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BIG SANTA FE LAND BUY CLOSED MONDAY

Julian Refinery Will Be Built on Main Street Near Torrance

TWO MILLION CASH PAID FOR FACTORY ACRES ON W. SIDE

Railroad Company Exercises Option and Purchases 800-Acre Tract in West Torrance From the Dominguez Land Corporation

TORRANCE AREA CERTAIN TO BE INDUSTRIAL HUB

Rail Officials, Here on Sunday, Plan Big Manufacturing Area Development and Will Concentrate Activities of Harbor Area in Torrance

Presaging industrial development here that will make Torrance the actual as well as the potential manufacturing hub of the harbor district, the Santa Fe Land and Development Company Monday afternoon exercised its option for the purchase of 800 acres of west side Torrance acreage from the Dominguez Land Corporation. Title to the property changed hands when the Dominguez corporation received cash to the extent of more than \$2,000,000. The purchase includes the Dominguez oil royalty holdings.

FOR INDUSTRIES
Five hundred and fifty acres of the 800 involved in the transaction is in territory off the Torrance oil formation. This non-oil land flanks the Santa Fe tracks to the east and west and on both sides of Carson street. It is regarded by Santa Fe officials as the most advantageous industrial property this side of Los Angeles. It will be developed for industrial.

No announcement regarding this proposed development has been made by the Santa Fe, but it authoritatively is stated that the plans which the railroad company has in mind are unusually substantial.

Unofficially, it is stated that

these plans include the construction of a belt line, so located as to make the acreage the best in the Southland from a standpoint of rail service to manufacturers. It is common practice for railroad companies to develop industrial property in carefully-selected territory and then to sell or lease sites thereon to manufacturers. It is understood that the Santa Fe contemplates development of a great industrial subdivision here, on which the company's industrial department will concentrate in its nationwide activity in locating industries near the Los Angeles harbor along the company's right of way.

S. F. PRESIDENT HERE
President Story of the Santa Fe system and a group of high officials of the company spent the greater part of last Sunday in Torrance going over the property which the organization has purchased from the Dominguez corporation.

In a statement to reporters in Los Angeles, Mr. Story said that the Santa Fe contemplates the expenditure of about \$3,000,000 this year for development "in the vicinity of Los Angeles." A statement from Santa Fe officials regarding their company's plans for developing here will be forthcoming shortly.

More Than 200 Enjoy I.O.O.F. New Year Party

Initial Celebration in Lomita Is Voted a Huge Success

For the first time in its history, Lomita had a real New Year's party when the Odd Fellows put on their masquerade dance last Thursday evening.

Over 100 couples took advantage of the fine floor and finer music, and as many more were lookers-on. The leader of the orchestra, who celebrates his birthday at 11:45 every New Year's eve, was presented with a amusing bottle of milk by members of the Harbor City fire department.

Mrs. Matt Kerber won the ladies' prizes for the best costume.

On the stroke of 12 pandemonium broke loose, led by the walls of a fire siren that had been attached to the electric wires of the building.

Everyone is looking forward to the next Odd Fellows' dance to be held Saturday evening, Jan. 30.

22 Girls Sign for Millinery Classes

Torrance High School will have a millinery class in the near future. Twenty-two girls have already signed up. If so desired, it can be taken in place of sewing. A very efficient teacher, Mrs. Hayden, has been secured. Anyone wishing a beautiful bonnet for Easter can make it herself by signing up with the millinery class.

Long Beach Man Buys Geo. Parr Jewelry Store

Prominent Merchant Disposes of Business to H. S. Smith

George Parr, for a number of years one of the most well known merchants in Torrance, announced today that he has sold his jewelry store, the House of Parr Values—on Calhoun avenue to Howard S. Smith of Long Beach.

Mr. Smith, for more than five years proprietor of Smith's Jewelry Shop, of Long Beach, took possession this week. He will move to Torrance with his family as soon as he is able to dispose of his property in Long Beach.

Mr. Smith recently sold his jewelry store in Long Beach, and selected Torrance as the most likely city in Los Angeles County.

Mr. Parr opened his store in Torrance six years ago. His place of business always has been regarded with pride by the people of Torrance.

Mr. Parr has made no decision regarding his future business activities.

Wicner Bake Given By Club of Lomita

The L. U. G. Club entertained at a wicner bake at Orange County Park last Saturday evening. Members who enjoyed the supper were Mrs. Jack McKinney, Vivian Nelson, Florence Weber, and Jessie Lee Ode. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Weir Atwood of Torrance, Jack McKinney, Mrs. Linderman, Harold and Rose Ode, and "Tooty" Weber.

Observations

That Alabama-Washington Football Game—The Bad Aspects of Scouting—Bagshaw the Western Grouch—The Epic of That Third Quarter

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IT takes every kind of a man to keep things clicking in this old world and every kind of a viewpoint to make a readable newspaper. So we offer no apologies for devoting this department this week to a discussion of several matters concerning the great American pastime of football. If you don't like football or are not interested in it, stop at the next period.

Nobody on the Pacific Coast or in Dixieland would write anything about football today without centering his discussion around the various aspects of one of the most thrilling games ever played in the United States—the Washington-Alabama hair-raiser at the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

In addition to being the most spectacular 60 minutes of football ever exhibited on the Pacific Coast and probably anywhere else, the Washington-Alabama contest brought forward some aspects of the game that merit serious consideration.

What enables a team to gain ground? Answer: Superior ability; quick, clear, analytical thinking on the part of a quarterback that catches the opposing defense by surprise; luck; forget the luck. We're not going to discuss it.

All right. What tends to eliminate the possibility of one team outwitting the other? Answer: Scouting; knowledge of an opponent's methods of attack gleaned by experts prior to the game.

THE Washington-Alabama game was thrilling because of the large number of exciting, dashing, brilliant plays made by both sides, plays that brought the thousands of spectators to their feet with a roar, time after time, and kept the outcome always in doubt. It is not overstating the case to say that these thrilling plays, and series of plays, would have been impossible had either team had foreknowledge of its opponents' style of attack or methods.

The conclusion then is that the system of scouting should be eliminated. This would improve the game and place a reward on the brainwork of players on the field. Some say it is impossible to eliminate scouting. I don't think so. Not if colleges enter into gentlemen's agreements not to send experts to watch one another. They ought to cut it out.

ENOCH BAGSHAW is coach of the Washington team. It is customary for the coach of a losing team to congratulate the coach of the winner. Bagshaw did not do this. He was angry. He declared that Washington lost because the crowd was against them. He raved. He said his team would never play in Los Angeles again. And in doing all these things he set himself up before footballdom as one of the most worthless, harmful coaches in the country.

A coach of students of university age is more than a teacher of football. He is a leader of youth. As such he should set a high example of sportsmanship. A car over his players, he leads them through the year emotionally as well as physically. The coach who develops a good playing team at the expense of fair play and good sportsmanship is a failure. He is worse than that. He is a bad influence on the youths he leads.

I'm not trying to ape Mark Kelly in pointing out the piggishness of Bagshaw. But I think Kelly missed the point I am trying to make. I have known many coaches. I have seen Yost and Stagg with their men after a defeat. And never once have I seen either of these men display anything but the cleanest sort of sportsmanship under such conditions. Those men, like all clean sportsmen, like to win, but when they lose they remain men, accepting defeat as such and not encouraging hatred and the more coarse human emotions in the breasts of the youths they lead.

BAGSHAW says the crowd howled for Alabama at the expense of Washington. By which statement he proves himself a mighty poor sport as well as a poor judge of human psychology.

When a team comes 3000 miles to play a football game on the Pacific Coast, it should receive a royal welcome. One of the best elements in these East-West games is the spirit of friendliness which Californians display toward the visitors. We wouldn't have it otherwise for the world.

And with these Alabama boys who came from a land where hospitality is unexcelled, the rough welcome from the throats of 45,000 Californians will last forever. More than that, its effects will be felt in the relations of the west with Dixie for a long, long time to come. Unlike Bagshaw, I hope the welcome given Alabama will be repeated every year. If our Pacific Coast coaches cannot be gentlemen under such circumstances, then the West had best get some men to coach its football teams.

MEN who wanted Washington to win cheered Alabama. The spirit of that roaring enthusiasm was so contagious that it could not be denied. A team of gentlemen, playing hard, clean football, but accepted in the minds of all as a team that had no chance against Washington, came into that second half with all the traditional spirit of the South surging in their breasts. With a dash and intelligence seldom equalled on the gridiron they scored three epochal touchdowns—scored them with a flash that left 45,000 people gasping for breath.

As Pooley Hubert plunged over the line the first time the crowd roared its approval. Even Washington supporters caught the contagious spirit of that roar and joined in the tumult. Then just as the crowd had settled down, there sparkled over the gridiron that forward pass for 50 yards, that stupendous play that put Alabama in the lead. And before the stands had time to settle back in their seats, there came the third like a bolt out of the sky. That third quarter was a football epic. And Bagshaw wonders why they cheered.

THERE wasn't anything anti-Washington in those demonstrations any more than there was anything anti-Coolidge. Not a conscious thought prompted the roars. They burst spontaneously from 45,000 throats in sheer emotional admiration for a meteor.

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RUM FINES DROP IN LOMITA

Justice Hunter Departs From Habitual \$500 or 500 Days'

5 ASSESSED \$100 EACH Surprise Is Given Officers When Usual Quotation Reduced by \$400

Liquor violation fines took a drop of \$400 in Lomita township with the advent of 1926, when Justice of the Peace L. J. Hunter, who has been in Los Angeles County by virtue of his usual sentence of "\$500 or 500 days," sentenced five Wright act offenders to pay \$100 or serve 100 days.

One fine of only \$50 was assessed.

The cases all grew out of New Year's eve arrests in various parts of Los Angeles County. The violators were brought to Lomita, by county officers, who, aware of Justice Hunter's limit sentences of the past, were surprised at the low fines.

Plead Guilty
Morris London of Huntington Park pleaded guilty to the possession of three pints of whiskey, two ten-gallon kegs, one five-gallon keg and one five-gallon bottle of rum, and 27 empty flasks. He paid a fine of \$100. Paul Brown, Will Hickey and J. A. Cavander, all of Culver City, and Mary Franke of Home Gardens pleaded guilty to violations of the Wright act and were each fined \$100 or 100 days.

Ask Jury Trial
Charged with violating County Ordinance 461 (new section) by "dealing, playing and carrying on a game of chance playing with cards, for checks," A. P. Hudeston, Tony Lugo, J. L. Knight, H. Meyers, J. Hubbard and D. Roberts, of North Long Beach, all pleaded not guilty, and will have a jury trial Jan. 22 at 10 a. m. Lugo is out on a \$500 indemnity bond. The others are in the county jail awaiting trial.

Walter Hodges of Long Beach was arrested Dec. 31 on complaint of W. F. McKee, who charged Hodges with misappropriating oil to the value of \$485. Hodges is at liberty under \$1000 indemnity bond and will have a preliminary hearing Feb. 9.

F. A. Johnson, Cipriana Martinez, Edward Sanchez, Juanita Gonzalez and Enriqueta Martinez, of Pico street, Los Angeles, pleaded guilty to the charge of "being present during the exhibition of the fighting of birds," and were each fined \$50 or 60 days. All went to jail in lieu of bail, and the birds were confiscated.

DECEMBER FINES \$535
City Recorder Charles T. Rippey collected \$554 in fines during December, he reported Monday to the Board of Trustees.

O. E. S. MEETING
The regular meeting of the Torrance chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 14, instead of Jan. 7, as was erroneously announced in last week's issue of The Herald.

Miss Helma Greenlund was a dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Follette of Crescent Heights boulevard, Hollywood.

Best Meeting of Harbor District Planned at Torrance, January 14

The dinner will be served at the Women's Clubhouse by members of the Women's Club of Torrance.

That is what the committee is planning to make the gathering of the district organizations here on Thursday night, Jan. 14. And it begins to look as though they would accomplish their aim.

Between 300 and 350 persons from the harbor district are expected to attend. A fine program has been arranged by the committee consisting of George Proctor, Rufus Page and Hurum Reeve.

The meeting at Torrance has been advertised extensively and enthusiastically at the last two meetings of the organization, and the whole district is looking forward to Jan. 14.

In addition to the program, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is planning to show the harbor area industrial exhibit featuring products manufactured in Torrance. This exhibit is being arranged by J. C. Smith and Alfred Goudier.

The dinner will be served at the Women's Clubhouse by members of the Women's Club of Torrance.

Boy Scouts, under the direction of Pay Parks and Harold Gattenfelder will be stationed at various intersections of Torrance streets and will direct visitors to the Women's Clubhouse.

Frank Merriam, speaker of the California House at the last two sessions of the state Legislature and candidate for lieutenant-governor of California, is president of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce, and will preside at the meeting here. The organization some time ago promised to elect Merriam president every year until he is made governor of the state, but now several leaders in the organization assert that they have had to wait too long for Frank's entrance into the executive office at Sacramento and so they are planning to crown him king at the Torrance meeting.

RUSH PLAN FOR BIG PLANT

Company Announces Work Will Start in Very Near Future

WILL EMPLOY HUNDREDS

Location of Industry in El Torrance Viewed as Advantage Here

Construction of a refinery at Main street and East road, just east of Torrance, will be started shortly by the Julian Petroleum Corporation, officials of the company announced today.

Engineers are rapidly completing plans for the plant. No date for the beginning of the work has been set, but it is announced that operations will start as soon as specifications are completed and a contract can be awarded.

The Julian company purchased its acreage from the Dominguez Land Corporation some time ago and has long been contemplating the construction of a refinery.

It was not until the refinancing of the corporation and its recent success in the petroleum business that accomplishment of the plan was possible.

Several hundred men will be employed at the refinery, and its proximity to Torrance will be of decided advantage to this city.

Circumstances In Luck Death Puzzle Police

Suicide Verdict Returned by Jury, but Probe Is Continued

Officials are mystified over the peculiar circumstances surrounding the death of Laurence S. Luck, who was found dead Sunday in a garage at 330 East Ninth street, Los Angeles. Luck formerly lived in Torrance.

Luck's body, with a rope around the neck, was found in a sitting position in a car. The neck was severely bruised, indicating that Luck had hanged himself.

An autopsy conducted Monday established that Luck had not taken poison.

Investigation revealed that the rafters in the garage were not high enough for Luck to have hanged himself, and officials are wondering how he could have hanged himself and then walked over to the machine and sat down.

A coroner's jury Wednesday returned a verdict which ascribed the death to suicide. The jury reasoned that Luck had attempted to hang himself, found the rafters too low, but died of hemorrhage. The case is still being investigated.

Ladies' Aid Society Plans Scrap Party

The Ladies' Aid Society will hold a scrap party at the home of Mrs. Jane 716, Border avenue, Tuesday, Jan. 12, beginning at 9:30. The business meeting will follow the pot-luck dinner.

Each lady is requested to bring with her a bundle of scraps. Any of the following articles can be used: scraps of ringer, calico, linen, muslin, cretonne, satin, crocheted cotton, embroidery, any thread, or silk patches, if you don't need, we can use.

Mrs. Edward Lench of 1 Apartments received word of the death of her son, Albert Scott, and her husband, William. The two men had been in a street car through an open draw.

Records Broken Here as First National Gets \$1,500,000 Deposit

The largest bank deposit ever placed in Torrance, and one that made the day's clearing the heaviest in the history of this city, was made at the First National Bank by the Dominguez Land Corporation Wednesday. The amount of the deposit was \$1,500,000, part of the sum of \$2,000,000 in corporation received from the Santa Fe Railroad Company in payment for the 800 acres

of local land bought by the big system.

While figures are not available, the deposit is regarded as one of the largest ever made in the harbor district. It sets a record that is expected to last a long time. Few transactions that run into two million dollars are for cash, and individual credits of \$1,500,000 are rare except in the largest cities of the country.

Home Decoration Trustees Turn Subject of Talk At Club Meeting

Women's Organization Hears Miss Jennings Speak at Meeting Tuesday

"Home Decoration" was the subject of a short talk given by Miss Jennings of Los Angeles at the Women's Club Tuesday. Miss Jennings represents the Home Crafters' room club to be done with illustrating what may be done with the different rooms of the home were passed about among the club members.

Miss Jennings spoke of the placing of the furniture, window draperies, noting the cheaper materials that may be used instead of the expensive velours, and of the scheme to be used in the shading of a room, following nature, the floor dark, the walls a little lighter, and the ceiling light. Window draperies, like the trees, should be dark, she advised.

Mrs. Johnson, chairman of junior work, discussed the work of the Junior Auxiliary and the relation of the mother club to the junior work, speaking of the opportunities given junior members and what they gain.

Mrs. S. C. Collins, chairman of motion pictures, reported on the conference she had attended Tuesday morning, and said that Torrance was the first town to go down on the minutes of the conference as having special Saturday afternoon matinees for children.

Mrs. W. M. Brooks reported on parliamentary law, and Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh on the federation secretaries' meeting.

Mrs. Brady Wolfe reported on the last presidents' council, which was read by Mrs. Lillian Shriner, and on the community service conference, read by Mrs. J. M. Fitzhugh.

Mrs. Joe Stone asked for volunteers to help with the dinner on Jan. 14.

Mrs. F. L. Parks announced that the beautiful painting adorning the platform had been presented to the club by Mrs. Nettie Steinhaber.

It was announced that a dance will be given by the club on Jan. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Henderson of Park Terrace witnessed the Pasadena floral parade.

Trustees Turn Down Offer of Brick Company

City Officials Deem Trade of Sewer Farm Land Unwise

The Board of Trustees Monday night declined to trade the city-owned property at the sewer farm site for five lots near El Prado and Western avenue. The offer was made by the Torrance Brick Company. The brick company desires the city property to enable it to work the clay under the buildings of the concern.

The trustees had the city property appraised by George W. Neill, W. W. Johnston and W. R. Page, and decided that the land offered in exchange by the company was not sufficient to warrant a trade. Another consideration was that the city may require the sewer farm land before the metropolitan sewer is completed.

At the same time the board was aware of the exigency of the situation in that the brick company may be forced to suspend operations if more clay trustees are negotiated with the company for a lease of the city ground on the sewer farm site.

Charles Newby Is Member of City's Police Department

Charles Newby officially became a member of the Torrance police department and an employee of the fire department Monday night when the Board of Trustees passed a resolution appointing him fire department engineer and assistant to the police sergeant at a salary of \$175 a month.

Omie Stevenson has been serving in the dual capacity of police sergeant and fire department engineer and has been subject to call 24 hours a day.

TUNE IN
William McDougall, popular Scotch comedian, accompanied by Mrs. A. Schwarz, will broadcast from KFI tomorrow evening at 9 o'clock, and again on Tuesday evening will be on the air with Goudier.

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