



• Tomorrow's Children Will Enjoy Alondra Park—Planned to Be County's Chief Recreational Site.

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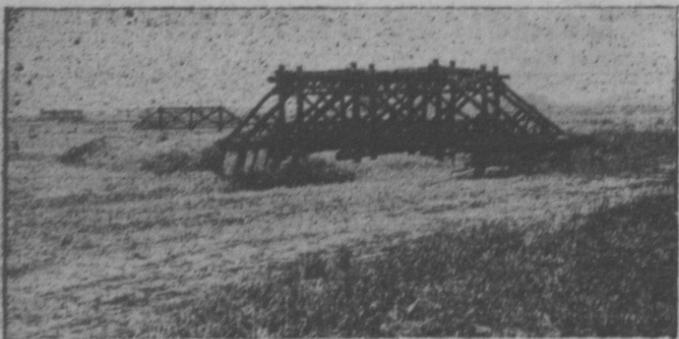
Will be County's chief recreational park; 319 acres.

Situated near beaches, just across northern city border.

Site is coolest in County.

18-hole golf course, 10-acre lake, baseball grounds, tennis courts, recreational building, sections for Boy and Girl Scouts included in plans.

May be site for proposed Southern California exposition.



• Rustic Bridges Cross Arroyos in Alondra Park.



• A Hole in the Ground Today. Tomorrow—a 10-Acre Lake.



• Government Has Had Men Working Under WPA Program.



• Thousands of Trees Have Been Planted in Alondra Park.

RECREATION Facilities Being Augmented

"A REVIEW of the past; a panorama of the present; a visualization of the future." Such is the pledge of this issue of The Herald, as shown on its cover. And the story of Alondra Park is definitely a visualization of the future.

This 319-acre tract, directly contiguous to Torrance's northern border but lying in county territory, will some day be one of the most noted of Southern California's play spots. While the county has owned it for nearly ten years, lack of funds has prevented much development.

Not until 1930 was anything done with respect to its improvement, but in that year the first of an extensive tree-planting program was begun. Today there are thousands of young trees on the tract, principally along the eastern and western borders where they will serve the triple purpose of beautification, boundary markers and windbreaks.

Work Program Used

WITH the beginning of various work programs under the federal government, Alondra Park has been utilized and improved so far as man power alone could be used. Not one cent has been spent for materials under the RFC, CWA, ERA and WPA programs, yet much has been done.

Two of the outstanding features which have been accomplished are rough grading of an 18-hole golf links and excavation of a 10-acre lake. Now pending is an application for \$800,000 to be expended in further work on these as well as a number of other features of the future park.

So much for the past and present. What will the future bring?

Future Plans

IT WILL bring a recreation center second to none. It will bring a centrally-located gath-

ering point for entire families, free to the public, with special facilities for the Boy and Girl Scout activities of the entire county. It will bring pleasure and happiness to all ages of both sexes.

As pointed out by J. R. Wimmer, assistant county forester in charge of the forestry division, under whom development of the park is carried on, the beaches are already overcrowded but future expansion of the population will render this condition more acute. When the family of the future finds no room at the beaches for a Saturday or Sunday outing it will be but a five-mile drive, on the return loop, to reach Alondra Park with its spacious recreational acres.

Pleasure for All

HERE will be picnic sites; a golf course for Dad and Mother; baseball diamonds for Junior; a large, safe lake for boating (and perhaps swimming) for Daughter; a battery of tennis courts; with a myriad of facilities for other sports, such as archery, quoits, croquet, etc.

There will be a Recreational Center building as well as special buildings for the Boy and Girl Scout organizations, while certain portions of the tract will be developed with the particular aim of providing for week-end camping parties of these groups.

Analysis of temperature records for many years shows Alondra Park, according to Wimmer, to be the coolest spot in the entire county in summer, with a pleasing climate in winter. Combined with its strategic location near the point of congestion of pleasure seekers, yet on a direct-line trip between these beaches and their city homes, the park will be used annually by millions.

THE PARK has been suggested as a site for the pro-

posed Southern California exposition to be held to celebrate the completion of Boulder and Parker Dams and the Colorado River Aqueduct. No decision has yet been reached, but if it should be so utilized it would bring that future day of a complete recreational park many years closer, through the intensified development which would then take place.

And Alondra Park is but ten minutes from the heart of Torrance, really part of the city, yet geographically in unincorporated territory, just across the Torrance city line.

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