

Special Santa Fe Bus Schedules For Interstate Travel

Special bus schedules to and from Long Beach providing connections with all Santa Fe trains at Pasadena for interstate passengers traveling via Santa Fe Railway were announced recently by C. C. Thompson, passenger traffic manager for the railroad's Coast Lines at Los Angeles.

Santa Fe Trailways buses began operations under this arrangement Sept. 10 on the following schedules:

Leave Pasadena 7:13 a.m., 8:26 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Arrive Long Beach 8:28 a.m., 9:41 a.m., 10:55 a. m. and 12:10 p.m.

Leave Long Beach 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Arrive Pasadena 12:15 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Reduced Building Of Non-Housing Is Told By CPA

For the first week under new national non-housing construction restrictions, the Civilian Production Administration Construction Division in Los Angeles cut the dollar value of approvals by 57 percent.

Regional Director Louis M. Dreves reported that 40 projects valued at \$1,112,730 were approved for ten Southern California counties for the week ending Sept. 5, compared to 76 projects valued at \$2,599,500 for the previous week.

The reduction in dollar value amounted to \$1,486,770.

Fats Needed To Aid Soap Supply; Torrance Gains

Although many communities in Los Angeles County showed increases in fat salvage collection for the month of August, other communities dropped to more than offset the increases, according to A. G. Hemming, chairman of the USDA County Agricultural Conservation Association in Los Angeles.

"Increased salvage of used cooking fat is the only way the housewife can help herself to get more packaged and bar soap, paints, electrical appliances and other household necessities," Hemming stated. "One pound of used cooking fat is enough to make one large box of packaged laundry soap, six bars of toilet soap. Every pound of fat turned in to the meat dealer helps make up for the shortage in fats and oils." All housewives are urged to save and turn in all used kitchen fats to the meat dealer to avoid even shorter soap supplies.

Torrance housewives turned in 1,280 pounds for the month of August, as compared with 852 for July. For the month of August a year ago Torrance housewives turned in 1,887 pounds.

Rubber Boat to the Rescue



GRACE CROCKER, Balboa Firechief's daughter, demonstrates new inflatable boat in quick rescue of "victim" Joyce Furell. The rescue demonstration added another use to experimental boat developed by United States Rubber Company engineers. Boat is carried in 37-pound container and can be inflated or deflated in 10 minutes. It holds four persons comfortably.

Right Guide

This column is designed to give official VA answers to veterans' reassignment problems. Send questions to Right Guide, 1031 South Broadway, Los Angeles 15, Calif.

Approximately 230,000 World War II veterans have borrowed a grand total of over one billion dollars under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. In Southern California actual commitments have been made on 5,296 loans for a total amount of \$35,374,837.31.

The amount veterans have borrowed for homes is more than 12 times larger than the combined value of their farm and business loans.

Only 171 veterans throughout the entire United States have defaulted payments resulting in settlements with the lender by the VA. This is less than one-tenth of one percent.

Ritz Heerman Heads Hospital Survey Committee

Appointment of Ritz Heerman, superintendent of California Hospital, as chairman of a technical advisory committee to aid in the Los Angeles county-wide hospital survey was announced this week.

Heerman, who also is president of the Association of Western Hospitals, heads a group of 28 health authorities named to the committee.

The group will assist the survey staff in defining the scope of the survey and in interpreting the data obtained. Its first task will be to make recommendations for division of the county into areas, which will be used as a basis for a study of the entire county population.

The appointments were announced by Robert L. Smith, chairman of the administrative committee for the survey, which is being sponsored by a group of 250 civic leaders, together with city and county governments.

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Rim Count Tells Sanitarians If Restaurants Properly Wash Dishes

Routinely, restaurants are checked by Los Angeles County Health Department sanitarians if they employ. Results of good or bad dishwashing and handling will show up in a test known as the "rim count." This consists of swabbing the rim of dishes, especially glasses and cups, thus determining the bacteria count, which is made in the laboratory. Under 400 bacteria is considered a good job of washing, a poor or careless washing may run into the thousands. This may be caused by insufficient hot water, improper detergents or inadequate supervision over new help. In such cases, the sanitarian instructs both the employer and employee and rechecks later to see that instructions are being followed. Improperly washed dishes can be the cause of spreading such diseases as trench mouth, colds, influenza, tuberculosis and other respiratory infections.

Nothing is more annoying for a person trying to eat if bothered by flies or a fat cockroach walking across the counter. If it were not for inspection, this aggravating condition would be more prevalent, instead of a rarity in this modern day and age. These insects can carry typhoid, dysentery and possibly infantile paralysis.

Inspection also protects the public against fraud, such as the use of substitutes. The refrigerator comes in the picture in this inspection when the sanitarian looks for veal in chicken salads, unlawful preservatives in meat, and ice-milk for real ice cream. During the meat shortages during the war, many a horse fillet was unearched in otherwise respectable surroundings.

All reports of insanitation of food establishments made to the Torrance Health Center are followed up by the sanitarians.

County Foreign Trade Told By L.A. Chamber

What is Los Angeles County's foreign trade?

In 1940 it was a \$200,000,000 business involving movement of 5,000,000 tons of merchandise, according to a report published recently by the World Trade Department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

The county exported 4,431,390 tons of goods ranging from non-metallic minerals through animals worth \$117,936,396 in 1940, the most recent year for which figures are available.

Imports weighing 672,581, valued at \$105,172,342, were received here in that year, the Chamber World Trade Department said.

Exports of Southern California products were valued at \$1,400,000,000, while imports to the Southland had a value of \$600,000,000 in ten years of trading from 1930 to 1940.

"When local industries convert these imports into finished commodities their market value more than doubles and in many cases triples. The maintenance and expansion of our world trade will make an ever greater contribution to the prosperity of Los Angeles County," the report said.

More than 1400 products were sought in inquiries placed with the Chamber World Trade Department from 35 foreign markets during the first three months of this year.

OHIO PICNIC

Ohio State Societies call the "Buckeyes" to a joint picnic of all the Ohio Societies of Southern California in a grand reunion, all day Sunday, Sept. 22, in Sylmar, 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. at the Sylmar Club, Sylmar, Calif.

Four bills signed by President Truman during the closing days of the recent session of Congress affected the pension situation for veterans and their dependents. Of immediate interest to veterans of World Wars I and II increasing pensions for these veterans and their dependents by 20 percent. The same bill authorized payments of pensions and compensation to disabled veterans while in VA hospitals or homes.

Increased pension payments, effective Sept. 7, will be automatic and it is not necessary for veterans to apply or write for increases.

The other pension laws increase amounts to Spanish-American war, Boxer Rebellion, Philippine Insurrection veterans and their widows. Pensions for veterans who became disabled in peace-time service also were increased.

World War II veterans who lost one or both legs, or the use of both legs, in the service, are entitled to a new automobile up to a total cost of \$1,600. The veteran may choose the car he wants and the cost will be paid directly to the seller.

A VA prosthetic research laboratory has been functioning in New York for some months. Considerable advancement in artificial limbs and other prosthetic appliances has been made. Results of all VA research are made available to the entire medical profession.

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March Of Dimes Show Generosity Of Americans

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"The American people," Mr. O'Connor declared, "may well take satisfaction in the knowledge that their generosity will help save lives, alleviate pain and bring hope to thousands, mostly young children, who have been or will be stricken by this dread disease, which seldom kills but frequently cripples for life."

"The highest praise must also be accorded to the 55,000 volunteer workers who gave unstintingly of their time and effort to make the 1946 March of Dimes such a huge success.

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