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SAVE FOLKS FROM FLAMES TONIGHT START CARSON PAVING NEXT WEEK

CURTIS CO. BIDS ARE LOWEST

Supers Award Contracts for Paving to Daisy St. in Beach City L. B. WILL BUILD BRIDGE Improvement to Orange Co. Seen as Year's Most Important Job

Work on the paving of Carson street from the Los Angeles shoe-string strip to Daisy avenue in Long Beach will start next week, according to information received today from the road construction department of Los Angeles County.

Contracts for the work were awarded by the Board of Supervisors to the George R. Curtis Paving Company, Inc., the low bidder.

The street will be paved only to Daisy avenue. It is understood that the city of Long Beach has under way proceedings for the construction of a bridge across the flood control so that the highway may be extended directly to Long Beach boulevard.

Petitions for improvement of the highway from the east Long Beach limits to Artesia, to connect up with the Orange County highway system, are being checked by Los Angeles County authorities.

World Champion Bowler Beaten On Local Alleys

Harry Hopping Topples Smith in 7-Game Match at American

Jimmie Smith, world's champion bowler, went down to defeat at the American alleys in Torrance Sunday night when Harry Hopping of Los Angeles won his seven-game match against the globe's premier bowler by a score of 1488 to 1444.

The match was a thriller from start to finish. The contestants went into the last game with only 14 pins separating them. In the final game Smith cracked and with two errors rolled only 163. Topping's 194 in the last game gave him victory.

The Los Angeles bowler gave a stellar exhibition. During the entire seven games he did not make an error. He registered three splits, but picked up two of them. Once he picked up the No. 5 and No. 7 pins, and on another occasion knocked over the No. 3 and No. 10.

Hopping's average for the seven games was 212 plus, while Smith's was 206 plus.

Smith's defeat at the American was the first he has suffered on his western tour.

For his victory over Smith Hopping receives a gold medal, a bowling ball and bag, presented by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company.

The scores in the Smith-Hopping match follow:

Table with 2 columns: Player, Score. Rows for Smith and Hopping across 7 games.

Sunday afternoon Bert Sharon rolled three games against Smith. Sharon rolled 219, 189 and 191 for a total of 599, but was defeated by Smith's total of 650, made by scores of 212, 222 and 216.

Observations

Florida Is on a Spree and Is Plumb Certain to Have a Severe Headache—So Let's Not Be Jealous of Her—The End Is Near

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

OF course we Californians, native and adopted, have reason to believe that the attractions of Florida, as wonderful as they may be, are beggared by the beauties of this state's mountains, valleys and shore. And consequently we chuckle with some justification when news filters through from Florida that tourists down there are gradually coming to realize that Californians are right in their estimation of the comparative merits of the two states.

Just the same Florida is entitled to her little boom. Nor should we begrudge her the prosperity that has blossomed over the southern peninsula. California, with the wildest, most insane real estate orgy that the world has ever witnessed, has ever witnessed. And when things eased up here the moving real estate men of this empire sought more fertile fields in Florida. They moved. Hence the Florida boom. It was started by real estate men, pioneers of development. And the leaders among these dirt pushers learned the game in California. So why should we object?

FLORIDA will always be an attractive place for Winter tourists from the east and middle west. It is easily accessible from the large cities on the other side of the Mississippi and in the valley of the great river. And after the inevitable headache that is certain to follow the present debauch Florida will enjoy a considerable, albeit more conservative development.

We shouldn't be jealous or impatient that the bubble burst real soon. Give the southern state a chance. And let us be grateful that some of the agencies that boomed California on the strength of climate alone are away from her and are now doing the same thing in Florida—giving California a breathing spell in which to take inventory and find out what climate isn't everything, and get about the business of stimulating industrial activity on the Pacific slope.

We should be grateful to rather than envious of Florida. THE penalties of overstimulation of the real estate market are all too well known in Southern California to require elucidation. So we know what will happen down there in the land of the Everglades when the jag wears off.

A few stories have come west, however, that will tell Californians something of what is to happen in Florida. In the light of our own experience they speak volumes.

A man recently returned from Florida asserts that a piece of business frontage on the main street of Miami was listed at \$25,000 a front foot. It was offered to this California man at that figure. On the basis of that price Miami should be a city of about a million inhabitants. Last year's population in Miami was 66,000. As a speculation the price of \$25,000 a foot for the land might have been justified, if one proceeded on the assumption that P. T. Barnum was right. But no business house on earth could stand that much for land, erect a building on it and make its activities pay in a city the size of Miami.

SOONER or later, and probably sooner, the chap who holds the land is going to hold a very large bag as well. Land is actually worth no more than it will return to its owner in terms of interest on his money. When a person pays more for property than he can get out of it he is gambling on future development, which is all right, too, but only up to a certain point. When one pays a million-population price for land in a town of 100,000 he is plain lucky if he ever gets his money back.

Florida is playing the climate game straight across the board of chance. But prices are so high that none but a millionaire can afford to buy it, build on it and live in the house. When that condition exists 99 percent of those who do buy with both eyes on selling at a profit. A point is soon reached at which land costs so much that none but the ultra wealthy can live in the locality and then the commercial houses take their wallop. For the commercial backbone of any community is the great and long-suffering middle class.

FLORIDA is rewriting the old, old story. It is a story of wild inflation, without heed to the fundamentals of economics. And when any locality does that it is standing with one foot over the precipice and the other on a roller skate.

I feel sorry for those thousands of poor devils throughout the middle west who have bought lots in Florida from blueprints. Many a life's savings have gone into land miles and years away from development. The promised bonanza for most of these hopeful investors will turn out to be a bit of fool's gold.

And I have no earthly use for the type of individual who foists that sort of land off on a gullible public.

Florida is heading for the shoals, not because she does not possess manifold attractions as a winter resort state, but because she is overinflating herself with her own wind, like some sort of self-inflating balloon.

WHEN will the jag be over? Who knows? Soon, I hope—not because I yearn to watch somebody suffer, but because the sooner the spree is ended the quicker the headache will cease, and Florida settle down to a sane, sensible, conservative growth that she deserves by virtue of her merits as a great state with a fine climate and splendid agricultural possibilities.

Some folk on the situation is provided by a Californian who recently came back from St. Petersburg and Palm Beach. He declares that first mortgages and trust deeds are scoffed at now by sellers of property. They all want cash. If that be true the end is in sight. If those who now own the land or have contracted for its purchase are fearful lest they sell and then have the land shoved back at them, the rumpus is already subsiding. For most of these folks will not be able to get cash for their land and those that do will merely pass title to somebody else who cannot. So it begins to look as though the end is near.

McKINLEY INN F. L. Doss of Bakersfield was a recent guest here. Earl Robinette and Frank Healey were weekend visitors in Los Angeles. Mrs. May McKinley is a guest this week at the home of her nephew, Forrest L. Doss, of Bakersfield.

GRID YEAR TO OPEN FRIDAY

Torrance High Will Meet Excelsior Eleven of Norwalk LARGE CROWD EXPECTED Students and Townspeople Interested in Outcome of Opening Game

Torrance and Excelsior High School teams will meet on the local grounds Friday afternoon for the first football game of the season. A crowd is expected, as both students and townspeople are anxious to see the Torrance team 'do its stuff.'

The team will be all dolled up in the new togery which was bought with the \$200 appropriated by the Chamber of Commerce for football supplies.

The lineup is as follows: Ray Sleppy, q; Walker Zaver, f; Emerson Le Clercq, lb; Everett Richard, rh; Eugene Risdon, c; Theodore Rathburn, lg; Richard Patterson, rg; Myrie Bacon, rt; Floyd Chandler, lt; Jack Reeve and Earl Hager, le; John Fiesel and Jim Morse, re; Forrest McKinley and Vern Rowell, guards; John Reynolds and Alfred Pennington. The rooters' section will be led by Leonard Babcock, the new yell leader, assisted by Harry Phillips.

Aid Society of M. E. Church To Lunch Tuesday

Mrs. Vandewater of Long Beach Will Speak at Anniversary Meeting

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate the fourth birthday anniversary of the organization with a luncheon at the church next Tuesday at 12 o'clock noon. Mrs. C. S. Vandewater of Long Beach will address the meeting. All members are urged to attend.

K. of C. Puts On Columbus Day Ceremony Here

Frank P. Jenal Addresses 150 on Importance of Discovery of America

Columbus Day was commemorated in Torrance Monday night when 150 persons gathered at the American Recreational Center Hall on Carson street to enjoy a program and dance given by the Knights of Columbus of Torrance and Redondo Beach.

Frank P. Jenal, instructor of law at St. Vincent's College, delivered an eloquent address on the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus and the subsequent world-wide benefits resulting from that discovery. He stressed the fact that the discovery of America made possible the birth of the United States government as a departure from old world traditions, and their adherence to the principles of liberty as set forth in the constitution.

Dorothy Battosh entertained with a pretty solo dance and two clever recitations. The White Rose Trio and Joe Collision favored with musical numbers.

Robert M. Garbe acted as chairman of the evening. He is district deputy of the 21st district of the Knights of Columbus. After the program dancing was enjoyed to music furnished by the Radioland orchestra.

THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME



"The Great American Home" cartoon by Small will be a regular weekly feature in the constantly improved Torrance Herald. Watch for it.

Family Taken On Dry Act Charge Freed

County Enriched by \$500 When George Williams Claims Booze

Charged with the possession of liquor, in violation of the Wright act, C. F. Fiesel, his sons Fred, Will and Henry, and daughters Esther Fiesel and Ida Wright, who were taken into custody Oct. 6, all pleaded not guilty and disclaimed any knowledge of the liquor in question.

Their claims were substantiated when, late in the afternoon, George D. Williams appeared with bondsmen and pleaded guilty to ownership of 51 whole cases and seven broken cases of Black and White and Haig & Haig whisky and five gallons of alcohol.

Williams paid a fine of \$500. Wilmington officers had raided the Fiesel place and found nothing. Later Constables Taber and Morris scouted around the neighborhood and saw a car drive into the tenant property owned by Fiesel. The occupants of the car seemed particularly interested in the barn. So were the officers interested—and their interest resulted in the discovery of liquor buried under a mound of hay.

Fiesel was questioned, helped load up the liquor, and was detained, together with the other members of his family.

WOMEN'S CLUB DEDICATION SET FOR OCTOBER 29

The formal opening and dedication of the Torrance Women's Club's splendid new clubhouse will be held on Thursday, Oct. 29, according to an announcement made late today by Mrs. F. L. Parks, president of the local club.

Complete details will be given in a special edition next Thursday of The Torrance Herald, and club members as well as the public in general are requested to watch next Thursday's issue of this paper.

Quick Action By Hurum Reeve Causes Arrest of Lad and Gives Possible Clue in Mail Robbery

Quick thinking followed by quick action on the part of Hurum Reeve last Thursday resulted in the arrest of D. L. Jenkins on a charge of attempting to pass a forged postoffice money order.

Jenkins came into Hardware Reeve's to purchase a jack-knife. When he decided to purchase the first one Mr. Reeve showed him, Mr. Reeve's suspicions were aroused, particularly when Jenkins proffered a postoffice order in payment.

Reeve excused himself and went to the street, where he located Officer Brunnett, who questioned Jenkins and placed him under arrest.

According to police, Jenkins admitted that he had forged the endorsement on the order.

Chief Patterson took Jenkins, who is 19 years old, to Los Angeles, in the belief that the confiscated postoffice order might serve as a clue in locating the guilty parties in recent Southern California mail robberies. The Los Angeles officials were grateful to Chief Patterson for this co-operation and detained Jenkins while they traced the clue provided by names on the money order.

Subsequently several arrests were made in the big Los Angeles mail robbery case, but Chief Patterson has not as yet been informed whether the arrests were the result of Jenkins' arrest.

Merchants Ball Team Will Play 3-Game Series

First Tilt With Lawndale Will Be Staged There, Next One Here

The Torrance Merchants ball team has signed up for a three-game series with the fast Lawndale nine. The first game will be played at Lawndale Sunday. A week from Sunday the two aggregations will meet on the Torrance High School grounds. The outfit will toss a coin to decide the place at which the third game will be played.

Peters Orchestra at Keystone Sunday

The Floyd Peters 25-piece orchestra will give a concert next Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, at the Keystone Church.

Extension Course in Accounting To Open in Long Beach

Business men and women and professional accountants will be interested to know that the University of California extension division will soon start a course in accounting in Long Beach. This class begins Monday, Oct. 19, meeting from 7 to 9 in the evening, room 27 George Washington School. The first meeting is open to visitors. Further information may be secured by writing to 800 Markwell Building, Long Beach.

Charlie Inman Is Torrance Booster

Charlie Inman, genial manager of Dale's, is certainly sold on the future of Torrance.

"My money stays here," said Charlie. "And I know it's going to grow."

Mr. Inman has just purchased the house and lot at 1750 Arlington avenue, next to his own home, and has remodeled the house considerably. He has rented it to Gene DeBra. The acquisition of this property gives Mr. Inman 100 feet fronting on Arlington avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks On Trip to East

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brooks left last week for a month's eastern visit. Their itinerary includes visits at Seattle, Wash.; Billings, Mont.; Chicago, Ill.; and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Scott are visiting friends in Imperial Valley and San Diego.

FIRE BOYS WILL DO STUFF

Volunteers to Put Out Burning Building on Fiesta Grounds

FUN AND SERIOUSNESS Demonstration Will Reveal Efficiency of Torrance Department

There will be plenty of excitement at the corner of Sartori avenue and El Prado tonight at 8:30—plenty.

There will be a big fire and it will be put out—at least Chief Hannabrink and the volunteer firemen say it will, and they usually keep their word.

And after the fire is extinguished—but that is getting ahead of the story. Before the flames are quenched by the department, a couple of screaming women will be rescued from the leaping tongues of blaze. It's a fact. Of course these women may not be real women at all, but they'll look like women, at least as much as Charlie Newby can be disguised to look like one.

Then the boys will put out the fire and do their stuff with the ladders, in a demonstration of ladder scaling to be staged at the El Prado Apartments.

Program Serious, Too The putting out of the fire and burlesque rescue of the threatened folks in the flaming structure on the Fiesta grounds will be accomplished by the Dingville Fire Department in co-operation with the Darktown Fire Brigade.

These firemen are mighty stingy about giving public notice of the details of the affair, but they say it will be plenty worthy watching.

Seriously the demonstration will show the public something of the working efficiency of the local volunteers, an efficiency that has repeatedly been demonstrated at fires in Torrance. After the demonstration Rev. Ben Lingenfeiler will address the public.

The comedy part of the demonstration will start promptly at 8:30. The department Tuesday afternoon staged a practical demonstration at the Elementary School. After an exhibition of horse running and the making of a reserve connection, Rev. Ben Lingenfeiler spoke to the pupils on the importance of fire prevention. He praised the local department highly.

C. E. Workers Will Join In Musical Affair

The Redondo District Christian Endeavor will hold a district "sing" at the Presbyterian Church in Moneta Friday evening, Oct. 16, at 7 o'clock.

Local Endeavorers are urged to attend—help your society with the banner. Bring your friends; they count, too.

The Redondo District comprises the societies of the following churches: Evangelical and Christian, Torrance; Community, Long Beach; Congregational, Manhattan Beach; Community, Hawthorne; Baptist, Hermosa Beach; Community, Grant; Community, Lawndale; Congregational, Redondo Beach; and Presbyterian, Moneta.

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