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THE Advertisers on this page, each of whom represents the best example of good citizenship, and all of whom are experts in the valuation of land in their respective communities can easily convince you, if you will give them the opportunity, of the REAL ECONOMY of owning your home — of being your own landlord — of being able to look about your house and lot, your half acre or acre of growing fruit or produce and saying: THIS IS MINE, COME RAIN OR SHINE, GOOD TIMES OR BAD, NOTHING CAN TAKE THIS, MY HOME, FROM ME AND MINE.

God Is In Torrance—15 Conversions Last Sunday Night at Legion Hall

In the midst of a great financial campaign, Dr. Don W. Nichols and the Rev. Gordon A. Riegler are seeking to emphasize the spiritual life of the community. At a great meeting at the Legion Hall last Sunday evening, fifteen persons were converted, and accepted Jesus Christ as Savior as a result of efforts on the part of Epworth Leaguers, and an address given by the Rev. Don W. Nichols, D.D., who is stopping in Torrance, and who spent seven years as an evangelist, and who has preached the gospel in nearly every nation under heaven.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Dikerson and daughter, Helen, of Iowa, were Sunday guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harestad, of South Gramercy avenue.

Mrs. Mary E. Perkins of Gramercy avenue, is entertaining her daughter from the northern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Copeland of Redondo Beach, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brickley, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Her-ring were Sunday guests of Mrs. Martin at Pasadena, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Wise viewed the Knights Templar parade at Hollywood, Saturday, and afterwards picnicked at Griffith Park.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Swindell will move Thursday into their new home on 220th street.

Marion Reeves of the Reeves Hardware company is having a vacation this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kite and children were guests of friends at Elsinore over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George Emerald of Richmond, Calif., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bale from Friday until Tuesday. They visited here two years ago, and purchased property, which they still own, and are planning to return soon to reside in Torrance.

While Mr. and Mrs. Cutts of West Redondo boulevard were absent from their home Sunday morning, after nine o'clock, their house was burglarized. It was completely gone through from one end to the other, but nothing of great value was taken excepting some small change, which was placed in a tea cup.

Palos Verdes Record Sales

Announcement this week by E. G. Lewis, general manager of the Palos Verdes Estates, that the subscription price of the non-convertible notes would soon be advanced, has greatly increased their sales, according to Henry Clark of Los Angeles, director of the selling organization of the big project.

It was stated Wednesday that Clarke had reported to Mr. Lewis that his force of 70 salesmen had a banner week since last Saturday disposing of non-convertible notes, and were confident of greater successes before the meeting of all the note holders to be held at Philharmonic Auditorium on the night of December 5.

This meeting has been scheduled by Lewis to celebrate the taking of title to the 16,000-acre tract between Los Angeles harbor and Redondo, by the Title Insurance and Trust company, trustee for the note holders to the huge enterprise.

It was stated by Lewis that hundreds of these note holders had responded to his invitation to attend this meeting, which will be the beginning of a new period in the development plans for the construction of the proposed \$35,000,000 city on the hills overlooking Los Angeles.

Lewis said that the selection maps would be prepared for the note holders on the morning of December 25, and that rapid strides in the building operations of the new city designed for an ultimate population of 200,000 would start soon after that date.

Make Plans For Cal. Realty Meet

Rapid progress is reported on the preliminary arrangements for the eighteenth annual convention of the California Real Estate association at Santa Ana, December 7, 8, and 9. The big work of the convention will be given over to legislation for real estate and amendments to the land colonization laws. Land owners and realty dealers are agreed on strong fundamental revision of the present laws in the interest of property owners, and for the protection of investors in California property.

The farm lands conference of the convention will be presided over by Director Herman Janss, and will be addressed by leading land owners and realty men. Bruce Cornwall, chairman of the California Land Settlement association, will be present, it was said. Thursday afternoon the woman visitors to the convention will be the guests of the Laguna Beach realty men. The multiple listing conference will be presided over by State Vice-President Albert E. Kern, and 'one of the leading talks will be by H. C. Yose, secretary of the Southwest Realty board of Los Angeles. There will also be addresses on salesmanship, business property, industrial property, subdivisions, renting, leasing and board appraisals.

Mrs. James M. Crane of the El Prado apartments, was operated on at the Seaside Hospital, Long Beach, Saturday. She is reported as recovering nicely.

Mrs. Ada Martin and son, William, of Victoria, Va., arrived Saturday to visit Mrs. Martin's brother, D. C. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mowery were Long Beach visitors Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Briney and son, with Mrs. Briney's mother, Mrs. Louise Miller, were over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nix, at La Verne.

Mrs. George Hoepfer left Saturday for her home in Peru, Ind., after visiting for a month with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thompson, of South Andreo.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wheaton of North Arlington were guests of relatives at Riverside over the week-end.

Miss Marguerite Walker of San Diego is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Thomas of the Castle apartments.

A surprise and reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pierson of Torrance Park, bride and groom, Saturday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abiel Anderson of South Gramercy, by the members of the Baptist church. Over forty members were there, and all had a most enjoyable evening. A rocking chair was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Pierson. Mr. Pierson has resided in Torrance for some time, and is a deacon of the church. He journeyed to Washington state a few weeks ago and married Miss Pearl Frost, returning with his bride to reside here.

The Spirit of Thanksgiving

As we read of old time Thanksgiving customs, we realize that the world has been traveling fast since then—away from the simple and the spiritual.

One of the customs, particularly, was quaint.

After the Thanksgiving dinner, while the family was still seated around the table, each member was asked to tell for what, in the past year, he was particularly thankful.

These recitals were always revelations of character. The small children of the family mentioned some material thing, a sled or a doll, for which they were grateful.

The older children, those in their teens, were more abstract. They were thankful for the advantages of education, of family prestige, or their social position—a bit self-centered, perhaps, as is wont with youth in its teens.

But mother and father, in their maturity of years, knew that the greatest blessings of life were health and happiness, and their recitals of thankfulness always included a word of thanksgiving that the family had been spared illness and poverty. No thought for themselves, but thankful of son's success in school, and daughter's improvement in controlling her temper.

The spirit of the day calls for just such a touch of spiritual introspection. It keeps alive that family spirit, the joy of an assembled family, the particular source of Thanksgiving to each member, along with the joy of the old-fashioned dinner.

A quaint account of a Thanksgiving dinner back in 1779, is given in a letter of one Julianna Smith, written to her "Dear Cousin Betsy," found in an old diary:

"This year it was Uncle Simeon's turn to have the dinner at his house, but, of course, we all helped them as they help us when it is our turn, and there is always enough for us all to do. All the baking of pies and cakes was done at our house, and we had the big oven heated and filled twice each day for three days before it was all done, and everything was good, though we did have to do without some things that ought to be used. Neither Love nor Money could buy Raisins, but our good red cherries dried without the pits, did almost as well, and happily Uncle Simeon still had some spices in store. The tables were set in the Dining Hall, and even that big room had no space to spare when we were all seated. The Servants had enough ado to get around the Tables and serve us all without oversetting things. There were our two Grandmothers, side by side. They are always handsome old ladies, but now, many thought, they were handsomer than ever, and happy they were to look upon so many of their descendants.

"There was no Plum Pudding, but a boiled Suet Pudding, stirred thick with dried Plums and Cherries, was called by the old Name and answered the purpose. All the other spice had been used in the Mince Pie, so for this Pudding we used a jar of West India preserved Ginger, which chanced to be left of the last shipment which Uncle Simeon had from there. We chopped the Ginger small and stirred it through with the Plums and Cherries. It was extraordinary good. The day was bitter cold and when we got home from Meeting, which father did not keep over long by reason of the cold, we were glad of the fire in Uncle's Dining Hall, but by the time the dinner was one-half over, those of us who were on the fire side of one table was forced to get up and carry our plates around to the far side of the other table, while those who had sat there were glad to bring their plates around to the fire to get warm. All but the Old Ladies, who had a screen put behind their chairs."

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