



One thousand Italian war prisoners, interned at Warner, Utah, leave for their homeland from Oakland Port of Embarkation, Cal. They are the first contingent released from several detention centers in nation. The vessel will sail for New York City, via Panama Canal, pick up more prisoners, finally dock at Naples. More than 3000 are slated to sail this week.

### Training Table Topic Of New Mothers' Class

Expectant mothers will have an opportunity of viewing the technicolor film, "The Training Table," at the weekly class on Jan. 30, at 1:30 p.m. in the Torrance health center at 2300 Carson st., Miss Lavinia Varnum, instructor, has announced.

All prospective mothers and those who will have the care of new babies are invited to attend the showing of this nutrition film.

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### C. V. Castle Advises Small Farm Owners

A small farm home of from one-half to three or four acres should not be considered a means of earning a living, believes C. V. Castle, farm advisor in Los Angeles county, because there is no crop which will produce enough income on such an area to support the family. True, enough laying hens can be carried on an acre for a full-time enterprise, but that is not in the same class as growing a crop.

Small farms should be considered primarily as homes with sufficient area to raise fruits, vegetables, produce a few eggs, poultry and rabbit meat, perhaps carry a cow—thus to provide a better diet and lower the cost of living. A half-acre or an acre in berries or some cash crop may provide a little additional income.

Viewed in this manner, the small farm home is a good investment, but he warns against too much land. It takes a surprising amount of work and time to keep a place in good condition, and if neglected it will soon become a liability.

### Russell Heads L.A. Area Boy Scouts

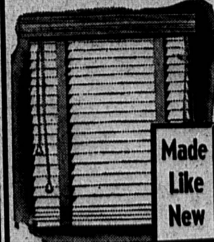
Newly elected president of the Los Angeles Area Council Boy Scouts of America is John Henry Russell.



Russell, in the largest meeting of its kind ever held in the history of the organization, election returns were announced at the 31st annual meeting of the council held in the Embassy Room at the Ambassador Hotel before a capacity crowd of more than 700 scout leaders and their guests recently. Russell has served for the past two years with distinction as executive vice president and chairman of the council committee on organization and extension. He succeeds Floyd W. Forker, who in three years as president, has seen an increase in membership from 19,312 to more than 31,000.

Other officers elected were Dr. Hubert Eaton, George Pepperdine, George Behrendt, H. Eugene Breitenbach, Herman Erkes, and Dan S. Hammack, Vice Presidents; J. C. Lipman, Treasurer; C. W. Roberts, Scout Commissioner; and Al Villasoner, Sea Scout Commodore. The following District Chairmen were elected to membership on the board of directors: William C. Smith, Centinela District; E. V. Hypes, Eastern district; M. H. Waldron, Poothill district; J. F. Buehner, George Washington district; L. K. Hutchinson, Green Meadows district; E. R. Stephenson, Harbor district; Sol Delevie, Jr., Hollywood district; William Baurer, Inyo district; E. L. Jefferson, McKinley district; Earl Mendenhall, Metropolitan district; Murry Cowan, Midland district; W. S. Alexander, Mount Vernon district; Ronald K. Duke, North-east district; J. E. Hickman, Northwest district; Dr. W. C. Jones, Rio Hondo district; Dr. L. F. Thompson, San Antonio district; H. G. Weick, South-west district and J. A. Hooper, Jr., Wilshire district.

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### Baby Crop On Upgrade In L.A. County

The baby crop is on the upswing again according to 1945 reports just completed for the Los Angeles county health department jurisdiction by Mrs. Margaret E. Nolan, chief of the division of vital statistics.

An all-time high of 28,093 births were registered in 1945 as against 27,472 in 1944, and 27,561 in 1943.

Population increases via the baby census topped deaths in the County health department area last year by 133 per cent. Deaths reported in 1945 were 12,850, 12,101 in 1944 and 11,703 in 1943.

Los Angeles county health department's jurisdiction for registration of births and deaths includes all of Los Angeles county with the exception of Los Angeles city, Beverly Hills, Long Beach and Pasadena.

### Far-Reaching Policy For Beach Acquisition And Control Offered

A far reaching policy for acquisition, protection and development of California's beaches for recreation was adopted by the board of directors of the California State Chamber of Commerce, meeting in San Francisco.

Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, president of the University of California, presented the report of the special committee, which the directors approved and will actively seek adoption of necessary legislation to put it into effect.

Torrance Beach would be involved.

The policies follow a two year study of the problems growing out of lack of overall authority by any one state or federal agency to protect and safeguard this great natural resource.

"The War Department, authorizing any structure built seaward of the high water line considers only objections based on interference with navigation. The State owns tide and submerged lands and its Division of State Lands must also authorize each structure—but where tidelands have been transferred to a municipality or county, the state cannot prevent one city from building an ocean structure that may so influence waves and current as to seriously damage other communities' shorelines," Dr. Sproul declared.

"The State Division of Parks and Beaches has title over state-owned parks, landward from high water lines—but only above the high water mark, and not beyond the park itself. The State Division of Highways also does considerable seaward work to protect its highways. The State Board of Health must approve ocean outfall pipes for sewage as they affect public health—and often this has been done without other state agencies studying the engineering and other features.

"Between all these state and federal agencies there is a degree of cooperation—which, however, is entirely voluntary, and depends on the desires of each agency. A law requiring joint action is needed. And this requires creation of a State Seacoast Engineering Board—composed of existing state officials and creating new jobs—to carry on a continuing study of ocean forces at work along the coastline."

The two-year study, resulting in the new beach policy report, was made by a special committee authorized by Dr. Sproul, then chairman of the State Chamber's natural resources committee. Col. Charles T. Leeds, formerly Southern California district engineer, U. S. Army Engineers, and now consulting seacoast engineer for the State Division of Lands, is chairman. Other members include Supervisor Raymond V. Darby and P. C. Winnett, chairman Greater Los Angeles Committee.

"In earlier days, there was little occasion for concern about our coastline—there was room and opportunity for all," Sproul continued. "Now, however, with ever increasing population, the value of our seacoast for scenic beauty and recreation is increasingly appreciated. Visit one of our beaches on a good day and

### Enlisted Reserve Corps Men Get Wink From Army

Due to the need for trained men, the Army is now offering members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps the privilege of returning to duty in their present inactive rank, if they act promptly, Lt. Glover, Harbor Area recruiter, announced.

"Members of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, now in an inactive status who enlist in the Regular Army on or before Jan. 31 next, will be enlisted in the grade now held in the Reserve Corps," Lt. Glover explained.

Jan. 31 is also the last date upon which non-commissioned officers discharged within the preceding 20 days may re-enlist in the same grade, as well as the final date for re-enlistment, as master sergeants, of officers released from duty between May 12 and Nov. 1, 1945.

Officers warrant officers and flight officers presently being released from duty have 20 days from expiration of their terminal leave to re-enlist as master-sergeants, the Lt. pointed out.

The local recruiting office located in Room 3, Post Office Bldg., San Pedro has changed its hours and will now be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays included. The telephone is Terminal 3-2986.

### Slug H.C. Man; Steal Auto

A sailor and a soldier were said to have stolen a car belonging to Frank M. O'Dell, 4044 W. 166th st., after the latter had picked them up near Hermosa Beach.

O'Dell said sheriff's deputies that he was struck over the head and knocked unconscious by one of the two servicemen shortly after they got into the car.

### R. H. Harrison Conducts Revival Services Here

The Southern Evangelist Robert H. Harrison, is conducting revival service in the Torrance Foursquare Church, 1207 El Prado. He is assisted by other southern singers and musicians, while he himself is a pianist and sings southern songs and spirituals. His topic for this week ends Thursday 7:30, "The Need of the Holy Spirit"; Friday 7:30, "God's Penitentiary," he will tell his experience of how he and only one other man was spared in the midst of a tornado; Saturday 7:30, "The End of Your Dreams," jubilee and youth rally, Sunday 7:30, "The Fence that God Built Around Hell," illustrated Gospel Sermon.

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### P.E. Railway Is Cited For War Performance

Pacific Electric Railway has been cited for performance of outstanding service in the prosecution and fulfillment of its assignments in connection with World War II activities of Los Angeles Port of Embarkation by Brigadier General J. K. Herbert, Commanding Office of the Army Transportation Corps installation.

The achievements of Pacific Electric Railway in the handling of troops and cargo through this vital Transportation Corps installation merit high commendation, wrote General Herbert to President O. A. Smith of the railway. The meritorious performance of this carrier contributed materially to final victory and constituted an accomplishment of the highest type reflecting great credit upon the organization and its employees.

A distinguished service citation has also been received by Pacific Electric Railway for its part in the war effort from J. M. Johnson, Director of the Office of Defense Transportation, on be-

### Cpl. F. E. Smith Enters School Of Plastics

Cpl. Freddy E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Smith of 1616 Cota ave., Torrance, who recently was discharged after nearly three years with the coast artillery in Northern France, Ardenne, the Rhineland and Central Europe, has entered the Plastics Institute for a year's training under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

Smith, who is 22, completed his overseas duty last Nov. 25.

**WAR COST**  
 In the fiscal year 1945 more than 90 cents of every dollar spent by the Federal government went to meet the direct costs of the war, according to a statement by Secretary of the Treasury Vinson.

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