

COOPERATION

A great many deaths and injuries would be prevented if both the driver and the pedestrian would show a little understanding of the rightful privileges of the other.

EUROPE'S PROBLEMS

Solving some of Europe's problems by shifting peoples along a disputed frontier, is not as easy as it might seem, a University of California professor declares.

New Juvenile Patrol Started By Sheriff

A new juvenile night patrol has been established by Sheriff E. W. Biscailuz' crime prevention division to wage war on delinquency spots in county areas.

In taking this step and assigning five two-man teams of juvenile deputies to patrol county areas, the sheriff said he felt the action desirable because regular patrol crews were too busy answering routine calls to pay special attention to delinquency problems.

The new delinquency patrol will operate primarily in the more densely populated sheriff's station districts, but will be of such a fluid nature as to permit the concentration of the entire force into any particular section where their efforts may clean up undesirable conditions.

An important responsibility of the patrol will be to keep alerted to perverts who hang around places where children gather.

Chief D. E. Andrew of the Sheriff's Crime Prevention division was ordered to inaugurate the new patrol after a study had been made showing that delinquency rates had dropped materially when children were kept off the public streets through enforcement of the loitering ordinance.

The county curfew ordinance provides that children under 18 years of age shall be off the streets and highways after 10 p.m. unless accompanied by parents or a responsible adult.

Western Ave. Improvement Group Formed

Kenneth Harrison, pioneer Western avenue grocer, was named president of the Western Avenue Improvement Association formed recently.

Everett Bolton, proprietor of the La Linda gift shop, was elected secretary. A temporary board of directors to formulate a set of policies for approval at the next meeting were named as follows: F. B. Mellinger, John Fowler, Mac Brown, W. H. Trinkle, Milton Smith, Jack Roberts, Bert Murphy, Norbert Miller, William Punt, Roger West, Lomita, and Helen Mae Lewis.

Although it was voted to limit officers of the organization to Western avenue property owners, membership will include lessees and all interested in the improvement and development of Western ave.

TORRANCE BLVD. DRAINAGE PROJECT BEING STUDIED

The Board of Supervisors referred to the County Engineer a communication from the City of Redondo Beach requesting an assessment for the Torrance blvd. storm sewer. According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, this project was started because of the urgent need to provide drainage for state Highway No. 60 at the intersection of Elena and Torrance blvd., where the drainage is entirely inadequate and both highways are completely inundated during rainstorms of average intensity.

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Veterans Get New Warning On U.S. Income Tax

Collector of Internal Revenue Harry C. Westover today issued a reminder to veterans and those still in the armed forces of the United States that they must file income tax returns on the same basis as civilians.

The law allows certain special exemptions and extra concessions to those who served or are still serving in uniform, but otherwise income tax requirements are the same.

"An erroneous impression has been created by a national magazine article," Westover said, "to the effect that veterans are exempt from income taxes on their earnings during the first year after their discharge. This is not a fact."

All servicemen and veterans have a personal exemption of \$500 against civilian income.

Veterans who earned more than that amount during 1946 are warned that a tax return will be required by March 15.

CHESTER GALUTIA ENTERS ADVANCED FIRE CONTROL UNIT

Chester M. Galutia, seaman, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Galutia of 2910 So. Figueroa, Torrance, has entered the Advanced Fire Control School, Washington, D. C.

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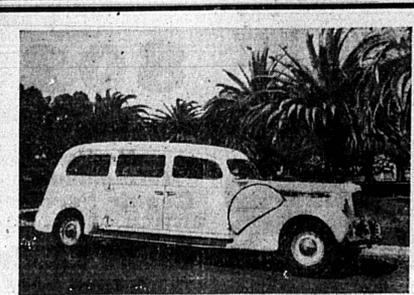
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Cast iron soil pipe—shipments nearly double 1946 rate.

Lined oil—production rising slightly.

Metals—building materials—steel shortage still crippling output of metal lath, sheet metal products, and screen cloth.

Plumbing fixtures—production rising on all types.

Wireing supplies—Production moving up in most critically short electrical items.

JOSEPH M. PITTS SERVING ON SHIP IN PACIFIC AREA

Joseph M. Pitts, 19, seaman first class, son of Isaac T. Pitts of 705 Sartori ave., Torrance, is serving aboard the landing ship-medium, USS LSM 464 operating with the Seventh Fleet. This ship carries supplies from Okinawa to China, Japan, Philippine Islands, and other places in the Pacific.

AFRICA A scientific expedition to remote parts of Africa has been announced by President Robert Gordon Sproul, of the University of California.

Why we are asking for increased telephone rates

The responsibility of furnishing telephone service in California carries with it the obligation to see to it that the service shall be adequate and dependable. Now, in order to fulfill our obligation properly, we have found it necessary to apply for increased rates. We would like to tell you why they are needed.

Our pre-war costs have more than doubled.

Good service for the public comes from good employees and good equipment. The cost of both has risen greatly in recent years. Total wage expense, which represents two-thirds of our operating expenses has more than tripled since 1940, due to more employees and higher wages.

Our business in California has grown and revenues have climbed 105% in this period, but costs have increased even faster—135%. Costs of buildings, equipment and supplies of all kinds have gone up tremendously. As a result, present rates are inadequate.

Present local rates were set many years ago.

Charges now being made for local telephone service in California are based on rates that were established many years ago... in most cases as far back as 1919. Until 1940, through continuing efficiency in our operations and rapid technological advances, we were able to give our customers steadily-improving telephone service, progressively increase the pay of our employees and pay dividends to the thousands who had invested in our business.

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In asking our customers to pay more for service we are not seeking

large profits. Our policy with respect to earnings and service will continue to be: "To furnish an ever-improving telephone service at a cost as low as is consistent with financial safety."

Current earnings are the lowest in many years.

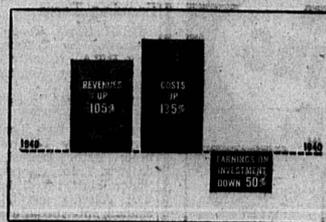
Current earnings on our plant investment in this state have dropped to the lowest level for at least 30 years—much lower than even in the worst years of the depression. And right now...

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To meet unprecedented demands for service and to keep pace with California's amazing growth we are engaged in the largest expansion and improvement program in our history... a program which will cost \$150,000,000 in this state during 1947 alone... a program that will mean steady employment for thousands of California's citizens and...

Adequate earnings are essential.

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