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## Demonstrates Growth and Prosperity of Community

Significant as demonstrating the growth and prosperity of this community, and Southern and Central Californoia, are the facts appearing in the annual report of the Southern California Edison Company, which was presented by President John B. Miller at the annual meeting of stockholders at Los Angeles last week.

Many of the partner-stockholders of the company reside in this vicinity.

District Manager C. E. Houston received and advance abstract of the report, the features of which are important to those who are interested in the growth of business, manufacture and agricultural development, as they are made possible by a continual and reliable increase in the supply of hydro-electric energy, are as follows:

The gross earnings for the year 1921 including non-operating revenue amounting to $16,645,722.37; the net earnings were $9,709,856.97; the interest and amortization $3,940,830.36; provision for depreciation $2,325,000; dividends paid for the current year amounting to $2,758,385.69 being eight per cent on the first preferred and common stock, and five per cent on the second preferred stock. The total capital or new construction expenditures for the year 1921 amounted to $14,228,692.94. The principal items of this expenditure were: water power development $8,119,418.11; extension of the electric distributing systems $4,729,962.23; and for the purchase of Santa Barbara Electric Company system $1,391,709.70. The budget for new construction expenditures for the year amounts to $22,534,000 as compared with the $14,288,692.94 for the year 1921 as noted above.

Under "Security Sales Financing" the report shows that $14,372,900 worth of stock was sold to the general public. During the year the number of stockholders has increased from 7,197 on December 31, 1920, to 25,647 on December 31, 1921. At the end of 1920, 1,618 employes were stockholders and at the end of 1921, 4,156 were stockholders, this number being ninety-eight per cent of the permanent force.

The company brought in to service during the year 94,500 horsepower. This included the Kern River Number Three plant with 42,900 horsepower, and additional unit in Big Creek Number Two power house of 21,400 horsepower, and a new development known as Big Creek Number Eight of 30,200 horsepower. This latter plant was placed in operation three months after the first concrete had been poured.

In order to keep pace with the growing demands for power ,the report states, a new power house is being started, known as Big Creek Number Three. The ultimate capacity of this plant will be 200,000 horsepower, consisting of six units of 33,300 horsepower each. The first unit will be put in operation in May, 1923, the second unit in July, and a third unit in February, 1924. The other units will be added as the demands for power require. These units will be the largest of their kind on the Edison system, resulting in greater economy of operation.

To transmit this power to the markets of Southern California and Central California, the voltage on the Big Creek transmission line will be ncreased from 150,000 volts to 220,000 volts, doubling the capacity of the line. The raising of the voltage in using the present lines in preference to duplcating them and retaining the present voltage, was decided upon because it will effect a saving of at least five million dollars in construction cost. This line is two hundred and forty-one miles in length. It will be necessary to construct a new receiving station for this power near Los Angeles of about the same capacity as the Eagle Rock substation. This new station will operate at 220,000 volts, and will be the first substation constructed primarily for that high voltage of the Edison system.

Under the caption of "Commercial Conditions" the report states that Southern and Central California is essentially an electrical field and the possibilities for future development are apparently unlimited. New industries are springing up in which electric power may be used and new territories are being added where electric service may be supplied. Behind the new business is the constant problem of developing business with existing consumers by demonstrating additional uses and applications for electric service.

## TORRANCE NEWS

Mr. Wm. Gascoyne is very ill at his home on Gramercy avenue with pneumonia.

Miss Mary Lawrence of Los Angeles was a Sunday guest of Mrs. J. H. Lawrence of Arlington ave.

Mr. J. L. Wootman, R. F. D. mail carrier, has a new Ford car on the route.

## Battery Palmistry An Entirely New Field

An entirely new field that—battery palmistry! It pays its promotors nicely until the car driver gets wise to the trick. It is the most natural thing in the world to be attracted by claims of wonderful solutions that charge batteries instantly, especially if you have had any recent trouble with that particular organ of your car.

A storage battery is made of lead and lead compounds which absorb acid from the battery solution as it delivers current. The acid is driven from the plates again when the battery is recharged either while on the car or at a service station. Thus a continuous intercharge of acid to plates and back to the solution is kept up, says Mr. Harvel Guttenfelder, local Willard Battery dealer.

"To begin with, the battery is fully charged," says Mr. Gettenfelder "and has a solution which contains the proper amount of acid. Because the plates absorb this acid as it discharges, some sleight-of-hand artists have been making a nice living by pouring more aicd into it. Of course the addtional acid makes the battery operative but when it is charged on the car through normal driving, the acid in the plates comes out and then there's the dickens to pay."

It seems that there is where the "palmistry" comes in. According to the Williard Storage Battery Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, the battery solution becomes too strong in such cases and some of it has to be taken out and replaced with distilled water. The innocent autoist has palmed the doper for acid he didn't really want, certainly didn't need and finally had to throw away. There's no secret about the dopes at all, but it is best to let only an authorized battery service station take care of storage batteries.

## TWENTY-FIVE NEW HOUSES TO BE UNDER WAY SOON

The Pacific Electric Building Corporation has contracted for the erection of twenty-five new residences near the P. E. shops. This is the first unit of building operations under the $160,000 fund recently set aside for building operations by the Pacific Electric Railway.

It is believed that this is the precursor of a great building and expansion campaign which should at least double the number of houses in Torrance with the next year.

The class of houses which is being erected by the Pacific Electric Building Corporation is of a very high order and a credit to Torrance in every way. Some of the most attractive and modern homes in Torrance have been built by this corporation.

Miss Alice Foster, of Los Angeles, passed the week-end with Mrs. Roy Flood of Gramercy avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogoson and son, Jimmie, of Los Angeles, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Murray, of Andreo avenue.

A force of men are busy at work around the Hendrie Tire Factory. It is to be put in order, as they expect to open in thirty days.

Lawrence Sherman and Miss Dorothy Linebaugh, of Los Angeles, were Sunday guests of Mrs. Flood of Gramercy avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blankenship attended the try-out game of baseball at Washington Park, Los Angeles, Sunday afternoon between the Chicago Cubs and the Vernon team.

Mr. J. Holms, contractor, sold his house on Cota avenue and one on Amapola this week to private parties. He also turned over a finished house in Vista Highlands to the Pacific Electric. From appearance and predictions, this season is going to be the banner year for building in Torrance.

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