

Interest in Y.M.C.A. Grows, Meier Says

The board of managers of the local Y.M.C.A. met at Christy's Cafe at a noon lunch last Friday. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Gil Derouin.

The appointment of the industrial program was ratified by the group. Secretary Ted Meier gave a report on the activities of the Y.M.C.A. in this community and considerable interest is being shown by all boys, he said.

Meier spoke about the reception of the Hi-Y group among the boys of the high school and of the organization of the first Hi-Y Club in this vicinity. He is contemplating the completion of the second unit in the Narbonne High school in the very near future.

Meier spoke of the summer camping activities of the Y.M.C.A. for the coming summer. This program is open to the boys of Torrance community the dates of August 22 to August 29. He also spoke of his contact with the industrial relations group of various plants and the hardy reception for the Y.M.C.A. program as it affects industrial life. He reported on the youth activities including the organization and operation of the youth canteen, which is now meeting regularly twice a week in the city auditorium. The organization is known as "Tartar Town," operated and controlled by the youth under adult advisory capacity.

The members present discussed the activities of the canteen and it was the opinion by all present that this organization is meeting a long-felt need among the youth of our community. It was moved by W. E. Bowen and seconded by Chief of Police John Stroh that this board endorse the general program of the canteen.

All boys interested in joining a Woodcraft Rangers' Tribe can do so by attending "Activity Day" Monday, March 26, between 2 and 4:30 p.m. at the Torrance Municipal Park. Organization work will be completed on Monday and the remainder of the time spent playing baseball.

Hurry up fellows! Sign up for a tribe now and join the other boys in a good time.

Identical Rites At Community Church

Identical services will be offered at the Community Presbyterian Church, 2154 245th st., Lomita, on Easter morning. The early service will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock. Sunday school will convene at the usual hour of 9:45. The other identical service will start at 11 o'clock. An Easter Cantata will be offered by the choir at these services. At 7:30 in the evening a special service of Easter music will be given.

Gen. Eisenhower Medal for Boy Scouts



As waste paper continues to be one of the nation's critical shortages, the War Production Board, through its chairman, J. A. Krug, has called upon the nation's 1,666,358 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and their leaders to collect 150,000 tons of waste paper during March and April. Last year when asked to collect 100,000 tons, the Boy Scouts of America collected 117,000 tons.

Every member who collects 1,000 pounds of waste paper (wastebasket scraps, brown bags, wrapping paper, corrugated and cardboard boxes and cartons, magazines, books and newspapers) will receive the Boy Scout-General Eisenhower Waste Paper Campaign Medal shown above. The medal, in bronze, is suspended from a red and white ribbon.

Every Cub Scout Troop or Senior Scout Unit which collects waste paper equivalent to 1,000 pounds per boy member, will receive a genuine shell case returned from a European battlefield after use which will contain a printed citation by Gen. Eisenhower. The paper used in these 75-mm. shell containers or larger, has been specially processed and cannot be used again.

Capt. Scott With Famed F.A. Battalion

Capt. Robert E. Scott Jr., son of Mrs. Helen Scott, 1829 1/2 California ave., is a staff officer with the 346th Field Artillery Battalion, which fired 1200 rounds into German defenses recently as Fifth Army doughboys took Monghidoro, 25 miles south of Bologna, on the Italian front.

Destroying tanks and self-propelled guns and blowing up enemy ammunition dumps, the 346th poured out 128,000 shells from its 105-millimeter cannon in the outfit's first 150 days in combat. The battalion fired as many as 4500 rounds in a day at Puta Pass to facilitate the breaching of the Gothic Line by the 846th parent organization, the 81st "Powder River" Division. The artillery battalion played a key role in the capture of Poggio, Pietramala and Loiano and has reached a point where its punch is being felt by Germans guarding approaches into the Po Valley.

The 346th silenced a German

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Have you ever felt that you wanted your serviceman and the world to know how proud you are of him? Now you can do just that in a way that counts. Go to your local Red Cross Blood Donor Center and dedicate your pint of blood to him.

battery as it undertook its initial mission near Cecina last July 11. Along the Arno River, the battalion kept Germans on the north bank in a state of confusion while infantry bridged the water barrier and established bases for the drive into the Gothic Line.

The outfit's ammunition wasn't big enough to blast out the concrete fortifications of the hilltop village of Poggio, but the 346th laid down such an effective concentration that the defenders were forced to cover in their emplacements while doughboys moved into the town, dug out the Germans and took 200 prisoners.

The service battery of the 346th has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for outstanding service and performance of duty.

The battalion usually fires in support of the 362nd Infantry Regiment.

OPA Aids Vets To Open Small Businesses

Changes in ration regulations which will permit veterans of the present war to open small business making use of rationed foods — businesses which under rationing have been closed to newcomers — will become effective March 26, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

Two types of business are thrown open to veterans by the new ration order. One type is establishments which used rationed food as raw materials — such as bakeries, ice cream makers, soft drink bottlers, potato chip fryers and candy manufacturers.

The other type is establishments which use rationed foods in the service of "refreshments." Typical of these are small restaurants, eating stands serving such items as potato chips, pop corn or nuts, fruits and vegetables, juices, ice cream or carbonated drinks.

The maximum amounts of rationed food that may be obtained have been fixed so far only for making seven groups

of products. These are for making bread and rolls only; for general bakery products, for making ice cream, ices, sherbets and frozen custards, for bottling non-alcoholic beverages, for making potato chips, for making pop corn and for candy making. Maximum amounts for additional classes of use will be fixed soon.

Any veteran of this war who was on active duty for 90 days, or who received a medical discharge earlier may apply to his local OPA board for the special rations needed.

PROTECT HORN

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Would-be Home Builders Advised to Go Slow by War Production Board

Would-be builders in Southern California today were given a double-barreled bit of advice from the War Production Board.

To avoid future headaches, local WPB officials pointed out (1) that permission is necessary for any residential building jobs where new materials, plus labor will exceed \$200, and (2) that shortages of key materials may prevent completion of a home, even though it is started with second-hand material.

On the other hand, priorities are given on all jobs where permission to build is secured, thus preventing future trouble. Applications for priorities must be made to FHA office at Los Angeles. (112 West Ninth st.)

For guidance of would-be builders, WPB gave the following roundup of the current material situation:

Lumber—Extremely tight with supply requirements situation showing no improvement. Situation is expected to get worse.

Plywood — Particularly softwood, in very short supply. Entire production of softwood plywood is under controls and little is available for general construction. Hardwood plywood is less critical, but it is being used by the military because of the tight situation in softwood plywood.

Steel—Supply requirements situation generally tight.

Masonry Products—Such products as brick, concrete blocks and clay tile in good supply except for occasional local shortages. The use of these is suggested for projects that must go ahead at this time.

Building Boards — Various kinds available, but some types

are short, so local supply should be checked before use is specified.

Roofing Materials — Not a problem at present except for wood shingles, which are short. Cement and Concrete Products — In ample supply.

Cement-Asbestos Items — Except for corrugated sheets, can be had with only moderate delay in deliveries.

Plumbing, Heating, and Electrical Goods—All in short supply and extremely difficult to obtain.

Domestic Heating and Cooking Equipment (non-electric) — Generally obtainable only on ration certificates issued by ration boards.

Screening—One of the tightest of all items and is obtainable for only the most essential uses having very high priority ratings.

Cub Pack 228 Will Hold Field Day on Saturday

Saturday afternoon, March 24, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Cub Scout Pack 228 will hold a track and field meet for its members at the Torrance High school athletic field. There will be relay, high-jump and broad-jump, races and baseball throw for distance.

Competition will be on the basis of Dens, as each neighborhood group is called, rather than by individuals.

New Santa Fe Bridge Speeds War Traffic



Santa Fe trains are now rolling across a new double-track steel bridge over the Colorado River near Topock, Arizona, speeding up vital war traffic along the route to Tokyo through California's ports of war.

This new Santa Fe bridge removes the

"bottle-neck" created by the old single-track bridge it replaces and has ample strength to take care of future requirements as to weights to be imposed on it.

The new Topock bridge is an impressive engineering feat, but it is only one step in Santa Fe's program of plant improvement—started long before Pearl Harbor. These improvements have speeded up war traffic today, and they will enable a higher standard of Santa Fe service in the days of peace to come.



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Easter Outlook

24.75

THE COATS . . . Soft, rose petal suede in flower colors; sophisticated straight lines, broader shoulders!

THE SUITS . . . Slimming silhouettes, clever colors, wonder-wearing woollens, dressmaker softened lines!

Casual Sport Coats!
Men's All-Wool Coats 14.75

Though this coat looks like a casual coat, it has all the smooth tailoring details wanted!

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Beautiful all-wool fabric, generously cut with pleats and cuffs. Gabardines, flannels.

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Bedroom Curtains pr. \$3.98
Extra wide with wide ruffles. 108 inches wide, 78 inches long. Rose shade only.

Cushion Dot Panels ea. 79c
22x74. Rose shade only.

Wash Cloths 7c
White only. Double terry. Each

White Outing Flannel 25c
Heavy weight. 36-inch width. Yard

Girls' Satin Slips 79c
Embroidered on front. Tea rose shade. Sizes 2 to 14.

45 Gauge Hose 81c
Full fashioned. In new Easter Shades. Pair

Cotton Batts 39c
75x90. 1 pound all new fibre.

100% Feather Pillows . . . ea. \$1.49
50x78. Heavy ticking.

Women's Seersucker Dresses . \$2.44
In new Spring patterns.