

Conventions

Realtors to Shriners

Last week in Southern California was a week of conventions. Up and down the coast Southern California men temporarily gave up work, met in convention, discussed pertinent topics, partook of recreational advantages, had fun. Fully seven groups, all with different aims and topics, met together at as many cities.

Real Estate. One thousand delegates, part of the huge army of California real estate men, assembled at San Diego to celebrate the silver jubilee of the California Real Estate Association. Assembling with them by invitation were prominent realtors from Arizona, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. Principal speakers and guests of the realtors included Governor C. C. Young, Congressman Phil Swing, State Controller Ray L. Riley, State Director of Finance Alexander R. Heron, State Real Estate Commissioner Stephen Barnston and Harry T. Culver, president of the National Realtors Association.

Most important business: Late in the convention, plans were outlined by W. L. Pollard, Los Angeles realtor, for the organization of a Real Estate Securities Exchange to handle real estate stocks and bonds. It was thought that an exchange would create a market value on all investments, trust certificates, real estate bonds, real estate stock corporations and holdings company certificates. The exchange would operate similarly to regular stock exchanges, with quotation boards, ticker services, listings. Twenty-two Los Angeles realtors, it was stated, had already purchased seats, and plans were under way for a suitable location of the exchange. As president of the California Real Estate Association, William H. Daum was elected for the coming year. Veteran realtor and industrial specialist, he was an immensely popular candidate. At San Jose will next year's convention be held.

Masons. Once every year for the past 80 years, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California has assembled for its annual communication. Of these 80 assemblies, 77 have been held in San Francisco, the permanent seat of the Grand Lodge; the remaining 3—in 1912, 1924, the current one of 1929—look place in Los Angeles.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Gustav A. Hutaff of Dunsuir presided over the communication last week at Los Angeles, attended by 1500 delegates representing 140,000 members of 572 constituent lodges in California and Hawaii. Guests of honor were he and his wife at a

Grand Lodge reception in the Los Angeles Biltmore Sala d'Oro one night last week.

New officials selected, installed: San Francisco's Charles Maurice Wollenberg as Most Worshipful Grand Master; Los Angeles' John Stewart Rose as Deputy Grand Master; San Francisco's Robert B. Gaylord was elevated to the post of Senior Grand Warden; Exeter's Assemblyman Frank W. Mixer became Junior Grand Warden.

Lawyers. Numerous trial courts throughout California were closed for three days last week to enable members of the bench and bar to attend the annual meeting of the State Bar Association. It was called one of the most important both to the public and the legal profession.

Subjects discussed: Selection of judges, educational standards for admission to the State Bar; duties of the bar with reference to changes in substantive law such as revision of corporation laws, and the drafting of a new State constitution; "ambulance chasing," and problems of discipline; relation of banks and trust companies to attorneys in the business of drawing wills.

Most talked of speech: President Thomas C. Ridgeway said the legal profession had come a great distance with but a slight show for progress. It is finding its house tumbling down upon it, and the public is none too well satisfied, he said. The situation could be remedied, Ridgeway thought, by a greater interest of the State Bar's financial and intellectual resources toward betterment. He blamed certain newspapers for specializing in crime reports which he thought were an incentive to added crime activity. William M. Simmons, San Francisco, urged a higher standard be required of candidates for admission to the bar.

Architects. At Beverly Hills, several hundred building planners met at the Beverly Hills hotel, opening the second annual convention of the State Association of California Architects.

Purposes: Good architecture and sound construction protect the investments of the public, banks and financial institutions. Therefore the architect aimed to: (1) stop disfigurement of California cities with unsightly buildings; (2) inform the public of the value of an architect's services and the meaning of the title, architect; (3) protect the natural beauty of California by seeing that buildings enhance nature's scenic endowment.

Moviemen. Independent motion picture exhibitors from California, Arizona and New Mexico gathered last week at Los Angeles at the opening of the meeting of the Allied States Theater Owners' Association.

Main business: To learn the details of their franchises with the large producing companies.

Lions Club. At Ventura, the fall meeting of the Lions' Club Officers Association of Group Two, Fourth District, took place. Addresses by prominent Lions Club members were followed by a discussion as to the location of the annual Lions' convention next April. Pasadena was finally decided upon as the most suitable site for the April convocation of all the Lions clubs south of the Tehachapi. Pasadena's Chamber of Commerce officials promised co-operation to make the convention a success.

Los Angeles Lions, together with Lions representative from many another California city, last week convened at the Biltmore hotel at a banquet to honor newly-elected International President Ray L. Riley (California State Controller).

Shriners. At Santa Ana, 5000 Nobles gathered at Irvine Park for their annual fall ceremonial. From more than a dozen Southern California cities they came to honor

their illustrious Potentate LeRoy Edwards of the Al Malakiah Shrine Temple, Los Angeles. The Shrine horde entered Santa Ana in a huge caravan, halted at the place where Potentate Edwards was born, did some intricate drilling, then proceeded to the Park where they indulged in what they termed "Arabian whoopee." Santa Ana heralded the Shriners with aerial bombs and daylight fireworks.

Milestones

Elected. Chester M. Kline of San Jacinto, Riverside County Assemblyman, publisher of San Jacinto Valley Register; to the chairmanship of the State Prison Labor Commission. Kline interested in crime prevention methods. Assemblyman Kline was a leader in crime measures during the 1927 and 1929 sessions of the State Legislature. His answer to the crime problem: "If you put the convicts to work during their prison stay, you will find crime decreasing."

Elected. William May Garland, Los Angeles real estate tycoon; to be chairman of the California Olympic Games Commission; at Los Angeles; at a meeting of the commission in Governor Young's office. (See The Governor).

Engaged. Kathleen Wright, Pasadena socialite, prominent amateur golfer; to Edward P. Lenihan, of Cleveland, Ohio, well known Cleveland sportsman, business man, man about town.

Died. Mrs. Caroline B. Eager, prominent Los Angeles clubwoman, educator of Buddhist children (Igorots) whom she brought there from Burma; at the home of a friend in Boston; after a coma lapse.

Died. Champ S. Vance, 65, vice-president of the Los Angeles Gas company, outstanding figure in California commercial, civic and fraternal life; of a heart attack; at his desk in his Los Angeles office.

Appointed. E. M. Scofield, Los Angeles, president of the Scofield Engineering Construction Company; to membership on the Los Angeles Board of Water and Power. It was nominated by Mayor John C. Porter and takes the place of resigned member Will E. Keller. "I feel I owe something to the city in the line of public service," said Scofield.

Anniversary. Right Rev. W. Bertrand Stevens; nine years Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. The event was celebrated by early Holy Communion at St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by a diocesan breakfast in the cathedral hall. Bishop Stevens came from San Antonio, Texas, in 1920; was consecrated in a small pro-cathedral on Pershing Square (now site of Biltmore Hotel).

Engaged. Clifford (Biff) Hoffman, Stanford football star (captain, 1928), erstwhile Palo Alto music merchant; to Claire Giannini, daughter of famed California banker, John A. P. Giannini (Transamerica). Though anticipated, the announcement came unexpectedly.

Died. Dr. H. P. Hames, vicar of Christ, Episcopal Church, Redondo; following a few days illness; at his Redondo home (vicarage). Dr. Hames received widespread publicity as author and originator of the thirteen month calendar of Nations with it, received approval of his plan from that body. As a chaplain he served the English troops during the World War, the Redondo post of the American Legion in peace time.

Arrived. Bishop John Cantwell of Los Angeles; at Barcelona, Spain; to visit the Barcelona Exposition.

Miscellany

Fasting Feline

For several weeks can a man live without food; for only a few days without water. But cats, proved one Toodles, can exist for at least a month, foodless, waterless.

A month ago, Toodles, blue and plump, Persian, belonging to Van Nuys' Mrs. J. M. Knabel, vanished; could not be found by fond owner, ardent searcher.

Last week, a rarely used store-room of Van Nuys' Christian Church, closed for nearly a month,

was opened. Out walked Toodles, still blue, still a Persian, but no longer robust and buxom. For more than a month the feline had been closeted in the store room, without food, without water. Now it is convalescing in a Van Nuys cat and dog hospital, slowly regaining its former well-rounded contours.

Cow to Steak

At Redlands, Hans Vanderveen's cow was grazing in a field rich with clover. On the horizon appeared a large, noisy bird. But Hans' cow, used to birds, was not perturbed; she waited for it to zoom over her, soar into the air. No bird, but distressed airplane piloted by San Bernardino's G. F. Cook, it did not zoom over Hans' bossy, neither did the cow move out of the path of the machine. Result: Cow was turned to steak; Pilot Cook's plane was slightly injured; Cow-owner Vanderveen was indignant.

Ham Hammerer

Not so easy is it to drive a nail into a block of wood when one's strokes are limited, when the nail is long, when the wood is hard. Hundreds have found themselves unable to do the deed; have emerged from beach concessions, carnival booths disgruntled, angered at their own inability to do what seemed so simple, so artless.

Last week, one "customer" tried to drive in a nail in a Santa Barbara carnival booth, found his luck bad, became angry. He struck the nail on the head with the hammer, met with no success; then he smote Operator Nick Krutz on the head with the same hammer, elicited loud uproar.

Krutz shrieked for the police; set them hunting for his malicious "customer." His wounds were treated at a Santa Barbara clinic.

Wire Nemesis

Bold, bad men, evading capture, had shot at Redlands Township's Constable Joe Rivera; had sought to make his life less rosy, to decrease his zest for justice. For 40 years Constable Rivera had served actively in the line of duty; never once was he injured.

But where murderers, horse thieves, cattle rustlers, drunks had failed, a wire—slender strand of ductile metal—last week succeeded. Constable Rivera, also township truant officer, was chasing several schoolboys, bent on playing hooky; stumbled on a wire, fell heavily. So seriously was he injured that he was forced to remain at home for several days.

Fractured Femur

When Garden Grove Rancher Henry ten Nacker last week related that he had thrice broken his legs, his 13-year-old son Arthur listened thoughtfully; vowed he would never suffer the agony of a broken limb.

The next morning Arthur arose early, tended the cows, left for school. On the way he was struck by a creamery truck; his left leg was fractured; Anaheim Sanitarium physicians feared amputation would be necessary.

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