

CONTROLS RELAXED TO PERMIT SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM

Relaxation of controls to enable an increase in the construction of urgently needed primary and junior high school facilities was announced by Louis M. Dreves, regional director here of the Office of Temporary Controls, Civilian Production Administration construction division.

In re-emphasizing the fact that controls continue on no-housing projects to prevent diversion of materials from the veterans housing program, Dreves explained the new policy will permit authorization of construction if present classroom facilities are insufficient to allow full instruction for a school's enrollment in one daily session.

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Public Concerts Being Offered By Music Committee

Announcing ten weekly chamber music programs presented by the "County Music Committee" under sponsorship of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and held in the Lecture hall on the second floor of the Los Angeles County museum in Exposition park, ensembles from the Los Angeles Musicians' Association will be heard in a series of "History of Chamber Music" from simple sonata to full chamber orchestra, Sunday afternoons at 3 o'clock beginning with an initial concert Jan. 5, 1947.

Free public concerts to be presented include: Jan. 5, sonatas for violin and piano; 12, Philharmonic Piano Trio; 19, American Quartette; 26, quintette composed of American Quartette with clarinet; Feb. 2, sextet composed of American Quartette with addition of viola and cello; 9, septet for violin, viola, cello, bass, clarinet, bassoon and French horn; 16, an octet composed of American Quartette and another string quartette; 23, woodwind ensemble; March 2, chamber music orchestra, and 9, full symphony orchestra.

Local CSES Explained By Ken Bradley

Procedure by which the Torrance office of the California State Employment Service assists the employer to fill job vacancies and the job-seeker to find the employment best suited to his qualifications, were explained by K. E. Bradley, manager of the local office.

"Matching men and women with jobs is the primary function of the employment service," Bradley declared. "When we have made a successful placement we have been of assistance to both the employer and the employee. This is the basic objective of the California State Employment Service."

When an individual is out of a job, the manager said, he first registers with the employment service to establish the fact that he is available for employment. The CSES then offers him referrals to open positions as they come up. He offers him physical capacity will enable him to fill. If no suitable jobs are immediately available to him, he may then file his claim for unemployment insurance benefits.

The CSES official pointed out that since his office is a clearing house for job information, workers seeking employment can save themselves trouble by starting their search for a job there. By contacting the CSES, workers can find out what available jobs will utilize their skills and they can select from those which appeal most strongly after consideration of personal requirements.

"The employer fits into the picture by listing his job openings and specifying the qualifications needed to fill the vacancy. By placing their orders with the CSES for workers, employers will save themselves much time and effort because our trained interviewers carefully select the applicants best qualified for the position before referring them to the employer," Bradley declared.

The Torrance office of the California State Employment Service is located at 1628 Cravens ave. and the telephone number is Torrance 417.

Federal Credit Carryover Aided S.P. Company

Southern Pacific Company handled its greatest peacetime volume of freight in 1946, but, except for a federal tax credit carry-over, it would have suffered a financial loss for the year, President A. T. Mercier said in a year-end comment on the railroad's operations.

This situation was brought about, he explained, by large wage increases, heavy taxes other than federal income tax, and skyrocketing prices of railroad supplies without an accompanying commensurate increase in charges for railroad services. Prospects were brightened considerably by the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision of Dec. 5, granting an average increase of 17.6 percent in interstate freight rates for the country as a whole, effective Jan. 1, 1947, and making permanent the 10 percent increase in passenger fares authorized as temporary relief in 1942. However, he added, it remains to be seen whether this will meet the carrier's needs, even though the volume continues at the present high level.

"It is important to the welfare of the country," Mr. Mercier declared, "that the railroads be permitted reasonable earnings to maintain sound credit, so they may continue to improve their services through the purchase of new modern equipment."

J. ROY HOLLAND RESEARCH DIRECTOR FOR TAX GROUP

Appointment of J. Roy Holland as director of research for California Taxpayers' association was announced by N. Bradford Tremham, general manager of the statewide taxpayers organization.

Holland, member of the staff of the association since 1930 and assistant director of research for Southern California for the last two years, will assume his new duties Jan. 1. Holland succeeds Alden G. Fensel, resigned, who is to be head of the tax department of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

TWO-THIRDS WINTER
Two thirds of the U.S. wheat crop consists of winter wheats, sown in the fall of the year.

Child Care Program In Schools Will End March 1 Unless Money Provided

By PATRICIA GALLYER

California's Child Care program is doomed unless immediate action is taken. Funds for operation of Child Care Centers and Extended Day Care expire March 1. Unless there is an emergency appropriation when the state legislature convenes all existing child care facilities will automatically terminate.

Latest surveys show on a statewide basis that more than 45 percent of children who are cared for in the centers are the children of veterans.

If the child is to be left unsupervised during his mother's hours of employment his chance for healthy development are slight indeed.

The alternative is the continuance of an adequate child care program for the pre-school child and increased numbers of extended day care centers to care for children ages 5 through 12.

There is nothing new or revolutionary about child care centers. They existed in California ever since 1904. Dr. Montessori's theory of child development, which fruit conserved it was necessary to provide child care. This they did. It solved the problem in that particular Northern California community.

Today the dilemma is not as simple. War has merely aggravated an already existing problem. Those persons who believe that with war's end the situation resolves itself aren't in possession of the facts.

Not everyone has a conveniently located grandmother, cousin or aunt to care for his children. Nor is this makeshift arrangement desirable for the child's welfare.

This is what a sound child care program offers for the needs of the pre-school and school child whose mother is a war widow or the economic head of the family. The average tot's day goes something like this.

When Johnny is brought by mother to nursery school he is greeted casually but sincerely by teacher. None-the-less his throat, skin, and general appearance is carefully checked to see that his health is up to par. Disease is kept at minimum. Illness is prevented by well balanced meals, cheerful surroundings and wholesome activities. Understanding and affection are provided by well-trained teachers. They realize that physical health and mental balance are inseparable co-partners. Psychological as well as physical factors are an integral part of the whole set-up.

Special emphasis is placed upon conferences between head-teacher, staff and parent. The nursery educates both mother and child in many instances. Mother learns that promises must be kept. This adds to the child's feeling of well-being and security if mother is definite about when she will call for Johnny. Then she must be consistent and keep that promise.

Johnny learns in the best possible way, through experience, that life is a give and take proposition. He wishes to be acceptable to the group and governs his conduct accordingly. He makes concessions and compromises, but seems to feel that what he gains is definitely worth while. His training includes good health habits, sound behavior patterns; he is taught neatness and orderliness; he develops self-reliance. In a sentence he is provided a favorable climate in which to grow physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally.

The mother who knows her child is well cared for calls for him in an eager, happy frame of mind, ready to meet the remaining duties of the day and night. The anxious mother is a poor worker. She lives easily and what mother isn't worried if her child is a "dead-end" kid left to the tender mercies of whatever pedestrian or neighbor who chances to pass by.

The neighbors won't raise a working mother's child. That is neglected. Sooner or later he becomes a public charge. A hit and miss solution won't work. It has been tried. It has failed wretchedly, miserably, utterly. The public must make its voice heard. It is society as a whole which will suffer for the neglect of its children.

The American tax-dollar is the key to the solution. Shall it be spent wisely to provide a constructive child-care program or shall it be spent on bigger and better penal and youth correction institutions.

Need for state-financed centers is so great that desperate mothers all over the state are organizing to work for an extended day care program.

The State Board of Education has steadily increased the proportion of child care center cost which is paid by parents using them. During the war years this sum was upped to \$4.50, then \$6.80 and where both parents are employed the fee is now \$13.20 a child. Hundreds of children have dropped out of centers in each community as a result. Many groups are undertaking a letter-writing campaign to members of the state legislature.

None can deny that this is a community problem of importance. It is the child, and the public who will win or lose.

Protestant Scout Relationships Group Formed

The formation of the Protestant Scouting Relationship Group was announced by John Henry Russell, president of the Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The committee appointed by the Church Federation of Los Angeles held its organization meeting under the leadership of Dr. Donald H. Tippet of the First Methodist church, who was named as chairman.

Duties of the committee, according to Dr. Tippet, will include the promotion of the "God and Country Award," which is now available to Scouts rendering special service to their church. The award will be made by the pastor. The first project of the committee will be the active participation of local churches in the observance of Scout Sunday, to be held in connection with the 37th anniversary of the Scout organization on Feb. 9.

Hospital Cases
Local patients admitted to the Torrance Memorial hospital, among others during the past week, are the following:

Mrs. Avis Sibon, 26444 Narbonne ave.
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Mrs. Hilda Keegan, 20727 S. Vermont ave.
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Midwest Finds L.A. Good Source Of Supply

Midwestern merchants are giving increasing attention to Los Angeles county as a source of supply, although the era of shortages is rapidly coming to a close and strong competition from other sections is appearing in many lines of consumer goods, according to a statement made by Carl T. Colt, chairman of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce domestic trade committee.

Based on findings of a field commissioner, the Chamber's domestic trade had placed in circulation a report on factors favoring sale of Los Angeles county consumer goods in the east, Colton said.

In the minds of retail executives there is a continuing but gradual change in the traditional thinking about the east and midwest when they seek retail merchandise, Colt said the report showed.

"One buyer after another is becoming convinced that the 9,500 factories in America's third largest community must of necessity fit into his plans," he explained.

The report is filled with observations and suggestions designed to help strengthen the position of our factories' products east of the Rockies, because there is a belief Los Angeles county manufacturers are better producers than merchandisers.

Teacher Jobs Open In Harbor Area, Report

A war emergency examination for teachers in harbor area elementary schools will be held at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 10 at Wilmington Park school.

The test, school officials said, qualifies educators for teaching positions during the national emergency.

Requirements for the examination are a bachelor's degree, or three years of teacher training college with practice teaching, or two years of teacher's college and one year of paid experience.

Officials pointed out that the examination is only for positions in harbor area schools, since the tests have been suspended for the metropolitan area because there are sufficient teachers there.

REDRILL WELLS

Notices to redrill two oil wells here were filed with the Department of Natural Resources last week. These are the Le Spring Oil Co., in section 25, township 4S., range 14W., Kupfer well No. 2, and Lebow and McNeese section 23, township 4S., range 14W., Kettler No. B1.

TESTING ATOMIC MEDICINE

Carbon 14, the radioactive matter produced at the U.S. regular Army atomic laboratories, has been released to hospitals for tests in the treatment of goiter, diabetes, cancer and other diseases.

BETTER TO PLANT Strawberries In The Spring

By Agricultural Extension Service, Los Angeles County
What time to plant backyard strawberries? It's better to wait until spring. Plants will grow more vigorously, runners will develop at a time when temperatures are right for getting the runner plants to root, and your planting will be more free of disease for a good crop the second year.

Yes, plants will probably live if they are planted during the late fall or winter. Klondike plants in early December will give a small crop next summer, and, of course, they will not give a crop when planted in March or April.

But the crop you get will be small, and the chance that plants will die from too much winter rain fall—wet feet—is much greater.

Another reason against fall planting is the danger of disease getting into the plants during the winter. They won't be growing, and for that reason will be more liable to be attacked by insects, and insects carry diseases. So it's better to wait until spring.

Variegates
You'll have far more strawberries for your time and effort if you plant the Klondike variety. The fruit isn't quite as tasty as some of the others, but the variety is much better adapted to our climate than any other.

Many people may want to plant Rockhill, an overbearing kind that is low in acid and relatively high in sugar, and tastes sweeter. But it is very difficult to get good Rockhill plants, and they should be replanted each spring. There were thousands sold during the last two or three years under the name of Rockhill, but they were not true and didn't bear. The best Rockhill plants are imported from Michigan, Wisconsin and Oregon, and are exceedingly scarce.

Winter Vegetables

Do you have a plot of ground two or three feet wide along a wall with a south exposure—maybe by the house, garage, or along a fence? If you have, it's a good place for some winter vegetables because the reflected heat will make the spot much warmer and vegetables will grow faster than in the open. Better make use of it. Put in some lettuce or chard or spinach. You'll be surprised how fast they'll grow.

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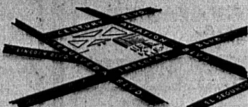
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