

Population Growth, Industrial Development Bared by Harnish

Southern California's war-created growth in population and industrial development during 1943, along with the resulting "headache" over manpower, housing, transportation and other problems, are subjects gone into in considerable detail in the annual report of H. R. Harnish, southern California manpower director, which has been received by this news.

Due to the fact that the War Manpower Commission serves as a clearing house for all efforts directed to the solution of all problems in any way connected with the task of manning war plants and essential industries, the report gives a comprehensive picture of what has happened to southern California during the past war year.

Highlights of the year:

Population: Net increase in civilians of approximately 280,000 despite large selective service withdrawals; the military population of the area was more than 700,000. Los Angeles County alone gained 275,000 in civilian production including some 240,000 in-migrants.

Industry: War-created industrial expansion greatest in the nation. Los Angeles County alone has war contracts totaling \$8,502,479,000 and ranks second only to Detroit in war production. This county was first in agricultural production. Approximately 1,000,000 workers were employed in jobs of highest urgency from the war effort standpoint.

Job placement: An estimated one and a half million persons were handled by U. S. Employment Service offices with 60% of them men and 40% women. Placing of war veterans became of first importance with some 3,000 veterans a month now entering the labor market. All job placements made by U.S.E.S. offices totaled approximately 500,000 with 83.2% of them made in war essential jobs and 16.8% in less essential activities. More than

and ten were carried to the national office of the War Manpower Commission. It is estimated that 50,000 job changes a month were prevented by stabilization regulations. Labor turnover was approximately 7 1/2% per month at start of year. It climbed to a peak of approximately 10 percent with 100,000 essential workers changing jobs monthly.

Recently it has dropped from 2 to 5%. Enforcement of the 48-hour week order in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura affected 1,200,000 workers employed by 13,000 firms. It is estimated that 229,056 increased hours of work resulted; the equivalent of adding some 5,000 persons to working force. Late in the year controlled referral was instituted for four classes of workers and the west coast manpower program, which provides machinery for balancing labor supply and demand for directing available workers to most vital jobs, was put into effect. Serious bottlenecks in war production were cured. As the year ended, special study was being made of the Los Angeles harbor area, the section of greatest labor stringency in this county, and efforts were being made to reduce turnover, the most serious overall handicap in the task of manning war industries and essential civilian services.

Operating in an area with this volume of war production and these complications, the War Manpower Commission has established an organization especially designed to meet the unique requirements of the area. The problems of this area could never have been solved without the assistance throughout the year of the labor and management members of the state management-labor committee. The members of this committee have given their time and energy in recommending programs and assisting the staff of the War Manpower Commission. Their services have been entirely voluntary and often at extreme personal sacrifice. Their untiring effort is conclusive evidence of the fact that management and labor are doing their utmost to accomplish a most difficult job.

Manpower utilization: Increased emphasis was given this activity during the latter part of the year. Complete manpower analyses were made for two companies, preliminary surveys made for 33 others, overall studies were made of the foundry and waste materials industries, five refining companies surveyed and assistance given 22 companies seeking incentive wage adjustments from the War Labor Board. Marked improvement in in-plant efficiency was noted.

Conclusion: There are several characteristics peculiar to southern California which complicate

DOAK OFFICE MOVES

The Doak Aircraft Co. has moved its industrial relations office department from the Torrance Hotel building to the plant. Only the employment office will remain at the old location on Cabrillo ave.

manpower operations. While industrial production is concentrated in and near Los Angeles, with a significant secondary center in and near San Diego, the distances within the area are very great. The distance from the Mexican border along the coast to the present Doak plant is approximately 400 miles, and the distance east and west across southern California is also approximately 400 miles. Labor relations vary from completely "closed-shop" industries to completely "open-shop," with every variation in between. The tremendous immigration into the area has resulted in acute housing shortages in all communities, and additional complications are the lack of child care facilities, the inadequacy of transportation and the shortages in necessary civilian production and services.

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Court of Honor Rites Climaxing Event of Boy Scout Week

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The Walteria P.T.A., is participating in the bond and stamp sale program under direction of George Thatcher, chairman. Walteria's quota was set at \$3,000, and more than \$1,800 has been subscribed, Thatcher reported.

Next Saturday this Cub group, accompanied by den mothers, using the city ambulance loaned by the police department of Torrance, will conduct a stamp and bond sale on the streets of Torrance.

In the harbor area there are 34 units of the Scout and Cub organizations. It was learned from Ralph M. Alexander, district Scout executive of San Pedro, who is planning to make his headquarters in Torrance in the near future.

Scout Executives

The official list of executives for Boy Scouts in the harbor area consists of the following: District chairman, Hillman R. Lee; district vice chairman, James L. Lynch, Torrance; Gregg McBride, Lomita; E. R. Stephenson, Gardena; Paul Moore Wheeler, organization and extension chairman, Torrance; John E. McCall, advancement chairman, Torrance; W. E. Bowen, finance chairman, Torrance.

McCall will be master of ceremonies at the Court of Honor at Narbonne High school tomorrow.

Since the founding of the Boy Scout movement in America Feb. 8, 1910, more than 11,400,000 men and boys have been actively identified with scouting. The present day active enrollment is in excess of 1,575,000 Scouts, Cubs and volunteer leaders.

Window Awards

The Beverly Hills B'nai B'rith lodge has announced that it will award to each unit participating in the window display contest a 1944 window display banner to be displayed by the unit's flag. In addition, first, second and third prizes will be awarded in each of the 20 districts. These prizes will consist of camping and athletic equipment, it was announced.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the unit in the council making the best window display and live exhibition. The district camping activities committee and the commission will make the final decision in each district as to which units are to receive participation banners and the first, second and third awards.

The perpetual trophy will be awarded to the unit in the council doing the best job based upon photographs taken by the unit and submitted to the district camping and activities committee.

The window display and live exhibition contest is a part of the national Boy Scout Week program.

Participating Units

The troops that will participate with their scoutmasters in the Court of Honor at Narbonne are as follows: 201, James B. Cox, 1414 Callea st., San Pedro; 202, F. C. Scott, 1025 Elberon st., San Pedro; 203, William Dimalanta, 2795 Gale ave., Long Beach; 207, Charles Robertson, 1011 W. 19th st., San Pedro; 208, Frank Delgado, 3212 S. Denison st., San Pedro; 210, R. E. Lynn, 1486 17th st., San Pedro; 211, Hyman Zlatin, 272 18th st., San Pedro; 214, Charles Nadeo, 1029 W. Pacific Coast hwy., Wilmington; 215, Robert A. Moffitt, 2273 250th st., Lomita; 217, Arthur Willey, 1601 Cruces ave., Wilmington; 223, Manuel Sousa, 1257 Hyatt ave., Wilmington; 224, Robert Lee Shafer, 1032 E. Court st., Wilmington; 225, Jose H. Rames, 1007 Rubidoux st., Wilmington; 230, Ray C. Krieger, 25205 Cypress st., Lomita; 240, Joel Hagberg, Walteria; 241, A. C. Turner, 1009 Acacia st., Torrance; 251, Wilbur Harbold, 825 W. 157th st., Gardena; 253, Allen O'Haver, 17205 Denker ave., Gardena; 217, Arthur Barnett, 815 Cota ave., Torrance; Sea Scout ship 239-S, Robert E. Kelley, 2424 S. Alhambra st., San Pedro, and Explorer Patrol 208-X, Frank Delgado, 3212 S. Denison st., San Pedro.

CHIEF TO ATTEND MEET

The city council Tuesday night authorized J. E. McMaster, Torrance fire chief, to attend a dinner meeting of Southern California fire chiefs to take place at the Elks Temple, Los Angeles, on the evening of Feb. 16. The city will pay his expenses.

FATHER TOLD SON ILL

Torrance police early Tuesday morning were requested by the General Hospital in Los Angeles to advise G. Martinez of house No. 4, Pueblo, that his son is in the hospital and in a critical condition.

Oil Well Derrick Destroyed by Fire

The Torrance fire department was called to the Mitchell oil well at Border and Lincoln aves. Tuesday afternoon, where the firemen found an oil derrick engulfed in flames. Cause of the blaze was undetermined, according to Chief J. E. McMaster. The fire had been burning for nearly 15 minutes before the alarm was sent in at 12:32 p.m., the chief said. The derrick was of wood construction and was destroyed. No other wells were involved.

An observer at the fire praised the work of the fire department at the scene of the blaze. It was impossible to save the structure, so Chief J. E. McMaster maneuvered to have the derrick topple where it would contact no electric wire and kept the crowd clear of the space where it was doomed to fall.

It was reported that Katz & Pine, builders, had offered to pay Mitchell \$1,200 to move the derrick. He wanted \$1,500 and negotiations were pending when the fire intervened. The well was no longer profitable and the average production was asserted to be only about two barrels daily.

Building Permits

The following building permits were issued by the Torrance city engineer's office during the past week:

Texas Company, for construction of an oil derrick near Beryl st., \$5,000.

John Jones, 1850 Plaza del Amo, roof and foundation for residence, \$200; repairs to garage, \$150; reroofing of residence, \$100.

Coast Insulating Co., frame and steel storage building at 500 Arlington ave., \$3,200.

M. W. Litton, concrete foundation under house at 24065 Hawthorne blvd., \$1,000.

Gas Tax Money Apportioned to L.A. County

State Controller Harry B. Riley today apportioned \$1,406,651.08 in gasoline tax money to Los Angeles County as part of a \$11,540,428 distribution for the quarter ending last Dec. 31. The county's share was computed on the basis of a motor vehicle registration of 1,224,447.

Controller Riley said the apportionment was \$1,664,098 or 12.6% less than that for the corresponding quarter last year.

The surface of the sun that is visible on earth consists of clouds of incandescent metallic vapor.

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:
V, W and X valid until Feb. 26; Y good Feb. 13 to March 20; Z valid Feb. 20, good to March 20.

Stamp No. 1 on airplane sheet (1 pair shoes), expiring date not set.
STAMP BONUS—Butchers will give two brown points for every pound of kitchen fats received.

WAR RATION BOOK NO. 4
Stamp No. 30 (5 lbs. sugar)—Good now and through March 31. Stamp No. 40 (5 lbs. sugar for canning)—Good Feb. 1 through Feb. 28.

GREEN stamps—for canned, frozen and certain dehydrated foods; G, H, J valid to Feb. 20; K, L, M valid now; K, L and M will be good until March 20 at their 8, 5, 2 and 1 values. Tokens will be given in change for them on and after Feb. 27.

RED stamps (10 points) for meat, canned fish, most edible oils, cheeses, canned milk:
AS, Feb. 27; BS, Feb. 27; CS, valid Feb. 27; DS, ES and FS, March 12, expire May 20.

BLUE stamps (10 points each) for canned, frozen and certain dehydrated foods:
AS, BS, CS, DS and ES, valid Feb. 27, expire May 20.

GASOLINE—
No. 10 coupon good for three gallons of gasoline till March 21 inclusive.
All coupons, A, B and C, must be endorsed on face with car license number and state of registration.

THE INSPECTION—C book holders—every 3 months, 5th inspection before Feb. 29, B book holders—every 4 months, 4th inspection before Feb. 29. A book holders—every 6 months, 3rd inspection before March 31. T coupons every 6 months or 5000 miles of driving.

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

Embarkation Port Fire Losses Light, Capt. Lawyer Says

Fire losses at the Los Angeles Port of Embarkation in 1943 totaled only \$70—the cost of one tent and its contents—and thus were proportionately far lower than civilian losses, Capt. Hiram L. Lawyer, Port fire marshal, reported today.

The Port's record was even better than the average fire losses of all Army property and equipment, which amounted to 31 cents per \$1,000 valuation as compared with national civilian losses of \$1.43 for every \$1,000 valuation in the past fiscal year.

It has been necessary for the Army to construct many wooden buildings and temporary structures during the present war emergency and this fact makes the Army fire loss record appear even better, Capt. Lawyer said.

As Col. Edwin C. Kelton, Ninth Service Command engineer, explained, "The Army's fire fighters are rapidly becoming the best trained in the world."

Man, 75, Learns New Trade; Tops Class at School

After working for 60 years as a brick mason, F. L. Huntley, 75, decided to learn a new trade and enrolled in the sheet metal school operated by the United States Navy. Last week Huntley graduated with honors after taking a course that stops over half those who enroll, regardless of age, according to reports from instructors.

Huntley is a cousin of C. H. Huntley, who operates a rug cleaning business in Lomita. He lives with his cousin at 25446 Pennsylvania ave., Lomita, and works for one of the major ship yards.

California will require 21,000,000 man-days of work to harvest between the peak months of August and November this year.

despite the difficulty the Army has had in obtaining experienced firemen due to induction needs and the incentive of higher wages in defense industries.

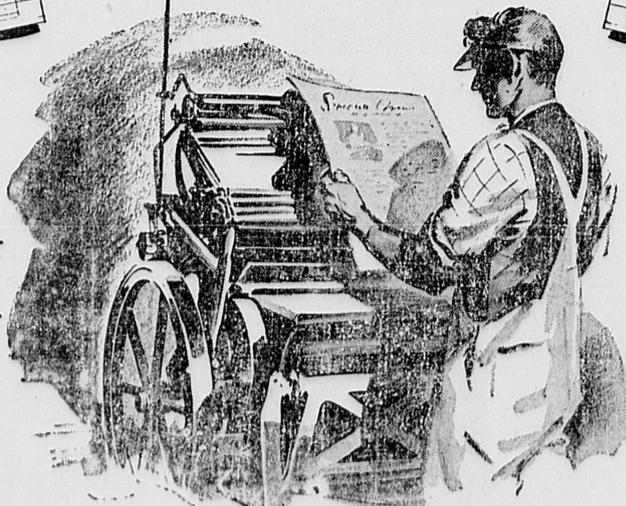
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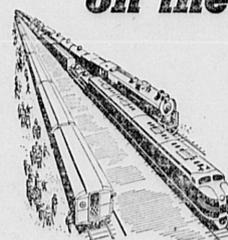


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