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To Hold Election on Water District

HAWTHORNE.—The special election to decide the question of creating a water district to embrace the communities of Lawndale, Wiseburn and Moneta Gardens and to float a bond issue of \$540,000 to construct a water plant and distributing system to serve the district, has been definitely set for January 15 by the board of supervisors. At the time of the overruling of the protests against the proposal to call the election it was announced that the election date would be some time early in January, but the actual date was not fixed at that time.

It is anticipated that the water company which is serving the district at the present time will make a determined effort to defeat the bonds, but proponents of the improvement, under the direction of the Lawndale chamber of commerce are planning to conduct an extensive campaign of education to put the project across.

Mrs. Ida Blewett of Los Angeles spent Saturday with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ott Reed on Dolores street.

Mrs. H. C. Rocque Is Hostess to Club

KEYSTONE.—A charming hostess on Thursday was Mrs. Harry C. Rocque who entertained the Crochet club of which she is a member with a luncheon. With autumn flowers used throughout the rooms, cards were played during the afternoon. Mrs. Thomas A. Cowan winning the prize. Second prize was awarded to Mrs. Tannehill and the consolation prize went to Mrs. Schurman. Those present were Mrs. Barbara Berry, Mrs. S. S. Tannehill, Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. George Nahmens, Mrs. Forna Tupper, all of Keystone and Mrs. H. T. Boxworth of Long Beach; the hostess, Mrs. Rocque and her sister, Mrs. Ray Schurman of Midway City. A delightful Christmas party is being planned by the club for its next meeting, Thursday, Dec. 20 at the home of Mrs. Tannehill on Dolores street. The affair will begin with a Christmas luncheon followed by the gathering around the Christmas tree, when gifts will be distributed to all the members.

Carson street school will close on Friday of this week for the annual Christmas vacation.

Medal for Boy

COMPTON.—Mr. and Mrs. John D. Swiestra, parents of a 7-year-old Clara Swiestra, who was killed by an automobile near Dominguez Junction last week while attempting to save his dog, will be given a medal of honor by the State Humane Society for the little chap's brave deed, according to a letter received today by Chief of Police West from state officials of the society.

Hermosa Riddle on Pier Settled

HERMOSA BEACH.—The mayor, members of the city council and other city officials, spent Friday night and most of Monday delving into the mysteries of the Hermosa and Pier avenue assessment, and are said to have reached what they consider a fair solution of the problem which has aroused a storm of protest, which may not be stilled by the final action of the council, which has the matter under advisement.

According to reliable information it had been tentatively decided to take \$1.50 a front foot off the assessment upon property along Manhattan avenue and on cross streets which have been assessed at \$5 a front foot from as far east as Palm drive. This reduction, amounting to approximately \$30,000 will be added to the Hermosa avenue frontage, \$3.50 to be added to each front foot between Tenth and Fourteenth streets, except that a differential of \$50 will be added to lots west of Hermosa avenue and taken off the large frontages on Hermosa.

The remainder of the amount cut off from Manhattan avenue will be prorate to the Hermosa avenue frontage, excepting that between Tenth and Fourteenth streets, and that portion of the west side of Hermosa lying north of Twentieth and south of Tenth.

It is stated that the assessor has been ordered to make these changes when the council is expected to take final action.

Happy Hour Club Enjoys Gathering

KEYSTONE.—The members of the Happy Hour club were entertained on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbons on Fries ave., Wilmington. Prizes in pinocle were won by Mrs. Corinne LeBlanc for high score and Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson for low. Following the card games a dainty refreshment course was served by the hostess. Those present were Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. LeBlanc, Mrs. Mary Doychik, and Mrs. Gibbons, the hostess. The next club meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. LeBlanc on Figueroa street next Wednesday night.

Sixty Booked for World Wide Trip

WILMINGTON.—Upwards of sixty Southland residents have booked passage around the world on the Hamburg American liner Resolute out of New York, January 7, 1929, according to W. A. Montague, district manager at this port. The liner is practically booked full, the number being limited to 450. She will sail eastward, returning by way of Wilmington May 13 next.

Patrick F. Sheehan and family of Dolores street are moving to a house on Wilmington street owned by George Koehler. Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan have resided here for three years and raised considerable poultry. They will continue in this business and will raise a large number of turkeys in the future.

Four hour drying enamel \$4.95 gal. Consolidated Lumber Co.—adv.

Court Approves Annexation of Villa Tract to Redondo

Inspection is felt by Redondo Beach people anxious to see the city progress in a recent court decision settling the validity of the proceedings relative to the annexation of the Villa Tract to Redondo Beach. Information is given in a statement by the city attorney that an appellate court decision had been rendered in a similar case in the city of Sunland. The election for annexation of the Villa Tract was held some time ago, but large land interests shortly thereafter brought suit to nullify the proceedings. The decision just entered in the Sunland case will act as a test case for the local suit, making a continuance of the suit unnecessary.

Lawndale Field Lease Cash Paid

HAWTHORNE.—Persons residing in the city of Hawthorne who signed leases with the Barnsdall Oil Company have the past week received checks for the amounts their agreements called for, based on a lease price of \$200 per acre. Provision in the contract calls for test drilling before February 1 or the additional payment of lease money. The feeling is prevalent especially in the southern section of the city, that the Barnsdall Company are rather well assured of what they are doing in taking leases on all the property they can get. It is believed the wells now drilled in the Lawndale section are providing more oil than is commonly thought and that in the near future there will be a determined effort to outline the field which is thought to be here.

Development of more or less oil in the Potrero field gives rise to the belief that through this section runs the structure that will some day give development to an active oil field.

Abandon Wildcat Well at Compton

COMPTON.—Fint's is now being written on the Dominguez Extension oil well on Olive and Compton avenues. The tombstone was placed some time ago but the caplash is being carved this week.

Rates on Grain to Harbor Decreased

WILMINGTON.—Material reduction in the rates on grain from points in Imperial Valley to the harbor have been made by the Southern Pacific Company, according to word received by L. H. Stewart, rate attorney of the joint rate committee of Wilmington and San Pedro. All main and branch line points on the Southern Pacific, California and south, are affected, including Wilsie, Seeley and Dixieland on the San Diego and Arizona railway. The new rates range from 25 1/2 to 34 1/2 cents per 100 pounds and no difference is made when for export. The reduction on traffic for local delivery range from 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents per 100 pounds and on traffic for export from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents per 100 pounds. The proposed reductions apply only on whole grain and not to grain products.

3 Hostesses in Pre-Nuptial Party

KEYSTONE.—For the pleasure of Miss Connetta Grasso, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Grasso of Figueroa street whose marriage to Jack Deluca will take place on Dec. 16, Mrs. Esther Deluca, mother of the groom-to-be and two sisters, Jennie and Mary were hostesses on Friday night. The home of Mrs. Deluca on Seventh street, San Pedro, furnished the setting for the delightful party which took the form of a miscellaneous shower. With autumn colors used in decorations games were played during the evening hours, with a refreshment course of ice cream and cake climaxing the gay party. A beautiful array of gifts were received by the bride-elect.

The guest group included Jennie Deluca, Genevieve DiMazza, Sophie Grasso, Mary DiMeglio, Esther Deluca, Pauline Falla, Suite Castagnoli, Rose Minghino, Rosalie, Carrese, Anna DiMeglio, Lucy Deluca, Lulu Stickney, Mildred Colletti, Lucy DiMeglio, Sophie Falla, Connetta Briganti, Louise Proclivo, Frances DiMeglio, Lucy Scognamiglio, Mrs. Andrew Proclivo, Mrs. Gerald Cigliano, Mrs. Frank Amalrese, Mrs. Ralph Galante, Mrs. Joseph Fisher, Mrs. Frank Ruiz, Mrs. Peter DiMeglio, Mrs. Lucia DiMeglio. The following men were present later in the evening when dancing was in order: Gerald Cigliano, Carmen Minghino, Frank Minghino, John DiMeglio, Tony DiMeglio, Frank DiMeglio, Jack DiMeglio, Ralph Galante, Louis DiMeglio, Frank Ruiz, Jack Deluca and Tony Lauro.

Sewer Problem in New Delay

HAWTHORNE.—The question of whether to order in the sanitary sewers in the north half of the city was temporarily shelved by the city council on Monday night when it was unanimously voted to leave the decision until the first meeting in January, which will be on the 14th of that month.

Coast Guard Nab Mystery Schooner

WILMINGTON.—Coast Guard officers last night seized the mystery ship Przemysl, a three-masted schooner which limped into the harbor yesterday under her auxiliary power. According to Commander Roger C. Weightman of the local Coast Guard base, the ship will be held indefinitely for investigation. It is the first time that a German ship has been taken over by official anti-run running fleet. Customs men reported that they found no liquor. The ship showed clearance papers from Ensenada. Coast guards said that they had had her under suspicion off the Mexican coast for some months.

Read Our Want Ads

WELCOME, MAGGIE! COMPTON.—Straight from the wilds of Arizona has come a new resident known as Maggie. She is seven months old, which means she is about half grown, and is making her home in a green cage at the Blackhawk Garage on Truck boulevard below Olive. Maggie gets her name from the fact that she is of an ornery disposition. But so are all bobcats who are taken from their natural environment and kept in captivity among strangers. A sore foot caused by the loss of one toe in a steel trap adds to her discomfort. C. H. Blackman, owner of the garage, hopes to keep her until she is a tame, good-natured kitty. Maggie was sent to him by a friend who captured her a few days ago. The friend is now looking for a Jiggs who will also be kept at the garage. Mr. Blackman believes that Maggie will become a good pet. He feeds her liver one day a week, beef or chicken five days, and on the seventh day he does not feed her at all. And she is growing fat on the treatment.

Reopen Shipyards to Finish Contracts

WILMINGTON.—Shipyards of the Los Angeles Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Corporation have not reopened and reorganization has not been completed, despite reports to the contrary, according to officials of the company. It will be many days yet, before the reorganization can be perfected, they say. However, the yards continue to keep on the job a staff of perhaps seventy-five employees who are finishing work on contracts already under way when the yard was ordered closed for re-vamping.

Former Mayor of Manhattan Dies

HERMOSA BEACH.—Captain Henry C. Cow, aged 85, pioneer resident of Manhattan Beach and former mayor, died Tuesday morning of pneumonia, which followed an accident in which he was severely injured. On Thanksgiving Day the aged man was warming himself beside a gas heater when his clothing was ignited and he incurred third degree burns on his back, which necessitated treatment and he was taken to Hermosa-Redondo hospital.

Advertisement for Gorham Plate Silverware, featuring the text 'GORHAM PLATE SILVERWARE' and 'What Could Be a More Wonderful Gift?'. It includes the name 'Howard's JEWELER' and the address '1503 Cabrillo Ave. Tel. Torrance 157-R'.

Advertisement for Ford Motor Company, titled 'The utilities of a city are combined in your motor car'. It features an illustration of a Ford car and describes its electrical and mechanical features.

Advertisement for Ford Motor Company, titled 'YOUR automobile is something like a miniature city'. It describes various features like the electric light and power system, water system, fuel system, and storage battery.

Advertisement for Ford Motor Company, titled 'The entire electrical and ignition systems of the new Ford are so simple in design and so carefully made that they will give you surprisingly little trouble'. It mentions the generator, storage battery, and spark plugs.

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Advertisement for Gifts, titled 'GIFTS THAT CHEER'. It lists various gift items like 'Double Every Wednesday' and 'Double Every Wednesday'.

Advertisement for Darnee Parfums, titled 'BY DARNEE—An exquisite collection of world famous Parfums in holiday packages, so rich in color blending'. It lists items like 'COLLEEN MOORE, at \$9.00', 'JASMIN, at 10.00', 'NARCE, at 13.50', and 'DIER KISS, at 9.00'.

Advertisement for Beacon Drug Co., titled 'Shaving Sets', 'Smokes', and 'Fountain Pens'. It lists various products and prices, including 'Houbigant's \$3 a set and Red Feather \$1.75 a set'.

Large advertisement for Ford Motor Company, titled '5 ROOMS FURNITURE FREE Until Christmas'. It includes the text 'FORD MOTOR COMPANY' and 'Keystone Finance and Building Corporation'.