

### Capt. Ed Bird Returns for Wife's Funeral

Capt. Ed Bird, former manager of the U. S. Employment office in Torrance and former commander of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, American Legion, arrived by airplane from England Tuesday to attend the funeral services of his wife, Ruth Fuller Bird, who died in California Sanitarium on Aug. 11.

Captain Bird was assigned to the Provost Marshal's office in England and left there Saturday to join his daughter, Carol, age 14, the only child of the couple.

Rev. Paul Moore Wheeler of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, officiated at the funeral services at Utter & McKinley, Los Angeles, at 10:30 a. m. today, and interment was in Inglewood cemetery. Many local American Legion members and friends were in attendance.

An automobile kept in as good repair as possible is a double benefit to the motorist and a contribution to victory.

### OUR SECRET ALLIES



Thousands of American lives have been spared because of the guerrilla activities of Italian children from ten to fourteen years of age who warned pursuing Allied soldiers of mines and booby traps left by retreating Germans in Italy. Shown above as pictured in the August issue of Cosmopolitan magazine is a group of these young Italian patriots who have caused the Nazis considerable trouble.

### Why Unnecessary Travel Must Be Restricted Is Told by Chamber in Railroad Survey

Why is unnecessary travel by railroad or other form of public carrier frowned upon by the military?

The answer to this question is obvious, but Executive Secretary Harry B. Lewis of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, has set forth interesting facts on rail travel which should make a person planning to take an unnecessary trip think again and stay home.

The railroads have performed miraculously. With a serious manpower shortage and little or no new equipment, the volume of railroad passenger travel increased nearly 300% in the first two months of 1944 over the same period of 1941.

Organized troop movements by rail have been at the rate of over 1,500,000 men a month, requiring the constant use of nearly two-thirds of all Pullman sleeping cars and a very large number of day coaches. It takes approximately 365 passenger cars, 82 baggage cars and over 600 freight cars, made up into 65 trains to move an infantry division of 15,000 men and their equipment. Movement of an armored division and its vehicles requires up to 75 trains of from 28 to 45 cars each.

About 40% of all passengers on regularly scheduled trains are men traveling on furlough. When automobiles could still be freely used, they accounted for 85% of the total volume of passenger travel. This fact emphasizes the problem facing the public carriers now when automobile use is severely restricted.

Invasion of Europe and the great Pacific offensives mean vastly increased military movement necessary to get men, guns, tanks, ammunition and other supplies from training centers and factories to ports of embarkation. In addition, the return to this country of an ever-increasing number of casualties, requires fast and comfortable transportation which

must be given every priority, and may strain resources to the utmost.

The decision as to whether a trip is essential, whether it will help in the war effort rests entirely with the individual. Essential travel is difficult to define, particularly in the order of importance. Sentiment and morale enter largely into the entire war travel picture.

But, on the part of those who must travel, there is one practice that should be discontinued. Shopping for reservations by making applications for space with several competing carriers and then accepting the best reservations causes unnecessary work and confusion. Too much publicity cannot be given to discourage this practice.

Essential travel is considered as follows: Movement of the armed forces must come first. Only congested rail facilities can prove a limiting factor in the movement of men and supplies overseas. The business of California ports is increasing and is expected to double present stepped-up capacity.

Casualties in increasing numbers coming through Pacific and Atlantic ports require immediate transfer to hospitals near their homes. Individual transportation is required for men being transferred from one hospital to another for special treatment. Men from active combat zones returning on furlough deserve transportation to their destination without delay, and without dissipation of their all too short leaves in waiting for transportation.

Transportation for service men, generally, on leave whether having seen active combat duty or not.

Service wives and families going to live with service men at permanent or semi-permanent assignments.

Representatives of government agencies traveling on important government business. The committee has suggested the President order "no travel" by government agencies except on emergency business.

Representatives of business firms engaged in war production or war related activities—Naturally, war production must come first. However, some travel might be eliminated through a careful scrutiny of travel requirements of representatives so that trips can be combined, or some trips eliminated through longer stays.

Representatives of business firms engaged in civilian business of the less essential variety—The same applies to this particular group.

Transportation of wives, parents and relatives visiting service men while in training or about to depart overseas.

### Rodeo Here Is Witnessed by 6,500 Persons

Sixty-five hundred spectators witnessed the Second Annual Torrance Rodeo held at Torrance Municipal park on Saturday and Sunday.

They lined the streets Sunday at noon to witness the big rodeo parade lead by Bob Chambers and his champion golden-hooped parade horse "King," the State Guard troops of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment, and picked men of other Guard units, and a squadron of U. S. Cavalry.

They packed the grandstand and bleachers at the park to see champion cowboys and fine stock vie for honors and win \$2,595 in prize money.

The affair was pronounced a civic success.

Bob Hoke, Colorado cowboy, emerged the outstanding all-around cowboy to take the City of Torrance perpetual trophy, a beautiful 20-inch bronze cowboy on a rearing horse. He won first in bull riding on Saturday night, third in the same event Sunday; split first in bareback bronc riding Saturday.

Torrance cowboys did well, Ray McCarrell and Leo Phillips took first in team roping Saturday; Arnold Aull taking first in saddle bronc riding Saturday and first in bulldogging Saturday. Buster Poston took first in bareback bronc riding on Sunday and second in bulldogging.

Awards for the parade included Bob Chambers, outstanding parade horse and third in silver mounting; F. W. Wallace, first in silver mounted; W. W. O'Kane, second in silver mounted.

Bill Stanley won first in plain western, Jake Gambia second, and Matt Houdshelt of Torrance, third.

Bobby Shaffer won first in ladies' plain western; Gene Colburn second and Juanita Harris third.

Jess Clampitt and Daisy Clampitt were first in matched pairs; Gladys Prossard and Victor Collins, second; Joseph Lopez and Jerry Spade, third.

Robert Sharp, Louise Van Fleet, Robert Sperry and Chester Coler won special awards. George Demerec was rodeo judge, assisted by Charles Curtis and Joe Arnold. Bill Hickey was parade judge.

The dance on Saturday night was a big and orderly success, with more than 500 attending the affair. Townspeople entered into the spirit of the affair and appeared in cowboy and cowgirl garb.

**LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY**  
Home-made ice cream's not necessarily out for the duration—or at least it doesn't have to be, say Westinghouse home economists, who pass along these few tricks to make a little go a long way: Mix canned fruit—peaches or pineapple, for instance—into ice cream while it's still soft; save the juice and combine with lemon juice to make fruit sherbet; to make thrifty use of dried-out cookie and cake crumbs, stir crushed crumbs into plain ice cream.

Although the war is far from won, average speeds on the nation's highways continue to rise and growing percentage of drivers are violating the 35-mile limit. Unless speeds are kept down, as vehicles get older and less reliable, more and more traffic accidents will rob people of their lives and the nation of manpower.

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### WAC OFFICERS VISIT MOVIE LOTS



WAC Lieutenants Helen V. Hagar (left) and Vera J. Wilson visited their first motion picture studio in Hollywood recently as guests of screen star Verle Oberon, whom they visited on the set of her latest picture, "Dark Waters." Lt. Hagar wears the new WAC summer tropical worsted uniform, while Lt. Wilson wears the new WAC off-duty dress. The WAC officers are attached to the Army Air Forces, and are currently engaged in a recruiting campaign in this area to enlist women in the Women's Army Corps for service with the Army Air Forces.

### CALIFORNIA GROWING

California is now classed as the most rapidly growing and the third most populous state in the union, exceeded only by New York and Pennsylvania. California's population has increased 22.6 percent since the 1940 census was taken and 18.7 percent more persons entered the state this year during the first six months than were reported for the same period in 1943. This influx of people has

### NO LESS THAN ONE EGG

When a recipe calls for one egg, don't try to divide the egg even though you divide the other ingredients. The egg usually is there for thickening purposes and too much is better than too little in this case.

had definite bearing on the increased traffic problems besetting the state.

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