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SANTA FE ASKS STREETS VACATED POLITICAL POT HERE IS BOILING

PLAN BODY RECEIVES REQUEST

Company Presents Tentative Maps for West Side Factory Area

TALK OVER CITY ZONES

Municipal Body Assures Officials of Co-operation Within Reason

With plans for the early development of the 550 acres of land in West Torrance for industrial purposes, executives of the Canfield-Midway Oil Company, Santa Fe subsidiary, met Monday afternoon with the Torrance City Planning Commission to discuss zoning regulations and street vacations which may be required for the most acceptable improvement plan to both the city and the company.

The officials of the company presented tentative plans for development of the district. These plans, while not officially approved, propose the construction of a series of spur tracks both south and north of Carson street, with lateral streets bisecting the acreage proposed for industrial purposes.

The carrying out of the plan would necessitate the vacation of some of the streets in the district and the dedication of the streets the Santa Fe proposes to construct. Officials of the company pointed out that if many of the present streets were not vacated the company would be forced to secure a grade crossing permit over every street for every contemplated rail-road spur. If the streets were vacated the company could construct its track without so much red tape.

Agree to Co-operate Members of the planning commission agreed to co-operate with the company in every reasonable request. The planners believe that if streets are vacated a contract should be made with the company stipulating that the company will dedicate other streets to take the place of those vacated.

Charles Morgan Dies After Brief Illness

Charles Morgan, aged 64 years, passed away March 6 at his home at 1319 29th street. Mr. Morgan, who came to California from Cedar County, Iowa, had been ill only a few days, and his death was the result of chronic heart trouble. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Kate Morgan, and a son, of Torrance, and a daughter, Mrs. Pauline H. Weeds, of Inglewood.

MINSTREL REHEARSAL

There will be a rehearsal for the minstrel show, to be given by the members of the Women's Club, at the clubhouse on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All members of the cast are asked to be present.

C. E. NOTES The meeting of the district executive board will be held tonight at Central Evangelical Guild Hall.

Observations

In Which You Take a Trip With Two City-Bred Southern Californians to the Open Spaces of Wonder Valley and the Pierson Ranch

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

OLD Californians no doubt will find here this week what might be characterized today as old stuff. But everyone is not an old Californian and I know of two adopted children of the west who cannot refrain from bespeaking the wonders of what they have seen and learned to love within the past week. Of these two Mrs. Kingsley is one and I am the other, so you will pardon me if I become articulate regarding a particular valley that winds its way from the Sierras to the empire of the San Joaquin.

Few old Californians have been there recently, I am certain, because the road that leads into this western Paradise is privately owned and privately maintained. THE valley nestles between green hills made brilliant at this time of the year by the rains that have fed the beautiful stream which wanders musically between the mountains. Go up to Sanger and follow the world's longest flume to Piedra and turn up-canyon along the private road that leads to the ranch of George Pierson, my host. For a mile or so you drive over heights that look down on the gray bosom of the Kings river. Soon you reach the point of striking beauty at which Mill Creek empties its water into the larger stream. You follow then the gravel road that winds above the creek, entering a valley made lovely by the perpetually running water that leaks out of the high Sierras and sings its way between the towering hills.

At the Pierson ranch of 1100 acres, it strikes a Southern Californian as heavenly to stand on so much land amid such natural loveliness. In Southern California that ranch would long ago have been divided into 40-foot lots or cabin sites. Worse luck, even up there, the property is most likely destined for the same ignoble end. THE Pierson ranch is far from civilization—not far in miles—but protected against undue incursions by the privacy of the road that leads to it.

John Ruskin might well have described the valley, between whose mountain sentinels in clear weather may be seen the snow-capped hills of the eternal Sierras in the district of General Grant National Park. But like most mortals I am best mute before the wondrous panoramas that God has erected for the inspiration of the human soul. I can only take humble inventory of some of the elements that move a nature-lover to tears of admiration as the peaceful but majestic dignity and loveliness of that valley seep into the treasure-house of his consciousness, through his eyes that see the place and his ears that register the music of the stream and trees.

THROUGH the Pierson ranch Mill Creek divides into three streams, which dance merrily over bright washed stones, and meet again a short distance down the valley, in a never-ending song of nature's daintiest music.

Along the stream oaks gnarl their branches skyward in such rough beauty as man-tended trees never seem to attain. Natural dams form deep, cool pools in which a variety of flashing trout sport invitations to the hopeful angler. At this period of the year the bottom lands along the creek are gay with flowers, magenta, gold and white and blue. Back from the stream gently rising promontories, green with Spring grasses, are dotted with pure-strain cattle that browse contentedly.

Above, white-bellied clouds skid toward the San Joaquin in silver mist cling lingeringly to the hidden peaks of the Sierras, like lovers slow to take their leave. ONE trudge, rough stick in hand, up the flowered flanks of the hills, to great rocks soft and green with thick and yielding moss. From fissures brave trees rise, their roots probing deep through the wet, cool crevices in the stone—a staunch reminder to the little biped that courage and persistence win rewards from God.

HERE on the treed ribs of the hills, where the eye sweeps over magnificent distances from valley gate to valley gate, once squatted squaws of a race long since departed. And while their calm, keen eyes scanned the jagged horizons for marauding enemies, industriously they ground their acorns in the rocks. Even today the spirit of those red-skinned sons and daughters of Nature haunt the hills. There in the white bosoms of the flat stones are the natural mortars where the women worked—and round about in the grass, half imbedded in the earth by now, are their stone pestles, lying today where the last squaws flung them before bidding sad adieu to their lovely homes.

Some of these pestles are large and some are small. Some of the mortars in the stone are wide and deep. Others are small and shallow. Beside almost every large hole is a smaller one—mute evidence that as the mother ground, her little daughter worked beside her. And as you sit down on those rocks of by-gone industry, in camps where countless generations lived and loved, buried their dead and reared their young, you are struck with the unfairness of the white man. For though the Digger Indians had no legal papers showing title to the land, it seems up there amid the vestiges of the former life that perhaps their deeds were recorded upon the scrolls of God.

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ANNEXING CLUB PLAY MOVE IS BEGUN ATTENDED BY 300

Large Area West of Lomita May Join Redondo Beach

WOULD TAKE IN BEACH

Move Favored by Many May Meet Opposition in Lomita.

That a movement is on foot to annex territory south of Torrance, including the Meadow Park tract and the ocean frontage north of Palos Verdes, to the city of Redondo Beach was the word received here unofficially this week.

While the outlines of the territory sought for annexation were not definitely fixed in the report reaching here, it is believed that the territory includes some of West Lomita and extends west to the sea, but not including any part of Waverly. The beach city is naturally anxious to extend its boundaries in order to provide for future growth made impossible toward the east by the result of the recent Torrance annexation election. Torrance observers are inclined to regard the Redondo Beach program with favor, for they believe the destinies of the two cities are dependent each upon the other.

How the move will be regarded in Lomita is a matter of conjecture, although it is expected that considerable opposition will develop. Phone Company To Build Fine Structure Here

Mission Type Building for El Prado and Sartori Avenue

Official announcement was made today that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company this year will erect an attractive new telephone exchange building in Torrance on the southwest corner of El Prado and Sartori avenue.

Plans for the structure, which will be of the Mission type of architecture, are now being prepared by company engineers. Equipment in the building will be of the most modern variety. The structure will provide commodious quarters for the telephone girls, including a kitchenette. The building will be ready for occupancy Jan. 1, 1927.

A weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Wolf of Sierra street was Mrs. N. A. Becker of Pittsburg, Calif.

TRAVELER



Dr. John J. Tigert, United States commissioner of education, has the title of the most traveled government official. He traveled 43,444 miles during the last fiscal year.

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County Health Officer's Report Urging Vaccination Reveals This District Almost Free of Disease

To counteract rumors regarding the number of smallpox cases in the Southland, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, has issued to the press an exhaustive bulletin dealing with the situation.

Declaring that "there is no occasion for undue alarm," Dr. Pomeroy, however, recommends that "all persons in Los Angeles County protect themselves by immediate successful vaccination." The bulletin states that in unincorporated territory of the county between Jan. 1 and Feb. 27 there were 113 cases and 10 deaths; in 24 incorporated cities 38 cases and 2 deaths; and in Los Angeles city 518 cases and 88 deaths.

The report says that two distinct types are prevalent—one being extremely mild and the other extremely severe.

Thirty-seven percent of the cases in unincorporated territory were among children of school age, 9 percent among those of pre-school age, and 53 percent among persons more than 20. There has been no known death in the case of a child under 5 years old. There have been 33 cases of smallpox among children who were actually attending school in unincorporated territory. They were distributed as follows: Belvedere, 14 cases; Junior High, Watts, 1; Altaadena, 2; Machado, 1; South Park, 1; Whittier Union High, 1; Norwalk Grammar, 5; Excelsior High, 1; Franklin, Cudahy, 3; Sherman, 2; West Hollywood, 1; Miramonte, 4. Total, 33.

General Distribution While the cases have developed at widely scattered points, the focus of infection has been in the city of Los Angeles and nearly all of the cases in the county and smaller incorporated cities have

originally gotten their infection from Los Angeles city. Cases have occurred at the following locations throughout the county from exposure mainly elsewhere:

Table with columns: Cases, Deaths. Lists locations like San Fernando, Acton, Alhambra, etc., with corresponding case and death counts.

ELECTION MONTH AWAY

Four and Possibly Five Candidates to Be in Trustee Race

WOMAN MAY SEEK OFFICE

Inman, Wolfe, Dennis, Klusman and 'Dark Horse' to Be in Campaign

With the political pot in Torrance bubbling briskly and election of three trustees, a city clerk and city treasurer only about a month away, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett announced that the date for the filing of nomination petitions by candidates is 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, March 23. While no petitions had been officially filed when this was written (Wednesday), at least four candidates for trustee are assured. These are Charles Inman, Brady Wolfe, John Dennis and W. T. Klusman. It is authentically rumored that a woman candidate also will be in the race.

Two trustees will be selected for long terms of four years, and one will be named for the short term of two years. Term Choices Doubtful Just which of the candidates will seek the long term and which the short apparently has not been definitely established. It is rumored that the woman candidate, if one enters the race, will seek the short term. Up to date no candidates have announced their intentions of running against A. H. Bartlett and Harry Dolley, candidates for reelection to the offices of city clerk and city treasurer, respectively.

Name Election Boards

The Board of Trustees Monday night passed ordinances officially calling the election for Monday, April 12, locating four polling places, and naming the election boards. Polling place "A" will be at 2717 Carson street, where the following board will officiate: Luther A. Hyde, Dorothy L. Harder, Mrs. J. M. Gilbert, and Grace M. Tolson. Polling place "B" will be in the store room at 2208 Redondo boulevard, with the following board officiating: Val J. Benesh, Olive E. Higginbotham, Florence E. Gramling, Elizabeth T. Baige. Polling place "C" will be in the auto sales room at 1315 Cabrillo avenue, where the following board will officiate: Harry Warren, Mrs. Laura G. Anderson, Joseph N. Hawley, Lena A. Weaver.

Polling place "D" will be in the garage at 2603 Gramercy avenue, where the following board will officiate: W. C. Von Hagen, Marjion L. Reeve, Mrs. Louvera G. Anderson, Mrs. Clemma Watson. The polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Campaign Quiet So far no spirited campaign has been conducted on behalf of any candidate or group of candidates. The People's League, sponsoring a reduction in the municipal tax rate, has come out for the following: (Continued on Last Page)

People's League Asserts 600 Voters Have Pledged Selves To Economy, Inman, Wolfe, Dennis

That more than 600 voters of Torrance have indicated their desire for same economy in the administration of the city affairs and that they expect this economy to be secured through the election to office of Charles Inman, Brady Wolfe and John Dennis was the statement issued last night by the campaign committee of the People's League. Volunteer workers in all parts of the city, according to the league committee, have secured the signatures of more than 600 pledging themselves for the league's economy platform and the candidates who have assented to its principles. "These workers," said the statement issued by the league, "report a growing demand on the part of the people for the principles of economy espoused by the platform and the substantial tax reduction which is urged. The candidates for trustees who are running on this platform—Charles Inman, Brady Wolfe and John Dennis—are regarded as the caliber of men who can and will put through the program which is the outgrowth of the popular demand. Voters are agreeing that the fact that these three men, pledged to such a platform, will constitute a majority of the Board of Trustees, thus insuring positively that the program of economy can be carried out."

Torrance Relief Needs Old Clothes

Now that many residents of Torrance are doing Spring cleaning, the Torrance Relief Society wishes to make known that it is in need of all sorts of old clothes, silk scraps, and bits of lace. The society is planning a rummage sale in May and is already preparing for the event. Contributions may be left at 1913 Arlington avenue, or persons may phone 119-3 and articles will be called for.

Parkway Assoc. To Meet in Torrance On Friday Night

The Southwest Parks and Parkway Association will meet Friday night at 7:30 at the administration building of the Canfield-Midway Oil Company at the Santa Fe camp in Torrance. The public is invited. New developments regarding the Hollywood-Palos Verdes parks and parkway proceedings will be announced. Proponents of the project report that daily signers to the petition asking for the improvement are averaging about 30 acres a day.

CHURCH DINNER The Ladies' Guild of Central Evangelical Church will serve a baked ham dinner in Guild Hall on Tuesday evening, March 23, at 6 p. m. Full announcements will be published later, but mention is being made now so all who desire to attend will put a pin in their calendar. For several years these occasional social dinners given by the ladies of the guild have been much appreciated by the people of Torrance.

You Should Read 'The One who Forgot' Starts This Week