

Rationing Reveals Car Is Necessity

"The important thing that rationing has taught us," says Mobil Man A. B. "Ike" McTee at Sartori at Post aves, "is that an automobile is no longer a pleasure car, but an actual necessity. To carry on the war effort, to perpetuate our civilian activities, millions of cars and trucks are essential. These machines must not fail. They enable us to produce bond and tax money. They speed us to security and victory. It's to help prevent these machines from failing that the Summer-proof system of car protection is practiced in Mobilgas stations. Far-sighted motorists, who realize their cars must be made to last, welcome this plan. They realize that now, before summer, motor and gear oil must be changed and cars must be thoroughly lubricated and inspected. Don't let the 'Gremlin Destroyers' catch the motorist napping."

McTee

Where to Go on Your Vacation When the Victory Is Won

Opening to military use of the road that borders the Pacific from Fairbanks, Alaska to the Panama Canal, just as buds begin to burst and golden poppies fill the fields, brings a general awareness that vacation time is near at hand.

Just what that will mean in these times of curtailed transportation is a pretty drab question in some quarters. But here in California the ban on lengthy pleasure trips is not one of the most serious aspects of war time. In every community, pleasure spots are near at hand, near enough for

Area Under 'Yellow' Alert 32 Minutes

The harbor district, along with the entire Los Angeles area, was under a preliminary "yellow" alert that lasted for 32 minutes until an approaching "target" was identified as friendly, Monday night.

The Western Defense Command said the alert was ordered at 10:38 and the all-clear at 11:10.

Torrance was given the alert at 10:38 and the all-clear at 11:17.

Walterian Files Damage Claim With Council

Claiming his car was damaged to the extent of \$50 because of the "bad" condition of the back lane (alley) leading to his garage, W. J. Gill of 24219 Los Codona, Walterian, demanded reimbursement from the city council Tuesday night. The claim was filed for future reference after a motion to refer the matter to the Street department died for lack of a second.

Home Food Class Meeting Postponed

The Home Food Production class which meets at Torrance high school at 7:30 p.m., Monday evenings will not meet next Monday, April 19 because of Easter vacation. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 26, when M. H. Kimball of the Los Angeles County Farm Adviser's office will talk on dehydration. The public is invited.

Chinchillas Hit By War, Breeders Reducing Stock

The war, with its shortage of labor, of transportation and feed problems, has hit one of America's latest industries, the chinchilla fur business. Ardis B. Stagner, who owns a large chinchilla farm in Welteria, said today that chinchilla farmers throughout the United States are reducing their stocks by selling off the pelts of the less profitable of their stock.

This will mean the sale of the largest volume of home-grown pelts to reach the American market. But as it takes from 50 to 70 pelts to make a good chinchilla coat, and about 300 pelts are expected to be sold, this will mean only about three coats and probably three or four jackets will be made. The present price of a coat is \$25,000 or higher.

Valuable Rodents

Stagner owns 45 chinchillas and boards \$5 more, the chinchillas' value being estimated at from \$1600 to \$3000 a pair. He started in the business in 1935 with a quarter-partnership in one pair brought from South America.

The chinchilla, resembling a cross between a rabbit and a squirrel is covered with a thick soft fur of French grey, delicately mottled on the upper surface and dusky white underneath. They are vegetarians and are fed on grains, hay, nuts and seeds, and grow to a length of about 10 inches. They mate for life and have litters of one to four young, born full-furred with their eyes open. In their natural habitat they live in burrows.

Works in Defense Plant

The first North American chinchillas were brought from the Andes, where they lived at an altitude of between 8000 and 12,000 feet. The late M. F. Chapman first took a small herd to lower levels, and after they had become used to the lower altitudes brought them to the United States. All the North American chinchillas are descended from the Chapman herd.

Stagner is working daily in a defense plant, as are most of the chinchilla farmers now unless they are in the armed forces, and with prospects of more of them being drafted for military service and the labor situation becoming more critical, most farmers are planning to reduce their herds, flocks, bees, or whatever you call a group of chinchillas, to a number that the wives and members of the family can care for efficiently.

County Seeks Damages For Truck Crash Here

A county-owned truck March 15, 1942 took a "beating" from a coupe in a collision at Cravens and Gramercy aves.

This was indicated when the county counsel's office asked the board of supervisors to authorize filing a suit for \$52,500, covering damages to the truck, against John Maestri, asserted driver of the coupe.

The county's legal department also requested that Mrs. Sidney Maestri be named as a co-defendant on the theory that she is the owner of the car.

DRINKING AND DRIVING

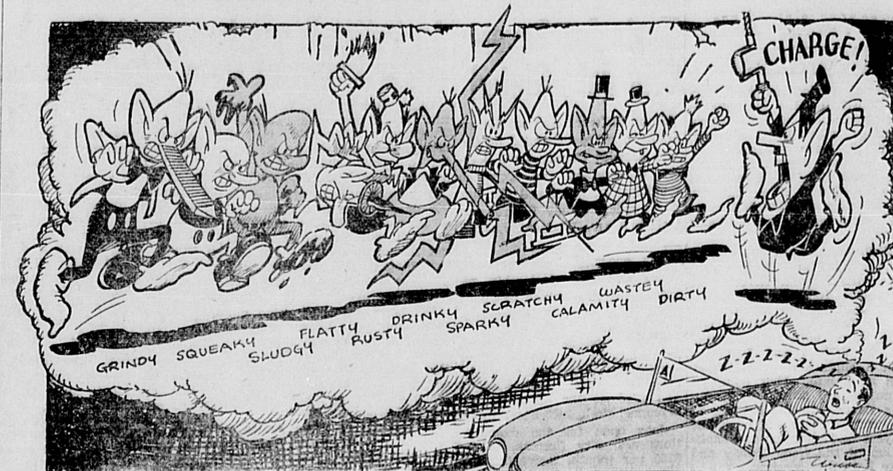
Although there is less gasoline and less alcohol available, the two liquids still don't mix. Statistics prove that motorists are 55 times more liable to have an accident if they drive when they've been drinking.

Motorists Do Not Need Any Warning

"Most motorists are wise nowadays to the fine art of protecting their cars so they can keep on driving," declares Bob Mayhorn, Mobilgas station operator at 24636 Narbonne ave., Lomita. "Hence, they don't need to be warned about things that may go wrong and cause them to become pedestrians instead of drivers. However, many are forgetful. That's one reason why we have Summer-proofing periods—just as reminders that its time to change motor lubricants in crankcase, clean radiators, spark plugs, air and oil filters, pack wheel bearings and give thorough lubrication. Also, that's why we picture the mythical Gremlin parts destroyers. Yes, it's only to remind motorists of what may happen if they put things off too long. A word to the wise is sufficient."

Bob Mayhorn

Dream of Driver Who Didn't Summer-Proof



Here's a cartoonist's conception of the nightmare of a motorist who forgot to protect his car by Summer-proofing. In his dream the motorist sees Major Trouble, chucking in fiendish glee as he leads his army of trouble-makers to attack on the unprotected automobile.



GREMLINS AT WORK—Registering dismay over the antics of Gremlin conspirators, Adele Mara, screen player, throws up her hands in horror when she discovers the destructive imps going to work on her car. She is shocked to see that the Goblin gangsters have gone to work on their day's duties of auto wrecking.

Wilmington Board Drafts 25 Local Men on April 7

Included in the Selective Service contingent sent into the armed services April 7 from the Wilmington draft district were 25 Torrance, Lomita and Harbor City men. They were: Myrl Leo Close, Torrance, assigned to the Marine Corps; Robert H. White, Wantee Ridge, assigned to the Navy; Joseph A. Cox, Lomita, to the Navy; William F. Wallace, Henry Alexander, Daniel Barra and Jesus Viveros, Harbor City, to the Army, and the following Torrance men to the Army: L. Heston, LaRue E. Foster, Jesse M. Bohannon, Orville K. Chadwick, Robert T. Dewalt, Joe E. Almeida, Raymond D. Richhart, Neil M. Hudson, Ted W. Fletcher, E. C. Sartain, Melburn C. McGhee, Henry J. Hammon, Jack Eynon, Laurence M. Peronto, Ted W. Fleming, and Robert Shimmiel, Torrance.

Annexation of Rubber Plant Site Voted by Los Angeles Council

Annexation of the 260-acre site of the \$40,000,000 Federal synthetic rubber plant now nearing completion, bounded by 190th, James and Figueroa sts. and Vermont ave., was voted last Friday by the Los Angeles city council.

The action followed a message from Mayor Bowron and a statement by City Attorney Ray L. Chesbro that the Defense Plant Corp. which had asked postponement of annexation, has withdrawn any objection.

Veto Overridden

At the mayor's request the Los Angeles council also voted to override Bowron's veto of the ordinance setting up Los Angeles water rates for the plant, which would graduate from 300,000 cubic feet a month at the present rate of 72 cents per 100 cubic feet to 4 cents per 100 cubic feet for amounts in excess of 10,000,000 cubic feet a month. The vote was unanimous.

Councilman Charles A. Allan voted against the annexation on the ground that he is not satisfied regarding the effect of the ordinance adopted by the council exempting the plant, to be operated by the Dow Chemical Co. and the Shell Chemical Co. from sections of the Municipal Code covering regulation and inspection.

Nail Polish Uses Explosive Material; Drying Time Extended

If you've noticed that the type of nail polish you use takes a little longer to harden, here's the reason why: Nitrocellulose, the quick drying ingredient in nail enamel, now is used for explosives. However, there's little change in the nail polishes except for a little more time in drying.

Although the color variety has been slightly curtailed, there is still sufficient range of choice. However, there may be a reduction in color selections of nail polish as more dyes are required for war uses.

Men on Furloughs May Obtain Civilian Food Ration Points

Servicemen or women on furlough may obtain a point certificate good for meats, edible fats and oils, cheese or canned fish if home for three days or longer.

However, a member of the armed services must be home on leave for seven days or longer before any allotments of processed fruits and vegetables, sugar or coffee are obtainable. Applications are made to local war price and rationing boards, and it is necessary to present leave papers when applying.

RECEIVE AWARD

Torrance Elementary school received a merit award for its scrapbook prepared by pupils to illustrate their "Schools at War" activities, it was announced this week by the superintendent's office in Los Angeles.

Keep the Gremlins Out of Your Car



HEAT TAKES A HEAVY TOLL FROM MOTORS UNLESS—YOU HAVE THAT CAR SUMMER PROOFED HAVE IT DONE - NOW

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24636 NARBONNE AVE. PHONE LOMITA 447
LOMITA



SUMMER-PROOF...NOW!

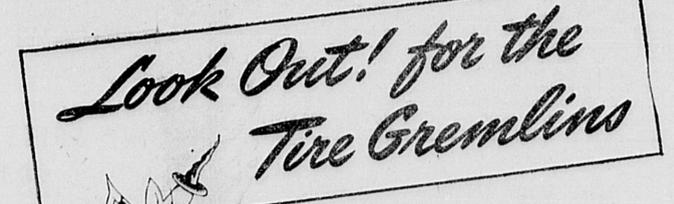
AT ONE OF THESE LOCAL STATIONS Displaying the Sign of the Flying Red Horse

A. F. "PINKY" PALMER
Carson at Arlington, Torrance

A. B. "IKE" McTEE
Sartori at Post, Torrance

BOB MAYHORN & SON
24636 Narbonne, Lomita

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Look out for Flatty Gremlin— He's a menace to your tires. To wear 'em out before their time This little imp conspires. He chuckles at your negligence Because he knows the consequence. So guard your tires from needless wear By giving them the proper care. Essential to your tire protection Is frequent, regular inspection.

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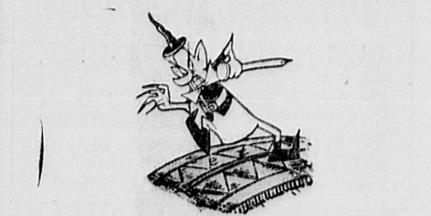
A Ration Board Certificate permitting the purchase of new tires, issued according to OPA regulations, does not stipulate the make of tires you may buy. That decision is your privilege.

So with an OPA tire rationing certificate you can get U. S. quality and the U. S. assurance of low cost mileage.

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SUMMER-PROOF HEADQUARTERS



Come in and Let Us Get the Gremlins Out of Your Car

Don't take chances on hot weather driving. Come in for a thorough Summer-proof job to protect your car and help keep it running for the duration.

A. B. "IKE" McTEE
SARTORI AT POST, TORRANCE

