

Collections Of Fat For Area Reported

The total collection figures for household fats in Southern California for December reflect a substantial decline from those reported for November. This statement was released by William P. Rowley, district representative of the production and marketing administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Mr. Rowley said, "Many factors account for this drop in collections. However, all housewives should realize that their efforts in saving and turning in every drop of used kitchen fat will go far toward increasing production of a multitude of sorely needed consumer goods."

Torrance housewives turned in 1055 pounds, or 82 per cent of quota, the U. S. Department of Agriculture report showed. Lomita turned in 1084 pounds, or 64 per cent of the quota. Harbor City's total was 55 pounds, or 17 per cent of the quota.

FILAMENT ILLUSION
Although the 40-watt incandescent light bulb filament appears to be scarcely more than an inch long, it actually contains about 18 inches of accurately coiled wire.

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RECEIVES DISCHARGE
Jack F. Coley, Mo. MM 1/C, has returned following three years' Navy service, 20 months of which were overseas duty. He joins his mother, Mrs. A. Frances Coley, at 1829 Cabillo ave. Coley served with PT Boat Squadron Seven, which struck fierce blows at the supply line of the enemy in New Guinea and in the early stages of the Philippine campaign, for which operation a Navy Unit Citation was awarded.

DRUNK DRIVING COSTLY IN CITY COURT

Robert Taylor, Lomita, recently discharged from the Navy was fined \$150 on a plea of guilty to drunk driving recently before Judge John Shidler, in Torrance City court. Judge Shidler suspended \$100 of the fine and ordered Taylor's drivers license revoked for 30 days. Another driver losing his license for 30 days and paying a fine of \$75 was Chief Petty Officer Ralph G. Fluor, also of Lomita.

Atlas Of Tax Deeded Lands Soon To Buyers

Land-hungry buyers soon may have access to Los Angeles county's newly completed Atlas of Tax Deeded Lands, involving some property which has been tax delinquent for more than 45 years. The document which has been under preparation for several years will be taken to State Controller Harry B. Riley in Sacramento this week by Deputy County Surveyor Frank W. Pore. According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the Tax Atlas contains 75,000 parcels of property which have accumulated on tax deeded rolls from July 1, 1945, as far back as 1899.

"The Board of Supervisors in delivering this simplified record of tax delinquent lands thus completes its contract with the state controller for its preparation," Supervisor Darby said. "Los Angeles county will retain a copy of the Atlas which in a few weeks will be opened to the public in special offices on the fifth floor of the Hall of Justice. We prepared this simplified tax record map system so that any person could go to the tax collector and quickly find what land is subject to tax auction in the area in which he is interested."

"Under the old system, only those persons with a special knowledge of tax records and maps could promptly gain this valuable information. Some of the parcels may contain buildings suitable for further use or improvement in these days of housing shortages. However, until a formal announcement is made of the opening of the special office in the Hall of Justice, the Atlas will not be available for public scrutiny," Supervisor Darby advised.



GRANDSTAND SAFETY HAZARD . . . This is a handrail scene in the local grandstand of the City Ball Park. Needless to say, those objects awaiting the victim's palm are splinters, and in this case if the hand were quicker than the eye it would have soon become a medical case. Shifting steps and sagged flooring, from years of use, are also marked throughout the grandstand. The price of a damage suit resulting from an injury caused by conditions of the grandstand could well cost much more than that of replacement or repair, it was said. (Torrance Herald photo).

Incinerator Plan May Go On Ballot

Steps toward formation of a system of large incinerators scattered throughout the county to handle combustible refuse and rubbish and eliminate open dumps, financed with a \$4,900,000 bond issue, were taken by the Board of Supervisors at the instigation of Supervisor Raymond V. Darby. After hearing the engineers' report, following a six-month study of smoke and fumes in the area, the group came to the conclusion that one of the chief offenders in air pollution in the county is open dumps where rubbish is burning practically 24 hours a day.

As a means of financing the system, the supervisors' action provides that county counsel prepare the necessary legal steps to put the incinerator proposal in the form of a bond issue on the ballot in the next county-wide election.

The proposed sites for the incinerators, as outlined in a study made by the County Regional Planning Commission, are San Bernardino Valley, San Gabriel Valley, a central location in the metropolitan area, one out Hollywood way, one in the vicinity of Norwalk and one in the harbor area. City Engineer G. M. Jain participated in the study.

Many California Institutions G.I. Accredited

Gov. Earl Warren was notified by the Department of Education today that 954 California institutions of learning have been accredited under the Federal "GI Bill of Rights." A "veterans' adviser" has been designated at every public secondary school in the State, Roy E. Simpson, superintendent of public instruction, told the Governor. This program, Simpson declared, "has become a vital part of the State's service to the returning war veteran."

The junior colleges also are making every effort to aid the veteran in his problem of educational readjustment," Simpson said. They are helping the veteran to make up high school deficiencies, and are offering pre-professional courses preparatory to college entrance.

The liberalized provisions of the GI Bill also authorize training of veterans by correspondence schools, Simpson said. However, the instruction offered must be approved by the State before the Veterans Administration will contract for the tuition of veterans.

MINNESOTA PICNIC!
The president of Minnesota State Society, John F. Sinclair, summons the "Gophers" from "North Star State" to an all-day mid-winter reunion Saturday, Feb. 16, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

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Columbia Life Insurance Status Is Explained

Insurance under the Employees Group Life Insurance plan of Columbia Steel Co. because of and during the present strike will be continued, according to W. A. Ross, president, under the conditions set forth as follows: "1. Contributions required of each employee insured under the plan will be deducted from unpaid earnings which may be due such employee. "2. If there are no earnings from which contributions may be deducted, the company will, unless instructed to the contrary by the employee, advance the currently due contributions to the insurance company. Advance so made will be deducted from the next earnings payable to the insured employee on his return to active work, pursuant to the payroll deduction authorized by such employee in his application of insurance. "In the event of the death of an insured employee, the beneficiary should immediately notify the plant insurance representative. "The above provisions are temporary and will remain in effect only until such time as they may be withdrawn or modified by the company."

Auto Overturns; Driver Injured

Kenneth Camp, 1940 W. 268th st., was treated in the Torrance Memorial hospital Saturday afternoon following an accident at Macdona ave. and Torrance Blvd. Torrance police said that the auto driven by Camp was overturned when the driver failed to negotiate the turn at that intersection. The accident, according to police, was attributed to excessive speed. Camp was said to have sustained a possible spinal injury.

WEEKEND GUEST
Mr. and Mrs. William S. Bush, of 1308 Cota ave., recently entertained as their weekend guest, their grandson, Lt. Clarence Allen, stationed at San Diego.

Wedding and personal stationery of distinction are easily ordered by calling in person at 1236 El Prado, Torrance, or telephoning Torrance 444 or 448.

Tax Offices To Be Opened Here Soon

Plans were announced today by Archie N. Vance, chief field deputy of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, for the opening of 89 temporary revenue offices to assist residents of the 10 southern counties with their 1945 federal income tax returns. Torrance office in the City Hall, Feb. 20 and 21. Lomita, post office, Feb. 18, March 15.

"These 89 locations will be in addition to the 24 permanent offices already functioning in this district," stated Vance, "and the total of 113 is a new record for the number of tax offices we have ever opened."

"Between Feb. 1 and March 15 there will be 82 offices open for varying periods of time in Los Angeles county, three in Imperial county, 10 in Kern county, nine in Orange county, 12 in Riverside county, seven in San Bernardino county, nine in San Diego county, three in San Luis Obispo county, three in Santa Barbara county and five in Ventura county."

"All offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, including Lincoln's Birthday, but will be closed on Washington's Birthday."

"As a further service, we will send 60 copies to 143 industrial organizations and to 24 Army, Navy and Marine installations where great numbers of taxpayers are gathered."

Torrance Junior High Scholarship Society Soars

Off to a good start this year, the Torrance Junior High Scholarship Society now has a total of sixty-two members to its credit. The following students have met the requirements of 3 A's and 1 B: Evelyn Clark, Ralph Estolano, Dorothy Mora, Frances Parry, Donna Baer, Don Coleman, Milton Long, Tallulah Harty, Patricia Northway, Joyce Riggo, Naydene Rumbold, Margaret Tomas, George Whiting, Tony Wood, Grades 7 and 8: Jean Baker, Pauline Ban, Terry Campbell, Nancy Cole, Peggy Crook, Lynn Davis, Dolores Fees, Marilyn Finch, Robert Foster, Doris Fowler, Gary Frankland, Marilyn Franzan, LeVonne Galbreth, Barbara Jackson, Jeanne Jenkins, Billy Johnson, Charlene Johnson, Beverly Kanganilla, Joan King, Hal Laudeman, Beverly Luster, Peggy McBride, Richard McIntosh, Cleo Madrid, Nelsora Miller, Patty Moore, Marilyn Murphy, Bruce Penner, Janice Perkins, Tom Pryor, Marilyn Reed, Dawn Sanderson, Frank Schmidt, Marilyn Schumert, Jo Ann Snodgrass, Marcela Sprung, Laura Sterling, Helen Stitt, Nick Stratigopoulos, Mariko Umekita, Mary Lou Wilson and Audrey Wright.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT

In a recent speech Congressman Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania said: "The Railroad Retirement Act has been in effect 10 years, during which time 387,000 retired or disabled workers and widows have been recipients of its benefits."

CAREERS

Career possibilities of the Army and the educational opportunities, while in service, as well as under the G.I. Bill of Rights, were listed as main factors in causing the record number of new enlistments.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN

Harry S. Truman is the seventh vice president to be elevated to the presidential chair by the death of a president. The others were John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Chester A. Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt and Calvin Coolidge.



Field Executive For Boy Scouts Reviews 1945

M. T. Bewley, Boy Scout field executive, reports 1945 as a good year for Scouts in the Harbor district, both in growth and in their activities. He revealed that 1945 started with 1512 members and ended with a gain of 180.

Senior Scout losses were indicated due to service enlistments but gains in Cub packs and senior units in addition to adult membership showed progressive growth.

Camp Scott was added to the council during the past year with long term arrangements held there, Bewley said. The district also held other encampments with trips to the snow and other areas.

A campaign to raise camp funds was conducted with more than \$6000 collected throughout the district. A breakdown in funds received revealed that San Pedro led in contributions with \$3238; Wilmington, \$2000; Torrance, \$417, and Gardena, \$355. Bewley said that this amount would be spent for Boy Scout camps within the area.

District Scouts collected more than 100,000 pounds of paper, distributed in excess of 200,000 pieces of literature for bond drives, clothing, Red Cross and War Chest drives in the year 1945. They also aided in the collection of clothing and contributed their efforts toward making and repairing toys for various institutions.

For the present year, Bewley announced that additional troops, units and Cub packs are to be formed, and he felt certain that the close of 1946 would see a boys' membership of greater than 2000 with at least 800 adults in the movement.

Schedules for the coming months include a window display during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 8 to 14; snow trip, Feb. 16; Good Turn encampment, April 27; club leaders' pow wow, April 12; KFT broadcast in Torrance high school, May 17; camporee, June 1; followed by many activities for the summer months that will be announced at a later date.

Prospective members may obtain additional information by consulting M. T. Bewley in the Torrance Service Center, 1339 Post ave., or any Scouter near you to add your part in aiding a fine program for boys.

Use Of Scarce Material On 'Joints' Rapped

Curtailment of the use of scarce building materials in the construction of "night clubs, juke joints and roadside stands," by local action, as proposed by J. D. Small, civilian production administrator has the backing of many Torrance residents questioned on the subject.

Small made this a major point in calling upon local communities to make a frontal attack on the national housing emergency.

He told the House banking committee: "It may be hard and it may be tough, but undue and unwarranted drain on scarce building materials for use in building night clubs, juke joints and roadside stands and on defensible repairs or extensions to existing buildings might be controlled to a very substantial degree either through the building permit system, if that is possible, or by other local action."

"I am convinced that public opinion, aroused by the desperate need for housing, would support such local action."

POPULATION GAIN

Seven thousand more babies were born in California in 1945 than in the previous year, according to a report made to Gov. Earl Warren by the Department of Public Health. The department reported marriages increased from 66,826 to 68,162.

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Travel Industry Revival Urged For Employment

Pointing out that in normal times seven out of 10 employed people here have jobs in the trades and services which are greatly benefited by tourist spending, Morris B. Pendleton, regional chairman of the Committee for Economic Development, today urged revival of the Southland's \$200,000,000 travel industry.

Pendleton said the program of the All-Year Club, community travel advertising organization, is essential for the fullest post-war employment in the Southland. The All-Year Club, which built up the travel business here in 24 years of campaigning, has begun the revival of the vacation industry as of next summer and fall when hotels no longer have the load of returning servicemen. Meantime, the All-Year Club is advising people throughout the nation to defer visits because there no place for them to stay.

Pendleton urged the quickest possible reconversion to the Southland's normal, permanent economy, and intensification of all efforts toward fullest possible employment in all fields. Together with industry and agriculture, one of the most important fields of employment is in the trades and services, he said.

YOUTH GROUPS OF AREA UNITE IN VALENTINE DANCE

The Hi-Y Clubs of Torrance, Lomita and Redondo Beach are united in sponsoring a benefit dance to be held on Valentine's night, Thursday Feb. 14 in the Torrance Civic auditorium. Under the co-chairmanship of Leroy Schwenk, Torrance, and Dick Wilson, Lomita, an interesting evening has been planned. James Van Dyke and his Army orchestra will furnish the music. This benefit dance is to aid the work done through the World Service Program of the Y.M.C.A. in foreign lands. By helping to re-establish "Y" Youth Clubs in Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, the Hi-Y Clubs of this area can feel a tangible part in the rebuilding of a war-torn world.

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