

Bike Owners Reminded of License Fees

Licensing of bicycles owned by residents of the "Shoestring Strip" and other parts of Los Angeles City will be handled by the police of Los Angeles if the owners bring their bicycles to the Wilmington Police Station, 117 West "B" street or to Caughlin's Bicycle Shop, 1518 South Pacific, San Pedro.

Residents of the county may register their bicycles at the Lennox Sheriff's Station, 4341 Lennox boulevard, on Saturdays between 9 and 12 a.m. County Licenses cost 50 cents for three years.

Arrangements are being completed by the Torrance Cycle and Fix-it Shop, to register all bicycles of the entire area after the first of the year.

Ben Smith, one of the owners of the local bicycle shop said they were attempting to obtain permission from the City of Torrance, City of Los Angeles, and from the county to register bicycles but that they would not be able to license any bicycles until after the first of the year.

P. V. School Plan Approved

An agreement which will permit certain children to attend the Palos Verdes Elementary School at a cost of \$191 per pupil has been approved by the Torrance Board of Education.

The agreement covers the school year 1948-49, and is based on average daily attendance.

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself; nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.—Emerson.

Rose Queen



SHE'S QUEEN—This is how Virginia Bower, selected as queen of the 60th Annual Tournament of Roses, will appear when she rides on the queen's float on New Year's Day. She was selected from among 3200 candidates.

Veterans Are Advised on Allowance

Veterans studying in universities and junior colleges under the GI Bill are reminded by the Veterans Administration that they must inform the VA at least 30 days ahead of time if they do not wish to draw subsistence allowances during the winter vacation period.

Veterans in the Torrance area may call at the Veterans Service Center at 1339 Post avenue, for information regarding this leave payment between terms. See Miss Helen K. Dill or J. G. Caldwell.

Investment in County Plants Show Big Gain

Capital investment in Los Angeles county industry since 1941 amounts to about \$85,000,000, according to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

"Of this amount," the Chamber said, "\$510,000,000 was invested in the expansion of 2860 industries. The balance, \$325,000,000 was spent in establishing 1480 new plants. The investment for 1948 is still an estimated figure.

This is only one of the impressive figures in the history of the economic development of the Los Angeles area since Pearl Harbor, a development of such vast proportions that it rapidly is becoming regarded as one of the most amazing economic developments in history.

"Payrolls since the 1939 census have risen by 345.2 per cent," the Chamber said. "In 1939, the census placed the Los Angeles county payrolls at \$166,680,167. Taxes and deductions for such purposes of social security, of course have taken geometrically increased percentage of gross payrolls; but even so the meaning of this payroll increase for purchasing power is breathtaking.

According to "Sales Management," retail sales in the county increased from 1,314,497,000 in 1937 to \$4,622,519 in 1947. A considerable part of this increase, of course, is accounted for by increased prices. But even if it is assumed that prices have tripled, the consumers' position still is improved by at least 25 per cent.

The probable expansion of the tax base, moreover, is appalling. More than one nation operates on less taxes than are paid by Los Angeles county.

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BOBBY SOX By Marty Links



"Now, don't you wait up for us!"

Questions on Your Tax Bill, or Just High?

Many residents of this community have become property owners for the first time within the last year. Following are some of the questions most frequently asked of the county tax collector:

Q. The assessed valuation of my property is too high. To whom shall I make my complaint?

A. Complaints on assessed valuations should be made to the County Board of Equalization at the time of their annual meeting, from the first to the third Monday in July.

Q. I did not purchase the house until August so there should not be any personal property on my bill.

A. Taxes are levied as of the first Monday in March. If the former owner filed a statement to have the personal property included with the real estate, it was billed that way. Subsequent sale or removal of the personal property does not relieve the real estate of the real estate tax cannot be credited unless the personal property tax is paid or is tendered.

Q. My lot is assessed at \$750 and \$750 exemption allowed, but you made a mistake and charged me \$8.50.

A. Exemption does not apply to taxes of certain special districts such as lighting maintenance, flood control, weed tax, etc.

Q. I did not receive Veterans exemption on my bill this year. Please correct the bill as I was in the armed forces for four years.

A. It is now too late to apply for Veterans exemption. Claim must be filed each year before the last Monday in May. The bill must be paid as rendered.

Q. I am a veteran and I filed my request for Veterans exemption on my home in March. In May I traded my home for another piece of property. The party who purchased my home is not entitled to my exemption. Why can't it be transferred to my new property?

A. Property is assessed and exemptions allowed as of the first Monday in March. Subsequent changes in ownership do not affect the assessment for the current fiscal year.

Q. "I purchased this property. Please change the name on the

In Overdrive—Auto Industry Takes on New Importance as Area Expands

Here's another industry to which Torrance contributes: A significant transportation milestone is being observed this year with production of the 100 millionth motor vehicle in the United States. Major contributions to this American industrial achievement have been made by the people of California. Currently,

six different makes of trucks and buses are manufactured in the state, most of them in Los Angeles county. Twelve passenger car firms operate final assembly plants, practically all in Los Angeles county. Dozens of other firms, employing thousands, build parts and other components for automotive producers.

Many of the raw materials needed to build motor vehicles come from California. Included are petroleum, steel, lumber, mercury, chromium, magnesite, moss, talc, sulphur, chemicals, gold and borax.

Ranking first among the states in the number of vehicles registered—with 3,527,128 reported in 1947—California's highway transportation business is one of the leading industries in its entire economic structure.

According to recent figures, there are 441,152 truck and bus drivers in the state. Another 101,618 persons are employed in sales and servicing work, while 10,546 are engaged in building

bill so I can pay it" is a frequent request.

A. The Tax Collector cannot change the name on a tax bill. Such change must be made by the Assessor and request for same must be made between the first Monday in March and the last Monday in May. The taxpayer should check the legal description and if correct for the property which he owns, he should make payment of the bill as rendered; and file a statement next year to have the name changed.

Q. Why was my personal property tax not included with real estate tax this year?

A. If no statement was filed, the personal property would be assessed and billed separately and should have been paid prior to September first to avoid penalty.

"America can no more return to a policy of isolation than an adult can return to childhood."—Senator Wm. F. KNOXLAND

and maintaining highways. California also has 5857 independent automobile repair shops.

California holds fifth place nationally in the number of retail outlets for new motor vehicles, with 2084 such businesses.

Out of the state's grand total of 97,931 miles of roads, 52,853 are surfaced. It ranks seventh in the amount of paved highways, with 7479 miles.

An important source of income to California's citizens is the vacation industry, and most vacationers travel by car.

Last year California's 4,264,000 licensed drivers paid more than \$96 million in gasoline taxes. Another \$84 million were paid in the form of motor vehicle registration fees. The average annual tax per vehicle amounts to \$45.67.

During the 50-odd years since the first car made its appearance on the streets of Springfield, Mass., the automotive industry grew from a collection of alley shops to a nationwide enterprise employing nearly a million persons.

Its direct operations now encompass 112 final assembly plants which are located in 77 cities in 24 states.

There are approximately eight million other persons who earn their living in such related fields as trucking, vehicle sales and servicing, road-building, catering to tourists, repairing and garaging.

Altogether, 56 firms are producing motor vehicles in this country. Currently, the industry offers 21 makes of passenger cars, 39 makes of trucks and 20 different makes of buses. Their output accounts for five out of every six motor vehicles built in the world.

Working hand-in-hand with these vehicle producers is a cross-country network of 5000 automotive parts and accessory plants, most of them small, independent businesses employing less than 500 persons. Raw materials flow into the industry's factories from 50 foreign countries and each of the 48 states.

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Whether you are among those who make resolutions or not, you will agree that any resolutions designed to insure good health are neither sublime nor ridiculous—they are merely good, common sense.

Resolutions are undertaken primarily to improve a person's habits. Then why not a few New Year resolutions in the interest of good health? They are easy to follow and the dividends they pay will be good health. Here they are:

- Resolved, to get a sufficient amount of rest every night and to avoid overexhaustion, overwork or overplay.
- Resolved, to follow a proper diet which will include such basic foods as milk, eggs, butter and other fats, bread and cereals, fish and meat, fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Resolved, to watch my personal habits. To bathe daily and always wash my hands before eating.
- Resolved, to visit my doctor at least once a year for a physical examination and chest x-ray.
- Resolved, to visit my dentist at least twice a year for a dental check-up and to have my teeth cleaned.
- Resolved, to spend at least one hour outdoors daily.
- Sound health habits insure good health. Anyone can have this insurance by observing good health rules not for one day, out of the year, but each and every day.

Lapel Buttons Available for Next of Kin

Next-of-kin and other near relatives of servicemen who died while on active duty in World War II now can apply for Gold Star lapel buttons, according to J. G. Caldwell, director of the Veterans Service Center, 1339 Post Avenue, Torrance.

The buttons are available without cost to those defined as "next of kin." This term includes widow, widower, mother, father, step-mother, stepfather and mother and father through adoption.

Certain other relatives may obtain the buttons at a cost of about \$1.50, Caldwell added. This applies to sons, daughters, stepsons, step-daughters, sons and daughters by adoption, brothers, sisters, half-brothers and half-sisters.

"I am trying very hard to encourage serving food—turn cocktail parties into very simple buffet suppers."—EMILY POST

RFC-Financed Homes Plan Is Advocated

Restoration by the next Congress of the unrestricted RFC-financed secondary market for home loans, which the 80th Congress junked, will revive veterans residential construction in Torrance and Southern California and Southern Nevada by as much as \$20,000,000 per month, the Veterans' Organizations Council of Altadena announced today.

J. W. Hansen, VOCA executive secretary, declared that restoration of the home loan plan by the 81st Congress will spell the difference between prosperity and a recession in the residential construction industry in 1949.

RIGHT OF WAY

Motorists are reminded by the Public Safety Department of the National Automobile Club that at intersections the right of way belongs to the car approaching from the driver's right.

Why we say "THANK YOU" four million times a day



1. When the operator says "thank you" as she handles your call, she is of course following a telephone tradition for courtesy. And every day, up and down the Coast, those words are repeated more than four million times by local and long distance operators who are—as always—doing everything they can to give prompt, cheerful service.



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