

## Price Ceilings Removed On Priority Homes

Removal of maximum sales price ceilings by the Housing Expediter, under certain conditions, on priority-built housing was announced today by John E. McGovern, director, Southern California District, Federal Housing Administration.

"Effective immediately, maximum sales price ceilings are discontinued on housing being resold, that is housing that is being sold subsequent to the initial sale by the builder," McGovern said. "There is no change in the maximum sales prices established in connection with the initial sales of priority-built housing."

"With the expiration of the Veterans Emergency Housing Act of 1947, as of Dec. 31, 1947, maximum sales price ceilings of priority-built housing will be removed.

"The Housing and Rent Act of 1947, requiring a preference offering for 30 days, after completion of the housing, to veterans in the rental or sale of priority-built housing completed prior to June 30, 1947, also expires as of Dec. 31, 1947. However, veterans' preference on all housing completed after June 30, 1947 and prior to March 1, 1948 will be continued."

## Kin of War Dead Get Refund On Income Taxes

Income tax refunds are being made to next of kin of men who died while on active duty during World War II. J. G. Caldwell, director of the Torrance Area Veterans Service Center said today.

Public Law 367 of the 80th Congress, provides that income tax for those dying in service between December 7, 1941 and January 1, 1948, shall not be assessed for the taxable year of death or for previous years in service during that period.

In addition the new law sets forth that if taxes were paid by a serviceman between the two dates mentioned, the next of kin may file for a refund. Filing must be accomplished before January 1, 1949.

Heretofore income taxes for years of war service prior to death were forgiven if not paid, but if paid, could not be refunded, Caldwell explained.

Provision also was made under an act of the 1947 Legislature (Chapter 820) for refund of state income tax paid during the period September 16, 1940, to the termination of the war by servicemen who died during war service. For purposes of the state act, the termination of the war has not yet been determined.

## CLASS ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SCHEDULED

Torrance Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a series of four meetings in January to acquaint employers and other interested persons with Unemployment and Disability Insurance laws.

Under Ralph Wade of the State Department of Employment, the classes will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Jan. 5, 12, 19, and 26 in the Chamber of Commerce, 1345 El Prado.

There will be no charge for the classes, but they are limited in size so those wishing to take them should sign up immediately. Blaine Walker, executive secretary of the Chamber, said.

The problem of insecurity will be the first item on the agenda, with a discussion of its causes, effects, and attempts to solve the problem by private insurance. Following will be a resume of the history of social insurance in the United States and California. The administration of the California Unemployment Insurance Act, under the Unemployment Reserves Commission, the California Employment Commission, and the California Employment Stabilization Commission, will be reviewed, along with the field organization of the Department of Employment.

Employers subject to the Unemployment Insurance Act will be the next topic, followed by the source and distribution of funds, which includes administration expenses, unemployment fund, unemployment trust fund, unemployment compensation disability fund, and employment service administration fund.

The basis of merit rating provisions of the act and peculiarities of the merit rating system will be explained. Wade will tell methods of protecting merit rating by the employer through knowledge of releasing most recently hired employee, date of releasing employees, rehiring former employees, reduction of staff, and recruiting workers through Employment Service.

Next to be discussed will be the basic provisions of the California Act, and an explanation of disqualifications regarding unemployment insurance; trade dispute, refusal to comply with regulations, unavailability to work, voluntary quitting without good cause, discharge for misconduct, false or erroneous statement, refusal to apply for suitable employment, and refusal of suitable employment.

Filing of appeals and notices to employers also will be given adequate discussion by Wade. The functions of the employment service will be dealt with: requirement of the California Act, registration and referral of workers, cooperation with community groups, employment counseling, labor market reports, and farm placement service.

Following this report will be a discussion of unemployment compensation disability benefits

and servicemen's readjustment allowances, concluding the series.

Wade will throw the final meeting open to questions and answers for the group.

## Job Claimants Of State Found In High Brackets

More than half of all claimants for unemployment benefits in California are in the semi-skilled, skilled or service occupational groups. The total number of job openings in these classifications is only about two-thirds the number of claimants. These facts were reported by James G. Bryant, state director of employment, and are based upon a 10 percent sample of 173,929 payable claims for unemployment insurance and servicemen's readjustment allowances filed in the state during the week ending last Aug. 28.

Veterans drawing servicemen's readjustment allowances constitute 34 percent of the total claimants. Nearly 50 percent of the veterans are classified as semiskilled or unskilled, and an additional 11 percent are in the service group. Included in the unskilled classification are more than 10,000 veterans having no prior civilian work experience. The division between men and women claimants was exceptionally even, men filing 52 percent of the claims.

The semiskilled group was the largest, with 20 percent of the total. The unskilled group was only smaller numerically, principally due to the large number of veterans who are new entrants to the labor force.

At the bottom of the ladder were those claimants who make up the agricultural group. They represent only two percent of the total, largely because few agricultural laborers are covered by the act. Next smallest was the professional and managerial group, with ten percent of the total.

The other occupational groups were fairly evenly distributed, with 18 percent being in the clerical and sales group, 16 percent in the service classification, and 15 percent in the skilled category.

## NEW SEWER FOR NEARBY AREAS IS ANNOUNCED

Adoption of plans and specifications for sanitary sewers in the Lawndale area has been recommended by the Court Surveyor.

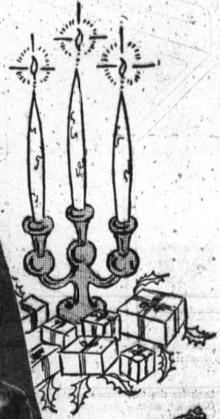
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In this democracy of ours the majority rules. Californians by the overwhelming majority of 3 to 1 endorse Thoroughbred racing in the State.

This was established by an independent public opinion poll conducted by Knight and Parker for the Western Fairs Association. The survey represented a cross-section of California opinion.

Those who believe that racing is beneficial to the State advance the following reasons: It furnishes desirable recreation; it affords revenue for the State; it attracts tourists; it creates employment; it brings out-of-State money to California; it affords a new market for merchants.

These are all good reasons. Yet the reasons advanced completely neglect the all-important contributions racing makes to agriculture.

The public is ill-informed regarding one of the principal functions of racing at Santa Anita and other California tracks. Some 99 per cent of California residents favor the fairs conducted in the State. Yet only 3.7 per cent of those interviewed realize that these fairs are supported by the revenues of Thoroughbred racing. The 76 fairs of the State are one of the most powerful stimulating influences for California agriculture, which now ranks first in the nation.

The great majority of Californians realize that such a turf club as Santa Anita cannot support its lavish stakes schedule and its racing plant worth \$10,000,000 solely through its share of the pari-mutuel wagering, and that it must look to such items as gate receipts, concessions and parking fees for its margin of profit.

Racing, like the fairs it supports, enjoys the confidence of the public. Public confidence in the sport will be increased when Californians are fully and honestly informed regarding the conduct of racing at Santa Anita and the other tracks of the State.

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