

### Little Volstead Act to Govern Liquor Problem

#### Supervisors Expected to Take Action On County Dry Ordinance

Assurance that Los Angeles county's "Little Volstead Act" would be revived and become effective as the result of the repeal of the Wright Act was given the board of supervisors this week in an opinion by County Counsel Everett W. Mattoon. The county's liquor ordinance, adopted in 1921, will become effective soon after the secretary of state certifies the vote on repeal of the Wright Act, Mattoon said. The exact time limit is understood to be five days, which would make it about December 15.

Mattoon ruled that the county ordinance was merely suspended by the Wright Act, which superseded it. The county ordinance makes it unlawful "for any person to manufacture, sell, purchase, barter, deliver, furnish or transport any intoxicating liquor." Furthermore, its provisions make it mandatory upon the sheriff and the district attorney to enforce it, it was pointed out.

As for state liquor regulation, which also was voted at the November 8 election, Mattoon ruled that this cannot become effective until the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution is repealed.

Meanwhile, Attorney General U. S. Webb has ruled that prosecutions can be made under the Wright Act until it is declared repealed sometime within the next week or ten days.

Interest at the hall of records in Los Angeles this week was centered about what the board of supervisors will do about the county liquor ordinance. The vote averaged 7-3 for repeal and state regulation. Supervisor Harry M. Balne has pointed out, and he has asked the county counsel to inform him what should be the board's attitude on the county ordinance in view of this expressed desire of residents on the Wright Act and regulation.

### Taxpayers Rush To Settle Bills With Collector

#### Cash Payments Reach 25 Per Cent of Total; Mail Unopened

More than \$25,000,000 of 1932-33 tax payments today repose in the county coffers, with the deadline passed for payment of first installment realty taxes and all personal property taxes, according to T. O. Welch, county tax collector. Monday saw the greatest rush of collectors' division on the third floor of the hall of justice to get their payments in before the 5 o'clock deadline.

Saturday noon a total of \$22,460,345.50 had been collected of the \$101,333,454.74 total, representing 22.2 per cent. Last year on the corresponding date 23.86 per cent had been collected.

The \$25,000,000 does not include payments mailed in and as yet unopened. This will require several weeks, and probably will total another \$25,000,000 or more, Welch estimated.

### Wide Interest In Farm Lands Since Election

Effect of the recent election on farm lands is exemplified by the fact that within the last ten days the real estate sales department of California Lands Inc. has sold more than \$100,000 worth of farms, according to J. W. Leech, Torrance Branch, Bank of America.

Commenting on the fall market, E. D. Woodruff, president of California Lands Inc., said:

"Inquiries have been brisk for hops, vineyard, lemons and cattle ranches. The action on the part of the voters of California has strengthened the position of our hop growers and vineyardists as immediate disposal of their products can be accomplished subsequent to the favorable action of congress.

Since January 1, 1932, California Lands Inc. has sold 220 properties for a total of \$1,150,000, or an average of slightly over \$5000 for each farm. The faith of the farmer in this widespread back to the land movement is best shown by the fact that the average down payment on these farms is over 25 per cent."

John F. Michels, Land Sales Supervisor for California Lands Inc., in Southern California, with offices in the Bank of America Building, Los Angeles, predicts that the present widespread interest in farm lands indicates a brisk sale during the remainder of 1932, and that the sales record of his company made during 1931, undoubtedly will be surpassed when the records of the calendar year are totaled.

200-YEAR-OLD SHOTGUN SOLD

CUBA, Kan. (U.P.)—Ed Keperta, a farmer near here, has sold his 200-year-old shotgun. The weapon originally was owned by game wardens in Bohemia.

### BIG HORSE DOESN'T SCARE LITTLE BOY



Little Peter Carpenter, 4-year-old son of James Carpenter of Del Monte, is considered the youngest groom in the world. Peter likes horses, and he leads them to water without any fear that they might walk on him. They seem to like the little fellow.

### Expect Shake-up In Sheriff Force Under Biscailuz

#### New Appointees Pledge to Clean Up County to Bring Changes

With the appointment of Eugene Biscailuz as the new sheriff of Los Angeles county by the board of supervisors last week, it was reported in official circles yesterday that a shake-up of his department would probably be made this week.

Developments were also expected in connection with the \$12,000 a year salary of Biscailuz, which, despite reductions made by the board of supervisors in the pay envelopes of appointive county officers, cannot be pared because his office is an elective one.

This ruling was made by the county counsel's office following various moves to cut the sheriff's salary. Biscailuz' \$12,000-a-year salary cannot be cut until after his term expires in 1934, the county counsel pointed out.

Whether Biscailuz would take a voluntary reduction or not, was a point of conjecture yesterday in official circles. One indication that he probably would not tender a reduction—at least, not a large one, was given in reports that plans are under way to eliminate the position of chief deputy sheriff, formerly held by Capt. A. C. Jewell, who was appointed by Biscailuz to the higher post of undersheriff.

Elimination of the job or its combination with that of undersheriff would result in an appreciable saving to the sheriff's department.

Biscailuz is to finish out former Sheriff Traylor's term, which expires on December 5, 1934. The position of Assessor Ed Hopkins also pays \$12,000 a year and being elective cannot be reduced in salary until it expires also on December 5, 1934. District Attorney Pitts' salary was reduced to \$9000 effective this week when he began his new term of office.

### Lomita Voters Say Yes to Pool Halls

Lomita voters returned a majority in favor of permitting billiard and pool halls to operate in their territory, according to the official tabulation of votes just completed. Lomita has had pool halls for some time, so that the vote does not mean a new element of business for that community but that the regulation of these places will come under the jurisdiction of the county officers. Permit to operate is obtained from the board of supervisors.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DOINGS

Fred K. Hinchman, supervisor of extension and chief curator of the Southwest Museum, entertained the children with a very informative and interesting lecture on the home life and customs of the Hopi Indians, Thursday, December 1. He related many experiences he had had while visiting and studying the native Americans.

The lecturer displayed many articles that once belonged to the Indians, telling of the use and meaning of each piece. Some of the articles shown were hand-woven dresses, scarfs and rugs made by the men; baskets and trays of willow or yucca made by the women; moccasins for both men and women fashioned out of deer skin; an idol in the form of a wooden doll; and a rabbit stick used for killing rabbits when the boys go on a rabbit hunt.

The entire lecture was most interesting. The children gave their undivided attention.

When the names of the orchestra members were printed, that of Pauline Austin was omitted by mistake.

Miss Elizabeth Bates, assistant superintendent, was a visitor in the Torrance elementary school, Friday, December 2.

Girls play day was held December 2, under the supervision of Miss Lloyd and Mr. Lynch. The girls of the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades, also those in the special classes took part in this sports.

The pupils were evenly divided into two groups, the "Whites" and the "Blues." A friendly spirit of rivalry and good sportsmanship was shown throughout the contest.

The score was "Whites" 75, "Blues" 58.

### Dairy Ordinance Expected This Week

Final action upon a proposed milk ordinance that will affect dairies throughout Los Angeles county is scheduled for next Thursday by the Los Angeles city council. The proposed ordinance would prescribe sanitary regulations for dairies serving Los Angeles consumers.

Under the terms of the proposed ordinance, health examinations would be given milk handlers every month. To offset the cost of this inspection a tax of two mills per pound on butter fat produced in the dairies would be exacted. Dairymen throughout the county are concerned with the ordinance.

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