baked beans, waldorf salad, brown bread, milk, lemon custard pudding and cookies is another good combination.

California beans, carrot and raisin salad, toasted French bread, milk and banana cream pie will bring smiles from the family.

Navy bean soup, a make-your-own sandwich plate with assorted bread, meat and cheese, a mixed green salad, milk and apple pie makes a hearty meal that is extremely easy to serve.

You'll notice that each of these suggested menus uses extra amounts of milk or cheese or a small amount of meat to strengthen the protein value of the meal featuring beans. You may aid the budget by serving beans frequently. Menu variety will keep them from being boring.

BARBECUED LIMAS

2 c. dried limas
¼ lb. salt pork, diced
1 onion, sliced
¼ c. meat drippings
1½ Tbsp. prepared mustard
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. salt
1 can condensed tomato soup
½ c. vinegar

Soak limas 6 to 8 hours. Cook slowly with salt pork and water to cover until tender. Drain. Reserve 1½ c. liquid. Brown onion in meat drippings. Add liquid from beans and remaining ingredients. Cook for 5 minutes. Alternate limas, cubes of salt pork and sauce in oiled casserole. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

CALIFORNIA BEANS

¾ lb. dried red beans
½ lb. ground beef
3 Tbsp. fat.
1 onion, diced
1 can tomato sauce
1 tsp. chili powder
Salt and pepper to taste
½ c. celery, sliced

Wash beans. Drop into generous amount of boiling salted water; cover; cook slowly until almost tender. Brown onion and celery in fat. Add beef and brown. Add tomato sauce, seasonings and sufficient liquid from beans to make sauce to cover beans. Turn beans and sauce into oiled baking dish. Bake 1 hour at 350°.

Salvage Fats Collections In Decline

An alarming decline in household fats collection in Southern California for September is apparent from figures just compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has assumed this responsibility from the War Production Board. Marvin A. Sloan, District Director of the Office of Supply of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, said that it had been hoped that the relaxing of meat rationing together with the increased incentive to the housewife of four red points per pound instead of two would result in a return to better than quota collection figures. However, the contrary is true. While July figures were 574,186 pounds, or 91.6% of quota, and August 556,079 pounds, or 89% of quota, the September compilation shows 379,561 pounds, or only 61% of quota.

Torrance housewives turned in 919 pounds, or 71% of the Torrance quota.

Lomita turned in 896 pounds, or 53% of the quota.

Harbor City produced 122 pounds, or 38% of its quota.

As recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, fats and oils are still definitely on the shortage list and every effort should be made to supplement the available supply by conscientiously turning in all the household fats possible.

Public Support Needed In OPA Price Control

"All consumers — and particularly salary and wage earners — are deeply affected by price control; if prices go up, good pay will mean little, for wages are worth no more than they will buy."

This is the view of Paul Barksdale d'Orr who today took over as director of the OPA for the Southern California district. D'Orr, who assumes the agency's top executive post, left vacant by the resignation of Frank S. Balthis Jr.,—said that he believes the public is solidly behind the price agency in its fight to hold the line on prices.

Illustrating the value of price control, d'Orr said, is the comparison of a controlled commodity like rent with an uncontrolled commodity such as improved real estate. Rent, the OPA executive pointed out, has been kept at reasonable levels while selling prices of homes have shot upward to almost fantastic heights.

D'Orr said the public must keep up their interest in the fight OPA is making in their behalf and aid the agency whenever possible. Volunteers are still needed at local boards, he said, and, as always, housewives and other consumers can render a service by reporting to price panels at their local boards any violation of price ceilings they discover in the course of their shopping.

54 Food Items Suspended From Price Control

In keeping with its policy of removing price control from minor items when conditions permit, the Office of Price Administration announced today that, effective Oct. 31, fifty-two food commodities are being exempted from price control, ceilings are being suspended on three other items and suspended indefinitely on a fourth.

The items on which ceiling prices are being suspended for a 90-day period are vegetable seeds, canned carrots, including canned carrot juice, and fresh, frozen and canned crabmeat. Canned carrots does not include chopped or strained carrots sold as 'baby foods" or "junior foods."

Vegetable seeds are currently selling substantially below ceilings and there seems to be little chance that market prices will rise above the level of present ceilings, OPA said. The agency will watch trends for the commodity, however, and if necessary, will reinstate ceiling prices.

Price controls are suspended indefinitely on bakers fruit pie filling, a non-consumer item.

The items exempted from price control today are: In the fish, fats and oils category—all canned or processed fish bait used for sport fishing, imported and domestic canned abalone, oysters, clams and fish roe, frozen uncooked lobsters, salted lake herring.

In the frozen fruits and vegetables category — beets, citrus segments, coconuts, figs, kale, melons, mushrooms, pears, potatoes, vegetable greens other than spinach.

All bulk or packaged dehydrated vegetables except dried or dehydrated peas and dried or dehydrated beans. This does not include dehydrated vegetable soups.

In the dried fruits category—whole unpitted apricots and peaches, all varieties of black wine grapes, silver prunes, halved pitted plums, cherries and cherry stems.

Canned lime juice.

Bakery products category — pretzels, tortillas, ice cream cones. (The cones exempt are those sold to stores. Cones sold filled with ice cream or other ingredients remain under price control.)

Grocery specialties category — bouillon cubes, frozen dough ready for baking, prepared hard-sauce containing distilled spirits.

Miscellaneous — fennel seed, foenugreek seed, anise, cumin, dill, laurel (bay leaves), marjoram (oregano), thyme, tumeric, saffron, basil leaves, curry powder, mint leaves, mint flakes, Rosemary leaves, savory, savory salt, garlic salt, onion salt, imported chutney (sweet and sour).

1018 Veterans Obtain Loans

More than 1000 California and Nevada veterans have now obtained loans estimated at approximately $6,000,000 under the provisions of the "G.I. Bill of Rights" according to a statement released today by Colonel James G. Donnelly, manager of the San Francisco Veterans Administration Facility.

A total of 1,018 loans had been guaranteed for California veterans and 50 loans for Nevada veterans as of September 15th.

These guaranties carry commitments of the Admistrator of Veterans' Affairs amounting to approximately $1,750,000 and it is estimated that the loans actually made to veterans by banks, building and loan associations, insurance companies and other lenders as a result of these guaranties total approximately $6,000,000.

The 1,018 loans guaranteed for California veterans were distributed as follows: 888 for the purchase, construction and improvements of homes; 122 for the purchase or equipping of business, and 8 for the purchase or equipping of farms.

It was pointed out that an average of better than three out very four applications for guaranty are being approved by the San Francisco office.

As a further step in the vast decentralization program now under way in the Veterans Administration, a Loan Guarantee Office was opened in Los Angeles on Monday, September 17.

Home Seekers Offered Safeguards Under Inflated Market Conditions

Home seekers in Southern California are offered important safeguards under current inflated market conditions by the FHA home financing system, FHA Southern California District Director, John E. McGovern, declared today.

The value of these safeguards for prospective home owners has been heightened by the shortage of housing brought about by the imposition of necessary wartime curbs on new home construction, McGovern pointed out. Restrictions have now been removed, but due to shortages of some materials and skilled manpower in some areas production will be slow in catching up to demand. In the meantime existing houses will be commanding a premium in the market.

"One of the most important protective features of the insured mortgage procedure in the FHA's sound property valuation policy, which offers to purchasers of existing properties the advantages of tested appraisal methods and operates to prevent over-borrowing on the basis of inflated valuations," Mr. McGovern said.

Coupled with this is the protection afforded by the single, long-term amortized mortgage, which is required in all FHA-insured home loans. FHA insured mortgages mature only when the last monthly payment falls due, thereby avoiding costly renewal fees and the possible financial embarrassment frequently caused by short-term first, second or third mortgages which have no satisfactory arrangement for periodic reduction in the amounts owed."

FHA insured mortgages on sound existing houses may cover up to 80 percent of the FHA valuation of the property and may run for as long as 20 years. Interest charges are limited to a maximum of 4½ per cent on reducing balances, plus the FHA insurance premium of ½ of 1%. The loans are retired by equal monthly payments, covering all fixed charges, which in many cases are less than rent for comparable properties. The FHA insured mortgage plan therefore affords home-buyers a means of stabilizing their basic costs over a long-term period.

The Bible is the learned man's masterpiece, the ignorant man's dictionary, the wise man's directory. —Mary Baker Eddy

OBITUARY

ROBERT ASA ROBERTS

Robert Asa Roberts, 58, died at his home, 721 Sartori ave., Tuesday, Oct. 30. A resident of California for the past three years, the deceased is a native of Fouk, Arkansas. He is survived by his widow, Jessie Anna; and daughters, Mrs. Betty Williamson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Miss Dorothy Fuqua of Denver, Colorado; and three brothers, Lee, of 723-A Sartori, Jack, Eureka Hotel, and Harry, of 375 W. 40th Place, Los Angeles. Services will be conducted at Stone & Myers chapel at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. The remains will be sent to Tulsa for burial.

BARBARA ALICE HIATT

Barbara Alice Hiatt, 2321 237th st., Torrance, passed away Thursday and funeral services conducted by Arbuckle and Son, Redondo Beach, were attended by a large group of relatives and friends. Mrs. Hiatt, a widow, born in Trading Post, Kan., May 16, 1869, being 76 years of age last spring, is survived by a large family including three daughters Mesdames Bessie Abernathy of El Monte, Alta Brankin, Torrance, and Helen Lichtenstern, Lomita; four sons, Harry, Paul, Richard, and William Hiatt; four sisters, two brothers, 25 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She was affiliated with V.F.W. Auxiliary, Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, Woodmen's Circle and Lomita Baptist Church. Interment at Pacific Crest Cemetery followed the services.

HARRY R. CLARK

Harry R. Clark, 76, of 1548 Marcelina ave., died suddenly following a heart attack while visiting his daughter, Mrs. Agnes Russey, at her home in Yreka. The deceased, a Torrance resident since 1923 was retired from Pacific Electric Company following 40 years employment. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eva Clark of the home address; his daughter, Mrs. Russey and a son Howard R. Clark of 1548½ Marcelina ave.

MARY ROJAS

Mary Rojas, 26, 2208 W. 203rd st., died at the Los Angeles General hospital, Oct. 30. Born in Lamar, Colo., April 13, 1919, Mrs. Rojas had lived in Torrance for one year and is survived by her son, David Rojas; two brothers, Isabel and Jose Rojas and a sister, Mrs. Gregoria Valdez of Harbor City. Services were held at the St. Joseph Church by Rev. C. J. Wood, Interment followed at Holy Cross cemetery. Stone and Myers were in charge.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued within the City of Torrance during the past week, according to building department records:

Fred Gerkin, 24646 Park st., frame cold storage, $1600.

Ruby Carter, 618 Amapola ave., 3 room frame residence, $1400.

J. Jefferies, 2321 W. 236th st., 2 room frame residence, $1450.

A. Navarro, 2554 Sonoma st., addition to residence, $1000.

John L. Schultz, 1937 Carson st., display windows in bakery, $200.

PLANS BUSINESS MEET

Members of Fern Ave. P.T.A. executive board will meet at the school at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7 for a regular business session.