

# Per Capita Wheat Consumption Drops 100 Pounds Since 1914

If Americans didn't cut such good figures in bathing suits perhaps the figures in the Federal budget wouldn't be so far in the red. For example, 1954 consumption of wheat was a mere 135 pounds per person, while in the five years from 1910 to 1915—before weight consciousness was so popular—we ate 302 pounds a year apiece.

Butter use, too, has declined to 9.3 pounds per person from 17.1; and the rising use of margarine falls by two pounds to offset this decline.

## Six Torrance Marines Back

Six Marines from this area arrived home last week with the first group of the 1st Marine Division, which moved from Korea, landing in San Diego.

The men are Pvt. Donald Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie W. Wilson, of 20938 Jamison Ave.; PFC Thomas P. Cassidy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Cassidy, of 1518 Marcelina Ave.; PFC Donald L. Downs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Downs, of 4609 Calle Mayor; PFC Hector M. Molina, son of Mrs. Juana Yriarte, of 2257 W. 203rd St.; Sgt. John A. Beeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul English, of 25838 Hillworth; and Pvt. Jack Westfall, son of Fred J. Wer fall, of 2277 W. 241st St.

## Smith Named Hi-Y Prexy

Skip Smith was elected president of the Junior Hi-Y Club, succeeding Sherwood Tiernan, at a meeting at the YMCA, Monday evening.

Other new officers are Tiernan, vice president; Tom Mills, secretary; Myron Schmidt, treasurer; Bill Meacham, sergeant-at-arms; and Charles Valencia, chaplain.

## Indian Guide Rites Slated This Thursday

The Cherokee Y Indian Guide Tribe will be formally inducted into the Torrance YMCA program this Thursday at the local Y by the Gardens Club house, with the groups dressed in traditional warrior costumes. A. H. Champion, of 1304 Hickory Ave., is chief of the tribe. A pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m. for the Cherokees, their parents, and the Gardens group will precede the ceremonies.

## Christensen Back Home

Frank Leonard Christensen, fireman, son of Mrs. F. E. Manning, of 1959 Reynosa Dr., arrived in San Diego last week aboard the USS Frank Knox, destroyer which participated in the recent evacuation of the Tachen Islands. The ship saw six months overseas duty.

among the foodstuffs on which huge sums are spent by government in price supports.

Further influence of the emphasis on staying slim is evident in the meat and egg figures. Meat has about stood still in per capita use since 1910, while eggs, also a favored source of protein, have risen from 305 per person per year to 390.

Citrus fruit, with the popularization of vitamins, has soared from fewer than 20 pounds per person in 1910 to more than 80 in 1954. Much of the rise has come postwar with more freezing of juice, but the original impulse was the national craze for fooling one's stomach into thinking it had eaten, when the pound-creating calories had not been ingested.

**JET MAGIC**—An almost unbelievable aircraft protective system that "beats a bullet to the punch" has been unveiled at Republic Aviation Corp. The system can see a bullet entering an airplane at 2000 miles an hour, and set off a fire extinguisher before the enemy missile has penetrated 11 inches. The idea of the quick action—measured in millionths of a second—is to put out fires and explosions before they start. The device will be built into the jet planes turned out by Republic, which builds fast fighter-bombers, capable of carrying an A-bomb, for the United States and its allies' air forces. The mechanism comprises a tiny photo-conductive cell which sees the very beginning of an explosion; an electronic relay switch, and a plastic capsule containing extinguishing fluid and a small gunpowder charge, which is set off by the relay to blanket the danger area with a fine mist of the fluid.

Three years of research went into the device, engaging Republic, Electronic Corporation of America, Simmonds Accessories, Inc., the Air Force Research and Development Command, and the Army Proving Ground at Aberdeen, Md.

**THINGS TO COME**—A new word game, described as "being to Scrabble what Calypso is to gin," has been developed by a California toy maker. It's called "Qui Bix." A rubber stamp that will make thousands of imprints without being touched to an ink pad comes in standard or made-to-order letterings. You can now get the Lone Ranger and his horse in 9-inch plastic shapes. A new plastic paint for marking traffic lines on streets is claimed to wear five times as long as the ordinary kind. A new portable plastic drawing board weighs only eight ounces, and is translucent, an aid in making tracings.

**CROSSING TROUBLES**—For many years the motoring public of Hammond, Ind., an industrial suburb of Chicago, fretted over delays at railroad grade crossings. There are 160 on that city's streets. Congestion on through streets at rush hours was especially irritating. Now it looks as if something would be done about it. The newly formed Calumet District Railroad Community Committee, an arm of the Eastern Railroad Presidents Conference,

has pledged all-out cooperation in a campaign to avoid unnecessary switching of freight cars at main intersections during rush hours.

The Committee and city officials have called a meeting to discuss the problem. Hammond citizens have been invited to attend and voice any complaints. Representatives of all railroads serving the city will appear. They have promised to do all they can to help speed street traffic.

**NEW WISH BOOK**—In rural communities of the South and Southwest, the Sears and Montgomery Ward catalog used to be known as the wish-book. To

day the whole nation has an official wish-book: the Federal Reserve Board-University of Michigan annual survey of consumer buying intentions.

Just released by the FRB, this year's wishes center on houses and automobiles. Home buying intentions were harbored by 9.6 per cent of those queried. A year ago it was 6.9 per cent, in 1953 8.8 per cent (although more homes were bought in 1954 than in 1953).

Automobile intentions stood about still, in numbers, but the average 1955 wisher was thinking of a \$2800 car. In 1954, the medium was a \$2600 car.

Three of every five persons questioned thought 1955 would

be a good year. This time last year only two in five were that optimistic.

**HITS O' BUSINESS**—Steel output in the first two months of 1955 was 2.3 million tons, greater than in the like period of 1954. Paper and paper-

board production both moved up a notch in the week of March 5 from the week before, to 97.6 per cent of capacity for paper and 96 per cent for board. An SEC survey found corporate spending for plant and equipment in 1955 planned at \$27 billion.

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**Chuck Roast** Seven Bone or Blade. lb. 39¢

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