

Promotions In Guard for Qualified Men

Rapid promotions await qualified men who enlist in the California State Guard, according to Capt. R. L. Lewellen, commander of Company H, 2nd Battalion, 39th Regiment.

The captain said that Co. H is in need of several men qualified in quartermaster work or army supplies. Needed also are men who can cook and who are qualified or can qualify in army mess management. Six or eight more machine gunners are needed, he said, and medical and sanitation men will find rapid promotions awaiting them if they can qualify to army standards.

Company H, well on the way to full strength, is now meeting on Monday nights at 7:30 o'clock, with non-commissioned officers' schools on Thursday nights at the same hour.

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U. S. Steel In Production On Rocket Motor Tubes and War Heads for Navy

Rocket production lines at Christy Park Works of National Tube Company have passed from experimental to full production stage. Thus another significant phase of munitions manufacture has been added to a long list of accomplishments at this United States Steel plant, one of the World War II pioneers in developing and mass-producing new type armaments.

Rocket motor tubes and "War Heads" for the Navy are now in quantity production, made from tubing and seamless pipe, and again the importance of these steel products in making munitions has been emphasized.

Not far from the new fragmentation bomb production line and in the same shop where National Tube in 1939 developed the revolutionary new method of spinning bombs from pipe, men and women are engaged in machining, surface treating, painting, inspecting and packing motor tubes for the Navy rockets. The tubes are made from seamless, cold drawn tubing manufactured at the company's Tubular Alloy Division at Gary, Indiana.

In one of the operations, a nozzle-like venturi tube is inserted near the end of the casing. The motive power of the rocket is generated within this motor tube by reaction of burning gases escaping backward, and the Ventura controls the release of these gases.

At loading plants, long powder sticks are inserted in the four-foot tubes and electric fuses are attached. Unlike a rifle or an artillery shell, the rocket is a self-propelled projectile. An electrical spark sets off a propelling explosion which blows out a stream of smoke at the rear. When the charge is ignited within the rocket, it generates gases which exert equal pressure in all directions. The forward pressure, having no escape, drives the rocket ahead.

The "War Head," which resembles a shell or small bomb, is made at Christy Park from seamless pipe. Officially known as the rocket body, it holds the explosive charge and is attached to the front end of the motor tube.

At the McKeesport plant, the front and back ends of the rocket body are shaped from heated pipe sections under hydraulic pressure followed by finishing operations which include sandblasting, machining, and painting.

The explosive charge is loaded at arsenals to which the "War Heads" are shipped direct from McKeesport.

Rockets are used for anti-tank and anti-personnel purposes, as well as for firepower on fighter planes, and as take-off boosters. This additional power makes it possible for bombers to take off with heavier loads, to utilize shorter runways on land and aircraft carriers and to over-

Christmas Seals On Sale In L.A. County Areas

Ninety-three million Christmas Seals—returns from which will fight tuberculosis, heart disease and other health problems—were received by residents of Los Angeles county in the mail today.

Distribution of the seals marks the opening of the 38th Annual Seal Sale in the city and county of Los Angeles. The drive will continue until Christmas.

The first sheets of seals were delivered to Mayor Fletcher Bowron by Postmaster George G. Hannaford at the City Hall. The mayor immediately made out a check and presented it to Eugene P. Clark, director of the Christmas Seal sale fund for the association.

"Christmas Seals have become a tradition in this county," said the mayor, "and I hope everyone will use them during 1944." This is the 38th year that seals have been distributed here.

"By buying and using Christmas Seals, all of us can say 'Thank you and keep up the good work' to an organization which is doing a wonderful job toward tuberculosis control and in raising the general health standards of this city and county."

Proceeds from the sale of the seals will be used to support a tuberculosis control program expanded to meet wartime needs, and to combat the possibility of a rise in the disease because of the war.

Army Service Shoes on Sale

Two types of men's army service shoes will be available to civilians at cutting prices set by the Office of Price Administration.

These shoes, which the Treasury Procurement Division proposes to sell for civilian use, have been declared surplus by the Army, are new and of superior quality. John Scott Black, shoe price rationing specialist for the Southland district, said: "Ration stamps will be required for purchase of the shoes."

Retail ceiling price set today is \$6.50 per pair. The shoes are described as russet tan, straight tip with bellows tongue, one with leather sole and leather tap over the sole, the other with leather sole and outside rubber tap over the sole.

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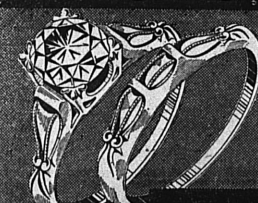
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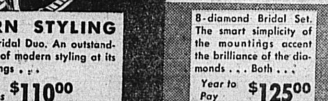
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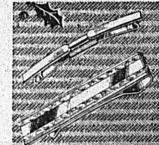
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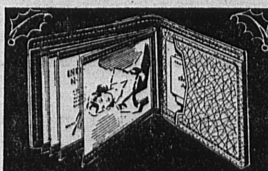
The growth of the Lodge in the past year can somewhat be attributed to the social activities of the Lodge, and the civic ventures undertaken and accomplished.

We wish also to thank the Torrance Herald for the space and support given our programs; also our own Women of the Moose, Chapter 44, for their splendid cooperation and help, and last but not least, our sincere thanks and appreciation to the faithful committees and workers who have given unstintingly of their time to make our programs the successes they have been.

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 2, 1944

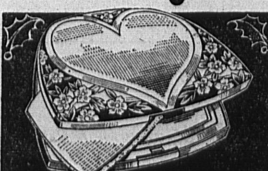
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