

BROTHER VISITS

Lou Logan, radarman, 1/c, has been visiting his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Stewart, of 1314 Madrid ave. The serviceman is stationed at San Diego and had recently been transferred from the Atlantic Coast.

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Budget Group Asks L.A. City School Board to Cut Expense Estimate

Recommendations for \$2,542,300 reductions in Los Angeles \$51,915,572 tentative school budget were made to the school board by the Los Angeles citizens' budget committee, at the board meeting on Thursday afternoon, July 26. The committee recommendations were presented for the more than 50 civic organizations which make up the citizens' budget committee by Ed F. Thompson, secretary. Recommendations include:

1. Take out of the budget the \$1,331,080 set up for an additional step up in the teacher salary schedule, to reduce the tax rate about 8 cents.
2. Reduce the capital outlay budget \$1,000,000, from \$3,515,000 to \$2,500,000, and plan to levy \$2,500,000 a year for the next

five years, to reduce next year's tax rate by about 6 cents.

3. Eliminate the \$112,228 set up to move the school board offices to Central Junior high school.

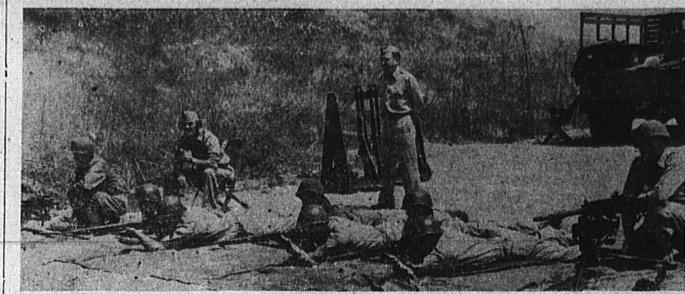
4. Reduce "other expenses" by at least \$100,000.

"The present budget proposal is \$5,536,358 more than the final budget for the 1944-45 school year," the committee pointed out.

"The increase in property tax requirement is \$2,109,522 more than for last year because of increases in assessed value will result in \$582,098 additional revenues; \$2,109,868 more is to come from the increased elementary school apportionment from the state, \$167,000 additional is to be received in increased state aid for teacher retirement, and an increase of \$460,005 is expected in surplus. These are being used to offset some of the proposed increase in expenditures, but they should be used to reduce the local tax demand.

"School costs in the last ten years have gone from \$117.97 per pupil in 1934-35 to \$164.38 per pupil in 1943-44; data for last year are not yet available. School taxes have gone from \$1.15 per \$100 of value in 1934-35 to \$1.7085 for 1944-45. The present budget proposal, if reductions are not made, would bring the rate to an estimated \$1.79. School attendance has gone down from 246,516 for 1934-35 to 240,513 for 1943-44. Data for last year and estimates for this year are not yet available."

"Excessive governmental costs resulting in heavy taxation and the fear of still higher burdens are prime deterrents to postwar prosperity. Our community responsibilities with regard to absorption of war workers and returning veterans are relatively the gravest. All units of government have their full share of responsibility in determining whether or not employment, dependent on sound business conditions and moderate taxation, expands or stagnates."



17-Year-Old Youths to Be Taken in Guard

Youths of 17 years-of-age who are interested in enlisting in the California State Guard under the reduced age limits recently authorized by the legislature may inquire into the prospect of enlistment in Co. H, Second Battalion, 39th Regiment, on Monday or Thursday evenings, between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Capt. R. L. Lewellen, commanding Co. H, said that while he is not permitted to accept enlistments of youths of 17 years-of-age, until September 15, he will be glad to explain the obligation and training of the State Guard to any interested men on either night.

The reduction of the age limit from 18 years to 17 years, which will be effective on September 15, gives an opportunity for pre-induction training to men who otherwise have been required to go from raw civilian life into the rigid training of boot camp. Captain Lewellen said: "The training which young men can get with the State Guard is identical with that of the Army, Navy or the Marine Corps, and will make the life in boot camp considerably easier on the new federal recruit." Captain Lewellen declared: "Our whole program is federally supervised and has the benefit of federal equipment. The young man who can avail himself of this pre-induction training in the State Guard will stand out among the untrained recruits brought in to boot camp from civilian life." He said that there are many men of 17 years of age who cannot get into the regular armed forces and who can serve his state and nation in the State Guard in a capacity just as important to the regular army as is service in the federal forces. Interested men are asked to go to the armory in Torrance Ball Park on either Monday or Thursday evening for information.



STATE GUARDSMEN PRACTICE

Above are riflemen of Co. H, 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, on the range last Sunday in practice with .30 calibre Enfield pieces and Browning machine guns. Left to right, kneeling or prone, are 2nd Lt. Bruce R. Clements; platoon leader, Cpl. Herbert Burgess, Cpl. William Peterson, Pvt. R. Hannah, Cpl. Don Vorhis, Pvt. Clayton Smith, Bernard Lee and

1st Sgt. James Wilkes. At the field telephone connecting the pits with the firing line is 1st Lt. Tom Ramskill, executive officer, and viewing the firing is Capt. R. L. Lewellen, commanding officer. At the right are members of the company taking advantage of cover in a machine gun nest in field maneuvers. Left to right, they are Cpl. Smith, 1st Sgt. Wilkes, Cpl. Burgess and Pvt. Hannah. (Torrance Herald photos.)

Arthur Baum CED District Chairman

Appointment of Arthur J. Baum as district chairman of Los Angeles County, for the Committee for Economic Development, was announced this week by Morris B. Pendleton, regional chairman. Baum will have jurisdiction in all sections of the county, other than the City of Los Angeles, where the committee is chairmanned by Carleton Tibbetts.

As president and executive manager of the Southern California Publishing Company, Baum publishes the East Los Angeles Tribune, East Los Angeles Gazette, Montebello News, Whittier Reporter, Bell Garden Review, Wyverwood News and Park Courier. He has been associated with newspapers in Southern California for the past 28 years.

The new district chairman is widely known for his activities with the Greater East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, of which he has been president for the past three years. Recently elected president of the California Audited Newspapers, he maintains close contact with the entire publishing field.

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Hoover Will Address Iowa Picnic in L. B.

Saturday, August 11, Bixby Park, Long Beach, has been selected by the Iowa Association of Southern California for the 40-year old annual outing, at which upwards of one hundred thousand Iowans will meet old friends at the beach city.

Particular interest accrues to this year's Iowa Picnic because Herbert Hoover, the only living ex-president of the United States, will address the gathering in a broadcasted speech on the international situation, with special reference to the United Nations meetings in San Francisco, the meeting at Bretton Woods, and the Big Three conferences at Yalta and Potsdam. Former governor of California, Frank Merriam, a member of the Association, has been invited to present Mr. Hoover.

A native of Iowa, the honors of this year's annual event are tendered by the Iowa Association to the former president as a birthday celebration, since it is expected that upwards of one hundred thousand visitors from all over Southern California will attend.

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Open House Of War Chest On August 6

War Chest workers from the 35 cities and towns that make up the Los Angeles Area War Chest are expected to attend the open house on Monday, August 6, from four to seven p.m. at the Los Angeles Area War Chest, member communities, have signified their intention of being present. The affair marks the formal opening of campaign headquarters at 204 W. Seventh st. The Women's Committee of the Chest, whose chairman is Mrs. Curtis L. Albro, will sponsor the affair. Present also will be civic leaders and heads of the 140 Chest agencies.

An unusual treat is being prepared for the guests in the first public showings in this country, of the paintings of Tom Lea, Life magazine artist, who has portrayed in this series of ten fine oils, the invasion of the Island of Peleliu, by the first division of United States Marines. In addition an exhibit of fifty original cartoons by Sergeant Bill Mauldin, creator of the "Up Front" series, will be shown and also a collection of military insignia, arranged by Walt Disney.

In preparation for the actual solicitation which will begin in the early fall, toward the \$8,942,373 total goal of the Area, was an action taken recently by representatives of management and labor in adopting a resolution which calls for a minimum of eight hours pay in donations from employees groups. Both groups had a hand in drawing

School Teachers Will Attend Driver Classes

Southern California high school teachers, on vacation from the three R's, will learn how to teach others the intricacies of driving an automobile. Registration is now in progress at the University of Southern California for a 5-day driver-education and training course for high school teachers. The course starts August 6.

Purpose of the teachers' institute is to supply Southland schools with a sufficient number of instructors in driver education and training so that local high schools will be able to train boys and girls approaching legal driving age.

COLORADO PICNIC
Colorado State Society summer reunion will be all day Sunday, Aug. 12 in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.



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