

Student Farmers View Live Stock Held In L.A.

Thirty Torrance high "farmers" traveled to the Great Western Livestock Show recently in a school bus. Some of the boys from the midwest farms enjoyed comparing the fat stock with what they had seen "back home." Others were introduced to well bred stock. All saw breeds of poultry which were new to them, as well as other quality animals.

With Harry H. Stone, teacher of agriculture, supervising, the following "farmers" took in the show: Roy Aguilar, Robert Chambers, Jack Delsigne, Odell Dobbins, James Ferguson, Jack Hoffman, Milton Long, Floyd Mays, Benny McDaniel, Glenn

Mitchell, Raymond Paxton, Robert Puretic, George Reams, Vincent Reichman, Richard Seabridge, Warren Sharp, Robert Snuffer, Walter Stevens, Jim Wood, Tony Wood, Bill Maloy, Don Coleman, Herbert Curley, Rano Sullivan, W. A. Hanni, Jimmy Pizer, Harry Mayfield, Wendelin Seberlich, Bill Wood, Tom Millstead, Billy Hoe Waters, and Jimmie Meyers.

During the day they watched the judging of junior Hereford bulls and the auctioning of Aberdeen Angus bulls. They were interested in the view of all the cattle in the pens from the elevated board walk.

The Great Western Livestock Show was started about 15 years ago to educate cattlemen of this region as to the value of quality livestock. Future Farmers and 4-H Clubbers, as well as stockmen, were exhibiting.

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Livestockmen's stationery? Call

Veterans Of This Region To Get 700 Jeeps

It will be a "Jeep" Christmas for about 700 former service men living in California, Nevada and Arizona, Reconstruction Finance Corporation's Surplus Property Office, Consumer Goods Division, announced.

The 700 constitute the total number of veterans in this region who, up to Nov. 30, had been certified by Smaller War Plants Corporation that they required "Jeeps" for commercial or farm purposes.

Nationally, the agency reports that it now has a pool of about 1900 new and 4400 used "Jeeps" which for the next ten days have been frozen for those veterans certified by SWPC. About 700 of this number are allocated to this region. Orders from veterans, who have been duly cer-



HOME AGAIN . . . Lt. Robert H. Tolson, USNR, has been released from active duty following about four years of service. Upon his return to San Diego where he reported for assignment following a 30-day leave with his parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. H. Tolson, of 903 Beech ave., he received his honorable discharge. Previous to his Pacific duty he had been stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, and other bases as an instructor.

Last Minute Letters To Santa Claus

Last minute letters for Santa Claus have been intercepted by the Torrance Herald and contents have been duly noted before forwarding to the North Pole.

Claudia Smith wrote a mighty good letter to Santa but failed to put postage on it. Santa may have some trouble receiving a letter without postage. Claudia wrote that she was five years old and lived on Cabrillo ave.

"I want a doll buggy, a scooter, a new coat and bring my brother Tim, a gun, scooter, a Jeep and a new pair of pants." She ended by adding: "I have been a very good girl, so thank you, dear Santa."

Another letter to Santa that is being forwarded to him was from a little girl who believes in keeping the record straight, she writes:

"Dear Santa, I would like to have these things because I have been a good girl, as you already know." She then lists: Roller skates, doll buggy or push cart, toy chest, little girls' beads and bracelet, roly poly humpty dumpty dolly, and signs herself, Sandra.

(Parents Note: Your Santa Claus editor has been burning the midnight oil trying to decipher some of our young children's drawings to ascertain just what their little desires may be. Some of these kids, I am certain, will grow up to be cryptographers.)



Miss Lorraine Mettler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mettler, 1919 W. 253rd st., who will leave tomorrow evening, aboard the Union Pacific, for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she will be met by her fiance, Lt. George J. Patik, AAF. Miss Mettler will be the guest of Lt. Patik's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patik over the holidays and will remain in the eastern city for her wedding which will take place early in January. Miss Mettler graduated from Narbonne high school, S. 42 and has been employed in the office of the Shell Oil Co. Lt. Patik has returned from Europe and is now on terminal leave from the AAF.

Compost Value To Gardens Is Told By Expert

Weeds, trees, leaves, grass clippings, and garden waste such as old asparagus tops, rhubarb leaves, base leaves of cabbage, cauliflower, and broccoli all are valuable material for the compost pile and composted organic matter is extremely valuable in the garden. Be careful not to throw in any part of diseased plants. Burn or destroy them because many diseases will carry over in the compost pile. Be particularly careful, M. H. Kimball of the Agricultural Extension Service, University of California, urges, not to put roots into the compost if there is any suspicion of nematode. Tramp down the pile, add a little soil for inoculation, and keep the pile moist. Small amounts of chicken or rabbit manure may be added if available. Allow the material to rot until no part of it can be identified as belonging to one plant or another.

Santa Claus Will Not Lack Helpers Here

Santa Claus is not going to lack helpers this year, judging by the enthusiastic response to the Christmas Clearing Bureau, located in Torrance Service Center. Names of needy families are already coming in, especially from organizations interested in children.

The local Christmas Clearing Bureau works in close cooperation with the Department of Social Service of Los Angeles, which has carried on such a project for many years. This is the first time that Christmas Clearing Bureaus have been organized throughout the southern part of the city and county. Each bureau has the backing of a local committee, assisted by Mrs. Lella Hedges of the Salvation Army and Mrs. Mary Eggleston of the Welfare Council.

Interested persons are urged to phone in the names of needy families known to them. The phone number for this locality is Torrance 1408.

71,513 Needy Aged Receive Help In County

In Los Angeles county, 71,513 people received aid as needy aged in October, 1945, an all-time high for this kind of relief in the county, California Taxpayers' Association said today, making public the first section of its analysis of postwar trends in aid to the needy in California counties. Old age aid payments in the county for October, 1945, totaled \$3,434,560.

Throughout the state, the number of people receiving old age aid reached its all-time high so far in March, 1942, when 158,786 people received \$5,787,115 in this kind of relief. For October, 1945, a total of \$7,501,114 was given in old age aid to 158,331 needy aged persons throughout California.

In Los Angeles county in March, 1942, when the statewide rolls were at their peak, 66,191 persons received \$2,414,821 in aid as needy aged.

"Major reason for the \$7,501,114 total payment in California for 158,331 persons for October, 1945, compared with the \$5,787,115 total payment for 158,786 persons for March, 1942, is the

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Because of mounting traffic fatalities, the County Supervisors ordered the coroner and the county manager to make a study of pedestrian safety measures and prepare a report for the board.

"When shall all men's good Be each man's rule, and universal Peace Lie like a shaft of light across the land, And like a lane of beams athwart the sea?" —Tennyson

25 per cent increase in maximum payment, provided by 1943 legislation, which raised the maximum per month per person from \$40 to \$50," the association said.

"During the war, many people 65 and over worked and were self-supporting. In the future, however, it is expected that many people who worked during the war will seek aid as needy aged persons.

"Great care should be exercised in the administration of aid to the needy aged all over California, so that only those in need receive it and so that the tax bill to the people for it is kept as low as possible."



SANTA'S FRIENDS

Santa's best friends are children! Everywhere children look to him for that which is good and wonderful. . . . for in their hearts he is the real, unflinching being of their little world. And rightly so! That's why it delights us to be counted as one of Santa's "helpers" . . . and for that you can be so very, very sure!

BETTER TOYS & CLOTHES FOR YOUNG FOLKS

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ified, are now being received by OSP's Veterans Service Unit (1540 Market st.) in San Francisco, as well as by the agency's district offices in Los Angeles, Phoenix and Reno.

"Jeep" selling prices to veterans are: 1945, 1944, 1943 models, \$782; 1942 models, \$695; 1941 models, \$598. These prices apply to vehicles in substantially new mechanical condition, including rebuilt "Jeeps." For less desirable vehicles these prices will be further reduced on an appraisal basis to compensate for replacement cost of missing parts, plus the estimated cost of labor required to place the vehicles in good mechanical condition.

Aphis Worst Pest Of The Winter Garden

Aphis are probably the worst pest of the garden during the winter with cutworms and root spider a close second. Use nicotine sulphate (Black Leaf 40) or pyrethrins or other specially prepared aphid control materials frequently and consistently. They are easier to keep under control than to overcome when thoroughly established. Prepared poisoned baits readily available on the market can be sprinkled on the ground around the base of plants for cutworms and the same material will control snails and slugs is used properly. M. H. Kimball of the Agricultural Extension Service, University of California, says one of the worst garden problems in the winter is rotting of base of plants due to poor drainage. He urges the plants be set on ridges in the fall so the winter rains will not stand around the crown. Some valuable hints for gardeners can be obtained by writing the farm advisor's office, 808 North Spring St., Los Angeles 12, for garden literature. "Garden literature might well include hints on backyard poultry and rabbit keeping and on care of backyard trees. We have free information circulars on all subjects."

VETERANS OFFICIAL

Hugh Dekin, Veterans Administration representative, will be in Torrance Veterans Service Center at 2300 Carson st. all day Thursdays. In the future, according to James Caldwell, executive.

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High concentration of automobile ownership in certain areas of California, coupled with the fact that only 75 per cent of the total daily highway use occurs on about 10 per cent of the State's roads and streets, demands a new and modern highway service policy.

So declared E. E. East, chief engineer, Automobile Club of Southern California, in a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the State Chamber of

State Guard Troops Parade For General

Units of the Second Battalion, 39th Regiment, California State Guard, participated in a precise and colorful military ceremony held recently in Los Angeles Armory. Maj. Gen. Walter P. Story was awarded the 25 year Service Medal of the State of California commemorating his 25 years of service with the State's military forces.

The presentation was made before high ranking officers of the Regular Army and the Guard by Brig. Gen. Victor R. Hansen, adjutant general of California.

Guard Troops Parade

A picked body of State Guard troops paraded before the ceremony. Col. Lawrence Mickel, commander of the State Guard in the southern area, supervised the arrangements.

Troops from Co. H, South Bay and Harbor District company commanded by Capt. R. L. Lewellen, and Co. A, Long Beach, commanded by Capt. C. C. Church, made up one of the composite companies participating.

In a short acceptance speech, Maj. Gen. Story introduced officers of his former staff, many of whom saw service with the 10th Division, a unit which he helped organize and which became a part of the U. S. Army in World War II.

Messages of congratulation from Washington, which were read by Brig. Gen. Hansen, included expressions from Brig. Gen. Clayton S. Adams, the War Department, Maj. Gen. James Olio, Adjutant General, and others.

Maj. Gen. Story's military record dates from 1898 when he joined the 1st Regiment, Montana National Guard, as drummer boy. In July, 1937, he became commanding general of the 40th Infantry Division.

Art, unless quickened from above and from within, has in it nothing beyond itself which is visible beauty. —John Brown



Commerce last Thursday, where he urged adoption of a State-wide system of freeways.

Pointing out that motor vehicle usage will double in California in 10 or 15 years, East declared that the pressing need for a freeways system "so far overshadows any other street or highway need in this State that first consideration should be given to finding more revenue for it than has been recommended."

- The program advocated involves five points:
- (1) Establishment of the Statewide system by law.
 - (2) Creation of an earmarked fund for building the system.
 - (3) Placing responsibility for the development of the system in a single authority.
 - (4) Apportionment of building funds in various counties on the basis of motor vehicle registrations.
 - (5) Increasing the gas tax 1 1/2 cents per gallon to finance the program.

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