

# SUGAR RATION REGISTRATION DATES FIXED; SALES BANNED FOR WEEK AFTER APRIL 28

National sugar rationing registration and suspension of all sugar sales in the U. S. for approximately one week was being awaited by Mrs. America without any noticeable increase in hoarding this week. The sugar rationing registration dates fixed by the Office of Price Administration are April 28 and 29 and May 4 to 7 inclusive. Sugar sales will be suspended beginning at midnight, April 27, as a preliminary to the registration period. Individual consumers will register for their ration books at local schools.

No sugar sales will be permitted after stocks are "frozen" April 28 until rationed sales are allowed or until after May 6. Prior to the announcement of the freezing date, Frank Bane, national OPA field director, set April 28 and 29 as the dates for commercial concerns to register for sugar coupons, and May 4 to 7 inclusive for the registration of individual consumers.

Bane characterized the sugar restriction as "the biggest registration job ever attempted in this country." He explained it would exceed the selective service registrations in number of persons affected and the national census in the amount of information required on every resident in the country.

**Gas Ration Delayed**  
Bane agreed that the "big sign-up" for sugar would serve as a "basic registration" for all future rationing, including gasoline and any other items that may have to be conserved. He said the gasoline rationing program, already in effect in 17 states thru rationing of gas stations, eventually would be shifted to a coupon basis.

He said the date when the gasoline coupon system would become effective had not been set.

After individual consumers get their ration books from school teachers who will conduct the registration in their classrooms, each person will be allowed either one pound of sugar every two weeks or three-quarters of a pound each week. The exact amount to be doled out for each person in the country has not been set definitely because the supply of sugar that will be available has not been determined.

**Reasons for Rationing**  
Bane explained that the amount of salable sugar to be obtained from the Cuban crop will not be known until United States refiners have processed the imported product.

The reason for the sugar rationing—less sugar for every consumer—is the war, on several counts. Large quantities of sugar are being used in the manufacture of alcohol which in turn is used to make gunpowder. Too, the supply of sugar has been cut by the Pacific war.

The Philippines' annual exportation of 1,000,000 tons to this country has been cut off. The sugar supply from Hawaii is in doubt because of shipping shortages and because Hawaiian plants which normally operate at night will be hampered by blackouts and possibly by Japanese labor problems.

**Huge Registration Force**  
Bane estimated 5,000,000 tons of sugar will be available for rationing. This compared with 7,000,000 tons used for industries and individuals last year.

Bane estimated 1,500,000 registrars and helpers will be necessary to handle individual consumers May 4-7 at elementary schools.

Commercial concerns will be able to get coupons as soon as they get their ration books, after April 28, but will not be allowed to sell to the public until after May 5.

Bane said that 180,000,000 (Continued on Page 5-A)

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## Men 45 to 65 Will Register on April 27

Men of 45 to 65 (those born on or after April 28, 1877, and on or before Feb. 16, 1897) must register on April 27 between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. for non-combatant service, possibly work in war factories, under the Selective Service Law. After the registration of this group, which numbers about 15,000,000, only those of 18 and 19 years will remain unregistered.

While one of these comparative oldsters will be taken into the fighting forces, there is the possibility that some or many of them will be assigned eventually to essential war work. Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey has said that one purpose of the Draft Law was an "accurate and systematic appraisal" of the supply of manpower.

Testifying before a House Committee, General Hershey recently asserted that "we must have much more control over placements of men than we now have to meet the war manpower problem." It was noted, however, that there is no existing law to compel a work-or-fight policy.

The usual exceptions are made for persons already in the armed forces and for registration in exceptional cases prior to or after the prescribed date.

The April 27 registration will be the second since the United States entered the war. The first registered (the 20 to 44 group) on Feb. 16, and the latter for that group was held last Tuesday. Estimates before the Feb. 16 registration were that about 9,000,000 were in that age bracket.

The first draft registration since the World War was held on Oct. 16, 1940, when about 17,000,000 men from 21 to 35, inclusive, registered. The second registration, of those who had become 21 since the first draft, was held last July and totaled about 750,000.

**Art Festival Plans Advanced**

At a meeting held recently by the board of directors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Besta, plans for the annual Harbor Festival of Arts, to be held during the week of May 4-10, were completed. The contest is for the entire harbor district and talented young people are urged to participate.

Divisions and their chairmen are: Band, orchestra, instrumental solos, Edwin Sumner, San Pedro; Glee clubs, choral ensembles, Mrs. Marjorie Cook, 2200 Carson st., Torrance; Drama, Paul Ferguson, 1580 Avalon Blvd., Wilmington; Dance, solo or group, high school and adult, dance ensembles, Mrs. Robert Resta, San Pedro.

Interpretive reading, Miss Patricia Whitehead, San Pedro; Church choirs, Dr. Harold Benson, San Pedro; Piano, Mrs. C. Z. Anderson, San Pedro; Voice, to be announced later; Creative writing, Mrs. Juanita I. Piggott, San Pedro.

Each division will have separate judges. Information may be had from any of the chairmen or from the president of the executive board, L. Alice Sturdy, Narbonne high school.

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## D & M Opens Industrial Bottleneck



RELIEVING INDUSTRIAL BOTTLENECK... Edward Dalton, assistant to D & M's owner, Frank Dalton; Mrs. Trula Parsons, office manager, and Joe Townsend, shop foreman (left to right), making a final inspection.

## Product Devoted to War Plants

"Something is happening that Adolf Hitler does not yet understand—a new re-orientation of the old American miracle of wheels and machinery, but on a new scale. This time it is the miracle of war production." — TIME Magazine.

Contributing to that miracle by widening the chief industrial bottleneck—lack of machine tools—is the D & M Machine Works, a 17-year-old Torrance industry at 2304 Abalone ave. More than 100 skilled employees are now turning out precision lathes at the rate of better than one every two days there and Frank Dalton, co-owner and general manager of the plant, is now arranging to increase that production 150 per cent.

D & M lathes are being sent all over the world—that part of it still free from Nazi, Fascist, Jap or Vichy influence—by Lend-Lease authorities. Dalton does not know the ultimate destination of many of his products except those he ships direct to Canada.

Following inspection of the 100th lathe, a 14-inch Economy model, last Saturday morning, Dalton entertained a group of friends at lunch at the California Yacht club in Wilmington. Opposite the dining room was the long row of ways where the California Shipbuilding Company is turning out two merchant ships a week. Even as the luncheon guests watched one of the big freighters pulled away from her dock, gave the three whistles signifying her departure.

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## L. A. Burglars Crash Car Here but Escape

Burglars who ransacked the home of a Los Angeles veterinarian, taking all of his clothes and some of his wife's jewelry, came a cropper in Torrance late Monday night when the car in which they were riding skidded and turned over on 190th st. east of Hawthorne Blvd.

Apparently they were uninjured as they escaped in the darkness. Police are holding the damaged car, which was registered to Morris R. Nattem, Los Angeles. The stolen property has been returned to Dr. W. K. Riddell. He said his home was ransacked while he was at his office and his wife was on a trip to Colorado.

Guards from the KNX transmitter station heard the car brakes squeal and the sound of the car turning over. When they arrived on the scene the wheels were still spinning but the occupants had fled. Investigating officers found the stolen property in two suitcases in the rear trunk compartment.

Deputy sheriffs who took over the case reported Tuesday that the car had not yet been reported stolen by the registered owner.

## Americans Form Concern to Till Jap-Vacated Acreage in District

Determined to prove that Americans can grow "just as good" vegetables as the Japs if given half a chance, Robert and Chester Englund, brother farming experts, have organized a company known as the San Pedro Farms and have already leased 1,320 acres from the Palos Verdes Land Co., embracing nearly all the tillable land from Redondo Beach around the ocean front to San Pedro. This land has been and is being vacated by Japanese.

## 5,000th Baby in 17 Years Born at Hospital

The 5,000th baby born at Torrance Memorial hospital is husky Gerald Wylton Zigler, seven-pound, 11-ounce son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Zigler of 1634 Acacia ave., who arrived at 9:09 a. m. Monday to be recorded with that figure.

The No. 1 baby was a boy born to a Mr. and Mrs. Frost on May 23, 1925, under the auspices of Dr. A. P. Stevenson. Dr. John W. Beeman served at the arrival of No. 5,000.

Gerald Wylton's father is employed by the Southern California Edison Company and his mother is the former Margie McNew. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McNew of 1634 Acacia ave. and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Zigler of Los Angeles.

## C. G. Committee Ending Survey of Civic Ideas

Under direction of Robert McCallum, who has succeeded Carleton B. Bell as chairman, the Committee of 15 to re-organize the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is completing a checkup of the 174 questionnaires returned and expressing what local residents want in a Chamber body.

A sub-committee conducting the survey is expected to report next Monday night to the main group with a working program for a civic organization. If this is approved by the Committee of 15, it will then be submitted to the new Chamber organization. Another sub-committee, Chairman McCallum said yesterday, is revising the by-laws to provide a new method of electing a board of directors.

Labor organizations have been invited to send representatives to the Chamber committee sessions who will have power to vote on matters brought before the group.

## S. S. Registrants to Get Work Questionnaire

Distribution of four-page occupational questionnaires is expected to start Monday, according to officials of Selective Service Board No. 280. These folders will obtain full information of the vocational background of men who registered Feb. 14, 15 and 16 for the U. S. Employment Service and other Federal agencies. Later the questionnaires will be sent carrier Selective Service registrants.

## Resumption of P. E. Passenger Service Asked

Adopting a suggestion contained in a petition signed by 182 defense workers living in Torrance and employed in the harbor area, the city council Tuesday night launched what may become a major campaign to bring Pacific Electric passenger service back to Torrance.

Pointing out that rationing of tires is an ever-increasing problem to working men, the petition urged the council to "use its influence to have the Pacific Electric resume service through Torrance to the harbor area." Mrs. Anthony Jossome, who circulated the petition, reported that it was filled up within six hours and many more defense workers indicated later they would have been glad to add their names to it.

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was authorized to contact Pacific Electric officials at once. Mayor Tom McGuire reported that several local industries have interviewed members of the State Railroad Commission relative to the same matter.

"I have learned that the traffic manager of the Pacific Electric has said that there is no chance of renewing passenger service through Torrance to Los Angeles harbor unless the Army or Navy orders the company to release buses now being used in the Los Angeles area for this purpose," McGuire said. "The reason is that the Pacific Electric has no cars available to resume service here—they have all been scrapped."

The Pacific Electric discontinued passenger service here Jan. 14, 1940. Now that citizens are unable to buy tires and re-caps are available only to a few, the problem of transportation looms larger every day. Other cities are faced with the same situation. Gardena is considering the purchase of more buses and re-arrangement of its present bus schedule to accommodate Columbia Steel, National Supply and other local workers and their employees at the aluminum plant on 790th st. North Long Beach and Norwalk are making an effort to obtain extra transportation services.

A. G. Hood, another American, is supervisor of a 500-acre tract while James Wagner is secretary and marketing expert.

## Building Permits Total \$10,982

Building permits issued from the city engineer's office this week totaled \$10,982. They were issued to: K. H. Day for demolition of a wooden oil derrick at 2326 23rd st., \$200, and erection of a new wooden derrick at 3856 Emerald st., \$5,000; General Petroleum refinery, a 73 by 160-foot raw water storage basin, \$4,200; Jack Isen, demolition of fire wall on Brighton hotel building, 1639 Cabrillo ave., \$32; J. C. Abbott, reconstruction of garage into frame three-room house at 20235 Anis st., \$1,000; Huber E. Lowther, frame storage room at 24252 Ocean ave., \$50, and Lee Stamps, repairs to residence at 804 Acacia st., damaged by fire, \$500.

## Local Japs Await Evacuation Order Any Day Now

Evacuation of the first convoy of 800 single Japanese Monday to the Manzanar reception center in Owens valley, where they will complete the "induction city" for the expected thousands of enemy aliens and Japanese-Americans, lent impetus this week to preparations of hundreds of local Japanese who must follow soon. Already, scores of local Japanese have departed eastward from Torrance and Lomita, but those remaining are still undecided where they will go and evidently are awaiting notice of evacuation under government supervision.

Effective Friday, a curfew between the hours of 8 p. m. and 6 a. m. will be established, and all enemy aliens and persons of Japanese ancestry must be within their place of residence during that time.

"This is a war measure," said Lieutenant-General J. L. DeWitt, head of the Western Defense Command, "and I warn that swift justice will follow any violation."

Military necessity dictates such action and military necessity requires strictest enforcement."

At all other times, enemy aliens and those of Japanese ancestry shall be only at their place of residence or employment or traveling between those places or within a distance of not more than five miles from their residence. Exception is made when aliens must transact business with the Wartime Civil Control Administration, whose local headquarters are in the County Welfare Center building at 2300 Carson st., postoffice, or other Federal agencies.

**Youngsters Are Troubled**  
The new order revokes all previous exemptions. Lieut.-Colonel W. A. Boeke, assistant provost marshal of the Western Defense Command, said that those persons who come under the curfew regulations will be unable, hereafter, to hold night jobs.

## 8 FIRMS URGE TAX CUT HERE

Urging a thorough study of the municipal organization with a view to reducing operating expenses and discontinuing services not absolutely necessary or which show operating losses, eight of the largest Torrance industries appealed to the city council Tuesday night to reduce taxes. The firms offered to give any assistance they can to a general curtailment program.

The letter from the industries, signed by F. J. Carpenter, assistant treasurer for the National Supply Company, was received by the council without comment. Councilman Vern Babcock's motion that it be referred to the council as a whole for further study was adopted. The industries' letter follows:

"The industries of Torrance are faced with a terrific tax burden this year and for many years to come. This is only one of many items of increased cost which are great concern."

"It is realized that wartime expenses of the Federal Government cannot and should not be curtailed as victory is imperative regardless of cost. To ease the tax burden there is, throughout the country, a movement to reduce local taxes by cutting out non-essential county and city services and expense."

**Offer Assistance**  
"At a meeting held in Torrance Feb. 20, the following industrial companies were represented: The National Supply Company, General Petroleum Corporation of California, Hydril Company, Columbia Steel Company, Pacific Electric Railway Company, Chanslor-Candfield Midway Oil Company, D & M Machine Works, Pacific Perforating Company, Ltd.

"On behalf of the industries which pay the preponderance of Torrance taxes, the council of the city is urgently requested to study the situation thoroughly with a view to reducing operating expenses and discontinuing services which are not absolutely necessary or which show operating losses."

"We have no doubt that the council is as anxious as the taxpayers to effect any possible reduction in the tax rate. As a matter of fact, we understand that the council is already giving this matter a good deal of thought, and we shall be glad to render any assistance we possibly can. Please let us know if we can be of service and favor us with an expression of the council's attitude on the subject."

"Respectfully submitted, for the companies, whose names appear herein, (Signed) F. J. CARPENTER, Assistant Treasurer, The National Supply Co."

## Union Holy Week Services Arranged

Union Holy Week services will be held Monday through Friday, March 30 through April 3, at the Methodist church with President C. Dorr Demary of Los Angeles Pacific college speaking each evening. There will be special music at every service and a union chorus will sing. All residents of Torrance and vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

## H. S. Students Building Model Planes for Government

### Many Small Scale Aircraft Needed for Training Pilots and Gunners

In every one of the 48 states, high school students are working with jig saw, sandpaper and glue pot for their country—and high school students are no exception. They are building small, scale-model airplanes to be used by the Army and Navy in training pilots and gunners. Civilian defense air wardens will also use them to learn the silhouette and size of various planes when seen from a distance.

Model planes are better for this purpose than printed outlines, for the observer can study them from every angle and learn to spot a plane before it passes directly overhead. Gunners use them in learning to estimate a target's distance and speed so that they can develop accurate and deadly aim.

For these purposes, the government needs many more thousands of the models than can at present be produced commercially. The high schools, with their wood working shops and students eager to help America

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