

'Y' Building Plans in State Shown; Many Swimming Pools Will Be Built

California Y. M. C. A.'s will spend more than \$3,700,000 for postwar construction and remodeling to meet changed community needs and demands for more co-educational programs, according to R. L. Rayburn, senior secretary of the national Y. M. C. A. building bureau.

Construction slated in California is part of a \$50,000,000 nation-wide "Y" building program, he said, adding that figures for this state will be greatly increased as estimates of other projects are completed.

The swimming pools, more club rooms and a large general purpose room, all suitable for co-educational uses, are planned in most future "Y's" Rayburn said.

Torrance maintains a YMCA office here with Ted Meier as secretary in charge, but no facilities are available. Whether or not there is any hope of organizing a regular "Y" here is said to depend upon the community interest and the participation of a greater number of youths in the movement. "Y" facilities would have to be financed largely by local funds, it was said. Community Chest funds finance Meier's present program.

Meanwhile, the city is preparing plans for a big recreational building program with some discussion regarding either a swimming pool or a skating rink.

The swimming pool idea, patterned along general "Y" ideas, is winning favor, and it is believed that supervision of the pool if not the whole recreation building could logically become a local "Y" function until other facilities are provided.

Skating rinks are a private function, while swimming pools usually come under the municipality, "Y" or the schools' control, it is pointed out.

Dormitories are due for re-designing, according to Rayburn, who pointed out that "Y's" throughout the country last year had a bed-night occupancy of more than 24,244,000. Better materials and decorative schemes will be used and even dormitory shower rooms restyled. In showers tile will continue to be installed because of its low upkeep and a different color will be employed in each to give these facilities individuality.

About 90 per cent of all new "Y" buildings will have swimming pools, Rayburn said. Most will also feature a large general purpose room for forums, banquets, club sessions, dances and other co-educational functions, and a large number will include a chapel in their plans.

California at present has 82 Y. M. C. A.'s. Membership in the state totals more than 80,300 persons.

Beaver Trapping Proves Value In Forests

Excellent results are anticipated from the beaver live-trapping and transplanting operations of the Bureau of Game Conservation of the State Division of Fish and Game. This project was put into operation in May, 1945, on a state-wide plan and to date approximately seventy beaver have been live-trapped and transplanted to new locations. In these newly established quarters beaver will assist in the control of soil erosion, and improve stream conditions by the construction of dams and the storing of water, thereby benefiting land owners, sportsmen and stockmen. It is expected these beaver colonies will eventually increase to an over carrying capacity for the streams, which will permit the systematic harvest of the surplus by commercial trappers as an annual fur crop.

From observations made in the past five years of experimental beaver plants in various locations and under diverse conditions throughout the state, it has been proven that beaver can be successfully moved from sea level to an elevation of 8,000 feet, from late spring to early fall, provided the new location has ample food and permanent water for hoard and lodging.

The following counties have received plants of beaver so far this season: Lassen, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Tulumne, Fresno, Monterey, Santa Barbara and Riverside. This project is being carried on under the Pittman-Robertson Act.

Beaver are fully protected throughout the State with the exception of the Colorado River area.

Touch Football Will Be Played At Torrance Park

Elmer "Red" Moon, Torrance recreation supervisor, announced a "touch" football team will be organized for all age groups starting Sept. 17 at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Only exceptions as to eligibility will be high school lettermen in this sport. Moon explained that lettermen who are eligible would be those earning their letters in sports other than football.

Other sports will be participated in as soon as facilities permit, Moon said.

Lloyd Williams Is Chairman of Racing Board

At an executive meeting of the California Horse Racing Board recently held, Commissioner Lloyd Wright was elected chairman of the board. The board had expected to defer election of a chairman until the vacancy recently created had been filled, but the necessity of having a chairman so that the business of the board could more efficiently be handled, made it imperative that one be elected at this time. Dwight Murphy, in nominating Wright, said he felt that the best interests of the racing board could be served by having Wright chairman, assigning among other reasons, the fact that the major portion of the business of the board was handled in Los Angeles.

Wright and Murphy announced that the board had been industrious in its study of the problems involved in present day racing, and unqualifiedly have come to the conclusion that the vast majority of those interested in the business are just as honest and honorable as any other business. They called attention to the fact that the state, in the ninety-sixth fiscal year ending June, 30, 1945, had received more than \$8,215,000 as revenue, of which \$6,000,000 was transferred to the use of Fair and Exposition funds, and the balance of which was placed in the general fund. It was reasonable to expect with war over, they reported, revenue in the future will be enhanced and that the County Fairs, of which there are sixty-eight presently in California, will be able to function for the benefit of all the citizens of the state more effectively from the funds derived from racing.

Cheese Made Ration-Free By Government

The government made all cheese ration-free Tuesday as reported by officials conferred on an early termination of meat rationing.

The ration point value of all cheese was reduced to zero effective at 12:01 a.m. yesterday. This action has the technical effect of keeping cheese on the ration list, but officials said it undoubtedly signifies the end of cheese rationing. An order formally ending rationing may be issued soon.

This action was made possible because stocks held by the military services can be used to fulfill overseas commitments. It will have the effect of easing meat rationing, in that points which would have been used for cheese can now be spent for meats and food fats.

Dove Report Is Given; Plentiful In Some Areas

San Luis Obispo County continues to report plenty of dove with Santa Barbara County reporting most of the feather taking day of the hunt.

San Bernardino county reports a very good opening on doves and lots of hunters. San Diego on the other hand reports a scarcity of the feather because of recent storms. Fishing continues to improve at Lake Hemshaw since it has cleared. Wohlford and Hodges lake, near Escondido, are still reported as only fair.

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