

SANTA ANITA TRACK HAS NEW FEATURES

The racing enthusiasts who will be attracted to Santa Anita Park a week from this Saturday-December 31 for the opening of the season are promised many new and interesting features.

Aside from the extensive improvements and general beautification of the entire park, there will be introduced an unobstructed view of the finishing line from all parts of the stands and the terraces and a new system of officiating.

The top story of the old judges' stand has been taken off and the glass-enclosed lower-floor will serve to weigh out the jockeys and be a meeting place for the stewards. It will bring these ceremonies more prominently to the attention of the spectators and will open up the stretch run and finishes of the horses. The placing judges will be stationed at their old post in front of the stand.

The board of stewards have been increased this season to five members—C. J. Fitzgerald, presiding with James F. Gallagher, W. A. Quigley, J. C. McGill and J. Kingsley Macomber, representing the California Horse Racing Board, as associates—and will officiate from the stewards' stands located at the inside rail on each turn and a fifth between the home stretch and the far turn. It will give the officials closer inspection of the races.

Another added feature for the spectators will be change-of-jockey and over-weight bulletin boards erected by the tote-board across the track.

The gates of Santa Anita Park are going to be opened at 10 a. m. on opening day in order to give spectators an opportunity to inspect all the changes before the first race starts at 1 p. m. The races are starting a half hour earlier on a week from Saturday as on Monday and thereafter post time will be 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. E. M. Johnston, 1404 Encina avenue, has as her holiday guest, her mother, Mrs. James M. Brinker of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

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Rain Total Here Is 5.33 Inches for Season

Purchase of a new measuring stick for the city rain gauge atop the central fire station garage was necessary before accurate reports on the total rainfall could be announced.

The stick revealed that the storm drenched Torrance with 5.33 inches of exceedingly moist precipitation.

The gauge at Narbonne high school showed 5.94 inches for the storm in Lomita as compared to 3.05 inches a year ago.

Kiwanis Clubs Hold Yule Fete

Sixty-six Torrance and Lomita Kiwanians and their wives participated in an inter-club Christmas dinner Tuesday night at the Artisans hall in Lomita.

Nineteen members of the local service club attended and President Earl Conner assisted the Lomita club's leader in presiding.

An informal program preceded the dance.

Monday night the Torrance Kiwanians were hosts to all 30 members of the high school football squad and their coach, Robert Barr, at a dinner-meeting in the First Christian church. President-elect Dean Sears presided in the absence of President Conner and Alden W. Smith introduced the guests present, Lee Hansen, noted Hermosa Beach news cameraman, screened movies of various athletic events, including some scenes of Louie Zamperini in track action. Short talks were made by Principal Tom Elson, Coach Barr and Captain Ray Reichhart.

There will be no meeting of the Kiwanis club here on Monday night, Dec. 26, on account of the holiday. The next gathering will be a joint dinner-session with the Rotary club on Jan. 5, 1939.

DeMolay Degree Rite in San Pedro

The De Molay degree will be conferred next Tuesday evening, Dec. 27, on the 39 Torrance, Lomita and Gardena boys who compose the initiatory group to form the local chapter of that Masonic-sponsored youth organization.

The ceremonies will be under the direction of the San Pedro De Molay and will be held at Pt. Fermin Masonic temple, Tenth and Gaffey streets, San Pedro.

All Masons are urged to attend by Dr. C. L. Ingold, retiring master of the local lodge, who points out that the affair is being held in San Pedro because that city's chapter has all the necessary equipment and regalia necessary to make the degree work impressive.

Smith Named On C. C. Board

R. R. Smith, insurance and welfare director at the National Supply plant, was elected to succeed the late DeKalb Spurlin as a director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce this week. The position on the board will be nothing new to Smith, who served as president of the Chamber several years ago and is a former director. He was also named to serve as national counsellor and representative of the local organization in the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Combine Chamber Meetings Jan 12

The first 1939 dinner-program to be held in the Civic Auditorium will be the annual installation meeting of the Harbor District Chambers of Commerce on January 12. Directors of the local Chamber voted this week to combine the regular quarterly general meeting of the Torrance civic organization with this gathering and invite the public to attend. Arrangements are to be announced immediately after the first of the year concerning the ticket sale and program.

No Damage at Oil Well Blaze

Gas coming up the hole while the rods were being pulled yesterday morning at the Superior Oil company well No. 5 ignited and started a fire that was extinguished by local firemen before any damage was done. The

Oil Shipments Top Million Barrel Mark

Oil shipments thru Los Angeles harbor during last week passed the million barrel mark, according to the Marine exchange, and kept its lead over all other exported commodities. The exchange reported 1,377,000 barrels were sent out, compared with 1,848,000 the previous week. This was the fifth week that shipments have totaled beyond a million barrels, indicating effectiveness of Japan's refinance program, most of the oil having been consigned to that country.

Lumber receipts last week totaled 12,303,000 board feet as against 18,517,000 board feet the previous week, and ship arrivals numbered 113 compared with 124.

Well is located on Sepulveda and started a fire that was extinguished by local firemen before any damage was done. The

Warn Public of 'Bargains' in Liquors

Investigation of the recent seizure in Los Angeles of an immense stock of counterfeit liquor labels, bottles and other supplies for preparation of fake high grade liquors has shown that a bootlegging ring of statewide ramifications planned to sell this imitation liquor to the Christmas trade, according to Milton P. Duffy, chief of the State Food and Drug Inspection.

"These supplies were also shipped to San Francisco and other places up and down the coast and it was planned by the ring to sell this imitation liquor by holiday solicitation thru office buildings, clubs and better class residences," Duffy said.

"None of the surplus liquor has yet been found in regularly licensed and inspected stores," Duffy continued. "The safest course for the public is to refuse all 'bargains' offered by

solicitors and buy only at the premises of regularly licensed liquor stores."

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