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President of Company Building Homes Here Conceives Motion Picture District

Harry H. Merrick, president of the Merrick Company, of whose tract Hal Prince is resident manager in Torrance, conceived the idea of a Central Motion Picture District, Inc., which has been formed in Hollywood. The Mack Sennett studio has announced itself as the first motion picture company to build a studio in the district. Mr. Merrick was formerly president of the Chicago Association of Commerce, and helped work out the plan for the Chicago Central business district. Executives of a number of the larger motion picture companies and several well known Los Angeles business men are members of the syndicate which acquired the land for the studio sites and for surrounding business and residence districts which are to be developed as a part of the plan.

In addition to the Mack Sennett productions, three other major film organizations are expected within a short time to announce their plans in the new district. It is stated by Gilbert H. Beesemyer, executive vice-president of the Central Motion Picture District, Inc. The Sennett studio moves from its fifteen-year location on Glendale boulevard to the new \$20,000,000 "Studio City." The Sennett company has announced plans to begin work at once on an \$800,000 studio.

Mr. Beesemyer said the Pacific Electric would extend its lines to serve the new district, constructing one and a half miles of new track to connect with the present Lakeshore-Van Nuys line. Telephone service and light and power lines also will be extended into the district.

Studio City will have one mile of frontage on widened Ventura boulevard and two miles on Pacoima avenue. The tract extends from Tujunga avenue to Pacoima, and from Ventura boulevard to Chandler way. The Central Motion Picture District, Inc., is incorporated for \$3,000,000.

"Studio City marks an important step forward in the advance of the motion picture industry," Mr. Beesemyer said. "Hollywood, undisputed capital of the film world, has taken another and extremely important step along the pathway of motion picture progress. The idea of a sort of community center

for the studios is not a new one, but the first time is being carried out on a comprehensive scale in the plans for this development. We are certain that the new film community will become the center of the motion picture industry."

Officers of the Central Motion Picture District, Inc., are: Milton E. Hoffman, executive manager for the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, president; Gilbert H. Beesemyer, secretary-manager of the Guarantee Building and Loan Association, vice-president; and Harry H. Merrick, vice-president; Chas. C. Albright, vice-president.

Directors of the corporation and stockholders include B. P. Schulberg, who is in charge of the Famous Player-Lasky West Coast studios; Hector Turnbull, associate producer at Famous Players-Lasky; Roy Pomroy, technical director; Bernard Fineman, assistant to Schulberg; Fred Harris, location manager for Famous Players-Lasky; Noah Beery, Mack Sennett, Walter Finglen, James R. Cantorbury Jr., Marlow M. Merrick, and Kay Thompson, Chas. C. Albright, and Thomas Bundy.

The Merrick Company is now engaged in the construction of a group of dwellings on its Western avenue property in Torrance. Mr. Prince was sent from Los Angeles last week to act as resident manager.

**To Honor Buddies  
Buried in France**

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—California's World War veterans who will go abroad for the national meeting of the American Legion members in Paris, France, this fall have been asked to co-operate in a novel plan of honoring the war dead who are buried overseas, according to word received by State Adjutant James K. Fish from James F. Barton, national adjutant of the organization.

Each American Legion post will be asked to take to France "a bit of earth from the graves of those who sleep in American soil and with proper ceremony place it upon the graves of those who rest in France."

"Posts that are named for men who are buried in France should take a very small box, place in it some earth as symbolical of tribute, and place this soil on the grave of the boy in France," Fisk said in outlining the plan. "Other posts in California could take such symbolical earth and deposit it in one of the American cemeteries in France, at which almost daily memorial services will be held during the visit of the Americans abroad."

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A special program has been arranged, featuring a review by artists from the "Peggy Ann" musical comedy at the Music Box, headed by Mary Callahan as Peggy Ann, and Lillian Leighton, George Cunningham, Evelyn Nair, Jerry Jerette, Barrett Greenwood, and the famous Music Box boys' and girls' chorus of 24 people.

Many motion picture stars will be there to dance with the veterans and their friends, among them being Karl Dane, Tom O'Brien and Rene Adoree of "The Big Parade," and Victor McLaglin, Edmund Lowe and Sammy Cohen, of "What Price Glory."

Many prominent persons, including Gov. Young, Lieut. Gov. Fitts, and the mayors of cities and towns in Los Angeles County, will attend.

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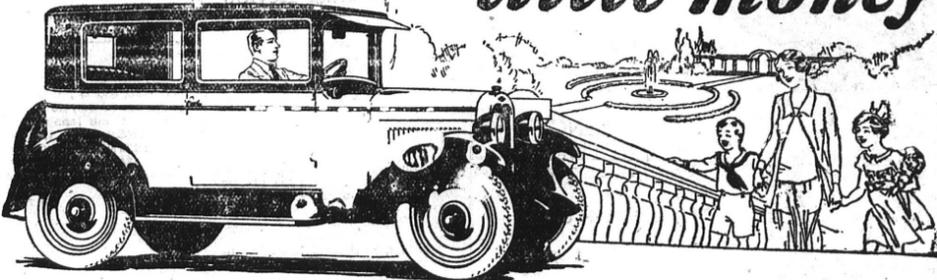
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