

BADGERS' PICNIC

All who ever lived in Wisconsin are invited to meet for the great picnic reunion, all day, Monday, February 12, 1923, in Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles.

They used to put their spare pennies into a home, but now they put their home into spare tires.

TODAY'S REFLECTIONS

The trouble with a lot of people is they grieve \$2 worth every time they lose a dollar.

We've never been able to make ourselves believe that the devil doesn't take off his hat every time he meets a hypocrite.

Maybe one reason fat men are always good natured is because good-natured men are always fat.

After all, poverty keeps many a man from making a fool of himself.

HALF BILLION PROJECT NEAR TORRANCE

Panama Canal Builder Will Construct Big Marine Terminal

The building of a railroad and marine terminal by George W. Goethals for the city of Los Angeles that will cost on its completion three years hence approximately \$500,000,000—a half billion dollars—is practically assured, according to A. P. Gillies, a noted New York engineer, in an exclusive interview published Monday afternoon in the Los Angeles Express.

The construction of the marine terminal and canal from the sea up the Los Angeles river to Nigger Slough, will result in the location of Torrance and vicinity of hundreds of industries and add thousands to the city's population and hundreds of thousands to its monthly payroll.

The pertinent part of the interview so far as it effects Torrance is as follows:

"In eighteen months the first unit of the enormous project will be completed. This is the Union Terminal railway station, to cost \$50,000,000, built on the plan of the Grand Central station of New York city. The advance agent of the Goethals Construction company, Fred C. Ehman, engineer, after quietly making a preliminary survey of the entire project with Gillies, left Saturday for New York.

His staff of engineers will be on the Coast, according to Gillies, and work will commence as soon as the city council has passed the necessary ordinance.

The passenger terminal will be constructed on forty acres of land already owned by the Los Angeles Terminal association fronting on the old Plaza, and extending from Macy street to Second street. The building will be owned by the association, which, Gillies says, is backed by some of the biggest capitalists in New York city.

The eyes of the world will be turned on Los Angeles when this project is started. First, we are going to build the passenger station, then we will start on the combined railroad and marine terminal. The superstructure of the passenger terminal will be up in eighteen months. It is expected that the entire project will be running smoothly in three years.

Goethals will build the terminal just according to specifications, and make it a "turnkey job," according to Gillies. The building is to be a city within a city. It will be twelve stories high, which is the limit of all structures in Los Angeles; will have hundreds of thousands of square feet of classified floor space, and is to be a marvel of modern engineering, according to the description by the engineer who designed it.

Four hotels with 1000 rooms each, three theaters with a seating capacity of 2500 each; banks, department stores, insurance, marine and railway exchange offices, cold storage, light manufacturing, warehousing and a convention hall will all be included in the great structure.

Then on the roof, 3000 feet long by 720 feet wide, will be an airplane landing, aero-taxicabs, a terminal roof garden and many other ultra-modern features. An inclined plane will make it possible for automobiles to be driven up to the sixth floor of the structure, where they may be parked while milady does her shopping.

Far more stupendous than the plan for the passenger terminal is the great plan to spend \$450,000,000 on the combined marine and railroad terminal. The enormous canal, the subways, sinking the freight lines coming into the city, the plan to submerge Los Angeles river and to lower certain hills to fill the old river bed are but items in the great plan.

The marine terminal combined with the railroad terminal, calling for a canal up the Los Angeles river bed from the harbor at Long Beach to Nigger Slough just east of Torrance, is the most sensational part of the entire project. The canal, Gillies says, would be large enough to accommodate the largest ocean vessels, and would do away with the problem of congestion in handling freight from the ships the city is now facing.

With such a commercial unit in working order Los Angeles would at once become the port of entry for all Oriental, South American and Panama Canal commerce. All transportation would naturally come here as it is the shortest haul to the East by railroad and the shortest haul to the West and South by ship.

A half cent in tonnage shipment costs can make or break a port, and the city could not help but have the cheapest rate on the Pacific Coast. It is well known that water shipping is seven times cheaper than land freightage.

The earth taken from the canal would reclaim the biggest part of the sloughs in that section, and would thus make the digging cost practically nothing.

ONE BRAND OF PUB. OWNERSHIP

Real public ownership of public-service corporations, says the Mining and Oil Bulletin for January, should consist of investment by the public in such corporation. With reasonable government regulation there need be no fear of stock-jobbing,—and if the regulation becomes unreasonable, the shareholders, (the public), exercise their suffrage rights and put in a new set of regulators.

This method places the cost of "public ownership" upon those willing to bear the burden,—and does not force it upon all taxpayers; the investor realizes a nominal return upon his investment; the general public, through reasonable regulation, gets service at a fair cost,—and no opportunity is accorded the politician to dabble with more public funds, nor to sustain a self-perpetuating machine.

Woman May Build An Apartment House Here

Showing the interest taken in Torrance and the appreciation of the building and investment possibilities by strangers, a letter was received this week by Secretary Gadeky from a woman living in St. Louis, Mo., who stated that she was anxious to build a large modern apartment house in this city, and asking the secretary for advice.

The letter stated that the writer had visited Torrance recently, and had noticed the trainloads of Tool company and other employees leaving daily for their homes in other cities.

The writer had become convinced that homes and apartments were needed here, and was ready to build a large modern apartment house, if she could be satisfied it could be leased.

By return mail Secretary Gadeky informed the Missouri woman that such a house was badly needed, and gave her such additional information as to convince her that an investment of this nature would be a highly remunerative proposition.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL

Next Sunday morning's service at 11 o'clock will be "difficult." It will be in the hands of the Gideons. The Gideons, as is well known, are an organization of Christian commercial travelers. They have done much within the last few years in raising the moral standards of traveling men generally.

Three or four representatives of this organization will speak briefly at the service Sunday morning. The evening sermon by the pastor will be on that portion of the Lord's prayer which says, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

The Sunday school is going the best in its whole history. It meets at 9:45 a. m.

The Christian Endeavor society must move out into the auditorium for its devotional meetings from now on, owing to the increased attendance. The meeting hour is 8:30.

The Ladies' Guild meets Thursday afternoon of this week at the home of Mrs. Charles Stock in Vista Highlands.

The woman's Missionary society has regular meetings the third Thursday afternoon of each month. The Christian Endeavor social and business meeting comes the second Friday evening each month.

Choir rehearsal Wednesday evening. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

All people welcome at all services. Francis A. Zeller, pastor.

Rain Stops Dance—Continued Indoors

If "all the world loves a lover" it also admires a "dead game sport," and Torrance is proud of Tom Bartlett for attempting at least to carry out his announced program of giving one of his popular street dances Monday night in spite of the bad weather.

Lowering clouds and occasional downpours of rain Monday in no wise discouraged Bartlett, who answered scores of telephone and personal calls with "yes, the dance will be given, rain or shine." Stringing myriad lights over El Prado, sweeping the street and sprinkling thereon corn meal, was done between showers early Monday evening, and resulted in two dances being given, the music being furnished by a five-piece orchestra.

During the second dance, indulged in by devotees of the sport, it began to rain to such an extent that the outdoor dance had to be abandoned, and with his well known hospitality Mr. Bartlett cleared his cafe of furniture and invited the few who had dared the elements to dance inside to their heart's content, which they did until midnight.

Income Tax Blanks Being Mailed Out

The filing period for income tax returns for 1922 is from January 1 to March 15, 1923.

Form 1040 A is used for individual net income of \$5000 or less, and Form 1040 for net income returns in excess of \$5000.

An income tax return must be filed by every citizen of the United States, whether residing at home or abroad, and every person residing in the United States, though not a citizen, or whose net income amounted to—

One thousand dollars if single, or if married and not living with husband or wife.

Two thousand dollars if married and living with husband or wife.

If the combined net income of husband and wife and dependent children equalled or exceeded \$2000 or if the combined gross income of husband, wife and dependent minor children equalled or exceeded \$5000 all such income must be reported on a joint return or on separate returns of husband and wife. If the single and the net income, including that of dependent minors, if any, equalled or exceeded \$1000, or if the gross income equalled or exceeded \$5000, a return must be filed. A minor, however, having a net income of \$1000 or \$2000, according to the marital status, or a gross income of \$5000, must file a return.

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Torrance Theatre
Show Starts Every Evening at 8:30. Second Performance at 8:30
Adults 25c—Including Tax—Children under 15 years, 10c
SUNDAY-MONDAY, FEB. 4-5
Mae Murray in "BROADWAY ROSE"
The Brilliant Star in the Most Spectacular Production of Her Career
LARRY SEMON in "GOLF"
PATHE NEWS
TUESDAY, FEB. 6
David, Powell, Harrison Ford, Walter Heira and Gloria Swanson in "HER GILDED CAGE"
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7
VAUDEVILLE
AUSPICES MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA
Secure tickets from members. Only a limited number to be sold.
THURSDAY-FRIDAY, FEB. 8-9
"I AM THE LAW"
A Big Production with a Positive Emotional Appeal, with the greatest Cast Ever Assembled.
SATURDAY, FEB. 10
Betty Compson, John Bowers and Richard Dix in "THE BONDED WOMAN"
"Round the World in 18 Days" Episode 2

Announcement - -
E. N. TOMKINS
wishes to announce to the people of Torrance and vicinity that he has opened up a Paint and Wall Paper store in Park's Plumbing store, Torrance, across the street from the postoffice, where he will display the latest designs in wall paper, interior decorations, and a full line of
W. P. FULLER'S PAINTS
VARNISHES, ETC.
To all his friends and patrons a cordial invitation is extended to call and see his new line of goods.
OPEN FEBRUARY 1, 1923

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Every member of the family knows that the roast will be a delicious one when it comes from our choice selection. Besides being sure of the meat supply, you also know the price is right, in dealing here. You will like our sanitary methods, also. They insure you clean meat.
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Torrance Now Has a first-class Welding Shop. We weld all metals. WORK GUARANTEED. GO ANYWHERE, ANYTIME. Located in Torrance Transfer Bldg., 213 Border Ave. Phone 53 and—
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February 16-26, 1923
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Great Industrial Section
Amusements and Entertainment for All, featuring SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL BAND of 40 Artists—18 Soloists with CAROL BRAVO and ETHELYN OSTROM in Grand Opera
10 Regular Trains Daily from Los Angeles
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SALE ON SHOES FOR Men, Women and Children
In order to make room for big shipments now coming in, this large stock of high-grade shoes must be sold.
MEN'S DRESS SHOES \$4.85, \$5.75 (Famous Pioneer Brand)
MEN'S WORK SHOES \$2.95 and Up (Famous Milwaukee King)
LADIES SHOES \$3.95 \$4.95 (Regular \$9.00 values)
Children's Shoes, \$2.75 up (High Grade Welt)
SPECIAL SALE ON PUTTEES, \$3.75 (Regular \$7.00 value)
A LARGE STOCK TO CHOOSE FROM. COME IN AND SEE FOR YOURSELF
We Do Only First-Class Shoe Repairing
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Stock up your pantry with a few cans of different kinds—and you will have something nice which you can get ready in a hurry.
Special prices on Canned Goods in quantities.
Fresh Groceries; Lowest Prices.
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Can Accommodate 80 Cars
THE WHITE GARAGE
Showing the New Jewett and Reo. Also some good second hand cars.
Reopened under New Management
Repair Work on All Makes of Cars
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