

### Allen Predicts '48 County Tax Rate Reduction

County Manager Wayne R. Allen predicts that the 1947-48 tax rate would be reduced 14 1/2 cents to \$1.74 per \$100 assessed valuation as compared with this year's rate of \$1.841.

Allen told the Board of Supervisors that allowed county expenditures in April indicates that the county surplus would be in-

### Receptacles For Rubbish Placed

One Torrance Chamber of Commerce committee has gotten some action.

A recommendation that rubbish receptacles be placed on Torrance streets to keep the business district clean has been followed by placing of such receptacles at various points in the central area.

Increased \$1,000,000 to a total of \$8,560,000.

This amount can be used to reduce next fiscal year's levy on property.

### Synthetic Rubber Part In Winning War Told By Head Of U.S. Rubber

Had it not been for the development of synthetic rubber manufacturing in the United States, this nation could have lost the war, according to Herbert E. Smith, president of the United States Rubber Co., which owns one of the plants in the Torrance synthetic rubber group, declared this week.

He emphasized that the United States' self-sufficiency in rubber production is a stabilizing factor in the price of the natural rubber we formerly had to buy from the Dutch and British East Indies at their prices.

Likewise, he pointed out that the Army, Navy and State department are well aware of the fact that we mustn't be caught without a source of rubber—as in 1941.

"We should keep a standby status for our synthetic plants," he urged. "They shouldn't be merely 'wrapped up' so we'd find them obsolete if we had to reopen them. They should keep processing at least 100,000 tons annually—even if subsidy is necessary."

From the standpoint of civilian consumer goods—under peacetime conditions—he was optimistic that more and more natural rubber will be available—

### Household Fats Still Needed For Soap Production

American industry still requires salvaged household fats. Currently the over-all fats and oils situation is more acute than at any time during the war, according to A. G. Hemming, chairman of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's County Agricultural Conservation association in Los Angeles. Total output of fats and oils from cotton, flax, soybeans and other oil-producing crops this year, plus imports, will not be sufficient to insure normal supply of soap and other consumer items in which fats and oils are essential items.

"When we speak of needing soap we mean not only laundry and toilet soaps as sometimes erroneously concluded, but soap for industrial purposes," Hemming pointed out. "Without soap, wire cannot be drawn, without soap the rubber industry cannot function, and soap is essential to the manufacture of all types of electrical and automotive equipment."

Los Angeles County housewives turned in 465,861 pounds of salvaged kitchen fat for the month of April. This is an increase of 32,845 pounds over March collections in Los Angeles County, which amounted to 433,016 pounds. Hemming urged housewives to continue to save every drop of used kitchen fats possible and turn fat salvage containers into meat dealers promptly.

Torrance housewives turned in 1387 pounds for April as compared with 1173 for March.

Lomita housewives turned in 1,114 pounds compared with 1,020 for March.

Harbor City figures are 50 for April and 30 for March.

All housewives are urged to continue to save and turn in all used kitchen fats not required, or further usable for cooking purposes.

### Palos Verdes Has Normal Vegetable Growth, Reported

Although crops in other parts of the county are ahead of their normal maturity as a result of the mild winter and spring, vegetable gardens in Rancho Palos Verdes are normal, Kelvin C. Vanderlip, president of the Palos Verdes Corp., said today.

Largest single crop on the ranch, said Vanderlip, is 1500 acres of garbanzo peas, which promise to yield a good crop around August 1.

Tomatoes are generally good, he said, and in spite of a dry spell 500 acres should be ready for picking early in July.

One hundred acres of green beans are now being harvested, he reported, and 200 acres of black eye beans will be ready around August 1.

Three hundred acres are devoted to lima beans, with other fields planted with squash, cucumbers, sweet corn and red beans. The pea crop was finished last month, said Vanderlip, and barley has been cut now will be baled within two weeks.

### Council Orders Park Bleachers To Be Repaired

The City Council has voted to appropriate money to repair and brace the bleachers at Torrance ball park, in compliance with a request submitted by City Engineer Glenn E. Jain.

In his letter, Jain stated that the city should not take the responsibility of allowing the bleachers to remain in their present unsafe condition.

The motion passed by the Council stated that the unsafe portions of the structure shall be roped off until they are made safe for occupancy.

It was announced to the Council by Dale Riley, Recreation superintendent, that the 20th Century-Fox film company will be in town on painting the stands in accordance with their agreement with the city in preparation for shooting scenes early next month for their new picture "Off to Buffalo." Riley said that the movie makers would paint half of the stands at this time, and the remainder after the first half dries up.

### Board Members For Christmas Seals Elected

Officers and board members to serve during the 1947 Christmas Seal campaign were elected by the Combined Christmas Seal Fund of the Los Angeles County Tuberculosis and Health Association at a recent meeting.

Re-elected to serve as president was Sherman Asche. Eugene P. Clark was named vice president and Miss Bessie Stoddard was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Newly elected board members are: Neil Hells, John H. Mathews, Mrs. Harold C. Morton and Mrs. Herbert W. Sunday.

Serving for another term are: William P. Banning, Howard F. Isham, Mrs. W. J. Van Valkenburgh and Kenneth E. Wilson.

Latest available figures show that there are 4,411,902 drivers' licenses outstanding in the state of California. Of these, 4,034,331 are operator's licenses and 377,571 are chauffeur's licenses.

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### All Student Vets Not Eligible For Readjustment Pay

Not all student veterans will be eligible for readjustment allowances when their school terms end, Fred Boren, unemployment insurance manager in the Torrance office of the California Department of Employment, advised today. He pointed out that under the law, no veteran is eligible for a readjustment allowance for any period for which he is being paid a G.I. subsistence allowance.

Boren warned that if for any reason a veteran received readjustment allowances for the same period for which he is paid G.I. subsistence allowances, the veteran will face the prospect of refunding the money illegally received. In addition, the law prescribes that any further rights to readjustment allowances will be cancelled if the veteran accepts such an allowance to which he knows he is not entitled. Criminal penalties including fines and imprisonment, apply where veterans make misrepresentations or otherwise engage in fraud in claiming allowances.

"Even if a student veteran is not receiving subsistence allowances he may not meet all the eligibility requirements for readjustment allowances," Boren said. "Readjustment allowances are intended only for veterans who are able, ready and willing to enter civilian occupations, but are encountering delays or difficulties in doing so. They are not intended as vacation pay. Among the specifications of eligibility for unemployment allowances, is the requirement that the veteran be available for suitable work."

"The veterans who seek employment for temporary periods between terms sharply limits his availability and choice of jobs. Therefore, the matter of suitability of work, as applied to the veteran seeking regular employment in an occupational career, may be quite different from the suitability of work for a veteran seeking only temporary employment. The latter rightfully may be expected to accept any reasonable work within his ability to perform," Boren declared.

**TIRE TROUBLE**

Tire trouble continued its unchallenged leadership as the number one cause of mechanical breakdowns of cars during 1946. A total of 9,675,000 flat tires were identified for 1946, which amounted to approximately 30 percent of all breakdown causes, reports said.

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