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**SANTA FE ROAD
MAY BUILD TO
LONG BEACH**

**Indications Are That
Franchise Will Be
Denied**

At the deferred meeting of the Los Angeles city council relative to the Santa Fe railroad franchise held last Thursday, Secretary Pottenger of Torrance and several prominent residents of this and other nearby towns were present to urge upon the council the necessity of granting the franchise.

Among the dozen speakers, one half advised the adoption of the councilmanic committee report that until such time as the railway would agree to bear the expense of grade separation, the franchise be denied. Among these speakers was President of the Council Criswell, who stated that now was the time to compel the road to bear the expense of a separate grade. When his attention was called to the situation with regard to the Southern Pacific on Alameda street he stated that this was caused by an oversight on the part of former city councils and that this council should profit by its predecessor's mistakes and compel the road to bear the grade crossing expense before and not after, the granting of a franchise.

Other speakers for and against the proposition were E. B. Gregson, of the Jobbers' Association; Hubbard of the Santa Fe, who contended that they would abide by any decision of the State Railway Commission, when the proper time came; and Gordon C. Whitnall, of the City Planning commission, who spoke in favor of the resolution.

Upon the introduction of a letter from the Los Angeles chamber of commerce asking that further time be given to a consideration of the subject, the whole matter was laid over until yesterday.

"From what I could gather at the meeting," said Mr. Pottenger, "and the personal talks I had with members of the council and others, it is my personal opinion that the Santa Fe franchise will be refused and that the railway will be built from El Segundo to Torrance, to accommodate the ever growing needs of this industrial community, but that the harbor business will be cared for in either of two ways. First that the road will continue direct to Long Beach, leaving out Wilmington and San Pedro, or secondly that some agreement will be reached by the Santa Fe and the other roads that now run into Pedro, whereby the former can use the roads of the latter to haul their cars to and from the harbor district.

Another step towards bringing about negotiations leading to the proposed extension of the Santa Fe railroad into the city of Long Beach was the appointment of a chamber of commerce committee to confer with the city officials and the railway executives regarding the project. This committee, as appointed by Dr. Frank C. Renfrew, president of the chamber, is composed of Charles S. Henderson past president of the chamber and president of the Rotary club; E. Judson Wightman, president of the Marine bank and the board of education; and H. S. Callahan, well known property owner and chairman of the Chamber flood control committee.

The appointment of this committee was requested by the city authorities, who maintained that the discussion of this project is of such importance and far reaching effects to Long Beach as to have the advice and co-operation of the city's business interests.

In connection with the plans of the Santa Fe to extend its lines into Long Beach, it was learned that the Los Angeles offices of the company have made a thorough survey of the city, giving particular attention to tourist travel, building activities, and the oil development. Tho no official confirmation could be obtained at the local office, it is understood that this survey, coupled with recommendations of the Los Angeles executives, was forwarded to the general offices at Topeka several weeks ago.

**Ohio Man To Open
'Box' Lunch Shop**

C. E. Rathburn and wife, recently of Long Beach, but for many years in business in Akron, Ohio, are bringing to Torrance a new, progressive and unique business—that of supplying "box" lunches for the thousands of mechanics who are employed in this city.

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Mr. Rathburn has leased the store formerly occupied by the Tolson Transfer Company on Cabrillo street near the Reeves' hardware store and will be open for business about the sixth of November.

Mrs. Dean G. McDonald and children of Compton, returned this week from Manhattan, Kansas, where she visited her parents for two months. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald formerly lived in Torrance. Mr. McDonald was an employee of the Torrance Hardware Company for several years.

THE MASQUERADER

For six years the world has waited to see "The Masquerader" in films—just as Richard Walton Tully presented it on the stage, just as Guy Bates Post created the dual roles of John Chilcote, M. P., and John Loder. Now all those things have happened at once. "The Masquerader" has come to the screen with redoubled force. It is as outstanding among motion pictures as it was among stage dramas. It grips, and thrills and fascinates in a way few productions on stage or screen have ever done. And, added to that, it is an artistic masterpiece. Directed by James Young with a cast of unrivalled ability to support Mr. Post, "The Masquerader" will be listed among the three finest pictures of the season, and it is doubtful if there will be any to surpass it. Torrance Theatre, Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10.

TORRANCE LOCALS

Mrs. C. A. Sweet, of Benton, Ill., arrived last week to spend the winter months with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sweet, of the El Prado Apartments.

Mrs. Robert Shriner of Spurlin Court entertained a number of eastern friends at a noon-day luncheon Tuesday. The guests were Mrs. B. F. Flumo, Mrs. R. J. Marrott and son, Bobby, of Los Angeles Mrs. M. F. Collins and sister, Mrs. D. Browns, of Joliet, Ill., Mrs. Leslie Lawrence and daughters, Lois, and Mrs. Boose of Redondo Beach.

LOMITA LOCALS

Raymond R. Campbell spent Sunday with Long Beach friends.

Teddy Payne is driving a new Dodge roadster.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy motored to Santa Fe Springs, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bond of Pepper street, entertained Mrs. Pearl Johnson and Miss Eichert, of Los Angeles Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lively have moved from east San Pedro into their old home on Moon street.

Little-Carol Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Golte Lewis, is on the sick list.

B. H. Larbee of Long Beach, was a recent guest of A. B. Terry of Weston street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith of Miller street, were Sunday guests of friends in Santa Ana.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mallory of Los Angeles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Terry of Weston street.

Recent guests of Mrs. Charles Trotman of south Narbonne avenue were Mrs. John Foster, of Long Beach, and Mrs. I. W. Wallace, of Bisbee, Arizona.

Mrs. H. R. Tulp spent the weekend with relatives at Eagle Rock, and attended services at the Bible Institute in Los Angeles Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clough of Los Angeles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bauman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Flanders and family have moved into the Walker home on south Narbonne avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Brumpton and son Bobby were Sunday guests of Mrs. Brumpton's mother, Mrs. Mary Popson of Los Angeles.

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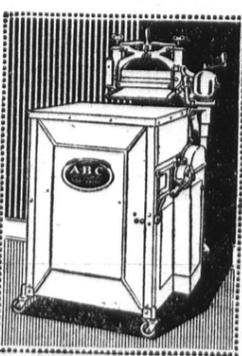
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