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THE HEAVY, URGENT TRAINS of war will roll as usual over our rails through the twenty-four hours of December 25th.

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Yes, the people of our railroad will be hard at work on Christmas. But still this Day will have for us a bright and special meaning — because you folks who live along our lines have made the Christmas Spirit so very real to us.

**S.P. The friendly
Southern Pacific**

● DON'T PLAN ON TRAVELING OVER THE HOLIDAYS—LET A MAN IN UNIFORM HAVE YOUR TRAIN SEAT OR BERTH

Food Tokens to Become Valid On February 27

The new food rations tokens, having a ration value of one point each to be used with ration stamps in books 3 and 4 will become valid on Feb. 27, according to information received by Frank Daniels, chief clerk of the ration board at 2300 Carson st., in Torrance.

Red and blue stamps in War Ration Book 4 will be re-evaluated at 10 points for each stamp, regardless of the point designations 1-2-5-8 on each strip of coupons. Red tokens will be given as change to the housewife in meat rationing, while blue tokens will be used for processed foods.

While there will continue to be expiration dates on the stamps, both red and blue, the tokens will be used indefinitely. Since brown stamps in book 3 will be used up by the time the token program starts, red stamps out of book 4 will be used for the meats and fats program, blue stamps out of book 4 continuing to be used in exchange for processed foods.

Three red stamps in ration book 4 will become valid every two weeks, each of them good for 10 points, or a total of 30 points. The two-point differential between the new and old systems will be made up through slightly reduced point values on meats, fats, oils, cheese and butter, Daniels explained.

The tokens, which are smaller than a dime in size and made of a plastic substance, are virtually impossible to counterfeit.

Dexter Envisions School Building In Post-War Era

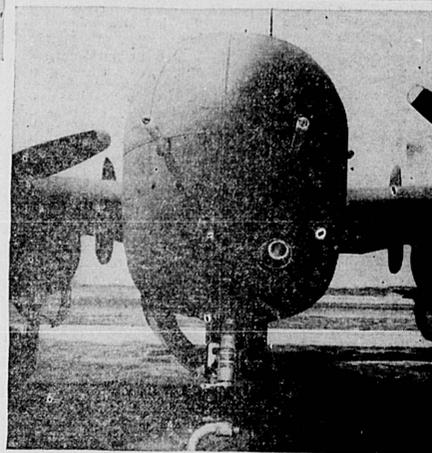
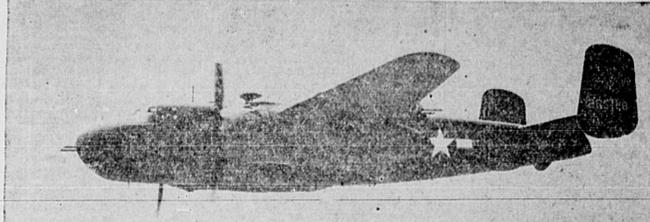
A heavy increase in school construction throughout California after the war was envisioned by Dr. Walter Dexter, director of education, in reporting to Gov. Earl Warren on the programs of school districts for post-war improvements and expansions.

"It is evident that the state total of needed school construction immediately after the war will be quite large," said the report. "Not only must the increased enrollments, due to population growth in the state, be provided with school housing, and the normal plant needs which accumulated during wartime when construction is not possible, likewise be met, but also new facilities will be required to meet the new types of educational services that will be carried on after the war."

PENSIONS RECOMMENDED

A communication from the L. A. county grand jury read at the Torrance city council Tuesday night recommended that the council take steps to provide a pension system for the police department. The communication was ordered filed. Council members indicated that the plan submitted would not be feasible at this time.

B-25 Mitchells Carry 75mm Cannon



Striking power unparalleled in the history of air war has been attained by the installation of a 75 millimeter cannon in a North American B-25 Mitchell bomber. The largest gun ever mounted in an airplane, the cannon has been used successfully in the Southwest Pacific and probably other theaters, according to the War Department. Upper photo shows the B-25 in flight; lower, a close-up of the cannon and two .50 calibre guns in the bomber's nose.

Torrance Masons Hold Ceremonies To Induct Officers

Torrance Masonic lodge met last Friday evening when officers elected to serve during the ensuing year were installed with Homer B. Morgan heading the list as worshipful master.

Other officers inducted were: Ernest M. Mosher, Lomita, senior warden; Fred Bever, junior warden; John H. Fess, treasurer; Edmund A. Day, secretary; Charles B. Mitchell, chaplain; Gordon Mothersell, junior deacon; Frederick Cook, senior deacon; Charles B. Dunham, marshal; William E. Ruppel, senior steward; H. Archer Lewis, junior steward, and Jack Miller, tyler.

The installing officer was Most Worshipful Samuel E. Burke, past grand master of California, assisted by Keith W. Schlaegel of Gardena, inspector of the 99th district, as master of ceremonies. The address of welcome was delivered by Wallace W. West, past master of the Torrance lodge.

Also taking part in the program were: Juliette Johnson, installing organist; Rev. Leonard Babcock, invocation; Billy Morgan, son of the master-elect, flag bearer; Vera Louise Jeffery, cornet soloist, and Marilyn Dice, vocal soloist.

Legion Sponsors Library at U.S. Base Hospital

Members of the American Legion post are sending a committee to the U. S. Army Base Hospital on Carson street next Sunday. Purpose of the trip is to set up the beginning of what is hoped will develop into a library of more than ordinary consequence.

The legion requests that if there are any persons in Torrance or anywhere in this area who have any books that are no longer of use to them to bring them to the Torrance city clerk's office in the city hall, where Jack Hallanger, deputy clerk and post commander, will see that they are delivered to the hospital for pleasure of wounded veterans who are sent there for hospitalization. Magazines that are not over two months old also will be acceptable, Hallanger stated.

BIKE REPORTED STOLEN

Bill Rogers reported to the Torrance police Tuesday night that his bicycle had been stolen from the rear of the postoffice.



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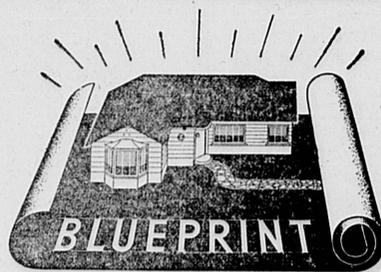
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