

Government Home Construction Program In Effect January 15

The government's program to spur home construction will go into effect Jan. 15, John D. Small announced.

The chief of the Civilian Production Administration ordered that dwellings costing \$10,000 or less be offered first to veterans and said the top rent on these dwellings will be \$80 a month. Small estimated that at least 400,000 homes will be built under the program in 1946.

He said, too, that if a preponderance of applications for homes to sell at \$10,000 are received, C.P.A. will have to establish quotas to see that a share of new dwellings are in the lower price ranges.

New Regulation Outlined
The C.P.A. chief outlined a new regulation, restoring 10 kinds of critically scarce building materials to a priority system and announced that the Federal Housing Administration will handle applications for these through its 52 field offices. Beginning Jan. 15 home builders who qualify will be assigned a so-called "H.H." rating for these materials.

Ratings will be awarded either to individual veterans who wish to build for themselves, or to builders desiring to erect one or more buildings.

Veterans Come First
Housing already under way may be brought within the program, Small said, if it meets the \$10,000 price limit, is offered first to veterans and meets other standards outlined in the regulation.

All applications for priorities must agree to make the housing available to veterans during the period of construction and for 30 days thereafter. At the conclusion of that period it may be sold or rented to a nonveteran at the same sale price or rental applicable to veterans.

Building materials covered by the new regulations are: common and face brick, clay sewer pipe, structural tile, gypsum board, gypsum lath, cast iron soil pipe and fittings, cast iron radiators, cutlery, bath tubs, lumber and millwork.

Here are principal provisions of the new regulations drawn up at the direction of President Truman in a move to ease the acute housing shortage:

1—Applicants for the so-called "H.H." ratings must submit specifications on homes to be built under the program, along with the price or rental at which dwelling will be made available to veterans of World War II, including merchant seamen.

The F.H.A. must be satisfied that the proposed price or rent is "reasonably related to the cost of the proposed accommodations."

2—Builders must show they will be ready to start construction within 60 days. They also must demonstrate that they have control of the land, financing is assured and arrangements have been made for local building permits, utility service and the like. If construction has not been started within 60 days, the H.H. rating becomes void and a new application must be filed.

3—In the case of a resale, veterans or other purchasers are pledged to the same 90-day waiting period during which the dwelling must be offered exclusively to other veterans. The sale must be made at or below the maximum sales price originally paid.

4—The regulation also provides for conversion of existing construction where it can be shown that this will result in increased housing facilities.

5—Building materials also may be channeled to dormitories or group housing for educational institutions for the benefit of veterans.

College Men Preferred For Future Pilots

Flyers of the future are not going to be satisfied with being just good flyers. They want to be well-educated, well-grounded with an all-around background and experience. This trend was strongly indicated in an announcement released today by Lieutenant Commander Keith James, Director, Naval Officer Procurement, Los Angeles, giving the results of a nationwide poll recently conducted by the Navy among the 17, 18 and 19 year old young men who are eligible for the Naval Aviation Preparatory Program (V-5).

As anticipated, 66% of the applicants selected "flying" in answer to the question "What part of the V-5 program appeals to you most strongly?" However, the significant factor is that 4 out of 5 designated "A" chance to get college education" in answering "What is the next strongest appeal?"

Among parents, 75% were most impressed by the chance for their sons to receive college education.

Under Navy's V-5 officer pilot training program, young men 17, 18 or 19 are eligible for selection for the March 1, 1946 class if they will graduate from high school by Feb. 26, 1946. Applicants should apply at 411 W. 5th st., Los Angeles. One of the unique aspects of the program is that cadets receive four terms at an outstanding college prior to beginning their flight training. Not only are all expenses and maintenance paid for by the Navy, but the student receives a salary of \$50 a month as well. This is in line with the Navy's policy of developing officers with a well-rounded education.

Results of the poll, as well as mounting enlistments for the March class, have told the Navy what is interested in knowing: that its V-5 program has the enthusiastic endorsement and support of the public.

Army Offers Possibilities Of Career

The career possibilities in the new United States Army, now being raised in a voluntary recruiting campaign, are equal to any in industry or business, Major General William E. Shedd, Commanding General of the Ninth Service Command, told a press conference in Los Angeles this week.

General Shedd, whose headquarters are at Fort Douglas, Utah, is on an inspection tour of the eight western states comprising his command.

The Ninth Service Command has been assigned a quota of 75,000 men to be recruited before next June 30 and already more than 32,000 have signed up, the General said. He added that over 75 per cent of these men saw service during the war.

The Army now has schools in every trade, and, in addition of correspondence courses covering all college studies, he pointed out.

For the first time the Army is accepting young men 17 years old, while the top age for an original enlistment is 34 years, General Shedd said.

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Welcome Home Veterans



John D. Disario, MoMM 2/c

2164 Torrance Blvd., husband of Mrs. J. Disario, has been discharged after many months overseas serving aboard the USS Appling. He saw action aboard this ship in Lingayen Gulf and Subic Bay, Okinawa.

Disario is a graduate of Torrance high school and later attended Pasadena Junior College. Douglas C. Cook, GM 1/c, 2317 Torrance Blvd., was discharged recently from the Terminal Island Separation Center after serving more than three years with the Navy. Cook plans to reenlist, according to reports, right back into the U. S. Navy. He is the husband of Mrs. Esther Cook.

From the Separation Center at Shoemaker, Calif., Jack E. Long, CEM, 122 Date Ave., has been discharged and is reported back to civilian circulation. Reuben Hiltunen, 2014 Torrance Blvd., was discharged from the Navy at Great Lakes, Ill. His wife, Mrs. Lillian Hiltunen, was formerly assistant secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Orville Bly Dobbins, seaman first class, USNR, resident of Torrance, was honorably discharged, Dec. 11, 1945, by the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center, Terminal Island. Dobbins has been attached to the USS Bogue, the USS Prince William, and the USS Killum Bay. While he was serving on board the Bogue, he was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for sinking submarines in the Atlantic during the years 1943-44. He resides at 1331 21st st. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve on June 16, 1942. He attended Torrance high school.

Andrew E. Ray SSMB 3/c, was discharged at the U. S. Naval separation center at San Pedro, Ray, who was formerly employed at the Columbia Steel Co. served aboard the USS Paoli in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations. He is the husband of Mrs. Alice Ray, 159 W. Manchester Ave., Los Angeles.

Also from the separation center in San Pedro, Oris Milton Henry, 2142 W. 238th st., a SF 2/c, has been discharged after many months of service aboard the USS Caravan in the South Pacific. He is the husband of Mrs. Beaula Mae Henry.

Lloyd R. Brennan, SP(P) 1/c, of this city was discharged last week from the Naval Separation Center at Bainbridge, Md. Kenneth E. Hammi, aviation ordnance man, 1/c, has been reported through the Naval demobilization center at Pearl Harbor, headed for the States and the life of a civilian.

Edwin D. Wood, E.M. 1/c, USN recently received his honorable discharge and returned to his former duties at the San Pedro office of the Southern California Telephone Company. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wood of 2708 Cabrillo Ave.

Elorence Franklin, Ph.M. 3/c, WAVES, has received her honorable discharge following two years service. She was recently stationed at San Diego Naval hospital and is at home now at 1322 Engracia Ave. Miss Franklin will return to her duties at J. C. Penney Company after the first of the year. Other members of her family who have served their country are her brothers, Dellmar, USN, Charles, a corporal in the Army and Emerson, a cook in Maritime service.

Pfc. Wylton (Bill) Zigler, U.S. M.C., has received his honorable discharge following two and a half years' overseas duty and three and a half years in service. His wife, Margie, and their son, Jerry, have been living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. McNew, here.

T/Sgt. Louis P. Hollandsworth is one of 2000 high point Army veterans whom the "Magic Carpet" is bringing back to the United States aboard the U.S.S. Hanover.

The sergeant is the brother of Mrs. K. C. Beight, 2027 Andree Ave., wife of Kenneth Beight, president of the Los Angeles Industrial Council, C.I.O.

Reports are that passengers aboard the Hanover will go directly to the separation centers nearest their home to complete the formalities of obtaining their discharges.

Discharged at the Ft. Lewis, Wash., Separation Center, Owen P. Reding, 1530 W. 204th st., is now reported home and enjoying the life of a civilian.

Harvey Abramson, a private, 1/c with the 20th Armored Division, has received his honorable discharge at Fort MacArthur following 22 months service in the E.T.O. A son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abramson, he was a student at U.C.L.A. before he entered the Army. He is enjoying a well earned vacation before completing his plans, he says.

Kenneth E. Russell arrived re-

Assessed Value Of Taxable Property In L.A. County Is \$831 Per Person

Assessed value of taxable property in Los Angeles county this year averages \$831 for each of the 3,584,000 people estimated to be in the county on Jan. 1, 1946, California Taxpayers' association stated today, making public its study of assessed valuations in California counties. Total assessed value of property in the county for 1945-46 is \$2,978,392,865.

Taxable property in the county average \$835 for 3,483,000 people for 1944-45, when assessed valuation reached \$2,907,953,250. For 1940-41, the per capita assessed valuation of the county was \$718 for 2,850,000 people and total valuation of \$2,485,955,560.

Throughout the state, assessed value of taxable property this fiscal year averaged \$923 for each of the 9,250,000 estimated to be in the state at Jan. 1,

1946; total valuation for 1945-46 is \$8,541,172,363. For 1944-45, taxable property valuations averaged \$927 per person, for the 8,917,000 people in the state; total valuation last year was \$8,267,099,366. For 1940-41, taxable property averaged \$1010 for 7,070,000 people, with the total valuation at \$7,138,621,257.

"Property values for tax purposes in most California counties are increasing, but in many areas not as fast as the population is growing," the Taxpayers' association said, pointing out that the war almost stopped private building. "Resumption of private building, both residential and business, will help the valuation of property to catch up with the growth in population."

Winter Sports Get Under Way After Lapse

Winter sports—getting under way in California after four years of hibernation due to war work and war restrictions—are frankly surveyed in the current issue of California Magazine of the Pacific, just off the press. The magazine is the publication of the California State Chamber of Commerce. Jerry Carpenter is editor.

Travel and recreation—including winter sports—ranks third in California's activities. In 1941, travel and recreation returns in the state totaled about \$600,000,000 annually. With revived participation, due to end of the war, greater results are expected.

Winter sports conditions in Northern and Central California are appraised by Kenneth R. Hammi, chairman of the State Chamber's Sacramento Valley travel and recreation committee. The Southland's winter sports and current problems are reviewed by H. H. Roberts, travel and recreation committee chairman of the Southern California district—the articles giving an overall picture of facilities ready, facilities needed, snow clearance and parking shortages, and resume of the campaign to procure from the U. S. Forest Service the facilities to develop this to a billion dollar annual business. More liberal use policies for winter sports in the national parks are also being sought.

The State Chamber's Winter Sports Guide—appearing again after the war to give factual report of seasonal housing, roads, etc., in each county of California—is made a part of this issue of the magazine.

TALK POSTPONED
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, scheduled to speak in the Philharmonic Auditorium, Jan. 20, under the auspices of the Modern Forum, has been forced to postpone her lecture to a later date, due to her recent appointment to the United Nations Organization, which will necessitate leaving for London early in January.

cently following his honorable discharge from Army Air Forces service. He had been a tail gunner on a dive bomber in the South Pacific. He is completing a course in aeronautics at Northrup Aircraft Corp. The young veteran is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell, of 1319 Crenshaw Blvd.

Pfc. Gordon Thomas Russell, USMC, recently received his honorable discharge and is now a civilian employe at Naval Distribution Center here. Wounded on Iwo Jima, he is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell, of 1319 Crenshaw Blvd.

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OPA To Force Long Beach Firm To Comply

OPA has moved to force Pan Pacific Industries, Inc., wholesale toy concern of 1145 Cherry Ave., Long Beach, to comply with its price control regulations, when attorneys for the government agency filed an injunction suit in U. S. District Court here against the beach city corporation.

The suit, prepared by Frank L. First, alleges the defendant failed to prepare and preserve records showing as accurately as possible on what basis maximum prices for its merchandise were established.

In addition to seeking an injunction to force compliance, OPA is asking that the corpor-

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PETITION APPROVED

Approval of a petition from the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, requesting a rock and oil mix pavement for the first alley south of 164th st., from Menlo Ave. to Vermont Ave., has been granted by the City Council.

ation be restrained from continuing asserted violations. First said the defendant corporation is indicated as one of the largest of its kind in this area.

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