

A steam hoist, used until 1900, was the first elevator in the Washington Monument. The Monument is 555 feet, 5 1/2 inches high.

### Security for Civilian Defense Workers on Duty Is Assured

Financial and medical aid for civilian defense workers injured during an official blackout is now assured, it was announced this week by the State Council of Defense. In case of death, assistance in paying burial costs will also be forthcoming. Amounts of payments for individual cases, eligibility for aid, and other phases of a broad-scope program are still in the process of being worked out by state welfare officials.

In California funds will be administered by the county welfare departments under the direction of the State Department of Social Welfare. The director of each county welfare department in the state will be the administrator in his county and has been given the responsibility for the expenditure of such amounts as may be required.

The Pepper bill, introduced in Congress on March 26, and still awaiting Congressional disposition, would allocate funds for injuries, disability, enemy detention and death of civilians. The bill provides in case of disability of a civilian defense corps member that he be compensated for not less than \$30 a month or more than \$85 a month.

### No Speed Rule But Caution in Dimout

No speed limit will be posted in the new dim-out areas, because the basic speed law will apply. The basic speed law, C.V.C. 510, provides that "No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for the traffic on and the surface and width of the highway, and in no event at a speed which endangers the safety of persons or property."

The German labor situation has become particularly critical due to loss of men in battle and need for drawing replacements from the labor force. Large amounts of merchandise are being transported by air between various warring nations and their outposts and allies.

Bomb the Japs with junk!

### State Picnic-Reunions

SOUTHERN STATES... Dixie Day will be observed as a joint reunion of all folk from states below the Mason-Dixon line in Bixby Park, Long Beach, Saturday, Aug. 29.

### Newspapers to Soldiers Go at Domestic Rate

Mail subscriptions of newspapers to men in the armed service in overseas contingents are now being handled by the postoffice department without payment of foreign postage, at one and a half cents for each two ounces, Ramsey E. Black, third assistant postmaster, has notified all newspapers in the United States.

Black said that postage on such subscriptions is figured on the zone rate from the office of publication to New York or San Francisco as the case may be. Also when men in the armed service are transferred their newspapers will be forwarded to their new address without extra charge. This service is given only to first class mail to persons other than in the armed service.

### Hershey Warns Married Men

Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, national selective service director, offers this succinct advice to fit married men with no other dependents than wives:

"Begin making arrangements now to enter the army."

In a speech at a press conference in Chicago late last week, Gen. Hershey said reclassification of all married men would begin "probably in October and certainly by Christmas."

"When the supply of single men is gone in the next few months, we must dip into the groups of men with wives and secondary dependents," he said.

### State Gas Tax In Sharp Drop

SACRAMENTO. — Sharpest drop in the recent history of California's gasoline tax was reported during the month of July, according to figures announced this week.

On the basis of taxable sales amounting to 164,007,902 gallons of gasoline, the Board assessed a tax of \$4,920,237.03. This represented a decrease of 14.30 per cent under the tax collected for the same month of the previous year, or a loss of \$820,237.06. The July income, however, was slightly higher than the \$4,885,796.80 reported for June, 1942.

The steady decrease in gasoline sales was attributed to the restricted use of automotive equipment as a result of the national war effort. Despite the steady drop in gasoline consumption, California still has used 1,120,905,235 gallons of gasoline so far this year.

### Sedan Sales Are 'Frozen'

Gov. Culbert Olson has been advised by Price Administrator Leon Henderson that effective until Oct. 31 all sales and deliveries of 1942 model four-door, hard-top Ford, Chevrolet and Plymouth sedans, on which the list price is shown as \$1,000 or less, are "frozen."

Henderson said that deliveries of these models should not be made even to certificate holders. All cars which have been driven over 1,000 miles or cars which on Aug. 18 had not been held for use and not for resale are not affected by the order.

At Henderson's request, Governor Olson advised the Department of Motor Vehicles not to register any of these automobiles not previously registered for use unless the applicant can show that sale and delivery were completed before Aug. 18.

IN NEW HOME Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Koch have moved into their new home in Morningside Park, Inglewood.

IN VAN NUYS Mr. and Mrs. Earl Clayton spent Sunday in Van Nuys as dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warner Ramsey.

### Stamp No. 8 for 5 lbs. of Sugar

Stamp number eight in your War Ration Book is valid for purchase of five pounds of sugar at any time until Oct. 31, it was announced by the Office of Price Administration.

The five-pound value of the stamp will permit the disposition of stocks of five, ten and 25-pound packages of sugar now in the hands of refiners, wholesalers and retailers, it was explained. It also will eliminate temporarily the burden of re-packaging into small units now assumed by retailers.

At the same time, it was pointed out, the validity period of Stamp No. 8 terminating at the end of a calendar month would make it possible to have future ration periods set to coincide with the calendar month if desirable.

### No Refunds for Deer Tags, Hunting Licenses in State

Refunds cannot be made for deer tags and hunting licenses purchased before California hunting areas were closed for "military necessity" at the request of the Army, the state Division of Fish and Game said this week.

The Division explained that there is no provision whereby funds once deposited can be refunded except by special legislative act.

### BEACH OUTING

Mmes. A. C. Steele and A. C. Turner entertained a group of Cub Scouts at the beach on Monday. Those present were Den Chief Neal Silence, Benny Benson, Norman Downing, Richard Schumert, Wayne Steele and Dick and Jack Turner.

### Coffee Quota Cut Ordered

The War Production Board this week ordered a further 10 per cent reduction in the amount of coffee available to American consumers, effective Sept. 1.

The reduction, representing a cut of about 15,000,000 pounds a month, "is necessary because of the shipping situation," WPB said.

Civilian coffee consumption under the order will be held to about 110,000,000 pounds a month, compared with normal unrestricted consumption of about 147,000,000 pounds.

The coffee quota for wholesalers, retailers and other wholesale receivers will be reduced from 75 to 65 per cent of the average monthly amount of coffee delivered during the corresponding quarter of 1941. This quota will be effective during September and each subsequent month until revised.

### Nevada Attracts Deer Hunters

The military ban on deer hunting in California probably will bring a major increase in out-of-state licenses issued in Nevada.

Nevada fish and game officials said they anticipated that hundreds of California hunters would cross the line into Nevada when the deer season opens. No hunting dates have been set in the various counties.

### Two Tax Rates Will Be Fixed Tomorrow

The county board of supervisors has decided to set the flood control tax rate tomorrow when the Los Angeles school district rates are to be fixed. Last year the flood control tax here was 22 cents per \$100 assessed valuation while the school levy was \$1.7982.

### Flower Shop Closes Saturday

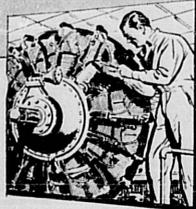
Harriett Leech, Flowers, 1413 Marcelina ave., will close next Saturday, Aug. 29, probably "for the duration," says Mrs. Leech, who has successfully conducted her florist business at this location for the past seven years.

She plans to keep office hours at the store for the next two or three weeks for the convenience of patrons who wish to settle their accounts, but no orders for flower work will be taken. inability to secure help, the rubber situation and general hazards of driving to market during the dimout has brought Mrs. Leech to the decision to retire from business at this time.

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