

Commission Grants - Santa Fe More Time

extension of time has been granted by the railroad commission for the Santa Fe and Los Angeles and Los Angeles Harbor and El Segundo, to March 14, 1924, and to maintain a temporary track until that date across the Inglewood-Redondo at grade.

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Let's not fool ourselves this year. Almost everyone makes a pre-Christmas resolution not to "spend much on Christmas this time." Then the wonderful spirit of Yuletide enters our hearts and warms them. So we sacrifice for the happiness of others. And we'll do the same this year. So we might as well shop now. And save ourselves that last-minute rush through the stores on Christmas eve.

The Voice Of the People

(Contributions to this column are welcome subjects to the following conditions and rules. Letters should be plainly written on one side of the paper. The Editor reserves the usual right of editing. Letters on matters of religious controversy, personal attacks or containing libelous material will not be published. Letters in this department do not necessarily reflect the opinion of this paper. Short contributions are better than long ones. Keep contributions within 400 words.—Editor.)

BEAUTIFUL HILLS

Editor: One of the greatest assets of Lomita are the beautiful Palos Verdes hills, rising nearly two thousand feet above the Pacific ocean. There is an inspiration in the hills that fosters and begets a love for home and locality to a lover of Nature. One can never know how he misses the companionship of the hills until he becomes a dweller on the plain. We of the valley have a pleasure of the view of the outline and scenic beauty that those who inhabit the hills will lose.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever." There is to me something monotonous and depressing that attaches to a dead level plain, where the shimmering heat through the long summer days quivers under a burning sun. Poets have loved and sung of the beauty of the hills.

"There's beauty in ocean-like fields of grain, On the prairies so level and wide; But give me the hills, the grand old hills That stand by the brooklet's side. That never have dwelt in the city's smoke, Nor inhaled the polluted air; Their home is the shade of the stalwart oak, And its glossy apparel they wear."

Then there is the poem, "Beautiful Hills," by James G. Clark: Oh, the beautiful hills where the blest have trod, Since the years when the earth was new, Where our fathers gazed from the fields of God On the vale we are journeying through.

We have seen these hills in their brightness rise When the earth was black below; And we felt the thrill of immortal eyes In the night of our darkest woe. We dream of rest on the beautiful hills, Where the traveler shall thirst no more; And we hear the hum of a thousand rills, As they wander the green glen o'er. We feel the souls of immortal men Who have braved a cold wind's frown; We can bear the burden which they did then, Nor shrink from the thorny crown. Our arms are so weak, yet we would not fling To the earth this load of ours; The winds of Spring to the valley sing, And the turf responds with flowers.

And thus we learn on our wintry way, How a mightier arm controls, That the breath of God on our lives will play, Till our bodies bloom to souls. The cities of yore that were reared in crime And renowned by the praise of seers, Went down in the tramp of old King Time, To sleep with the gray-haired years.

But the beautiful hills rise bright and strong, Through the smoke of Time's red wars; As on that day when the first sweet song Rolled up from the morning stars.

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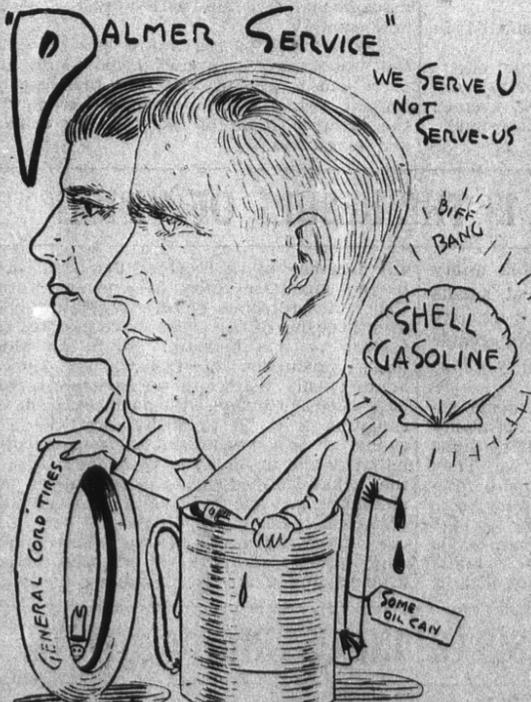
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When Palmer first came here he went to work, but not for long. Always a man of ambition, he surveyed the field and struck out on his own account. First as a tire man he came into prominence because of his up-to-the-minute services. And, always expanding, he finally embraced the allied ramifications of the game, and today we find him, his complete plant and his efficient organization, doing most of the business in this line in Torrance.

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Palmer, a true American with the Missouri flavor, went across seas to the big fuss in France. He spent 19 months with Uncle Sam's forces and saw some of the worst of it. Even in the trenches he had his mind and heart centered on Torrance, dreaming of the big gas station and auto service house he would one day have if he stayed clear of stray bullets. They missed Palmer, the enemy, although he was close up. By not hitting him Torrance has been able to own a splendid young business man and a booster of some considerable talents.

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