

State's Liquor Laws Declared Extra Liberal

Compared with many other states, California has extremely liberal liquor laws, statistics compiled by the State Board of Equalization revealed.

California, it was disclosed, is one of 28 states where alcoholic beverages may be lawfully sold and dispensed by the drink, all classed as "open license" states. Of this number, however, 20 have local option laws and consequently many dry counties or other political subdivisions. Also, 16 of these states have laws prohibiting liquor sales on Sunday.

Seventeen states were listed in the "monopoly" group, in which liquor stores are state-owned and operated by state employees. In this group 13 have bans on Sunday sales.

Sales of liquor in three states is prohibited by constitutional provision.

War Industries To Cease Hum on Christmas Day

War industries going at full blast in Torrance and other parts of Southern California will come to a halt on Christmas day to give employees the opportunity to be at home with their families and friends, it was announced today.

All the big airplane, steel and shipyard plants, as well as those making parts used for war equipment will be closed.

New Year's day will be a regular work day for those engaged in making planes, ships, armament and other supplies to meet the needs of the United Nations tremendous war machine will be in operation.

Registration Opens For 'T' Ration Books

All those using "T" coupons are urged to start registration immediately for the first quarter of 1944 since the old T-1 and T-2 coupons will not be accepted by the service stations after the first of January, Frank Daniels, chief clerk of the ration board offices, at 2300 Carson st., Torrance, said today.

After the first of the year the strip ticket type of coupon only will be good, and if registration is delayed until the last few days in December, some operators will have to shut down for lack of gasoline while registration is in progress. Starting Wednesday the new coupons will be issued.

RATIONING TIME TABLE

WAR RATION BOOK NO. 1
SHOES—Stamp 18 good for one pair. Expiration date indefinite.

WAR RATION BOOK 3
BROWN stamps—for meat, canned fish, most edible oils, cheeses and canned milk:
L, M, N, P and Q now valid, good until Jan. 1.
Stamp No. 1 on airplane sheet (1 pair shoes), expiring date not set.

WAR RATION BOOK NO. 4
Stamp No. 29 (5 lbs. sugar)—Good now and through Jan. 15, 1944.

GREEN stamps—for canned, frozen and certain dehydrated foods; D, E, F and G valid now through Jan. 20, 1944.

GASOLINE
COUPON NO. 9 (A-book) good through Jan. 21 for three gallons of gasoline.

All new style coupons, A, B and C, must be endorsed on face with car license number and state of registration.

TIRE INSPECTION—C book holders—every 3 months, 5th inspection before Feb. 29, 1944. B book holders—every 4 months, 4th inspection before Feb. 29, 1944. A book holders—every 6 months, 3rd inspection before March 31.

RATION BOARD OFFICE HOURS—At 2300 Carson st., daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Accountability Check Designed For Control of Black Markets

Expansion of the battle against gasoline black markets through determined enforcement of the existing regulations and extensions of the fight through use of the accountability feature has been announced by the Office of Price Administration. This was announced for Southland distributors after advices from O.P.A. Administrator Chester Bowles.

had been received recently at the local area ration board headquarters at 2300 Carson st., Torrance.

"This new drive will intensify

efforts all along the line to uncover and dispose of the black markets. There are two primary points in the method planned at this time," said Paul Barksdale d'Orr, O.P.A. chief for the eight Southern California counties.

"First, the distributor will be required to 'screen out' irregular coupons—counterfeits, expired coupons, those not yet valid and those which the motorist has failed to endorse.

"Second, filling stations will be required to make good irregular coupons which they have presented to the distributors and their inventory will be cut down by the amount passed on to the wholesaler.

"Both distributors and filling station operators who continue to accept irregular coupons will be subject to civil or criminal action."

Meetings will be called all over the country within the next few weeks so that O.P.A. officials and trade members can reach a closer understanding, d'Orr explains. Distributors will then, in turn, be asked to contact the retailers through their tank truck drivers, to notify them that each sheet must in the future carry the name and address of the filling station from which it was collected.

"The retailers' part," says d'Orr, "will come in watching that they do not add to the gummed sheets prepared for their distributor any counterfeit coupons, expired coupons or those not yet valid. Enforcement of the existing rule that these may not be accepted will lead to greater care by all concerned, and make the illegal transfer of coupons and motor fuel that much harder."

Moose Mummerings

By JIMMY BARKER, Secy.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, 1943, at the Moose Home in Long Beach, a class of 135 candidates was initiated in honor of Clarence Crary, governor of that lodge. To the residents throughout this area, Crary might be better known for his lovable characterization of Abie in the original radio station KFOX school kids.

Tommy Wilkes, popular governor of the Torrance lodge, led 19 new candidates from Torrance to Long Beach for the ceremony. All present were served venison steak with all the trimmings.

On Friday evening Torrance lodge, 24 strong, invaded Golden State No. 29 lodge for visitation and were received quite royally by southwest central district Vice-president Roy Briggs. This makes the second time in as many months that the Torrance delegation led by Governor Wilkes brought home the pennant for attendance. Highlight of the evening was the surprise visit of Jack Stero, past supreme governor of the Loyal Order of the Moose. Jack gave an inspiring talk on the benefits in the Moose, and complimented the regional director, Jim West, on the splendid showing the lodges in this district are making.

The holiday season is upon us once more and as Christmas and the New Year fall on Saturday, Torrance lodge No. 785 will have no more meetings this year, but will meet Friday, Jan. 7.

Torrance lodge, No. 785, through its officers, wishes to extend to its many friends throughout this area the merriest Christmas and the best that the New Year has to offer.

BRIDGE PASS MISUSED

Director of Public Works C. H. Purcell believes the recent conviction of an Oakland civilian employee of the U.S. Army will be helpful in preventing misuse of San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge passes issued by the state to the federal government. Purcell said the man was convicted on a charge of toll evasion after refusing to pay the fee when an invalid pass he presented was confiscated.

Red Cross Nurse's Aides Urgently Need Watches

Patriotic women who are training to become Red Cross volunteer nurse's aides have a new problem: Finding inexpensive watches with a second hand.

According to Mrs. Louis Martin, Los Angeles chairman of the nurse's aide unit, the women require such watches for taking accurate pulse tests. War shortages have prevented the manufacture of the timepieces.

"We do not expect donations of the watches," Mrs. Martin emphasized. "If persons will make them available to these women, they will purchase them."

Mrs. Martin asked that responses be directed to Red Cross headquarters, 1200 South Vermont ave., or phone FTtroy 5261, Station 65.



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