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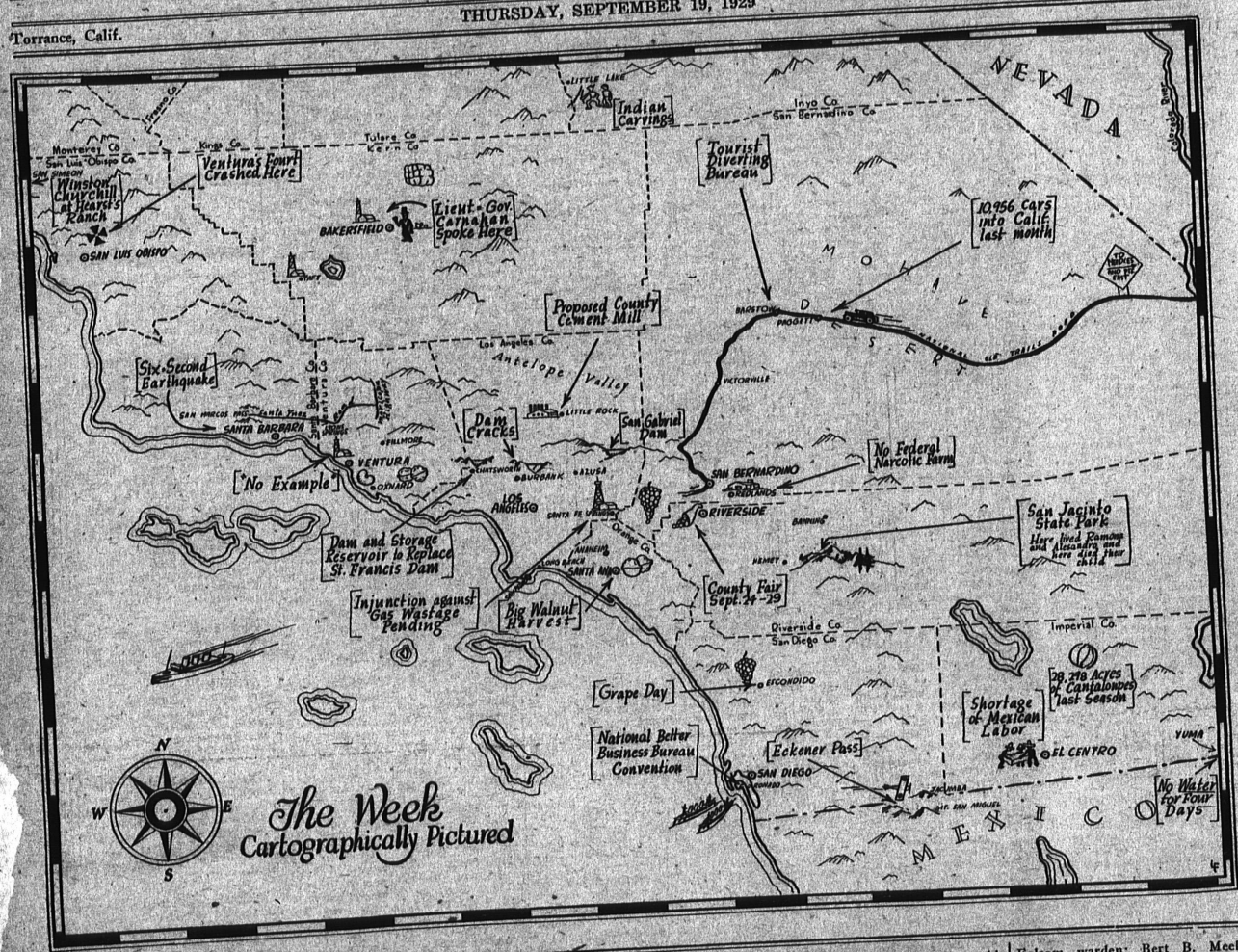


State Affairs

The Governor

Young's Week

Monday of last week was a holiday (Admission Day) for most State officials, many a California citizen, business man. No holiday, however, was it for Governor Young, California's chief citizen. For him it was a busy day of a busy week.

Prime among his activities: to accept an invitation to attend the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona; to read and acknowledge a petition from the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks demanding an immediate review of the Mooney-Billings case; to indorse and proclaim Loyalty Week; to act as host for Idaho's Governor Baldridge at the State Fair.

Fair Invitation. Happy was Governor Young last week to accept the invitation to attend the Los Angeles County Fair (see Fairs) on Friday, September 20. When the Governor's acceptance was received by the fair board at Pomona, board members hastened to proclaim September 20 as Governor's Day. Activities of the Governor on that day will include attending a luncheon in his honor, making a short speech. In the afternoon he will witness the featured event, "Governor's Race," and personally award the winners.

Loyalty Week. Heartily indorsing the movement that has been launched in California to support President Hoover in his plan to arouse the public to a keener responsibility for law observance and enforcement, Governor Young last week proclaimed Loyalty Week.

In his proclamation the Governor said:

"I am in entire sympathy with this movement and I feel the supreme importance of backing up the President in helping to solve what he obviously regards as one of our country's most serious problems."

Mooney Petition. Irked and not at pleased was Governor Young to receive the petition from the National Federation of Postoffice Clerks urging him to review immediately the Mooney-Billings pardon case.

For many months the Governor has been reviewing, delving into records, weighing new and additional testimony in an effort to make his decision just—and speedy.

The Postoffice Clerks' resolution to Governor Young said, in part: "There appears to have been a miscarriage of justice in convicting them (Mooney and Billings). If the evidence rendered is found to be of a doubtful nature or given by persons found to have been perjured, Thomas Mooney and Warren K. Billings must be granted full and unconditional pardons."

Hot Dog Stands. For many a year have State officials and members of the Legislature lent a sympathetic ear to leaders of the movement to abolish hot dog stands, billboards, other unsightly obstructions to the State's highways, the State's scenic wonders. (See "Carnahan.")

A sympathetic ear also did Governor Young lend last week when he attended a meeting, at Sacramento, of the Supervisors of the eight counties embraced in the Redwood Empire Association.

As principal speaker at the meeting, Governor Young told of administrative plans to curb the marring of the State's natural beauties, the cluttering of its highways with unsightly signs.

On the conclusion of the Governor's speech, the Supervisors representing eight coast counties of California and Josephine County, Oregon, unanimously adopted a resolution providing for the passage of ordinances to regulate the erection and operation of stands and billboards along famed Redwood Highway.

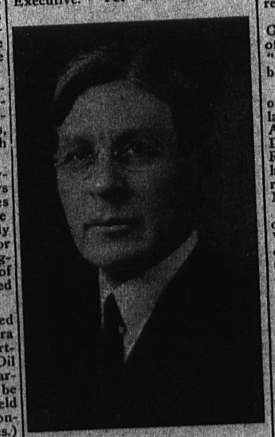
Ventura's Example. Perturbed and sorely vexed were Ventura citizens and oil operators last fortnight when the California Oil World published an article declaring that "an example" was to be made of the Ventura Avenue field under the new Natural Gas Conservation Act. (See The Counties.)

Early last week interested Ventura citizens telegraphed Governor Young, asked for an explanation. After a telephone conversation with State Oil and Gas Supervisor Bush, Governor Young dictated a letter, had it dispatched to anxious Venturans.

The Governor's letter, in part:

"I cannot believe that there is any plan to put any undue restriction upon any one oil producing area." Statements to that effect, said the Governor, presumably had been made under "misapprehension."

Count Sichofsky. To have his prison board and a prison warden accused of mulcting $200,000 from a prisoner is not a pleasant event in the life of any State's Chief Executive. Yet last week one



H. L. CARNAHAN

. . . . *he eschews crowds.*

"Count" Albert Sichofsky, while held for deportation at Ellis Island, accused Folsom Prison Warden Smith and his subordinates of stealing some $200,000 left in their charge while "Count" Sichofsky was a prisoner there.

To investigate and probe these charges, Governor Young last week called to the State Capitol Charles Neumiller, president of the State Prison Board; Court Smith, Folsom warden; Bert B. Meek, prison director at the time Sichofsky was at Folsom; J. J. Smith, former warden of Folsom; George Jennings, prison clerk. The Governor quizzed them, investigated records.

On Thursday of last week the Governor announced that prison officials were blameless, that "Count" Sichofsky's funds could be accounted for to the penny.

Wedding Bells. To the Governor's office in the State Capitol late last Saturday came Assemblyman A. F. Jewett of Hanford and Miss Dortha I. Dodge. Also came the Rev. William H. Hermitage, chaplain of the Assembly; friends and relatives of the Assemblyman and Miss Dodge.

Assemblyman Jewett had a request to make of the Governor. Would Governor Young lend his offices, would he act as witness to the marriage of Assemblyman Jewett and Miss Dodge? The Governor would did. Thus before Governor Young departed for his weekend he recapitulated his activities for the week, found that they were wide and diversified, found that they included such subjects as State and County fairs, Loyalty Week, Mooney Petitions, hot dog stands and billboards, oil and gas wastage, bogus counts, wedding bells.

The Government

Carnahan

Authorized by the 1929 Legislature were provisions for the creation of investigating committees to study conditions and laws relative to aviation, narcotics, billboards, prison labor. Among other duties last month, Lieutenant-Governor Carnahan and Speaker Levey scanned the Senate and Assembly roster, seeking qualified committeemen.

Last week Lieutenant-Governor

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Water

By Grover C. Whyte

The campaign for a municipally owned water system in Torrance made substantial headway this week. City Engineer Frank Leonard acting under instructions from the City Council has been busy all week spotting locations for a reservoir and figuring estimates of pipe requirements, and other details necessary to submit a proposition to the voters for a municipal water system. Investigations of the best water sources are also being made by the city engineer and Mayor Dennis.

It certainly looks like Torrance means business and is seriously taking up the problem of better and cheaper water. In the mean time, citizens having the best interests of Torrance at heart are continually offering to help in any way they can.

There isn't much that can be done until the city engineer finishes his report and the council submits the proposition to the voters, but the Torrance Herald in co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council intend to keep hammering on this vital problem until the matter is satisfactorily settled for all time by a city-owned and city-operated water system.

The Torrance Herald wishes to again thank the hundreds of good people who have offered their services and tendered their thanks to this newspaper for taking up the fight. The battle is on and we are a united people fighting for the common good. Nothing can stop us now!

HOUSING DEPT. WILL TACKLE BIG PROBLEM

Chamber of Commerce Employs E. Standish Palmer to Head Housing Bureau

Why do more people not live in Torrance? That is the question Chamber of Commerce directors have been endeavoring to answer for several years. And to arrive at the solution of this stumbling block to civic development the Chamber of Commerce directors decided this week to establish a department of housing under the direction of E. Standish Palmer.

"The department of housing will be a disinterested agency of service which will co-ordinate and co-operate with all other interests in the city for the common good and progress of the community. A more detailed explanation of the housing bureau's work is given in an article written by Mr. Palmer and published on this page, and everyone is urged to read this comprehensive analysis of the situation," said Harry H. Dolley, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

E. Standish Palmer comes to Torrance very highly recommended. He has given extensive study and has had a great deal of practical experience in the work he is to do for Torrance.

Mr. Palmer is the son of Prof.

Photo by LaPlante

E. STANDISH PALMER

Manager Department of Housing Torrance Chamber of Commerce

Albert deForest Palmer, head of the physics and scientific research department of Brown University at Providence, R. I., and is himself a graduate of Brown University where he specialized in scientific and engineering studies.

Upon leaving college, Mr. Palmer was associated with the city housing corporation of New York City, which organization built the Sunnyside project of model low cost homes in Long Island City, immediately adjacent to the large industrial district of the New York area. In this Sunnyside project, two and a half million dollars were expended in homes and Mr. Palmer was given an opportunity of studying costs and designs.

Later, Mr. Palmer was associated with Clarence Stein and Henry Wright of New York City, nationally known architects and city planners, in work on the United States government housing board. Mr. Palmer also studied city costs and administration for the Regional Planning Committee of America.

Mr. Palmer later helped in working out plans for the new model city of Radburn, N. J., now under construction, where a complete city embracing industries, business buildings and homes is being built from raw land.

Upon coming to California, Mr. Palmer was manager of the research and property facts department of W. Ross Campbell, business and industrial realtors of Los Angeles. He left this position to accept an opening with the Palos Verdes Estates as manager of the housing bureau.

In his work with Palos Verdes Estates Mr. Palmer was attracted by the opportunity for development in Torrance and presented his plan to the directors of the Chamber of Commerce. As a result the department of housing was organized. More detailed activities of this housing bureau will be given in subsequent editions of the Torrance Herald.

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year ending June 30, 1919 for schools in Torrance was $18,134.39 while Torrance schools last year cost $335,707.53 both figures including money spent for new buildings, equipment, etc., as well as for cost of instruction, supplies, repairs and maintenance.

An interesting comparison may be made between the money raised in Torrance by the school tax and school expenditures. On an assessed valuation of 18 million dollars a tax rate of $1.57 raised last year about $282,600 while for the operation of the schools the board of education spent in Torrance $205,393 to which should be added the expenditure of $121,304 for new equipment, improvements, new buildings, etc., which was raised largely by tax levy. This does not include money from state funds allocated on average daily attendance basis without regard to school district jurisdiction. This makes the total of over $335,000 mentioned above or about $53,000 more than was raised by taxes. It is true that in some years during the past there was less money spent in Torrance on schools than was raised here, still a balance of $53,000 in our favor for this year is a very satisfactory condition.

The schools of Torrance are now better able to care for the educational problems in the community than at any time since they were organized. Many schools in the system are crowded, many using tents and bungalows while Torrance is enjoying ample facilities with the most modern type of buildings and equipment.

The tables below give comparisons over the ten year period:

...ALUATION, JUNE 30, 1919

	Land	Buildings	Equipment	Tota
...	$	$ 636.06	$3,809.37	$3,445.4
...	5,476	38,685.42	3,662.53	47,823.9
...	$5,476	$39,321.48	$6,471.90	$51,269.3

...URES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1919

	Sal. & Sup.	Repairs	Tot. Ex.	Cap. Otlys	Total
...	$7,091.90	$ 931.08	$8,022.98	$1,370.66	$9,993.6
...	5,357.47	165.37	5,522.86	2,010.89	7,533.7
...	579.00	28.00	607.00		607.0
...	$13,028.37	$1,124.45	$14,752.84	$3,381.55	$18,134.3

VALUATION, JUNE 30, 1929

	Land	Buildings	Equipment	Total
Fern Street School	$13,810.00	$ 3,359.24	$ 2,330.38	$ 19,499.62
Torrance Elementary	33,614.94	206,534.95	24,808.64	264,958.53
Walteria School	6,426.61	27,385.98	3,897.39	37,709.98
Torrance High School	70,367.59	433,210.46	77,088.19	580,672.24
TOTALS	$124,219.14	$670,496.63	$108,124.60	$902,840.37

EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1929

	Sal. & Sup.	Repairs	Tot. Exp.	Cap. Otlys.	Totals
Fern Street and Tor. Ele.	$ 72,846.59	$10,783.30	$ 83,629.89	$ 22,353.93	$106,003.82
Walteria School	10,142.92	1,511.74	11,654.66	5,631.06	17,285.72
Torrance High	86,173.24	14,954.54	101,127.78	93,319.25	203,436.70
Torrance Eve. Hi	7,615.79	1,365.50	8,981.29	.....	8,981.29
TOTALS	$176,778.54	$28,615.08	$205,393.62	$121,304.23	$335,707.53

Many club members like to pay their dues for the year at this first meeting, and as the club exchequer is naturally always a bit low at the beginning of the year, this spirit is much appreciated. The luncheons this year will be 50 cents, instead of 35 cents as formerly. The delicious luncheon will be served by a committee headed by Mrs. Neelands and Mrs. Briney.

Reservations must be made with Mrs. Gilbert not later than six o'clock Monday, September 30th.

during the past year. Practically every merchant in Torrance is carrying larger stocks than ever before. Styles and modes are being carefully studied and selected. With the increase in patronage has come improved store services, and now that a city-wide retail organization has been perfected, co-operative activities will be undertaken that will be beneficial to customers as well as to the merchants themselves, stated Mr. Hogue.

"Already Torrance is recognized as the principal trading center for ... of Torrance as a home district, and the merchants of Torrance are getting organized to meet the expanding business of this greater Torrance of tomorrow. We, who are here, scarcely realize the improvements that have already taken place in the variety of stocks in Torrance retail stores, but the enlarged assortments of merchandise now offered by Torrance merchants is appreciated more and more of the nearby communities, which are coming to Torrance in increasing numbers to make their purchases."

... has been called one of the most inefficient of all industries but, while inefficiency within is sometimes visible, a great deal of waste results from conditions that are beyond the control of the individual. These wastes can only be eliminated by co-ordinated action through a central disinterested body.

And third comes the consideration of the money necessary to finance the home, both land and building. Especially in homes which are to be sold is it essential that the financial terms be such that almost any man of good reputation and steady income is able to meet them. The financial conditions in Southern California are more stringent in regard to terms available than in eastern cities. Length of time given to pay off installment loans is less and interest rates are higher. This condition is a hang over from pioneer days in this region when conditions were uncertain. But now we are past those days and have entered a period of firm

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