

Land Values For Tax Purposes To Be Scaled Down

Residents of Torrance and every other section of the county today were assured by County Assessor Ed W. Hopkins that there will be a decrease in assessed valuation of land from 20 to 22 per cent for the 1933 assessment roll.

Appraisal of buildings will not show a decrease, however, as compared with the assessed values of 1932, Hopkins stated.

Personal property is assessed at its present value without taking into consideration any previous value, Hopkins added, and no estimate of decrease can be made for at least 90 days.

"Assuming that the assessed value of personal property plus the valuation of new building construction will equal the last year's assessed value of those two classes of property, the total assessed value of the county will show a decrease of about 12 per cent," Hopkins stated. It is explained that in some sections the decrease in land values will exceed the average decrease, but that 99 per cent of the land values will cost a minimum decrease of 20 per cent.

For the recent stricken areas of Long Beach, Compton, and other communities, there was still hope for relief on the assessments which had just been made when the earthquake occurred and leveled some buildings and seriously damaged others.

The state legislature was expected to consider some time this week a bill empowering the county board of supervisors to sit as a special board of equalization to readjust values on improved property within the earthquake zone.

Cocos Gold Hoard Still Mystery



Shortage of supplies forced Col. E. J. Leckie and his band of treasure hunters to give up their search for the rumored fabulous buried wealth on Cocos island, but they'll try again. Above, the treasure-seekers as they returned to the mainland. Left to right, John Brown, Col. Leckie, Edward Decker, M. E. Barton and (seated) Geoffrey Hoskin and W. T. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon French of Long Beach were recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Dales at their home on El Dorado.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cook spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Skelton at Los Angeles.

Mrs. Clara Veall of Los Angeles spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. Melvina Bockwith. Mrs. May Howe was also a guest.

Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Zeller and children, Lois and Kenneth, of Burbank, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bowen Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gourdier entertained as their dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marsh and daughter, Margaret, of Altadena.

Notes From Washington

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I have made my first call on the big chief of the White House. The rivers and harbors and the flood control committees were exercised about the president's order which has suspended future contracts on projects previously approved by congress, and for which appropriations have been made. So an appointment was made and we visited the president in a body. Since the building of the breakwater is a major federal project, I was very much concerned about the attitude of the new administration.

We first entered the lobby of the president's offices in the west wing of the White House. As we went in another committee was leaving from a conference with the president. It was quite evident that he is a very busy man. Some policemen and plain clothes men were about and giving us the once-over. Since we were all humble members of congress and no one was trying to make a speech, we were soon ushered in the cabinet room awaiting the pleasure of the president.

Looking about the cabinet room I noted the room was well filled with a long mahogany table surrounded by 12 leather-cushioned chairs. The window of the room looks out on the backyard of the White House, with its well kept lawn and shade trees. Only one picture, that of Abraham Lincoln, adorns the walls of the cabinet room.

Ushered into the president's office we were each introduced and the president gave us a friendly nod. The president's secretary had requested us not to shake the president's hand as this custom has been a trying one and has resulted in former presidents suffering from swollen arms and hands so severe, becomes the for-



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deal. The chairman of the committees stated the purpose of our call. The president listened attentively. Instead of dismissing us as has been the usual custom, the president very frankly gave us his opinion.

The president proposed to proceed with such river and harbor and flood-control projects as employ from 85 to 90 per cent of the appropriation for labor. Those projects that employ a smaller per cent of labor must be deferred until such a time as the country has recovered from the past policies of revenues increased. Prior consideration will be given to government projects affording the widest employment of labor and others must wait.

The president also suggested that he believes that river improvements should afford some return and that tolls should be paid by river transportation companies on a plan similar to that of some European countries. He cited the Panama Canal as an example of a government project that is self-liquidating and expressed opposition to the public policy of pouring millions of public funds into river improvements with no hope of a return of the expenditures.

This, of course, is a startling departure from the past policies of the government in this regard. To establish such a policy successfully would require a much wider use of inland waterway transportation than at present, and also would require the elimination of rail rates, the purpose of which has been to destroy river transportation in the past.

President Roosevelt incidentally expressed himself regarding the public building program which so vitally affects the federal buildings projected in San Pedro and Los Angeles. The president volunteered the information that he believed that such appropriations should be used at this time for a wider employment of labor. This explains his purpose to use these appropriations for reforestation, flood-control and similar purposes. He expounded his policy by saying that in any community where the government is paying out more for rentals than a fair rate of interest on a federal building that he considered such a proposition as self-liquidating. As an example he stated that he was not in favor of a federal building costing \$100,000 in a community where the rentals for the government services did not exceed \$3000.

To me the high point in the conference was at the close of the president's remarks. He declared that there were two fundamental problems before the country at the present hour: employment for the farms and the refinancing of the farms and the homes of the country. I was thrilled to hear these words from the president. For these two purposes and for these alone he is willing to borrow money on the government's credit at the present time. If he succeeds in restoring employment and in saving the farms and homes of millions suffering from the financial distress, other matters are of little moment in these tragic times.

Leaving the president's office, I felt with others that the president was unanswerable in his argument and that his views were broad, patriotic and for the best of all the people. All of us who went into the conference deeply concerned with our local projects surrendered to the broader aspect of the president. And he did it with a smile of sincerity that made us like it.

The president's office has a bay with three windows looking out to the south over the parked area to Washington's monument and the Potomac in the distance. The walls are hung with so many and so great a variety of pictures that it looks like a studio. On one end of his flat-topped desk was a pile of books and some letters and documents and on the other his telephone. Also on his desk I noted a white elephant with its ears drooping in disappointment and beside it a larger dark-green donkey with its ears thrown upward and forward in pompous victory.

This was my second visit to the president's office. My first was during the administration of President Coolidge. But he was on a vacation and wasn't receiving Democrats.

The president seems to be enduring his hard and arduous labor in good shape. One factor in his favor is that he has long been accustomed to public life and it is not so wearing on him as it is to the inexperienced. His wide acquaintance throughout the nation is another big asset. His happy disposition serves him in good stead and the usual political worries are said to slide off of him like water on a duck's back. His greatest personal attributes of sincerity and courage are unexampled in public life. It is reported that he keeps a copy of his party platform in his desk and

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at Narbonne High School

The Narbonne high juniors are busy with plans for the Prom at which they will entertain the senior class on May 5. The theme has already been chosen, but what it is, the juniors refuse to say.

Mrs. Wright is general chairman in charge of the decorations; Miss Stiff of the refreshments; and Miss Mutch of the entertainment.

Using a new idea for the club pictures in the Narbonne yearbook, Mr. Hunt, the mechanical drawing teacher, has designed an emblem that has been worked into the corner of each picture. The emblem represents the type of work that is done by the respective clubs.

The El Eco staff, under the supervision of Calista Washburn, editor, has almost finished its work, while the boys in the printshop are completing the first three sections. Most of the photographs have been taken except for some sports groups which will be snapped Thursday, April 20.

The Gauchos varsity swamped the alumni in the annual Alumni-Gauchos baseball game played on Wednesday, April 5, on Griffin field. The score was 10 to 6. Amos Nance starred at bat for the varsity with three hits. Shephard was the star of the alumni team, also with three hits.

The graduates had many former Gauchos stars and old favorites, but they were out of practice and made many errors. Aspitte pitched for the alumni and Jerry Angelich for the Gauchos.

The two A-11 English classes are giving a debate in the study hall during roll call period Wednesday, April 12, on the question: "Resolved that Sidney Carton is the hero of the Tale of Two Cities." Doris Vroman and Otis LeGrande from the seventh period class have been chosen for the affirmative side, while Dorothy Morris and Dwight Eubank of period VI will uphold the negative end of the argument.

All students who have had or are taking A-11 English are invited to be present. Miss Wylie, head of the English department; Miss Holloway, and Miss Chadwick will act as judges.

Narbonne has a large turnout for baseball this year, according to Coach Sampson, there are prospects for a good year, as the Gauchos have copied three out of five practice games so far.

Narbonne's prospects for the team are: Pitcher, Pat Malone, Jerry Angelich, Hobart Nance; catcher, Homer Cheek, Tony Martinez; infielders, Bill Eagers, Donald Davis, Elias Coleman, Amos Nance; outfielders, Floyd Carpenter, Christi Palka, Carl Starkey, Bennie Markham, Claire Ausmus.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Dorothy Coleman, 210 So. Francisco, Redondo Beach, underwent an operation April 10.

Miss Betty Pickle, 1204 West G street, Wilmington, underwent an operation April 7.

Mrs. Francis Vaughn, 1916 1/2 Gramercy, entered the hospital April 9 for an operation.

Births
To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Haarer, 1422 Madrid, on April 8, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Slocumb, 523 South Helberta, Redondo Beach, on April 6, a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Elton Nakamoto, 734 West 13th street, Gardena, on April 8, a boy.

Ruth and Richard Colburn, Mrs. Stehman McMullen and daughter, Mildred, spent Saturday at Long Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. McArroy are entertaining their niece, Miss Marjorie Lou Courler, of Azusa, at their home this week.

Ed Stevens, Otis LeGrande, Horace Watanabe, Hede Watanabe.

The Narbonne sophomores won the annual interclass baseball championship by trouncing the juniors April 6 to the tune of 13 to 4. In earlier games the tenth graders had defeated the freshmen while the juniors had humbled the seniors.

The outstanding player in the sophomore-outing game was Jerry Angelich, an eleventh grader, who made a home run with two on the bases in the third inning. Hobart Nance, captain of the juniors, and Homer Cheek, who captained the winning team, also played a nice game.

The juniors had three hits to the sophomores' one, but many errors made by the juniors caused their downfall.

The senior B class has finally decided on the colors for their class sweaters and the design for the emblem. The sweaters are to be fuzzy blue "gorilla" ones and the design will be the simple emblem, W33. The order has been sent and in about two more weeks the senior B's expect to be strutting about in their new sweaters.

Officers of the Lettermen's club this semester include Horace Marshall, president; Bob Metz, vice president; Carl Starkey, secretary; treasurer; and Stanley Nietupski, sergeant-at-arms.

The senior dramatics class is working hard on a three-act comedy, "Pigs," which will be presented in the school auditorium, Friday night, May 19. Mrs. Schwartz, dramatics teacher, is expected to announce the cast within a few weeks. Damage done to the auditorium is now being repaired so that the presentation will not be delayed.

Senior teachers will head committees which are to be chosen this week. Miss R. Williams will have charge of the tickets; Mr. Hunt of the costumes; Mr. Willebrandt of the stage sets; and Mrs. Schwartz of the properties.

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