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"Sins of the Fathers"

Suit Filed Against Assessment of Alondra Park by Johnson Corp. Meeting Protests Improvement

GARDENA.—The long-talked-of first blow in the fight to upset the assessments of more than a million dollars for the acquisition of Alondra Park was struck last Friday when the O. T. Johnson corporation and the A. P. Johnson company, joint owners of considerable acreage in the district, filed suit in the superior court for the return of taxes paid on their Alondra Park assessments. The companies had paid their taxes under protest, thus reserving the right to attack the validity of the assessments.

The suit promises to develop into a thorough-going test of the validity of the recently adopted improvement law known as the Mattoon act, sponsored by the Los Angeles county counsel. It is alleged in the complaint that the assessments as contemplated under this improvement proceeding, and as actually made under the Alondra Park proceedings, are unconstitutional. If the plaintiff's contention is upheld by the courts it will not only relieve the Alondra Park assessment district, most of which is in Lawndale, of assessments totaling \$1,014,000, but will upset millions of dollars worth of other improvement proceedings taken under the Mattoon act in Los Angeles and other counties in the state.

Attorneys Barker and Keithley of Los Angeles represent the Johnson interests in the litigation.

At a mass meeting held last week in the Gardena High School, a resolution was passed opposing the improvement of Alondra Park. Over 150 people interested in the proceeding attended the mass meeting, 102 voting against the improvements and two casting their vote in favor of the project.

The meeting was called by F. J. Oberer, president of the Southwest Protective Association. After reading a copy of the proposed contract between the board of supervisors and the city council of Los Angeles whereby it was proposed that the county lease the park to the city for a period of 99 years and that the city in return was to improve

it with a golf course and other recreational features, the meeting was thrown open for discussion.

Secretary John Grady of the Southwest Organization, Inc., obtained the floor after some rancorous discussion and told the audience that it was a legal impossibility to lease the park for an airport or for oil purposes without an act of the legislature. He urged that in view of the fact that the park was there that a constructive plan for its improvement be adopted.

After Mr. Grady finished a gentleman from Lawndale spoke and stated that the whole Alondra Park scheme as originally planned was a real estate scheme under the guise of a black menace. The argument then became somewhat heated on both sides, and intimations flew back and forth that various people were juggling the truth.

In reply to a statement by Mr. Oberer that the proposed improvement of Alondra Park was not brought before any civic bodies by those backing it, Mr. Grady read those clipping from a Hawthorne-Lawndale paper which stated that he had presented the matter before the business men's association at that place and that that association had passed a resolution in favor of the improvement.

Oberer replied that that was false as he had attended all meetings of that organization and no such discussion or action took place.

Mr. Fraser of Western City was then called upon to give the views of the Western City Taxpayers Association. Mr. Fraser stated that a vote of the directors of the Western City Taxpayers Association had been taken and that they were against the improvement of the park and furthermore that they were against everybody that was in favor of it.

Mr. Fraser expressed himself in no uncertain manner that in his opinion the acquisition of Alondra Park was a "dirty robbery" and that there were no two sides to the question.

Several speakers reverted to the recent meeting called by the Chamber of Commerce at the Legion Hall for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the people and charged that the sentiment of the people was 95 per cent opposed and yet they passed resolutions favoring the park.

Wayne Bogart, secretary of the chamber of commerce, then stated that the recent meeting at the Legion hall was called for hearing both sides of the subject and had nothing whatsoever to do with Alondra Park. He challenged Mr. Oberer that if he were fair he would explain that to the meeting. Mr. Oberer acknowledged that Mr. Bogart's statement was correct.

Mr. Fraser moved that a raising vote be taken on a motion that it was the sentiment of the meeting that the board of supervisors in the board of supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council entering into any leasing agreement and improvement project on Alondra Park at this time.

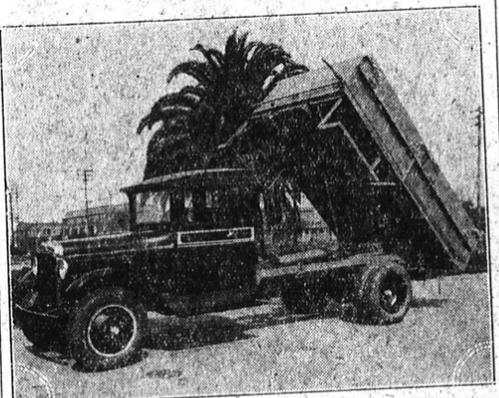
Considerable discussion was then entered into as to who was eligible to vote, with Mr. Oberer finally ruling that no attempt should be made to limiting the voting, but that the matter be left up to the individuals as to whether they had a right to vote, and he requested that those who were not taxpayers in the district to refrain from voting.

Before the motion was voted upon Jeff Clark inquired if the passage of this motion would not discredit the chamber of commerce and the Lions Club, and suggested that the chamber of commerce members refrain from voting.

Chairman Oberer stated that he was a heavy taxpayer in the affected district and that he was for the improvement or any other improvement which would increase the value of his investments.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Oberer made a plea for the citizens to join the Southwest Protective Association and passed out membership cards to be signed and turned in.

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Carson P.-T. A. Play Coming Along Fine

Cast Given Out for Laugh Hit, "The Ladies' Aid"

Rehearsals are going forward for the first play to be given this year at Carson street school. "The Ladies' Aid," a musical satire in one act will be presented at 8 p. m. in the auditorium of the school on Friday, March 22 by the Carson street Parent-Teachers' Association.

Mrs. George Nahmens, well known in women's circles here will portray the leading role. Included in the cast are:

Mrs. P. Hydrogen, president of the Ladies Aid—Mrs. Charles M. Forrest.

Mrs. Howe D. Dugh, the hostess—Mrs. George Nahmens.

Miss Huntman—Mrs. E. H. Poole.

Mrs. Stout—Mrs. John Hilpert.

Mrs. Fetherbrin—Mrs. E. P. Howe.

Mrs. Snappy—Mrs. Walter Phillips.

Mrs. Tombstone—Mrs. George Tomlin.

Miss Scrawny—Mrs. Charles Pierce.

Mrs. Ruffles—Mrs. Earl Strong.

Town Lot Drilling in Inglewood Soon to Get Proving Test

INGLEWOOD.—The Community No. 1 well drilled out the cement this week in preparation for the coming production test, which will determine whether or not Inglewood is to have an oil field in her town-lot section. The test will not be completed before one or two days at least have elapsed, however.

Santa Fe

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