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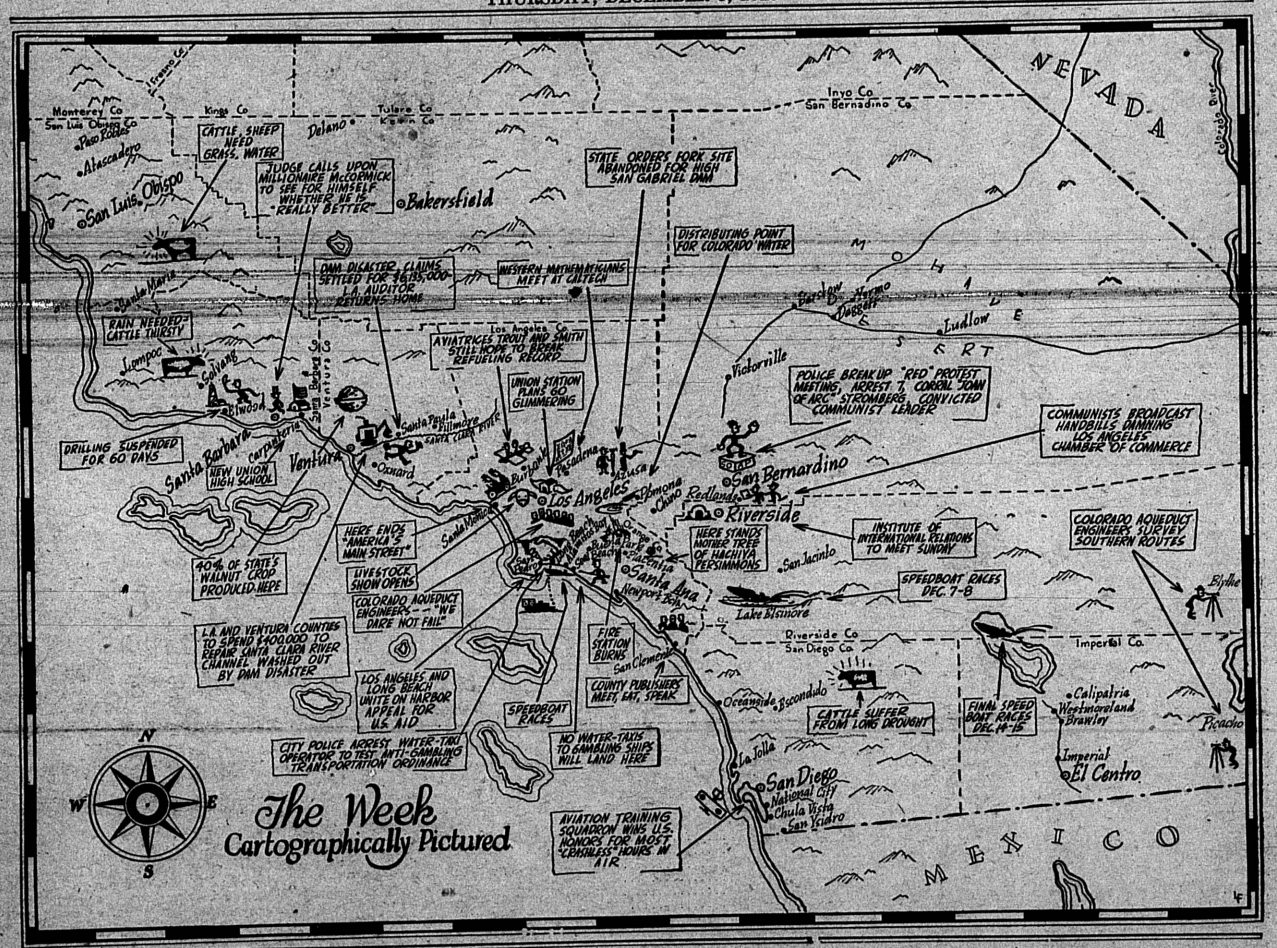

State Affairs

The Governor

Respite & Rest

Given a respite of a week between Southern California trips and speaking engagements, Governor Young devoted last week to keeping the homes fires burning.

They burned, but the Dickie-Ross feud (see The Government), resulting from suspension by the department of public health director of his vital statistician; the reaction to the Governor's decision in the Mooney case, and Candidate and Controller Riley's annual analysis of State governmental expenditures (see The Government) were as cold water on what otherwise was a well-burning fire.

On Monday the Governor received his first reactions from his action in passing to the Advisory Prison Board the responsibility for recommending or denying a pardon to Thomas J. Mooney, convicted 12 years ago of murdering 10 persons and injuring 40 by "planting" a dynamite bomb in the path of San Francisco's Preparedness Day parade (News Review, Nov. 25-Dec. 1). San Francisco newspapers, others interested in securing Mooney's pardon, editorially and in verbal protests, indicated dislike for this, the Governor's second shift of decision, so closely following his announcement that he wanted "reasonably prompt action" from the State Supreme Court on the pardon appeal of Warren K. Billings, convicted with Mooney for the same crime.

Reason for protests: Governor Young need not have sent the Mooney case to the Advisory Prison Board. He could have decided himself without shifting responsibility for the decision. (Billings, however, cannot be pardoned by the Governor unless the Supreme Court so recommends. Convicted twice for a felony, a new State law allows him executive clemency only upon recommendation of the court).

On Tuesday, Governor Young called to his office (No. 7, State Capitol) his Director of Public Health, Dr. Walter M. Dickie. Behind locked doors Director Dickie again conferred, this time with the Governor, not with his suspended Vital Statistician Ross. What was said at the private conference probably must ever remain a mystery, like the famous, but unknown remark of the Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of South Carolina.

When Dr. Dickie emerged his face was flushed (fortnight ago it was Statistician Ross, whose face was scarlet). He appeared nervous, excited when quizzed by newsmen, to whom he would make no statement.

While the Governor would make no statement either, indication was that he was irked by the publicity regarding Dr. Dickie, which Statistician Ross launched as a result of his suspension (see The Government). Newsmen found further indication that the Governor was displeased with the situation when they noted the sudden transfer of preparation of charges against Ross from the Department of Finance to the more skilled hands of Deputy Attorney-General Jess Hession, former Inyo prosecutor.

On Wednesday the Governor concluded his sitting with 13 members of his Council, read a telegram just dispatched to President Hoover, lunched with them. The tener of his telegram: California is ready to do her part in accelerating public works, building activities, and has less winter unemployment than usual.

On Thursday the Governor retired from public cares to the privacy of his Mansion (on the southeast corner of 16th and H streets), gave thanks, dined substantially, and rested.

Friday brought a return of official duties, and with it a well-defined campaign of denial of rumors spread recently that the Governor will not seek re-election.

Rumor No. 1: Only one factor could possibly keep Governor Young from seeking re-election. That factor, which sometimes causes his followers a little concern: the Governor's frank hesitancy to face a barrage of personalities. If the campaign looms as a nasty one (always a possibility), Governor Young might be inclined to retire.

Rumor No. 2: Lieutenant-Governor Carnahan will not stand for re-election. He is being held in reserve as a gubernatorial candidate should Governor Young decline to run.

On Saturday the Governor again emphatically denied rumors that he would not seek re-election. To insistent newsmen who plagued him for a statement, thus apparently trying to force his hand, the Governor appeared to be piqued.

But the biggest news of that day was Governor Young announcement that he had analyzed Candidate and Controller Riley's analysis of State governmental costs for fiscal 1929—in which Controller Riley set this year's cost of government at $18,000,000 above fiscal 1928 and asserted that in five years governmental costs have increased

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The cows are thirsty, hungry.

70 per cent—and that he, the Governor, would soon be ready to reply and defend the expenditures.

The Council

Around a mahogany, horse-shoe shaped table in the State Capitol, on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, sat thirteen directors of State department. Members of the Governor's Council, they had come to make their monthly reports on work done, progress made, projects pending in their respective departments since they met with Governor Young last month.

Public Works. Biggest news emanating from the Council meeting came from Public Works Director B. B. Meek. To Councilmen assembled on Tuesday morning, Governor Young read a telegram which he had just dispatched to President Hoover, wherein the Governor assured the President of California's unqualified indorsement of his suggestion that the various states accelerate their public improvement programs to aid in maintaining prosperity.

For highways, bridges, public buildings Director Meek announced that the State would spend some $10,000,000 during the present winter season, or approximately $1,000,000 weekly. A total of $10,000,000 in State highway contracts will be offered to bidders during the first six months of the new year, Director Meek said, and $7,800,000 during the second half.

Approximately $88,030,000 will be spent on State and county roads during 1930, he estimated. Of this total, $38,030,000 will be spent by the State; approximately $50,000,000 by counties.

Drought, Fly, Meat. Big, but not good news did the report of Agricultural Director George H. Hecke make.

With the driest autumn since the coming of the white man, California cattlemen, grain growers and truck farmers are facing a serious crisis. Since July 1, only .01 of an inch of rain has fallen in Northern California, the hardest hit of all sections. Practically no grazing land is left for cattle, which are being driven into winter grazing earlier than usual. Even should rain come now, it would not help matters, for the grass would not

TORRANCE RNA WIN CONTEST FOR MEMBERS

Torrance Royal Neighbors Drill Team Work Highly Applauded

Climaxing a two months' life insurance and membership contest drive in which seven camps of the Royal Neighbors of America vied for honors, the Torrance camp was acclaimed victorious last Thursday night when the society met in Inglewood to hold its initiatory rituals. Through earnest endeavor the Torrance camp brought the amount of its insurance up to $8,242.00 above the $10,000 quota, set for each camp when the drive was launched in October, and Inglewood fell short of the Torrance figure only $172.00. The remaining camps, Sawtelle, Ocean Park, San Pedro, Redondo and Culver City, will have to bring in the required amount by June, when the jubilee contest ends, Mrs. Kirchner, district deputy stated.

In all, ninety-five new members were brought into the society, and fifty-one of that number were initiated, with Mrs. Norah Kinsor, oracle of the Redondo camp, putting on the work. The Inglewood and Torrance drill teams did some beautiful work, and were highly complimented by State Supervisor Mrs. Christiana Hamill, who recently toured the state for the purpose of visiting R. N. A. camps and investigating activities in them. Mrs. Hamill declared that Thursday night's class was the largest she has yet had an opportunity to participate in. She urges members to continue in their efforts to secure new members for this progressive organization which has a membership of over 600,000.

A delightful entertainment program, featuring vocal and piano numbers, and a two act play, concluded the evening's performance.

GET LICENSE PLATES WED. AFTERNOONS

The new 1930 automobile license plates may be procured over the counter at the Oakland-Pontiac agency, 1912 Carson street, on Monday, December 16th, and every Wednesday afternoon thereafter until January 15th. This service is offered by the Automobile Club of Southern California to its members and also to non-residents who are making applications for their first California license. G. S. Evans, representative of the Southern California club stated.

Only thirty days is allowed by the state this year for motorists to secure licenses, and drivers are urged to make their applications early for this reason. It will be unlawful to drive with 1929 plates after January 15th unless application has been made for new plates by that time.

Two Bikes Stolen From Local Theatre

Bicycles belonging to A. Dumont, 2731 Arlington avenue and Paul Kasper, 2260 Eldorado avenue, were stolen from outside the Torrance theatre a couple of days ago. Full descriptions of the bikes have been given to the local police who are looking for the thieves.

OIL COMPANY HAS 200-ACRE TRACT LEASED

Harbor Oil and Gas Corporation Starts Active Operations in Keystone

The Harbor Oil and Gas Corporation which has started operations in Keystone, has acquired approximately 200 acres of oil and gas leases from Ira Foreman and others in the heart of what some of the leading geologists of the country claim is the big oil basin of the Los Angeles Basin. The above mentioned leases are within the area, bounded by Vermont avenue, on the west, Carson street on the north, Avalon Boulevard on the east and Willow street on the south which was formerly a part of the Carson estate. The oil leases are surrounded by five major oil tank farms and five test holes have been drilled to locate the structure.

The Harbor Oil and Gas Corporation started drilling operations on a test well, November 13, 1929 on Lot 4, tract 2982. The sump-hole and spud-in cellar are already completed and the mud pit will be completed within the next few days. The drilling contract has been let and signed and the rig builders have moved in a load of foundation timbers for derrick and will start immediate work building derricks and make ready to install first class rotary equipment and spud in at the earliest possible date.

It is reported that the Archer No. 1 well which spudded in Sept. 5 has wonderful showings and it is understood that it is now down 4802 feet and the crew is now reaming the hole making ready to set casing. Many of the major oil companies are leasing in the district and many individual leasing agents are active.

The Harbor Oil and Gas Corporation is negotiating at this time with several large drilling companies to start other wells immediately.

There certainly is plenty of excitement around the new field.

Mr. Harry J. Keeley, secretary of the company says in his opinion the Keystone district will be another Signal Hill and Santa Fe Springs in production, if not larger.

The Harbor Oil and Gas Corporation has opened a field office at 22402 South Main street, Keystone, 3½ miles north of Wilmington.

FOOD SALE

Lutheran Ladies' Aid ladies will hold a food and apron sale at the Piggly Wiggly Saturday, December 14, beginning at 9:30.

Christmas Bargain Saturday This Week, December 14

The last Bargain Saturday of the year will be staged by Torrance Merchants this week, and a tempting array of Christmas values has been prepared to attract buyers to Torrance stores.

Copies of this edition will be sent to every resident of Gardena, Moneta, Lomita, Keystone, Walteria and all territory between the city limits of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Redondo Beach.

Outstanding sales items in crisp new holiday gift merchandise will be offered for the weekend, and readers of the Torrance Herald and Lomita News will find much to interest them in the big edition that will be distributed Friday morning.

structed and thousands of yards of silver and gold tinsel and other thousands of colored electric lights are being installed for the party.

This is the first affair ever given of its kind by Al Malaikah Temple and is expected to be an annual affair hereafter.

Plans have also been made to arrange for the presence of a number of inmates of children's homes in the city hospitals to witness the

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Here are the men delegated by Governor C. C. Young and A. R. Heron, state director of finance, to carry on the 1930 California State Fair and Pageant of Progress. Constituted as the California State Agricultural Society, they are: Back row, left to right: Harold J. McCurry of Sacramento, Fred H. Bixby of Long Beach, Charles W. Paine of Sacramento, Edward Dinkelspiel of Suisun and W. H. Brooks of El Centro. Front row—Carl A. Melcher of McFarland, Sam H. Greene of Oakland, T. H. Ramsay of Red Bluff, R. A. Condee of Chino, John M. Perry of Stockton, Ellis Franklin of Colfax, Justus F. Craemer of Orange and A. C. Hardison of Santa Paula. Condee is president of the state fair and Paine, secretary-manager.

As 1930 is the eightieth anniversary of the admission of California to the Union, the State Fair next year will have as its theme "Eighty Years of Progress", and will be planned on a greater scale than ever before. It is expected arrangements will be made whereby all the other western states, Canada, Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii will join in the mammoth exposition.

The big event will be held at Sacramento, opening August 30th and concluding on Admission Day, September 9th.

TWO CARS HIT; NOBODY HURT

Cars driven by June Johnson of the Norman Arms apartments and Walter Schroeder, 911 Portola avenue, collided at the intersection of Portola and Redondo boulevard Saturday evening around 6 o'clock. No one was injured in the crash.