

Breaks Ground for Wilmington Hotel

WILMINGTON.—Ground was broken this morning for the \$225,000 hotel to be erected at Avalon boulevard and I street by Messrs. Don Handred Mark and A. McClellan, realtor, and contractor and builder of Los Angeles, who have secured a ninety-nine year lease on the property from Mrs. Angelina Lupe, of Los Angeles, owner.

Schooner Sails on Guano Trip

Nannie T. Bartlett's four-masted auxiliary, built-headed schooner Ethel M. Sterling has sailed under charter to Sam Gorson for Clipperton Island, 1800 miles south for guano. Gorson claims 10,000 tons of the bird fertilizer was piled up there several years ago by a British schooner which was driven off before the vessel could be shipped. The vessel will take two dump trucks and will pick up twenty-five Mexicans at San Jose del Cabo, en route. Capt. H. G. Young is master. The ship can haul about 1500 tons.

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Heavier Cargoes Booming Harbor

Ships Come In and Go Out of Port with Tons of Materials

WILMINGTON.—Weight of some of the cargoes passing in and out of this harbor illustrates the stride this vigorous young port has made, particularly when it is recalled a few score tons make a railway car-load.

Here are some of them: The Bling-lung now is loading 4000 tons of kerosene, old paper, rags and oil-well machinery for Dutch East Indies. The J. R. Gordon will drop 7500 tons of sulphur from Texas Saturday. The Bridgeport is bringing 7000 tons of clinker cement January 1.

The Pacific Hart is due the 29th inst. to drop 1500 tons and load 6000, mostly cased petroleum for the Orient; the British motorship Innesmoo will load 3000 tons for Australia January 2.

American Hawaiian Steamship Company has three exhibits: The Californian will lift 4000 tons for the east coast today; the Kentuckian drops 2100 tons today, and the Golden Horn will sail January 2 with 400 tons of cased petroleum and general cargo for the Orient.

Assert Union to Drill Lawndale

Hawthorne Paper Learns Big Company to Operate in New Field

HAWTHORNE.—Information conveyed to the Advertiser last evening by an official high in the councils of the Union Oil company is to the effect that the company will start drilling operations on its extensive lease holdings in the southwest section of Hawthorne and in Lawndale within a short time. The extent of the Union's holdings in this city and Lawndale is not divulged but it is known to be considerable, and there are a score or more of separate parcels which the company holds.

The company also intends to put large tool shops for maintaining tools and machinery in the field and it is their wish to put this industry which will employ from fifty to one hundred men, within the city limits of Hawthorne probably in the southwest section. The company maintains similar shops at Santa Fe Springs and at other fields where their operations are extensive.

A crew from the Union Oil company started work on surveying the Union leases in this city yesterday with the purpose of getting development under way within a short time. The prediction was made authoritatively yesterday that the company will initiate drilling in southwest Hawthorne within thirty days.

THEY'RE HEALTHY

HERMOSA BEACH.—With the passing of Mrs. Sarah C. Harker yesterday at her home in Cedar Falls, Iowa, at the age of 82, mother of J. S. Harker of the Vurpillat apartments of Hermosa Beach there is recorded the fact that this is but the third death in an immediate family of more than 25 people for more than half a century.

The Harker family traces its ancestry back without a break to 1632, there being in the King's Chapel Burying Ground, Boston, now a tombstone bearing the name of Nathaniel Thwang, an ancestor, and the date of his death 1650.

J. S. Harker of Hermosa Beach is one of five children, all of whom are living, 11 grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren, only one of which is dead.

Mr. Harker, while in Iowa last summer, attended a celebration in honor of his mother's 82nd birthday.

Banker Predicts Big Year Ahead

Grange S. Thatcher Sees Prosperity in Southland During 1929

HAWTHORNE.—With many indications tending to show renewed prosperity in 1929, the people of this section can look ahead with confidence, declared Grange S. Thatcher, vice president and cashier of the First National Bank yesterday. He says that for several years he has been rather inclined to advise customers to go slow on investments. His mind is wholly changed. Now does he depend upon his personal observations for his change of view. He has been reading of the financial reports that are available to financial institutions, reports from experts like Moody. All declare in unmistakable language that the era of intense speculation has passed; now comes the period of investment, of growth in property values.

Mr. Thatcher feels confident that 1929 is going to be one of the best years Southern California has ever known.

His bank reflects the general optimism. All of the employees of the three banks received one half of their month's salary as an additional bonus. This unusual dividend is declared by the bank. The outlook is very promising.

Some of the reasons for this optimism are: Speedy work on the colossal Boulder Dam project, a Godsend to Southern California.

Election of Herbert Hoover as president, a man all have confidence in.

Release of many millions of dollars for construction, building of dams, highways, etc.

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If you want more reasons step into the bank and talk with Mr. Thatcher.

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KEYSTONE NOTES

Mrs. G. B. Stone of Yakima, Washington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Nahmens and family of Carson street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wisheart, daughters Allene and Mabel and son, Sylvester were guests on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Good of Willow street, at which time a turkey dinner was served by the hostess, Mrs. Good.

Mr. and Mrs. John Asperin of Amelia street recently visited Mrs. Asperin's sister, Miss Stella Sharp in San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Sell Williams of Oceanville is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Richardson of Main street.

Miss Wahnetta Boyd of Long Beach spent three days last week with her friend, Miss Ruthie Nahmens at her home on Carson street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles LeBoeuf and son Charles Jr., spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. LeBoeuf's sister, Mrs. Frank Freeman and family in Santa Monica.

Mrs. Lura Wharton of Figueroa street visited at the home of Mrs. D. W. Spellman in Inglewood on Saturday.

Mrs. I. M. Fellows of Dolores street spent the weekend at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Hare in Hollywood.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Nahmens Sr., of Loma avenue, Long Beach, their son, E. N. Nahmens and wife of Quincy avenue, Long Beach and Mrs. J. B. Constable and son Janie of Lamanda Park were dinner guests on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Nahmens on Carson street here.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Jennings and daughter, Barbara Jean of Glendale and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Tannehill of Dolores street were dinner guests on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Jennings' mother, Mrs. Pernia Piper on Figueroa street. Cards were played during the evening.

A Boy Scout troop will be organized in Keystone on the evening of January 5 by Samuel C. Sault of Amelia street who is also scoutmaster of Troop 2 in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Pierce and daughters Jennie and Gayle of Dolores street spent New Year's in Los Angeles at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Clemmer.

Mrs. J. D. Tipton of Amelia street arrived home from Poestello, Idaho, on Saturday where she spent several weeks ago to the funeral of her sister, Mrs. H. J. Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winston and son of Truck boulevard left several weeks ago for Mississippi to visit relatives. Upon their arrival there Mrs. Winston received word of the death here of her mother and she returned home for the funeral. Mr. Winston and son are still in the south.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nahmens and family, Mrs. Nahmens' sister, Mrs. G. B. Stone and Mrs. Charles Winston of Truck boulevard moved to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Constable in Lamanda Park on Tuesday and while there met

SOME FISH, WHAT?

REDONDO BEACH.—Talk about your fish stories—here's another—and it happens to be true.

When C. E. Taylor and George Knowlton, local followers of Isak Walton brought in six sea bass last Sunday averaging 250 pounds each, they thought they had about done their share in this sport for the year 1928.

But today they went out and did it again—and still again. And bigger ones at that, for one of the monsters landed weighed 355 pounds, while the other was a mere baby of only 300 pounds.

Messrs. Taylor and Knowlton are thumbing their noses for the mark they have set the other fishermen to shoot at in 1929.

WALTERIA NEWS

Miss Lucille Bryan was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker of East San Pedro recently.

John P. McMillan of Pasadena, Mrs. Guy Sage and children and Miss Francis Clark of Long Beach were visitors at the R. B. Sage home on Madison street Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Coates entertained guests Sunday evening they were Mr. and Mrs. A. Peterson of Whittier and Wesley and Earnest Todd of Los Angeles.

Miss Christine Snoad has returned from a visit with friends in Glendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Andrews and son Eugene spent New Year's day with Mr. Andrews' father, U. S. Andrews of Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis and children spent Tuesday with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mascola of San Pedro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Crowthers of Park street attended a New Year's eve party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Estes of Glendale.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson of Salt Lake, Mr. and Mrs. A. Davis and daughter Mrs. Irene Lamb were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crowthers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Bennett of Neece avenue attended the wedding of Miss Vivian Nelson and George Freinuis of Lomita, solemnized at the Episcopal church in San Pedro and later the reception given at the home of the bride's parents in Lomita.

Mrs. L. R. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bryan attended the ball game in Wilmington Sunday.

Miss Lucille Bryan and Albert Colner spent the evening Saturday at Venice.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Huffine and children spent New Year's day with her mother, Mrs. Robert Wier of Whittier.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Lord and children of North Long Beach and Melvin Lord of San Pedro spent New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Lassen of Ward street.

Mrs. E. E. Lehman was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Whittington of Torrance Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wietuch and daughter Ione, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Kins and daughter Marie and Mr. and Mrs. Faye Allison of Long Beach were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lehman of Madison street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Dabner of Ward street entertained at dinner Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. C. Vance and children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woodin and children and Ted Woodin of Home Tourists' Camp, Main street.

The Walteria Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting at the school house, Jan. 3 at 7 p. m.

W. K. Adolph of Hawthorne boulevard received word telling of the passing away of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Von Speck at her home in Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. F. McLain spent New Year's day at the home of Mrs. McLain's brother and family Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Schraw of Hawthorne. Raymond McLain who spent the holidays at the home of his uncle will accompany his parents home.

Miss Pearl Milner, principal and Miss Florence Scott, teacher, of the Walteria school will be able to resume their duties when school opens Thursday. They have been quite ill with influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Edmundson spent the New Year holiday with Mrs. Edmundson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Cadwell of Carpenteria.

Oil Land Prices Soar to Heights

LAWDALE.—Reports continue to come in from the Lawndale district about the prices being paid for property and leases near the oil field, and a feeling of strong optimism pervades the community as one by one the big oil companies are buying and leasing land in an ever widening circle from the new Smith-Peck well. The latest to be reported this week among the cash sales was the purchase for \$19,000, by one of the big oil companies, of one acre belonging to P. L. Velliquette, Lawndale real estate operator. The property is located on Sixth street, south of Dale avenue.

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Many hope and lot owners in the southwest part of Hawthorne have either leased or rejected tempting opportunities to lease their property. Two extra escrow men are on duty at the First Exchange State Bank, with several assistants necessary to take care of the unusual volume of work. It was reported that nineteen escrows were started in the bank in one day this week, and the oil activity has caused a marked increase in escrows at the Hawthorne State Bank.

Nab Truck With 110 Gals Alcohol

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When captured the truck was headed toward Venice with its load, and was preceded by a Buick car containing two others. Just before the capture, another man riding with Fairbanks, who was later identified as one Proctor, got out of the truck and in the Buick and the three raced away.

Fairbanks was arraigned before Judge Knight of El Segundo, this morning and pleaded not guilty. He was remanded to jail in default of \$600 bond.

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Tide Rip Claims Hawthorne Man

HERMOSA BEACH.—J. E. Snell, 61, of 6047 Connecticut avenue, was the victim of a tiderip Sunday at El Segundo. It is believed that the elderly man stepped into a hole for just previous to his call for help he was wading in the water.

Strenuous efforts were made to rescue him. Frank Fuller, Standard Oil watchman, stripped off part of his clothes and plunged in to reach the body of the bather. He had great difficulty in gaining the wharf. A rope was tossed to him and he was soon on shore with his inanimate burden.

Every possible effort at resuscitation was made by lifeguards and members of beach fire departments with their inhalators.

As a last resource the man was removed to the Hermosa-Redondo hospital in hopes with the use of hot applications and electricity, the vital spark might be renewed.

Mrs. Geo. McKinley and daughter Joyce were visitors of Mrs. Alden McKinley, of San Pedro Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. McLain of Madison street and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phelps of San Pedro attended a theatre in Los Angeles New Year's eve.

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"THAT LITTLE GAME" Inter-national Cartoon Co., N.Y.—By B. Link

Cartoon illustration with dialogue. A woman says: 'YOU SEE, I HAD READ THE BOOK BEFORE I SAW THE FILM. IN THE BOOK HELEN'S HUSBAND IS A WONDERFUL CHARACTER, ALWAYS GOOD TO HER, HONESTLY GIRLS I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM, BUT OH MY! IN THE FILM HE'S A TERROR, GETS DRUNK AND PULLS HER AROUND BY THE HAIR UNTIL SHE FINALLY MURDERS HIM AND ELOPES WITH HER CHAUFFEUR. AND IN THE BOOK VERSION HELEN DOESN'T EVEN OWN A FLYVER.' A man replies: 'WELL, DID YOU SEE THE FILM THIS WEEK? THE PURPLE LAUNDRY BAG?' The woman says: 'WELL I READ THAT BOOK AND THOUGHT IT WAS MARVELOUS, BUT THE FILM IS A THOUSAND TIMES BETTER. YOU MUST SEE IT.' The man says: 'OH, TELL US ABOUT IT. DOES JULES DIE FROM EATING THE POISONED CRAB MEAT?'