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Desert Play Nipping, piercing, bleak is No-ber in the East; content are sternly to lounge before a camp fire, to forget the arctic cold-doors. Could they watch thousands of Southern Californians preparing to spend an afternoon on rocks in the open desert, they would doubt their sanity. They would not have of knowing the ninth annual Palm Springs Desert Play, scheduled for the afternoons of November 9, 10, and 11, was about to begin.



PALM SPRING'S ENACTMENT OF "FIRE"

Forgetful of the great boon of fire, they turned upon him.

Each autumn, since 1921, have large audiences motored to the natural desert amphitheatre, a mile from Palm Springs, famed resort where social elite bask their weary bones beneath the sun's ardent rays, where cinematographers revel "between pictures." Dressed in sport clothes, carrying a warm wrap, each spectator chooses a favorite rock, perhaps, reverses it more comfortably with the aid of an automobile robe, a cushion, perches there to view the desert pageant.

This year's Desert Play is "Fire," an allegory by Indian Authority Harry Austin, first given in 1921 as the forerunner of the yearly legendary tableaux. Its successors have been Mary Austin's "Arrow Maker," the late Director-Wizard, Fageantry Garnet Holme's "Alquitz." Strong was the popular demand to view again the new presentation; therefore, it was selected as this year's vehicle.

Calvin H. H. Fageant-Master of ceremonies directed the 1921 performance, capitalized the desert setting, the natural mountain backdrop, he sought to carry his rapt audiences thousands of years back into primitive Indian history; to permit things theatrical nor man-made to attract from the Indian legend's aged simplicity. Identical is the aim of this year's Director Russell Stimmel. Associated with Maestro Holme on the premiere of "Fire," he seeks a year to re-execute the original conception, to realize his teacher's wish.

Elfish Edith Agin as "Coyote's" interpreter; Siern Jeffrey Williams as Tribal Chief "Toomayah"; many others. The majority of these actors are known to Desert Play audiences, have worked with Pageant-Wizard Holme.

Confident though Impresario Stimmel is that his principal players, his native Indians, will enact their roles effectively, poignantly, their part in the unfolding of "Fire." He believes audiences, none-too-familiar with desert enchantment, will be held spellbound by the magnificent settings, the spectacular lighting effects.

When Southern California Christian Church members last week read news reports from Piquia, Ohio, they were surprised. They read that the General Convention of the Christian Church, meeting at Piquia, had voted to merge with the National Council of Congregational Churches, as suggested by Detroit, last May. They wondered why their own ministers had not told them of the pending consolidation; wondered whether they were still members of the Christian Church, or members of the Christian-Congregational Church.

coming on the latter; much heated, vigorous calumny on the former. Pomona's deposed pastor, Rev. Willard H. Pope, spoke hotly against the evangelist, was loudly applauded. Angelus Temple Auditorium, last week, was last week laid. Two years earlier, ground-breaking exercises had been held. Reason for "destruction" delay: original plans had been discarded, new ones constantly revised.



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enthusiastic about Nature's part. drowned out when Chairman Alford called on the congregation to sing the "Doxology," then adjourned the meeting.

Corner-stone In Oxnard, staunch center of Catholicism, the corner-stone of the Saint Clare Parochial School, Ventura County's only institution of its kind and size, was last week laid. Two years earlier, ground-breaking exercises had been held. Reason for "destruction" delay: original plans had been discarded, new ones constantly revised.

Into a copper box within the corner-stone were sealed autographed photographs, short histories of the schools of the parish, copies of the Oxnard Courier, Camarillo News, The Tidings (Catholic weekly), similar souvenirs of present-day Oxnard. In years to come, when the new edifice is torn down to make room for another, great is expected to be the interest in these historic mementos.

College Query For many long months the most persistent bone of contention among Orange County educators has been the subject of a single union junior college for the county. (News Review, Aug. 19-25, et seq.) Educators have sought to organize a single college district, to bring into it all the high school districts, to center in it all higher educational activity. Fullerton Junior College took exception to this, pointed to its existing college, its own potentialities. Meanwhile, the coast cities, being allotted no attention, made preliminary plans to organize their own institution.

Army & Navy

Mexico's Navy

A Judge in the Superior Court of San Diego last week felt the weight of his authority. Upon his shoulders was cast the task of disposing of half of the Mexican government's West Coast navy. For filed in his court was a suit of the Mexican government against Peter Rask, shipyard operator, to recover possession of the patrol boat S. A. No. 2, formerly the Tecate, which constitutes half of Mexico's West Coast navy.

The craft, valued at \$26,000 and launched about three months ago, was returned to the Peter Rask Shipyard and worked started on its hull. When the shipyard had completed repairs, it sent the Mexican government a bill for \$12,000. But the Mexican government did not pay up. Therefore Shipyard Operator Rask said: No pay, no navy. And he refused to release the vessel.

Naval Jubilee

Gaily attired in full dress, riding impressively at anchor in Los Angeles Harbor, the U. S. Navy last week reared its head on its last week rest, jubilantly on its last week rest, pointed proudly to its past achievements, refused to attend to humdrum routine. One full day it devoted to rejoicing, to all forms of celebration, to innominate amusements. That day, the eighth of Navy Day, the 154th anniversary of the American navy, the 71st birthday of Father of the Modern Navy Theodore Roosevelt, the 150th anniversary of First American Seaman Paul Jones' dramatic Revolutionary War raids on British and Irish coastwaters.

Signally honored was San Pedro in this year's celebration, being the site of the one naval jubilee on the Pacific Coast. (Single exception, the submarine division held open house at San Diego.) On land and on sea, in mid-air and underwater, the Navy rejoiced; did everything from maneuver in the air to plough through the turf touch-down.

Gasoline—that colorless, volatile, inflammable product distilled from petroleum, so often disposed of with a casual "fill 'er up"—may soon lose its pre-eminence as an all-important fuel; may be superseded by a new fuel generated from burning scraps of wood.

"Be Come A Detective" Nick Harris says: The field is large and the young men and women of small cities and communities, make the best Secret Service agents. Realizing the great demand for trained detectives, Mr. Harris has started a school for the training of scientific detectives. You can learn this profession at home in your spare moments.

Altko, Child of Peace, Celebrates 11th Birthday

Altko Kato, who first saw it of day on the morning the peace came, celebrated his 11th birthday by giving an anniversary party to her teachers and playmates. Altko explained that her name means "Peace" in the Japanese language. The teachers present were Miss Pearl Minor, Miss Florence Scott, Miss Rose Spivak, Miss Gladys Blanchard and Miss Mildred Beck. Altko's mother, Mrs. Edna Clark, clerk, and Mr. G. W. Clark, physical educator, were also present.

Tributions for Crippled Children Are Unnecessary

Water question, crippled children, street improvements, and finance zoning were among items that came up for discussion Tuesday at the semi-luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce forum held at the El Comodoro Hotel. It is no need for anyone to contribute money for the benefit of crippled children, said Secretary Carl Hyde, in answer to a question by Wallace Gilbert. He thought the water question was one of the most vital to the city's progress and hoped that measures could soon be taken for providing better water at a cheaper rate.

East Torrance Zoning

Secretary Carl Hyde stated that the Chamber of Commerce was assisting the residents of East Torrance in initiating proceedings for proper zoning in the Shoreline Strip. Mr. Hyde explained that while this district is within the city limits of Los Angeles it was important to Torrance as well as to property owners of East Torrance that protection be provided against unsightly construction in this section. A discussion regarding the possibility of building improvements in the area between Carson and Redondo and Cedar and Pine Streets was had. Mr. Hyde developed that this tract was badly needed for residential purposes. There is only one lot developable in this district, and this has been abandoned, according to Carl Hyde.

Divine at Church Sunday

After C. Loomis, newly appointed superintendent of the Beach district will preach morning. This eminent divine, "Torrance for the people." The pastor, Rev. B. A. Atkinson, will give him a warm welcome. Young will preach Sunday.

Scout Troops Range Leaders and Meeting Place

Scout Troop of Torrance is being reorganized. The new leaders who formerly met at Mrs. R. R. Smith. Their day will be Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30. The girls from the primary and junior high schools meet directly after school on Wednesday afternoon with the high school girls. Meetings will be held at the Girl Scout house in Torrance.

Torrance Drug Stores Ticket Offices to East

Tickets may now be secured at the Beacon Drug Company and the Torrance Pharmacy in any point on three trans-continental stage lines and from Eastern points to Torrance and other Southern California cities, according to officials of the Motor Coach Company. This same service is also provided on Western Air Express and Maddux Airlines. The three trans-continental stage lines represented by the Torrance drug stores are Union Pacific, Atlantic Pacific and Gateway.

Stone Chamber Inning Dinner Saturday, 23rd

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a dinner Saturday, November 23, at the El Comodoro Hotel. The program is being given by the women's committee, composed of Mrs. W. Jennings, George and Charles LeBoeuf. A program is being arranged by the entertainment committee, headed by Roy Berry, Mrs. Pernia and Mrs. George Nalmen.

ONE IN JAIL; OTHER HAS 3 BROKEN RIBS

Triof of Mexicans Crash Into Car on Redondo Blvd.—Charged with Drinking Angel Navarro of Pueblo, is suffering from three broken ribs and Felipe Ortega is lodged in the city jail as the result of an accident on Redondo boulevard about 7:55 Tuesday evening.

It is asserted that the two men, with Joe Cerda were coming from Redondo Beach and crashed into the rear end of a car belonging to Mrs. W. A. Barnett and parked in front of 2414 Redondo boulevard. Navarro was treated by a doctor and taken to his home. Ortega was charged with reckless driving, and driving while under the influence of liquor, for which Judge Rippey fined him \$250 or 30 days in the county jail on the former charge and \$50 or 60 days on the latter charge. Besides this, Ortega must spend 30 days in the city jail and do hard labor for the city.

NATIVE SHRUBS LANDSCAPING CLASS TOPIC

Use of California Grown Products in Beautifying Homes Houses Interest

California native shrubs, and their use in beautifying the California type of home will be the topic of discussion at Mr. S. E. Merrill's landscaping class at the evening high school next Monday evening from 7 till 9. The lecture will be illustrated by specimens of the various native shrubs. This course on landscaping is both a lecture and discussion course and will offer help to many young gardeners and home builders. Each member of the class will be given help in working out his individual problems, and in this way everyone will be benefited. Classes are open to the public, whether registered for the course or not, and everyone is especially invited to the coming lecture. The class meets every Monday evening from 7 until 9 except on the Monday nights that the Torrance District Garden club meets. On those evenings the classes adjourn to the Garden club meetings.

Auxiliary on Trip to Sawtelle

American Legion Auxiliary members will go to Sawtelle next Tuesday to spend the afternoon at the bridge with the boys there. They will leave the clubhouse at 1 o'clock and take fruit and cakes with them. Those who cannot go but desire to send fruit or cakes, may leave same at home of Mrs. Caroline Collins at 2283 Carson street.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS! TWO ISSUES A WEEK 'TIL CHRISTMAS Look for Your Paper Tuesday Afternoon and Early Friday Morning, Beginning Next Week

Beginning with next Tuesday, November 19, the Torrance Herald will be published twice a week until after Christmas. This action was decided upon by the management of the Torrance Herald in order to afford local merchants and other advertisers the opportunity of advertising their Christmas stocks more frequently during the holiday period. There will be no added cost to the subscriber. The Tuesday issue will in every sense be a regular issue of the Torrance Herald and all the regular departments of the Thursday issues. During the period from now until Christmas the Herald is issued twice a week, the Thursday issue will be delivered early Friday morning, before the carrier boys attend school. Advertising copy for the Tuesday issue will close at 5 p. m. Monday and for the Thursday issue at the usual time of 5 p. m. Wednesday.

SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

It Will Be a Scotchman Who Will Find a Way to Condense Shampoo Sheds Back Into Soap

Region Auxiliary Going to Bell

A large number of members of the American Legion Auxiliary from the local unit are planning to attend a meeting of the 19th district to be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at the Elbell club, located at 6327 Fishburn avenue, Bell.