

# Nine Garages, 5 Cars Lost to Blaze

Disastrous Fire at Redondo Beach Last Wednesday Night

Loss of approximately \$2,000 was sustained by property owners at Redondo Beach on Wednesday night of last week, when five late model automobiles and nine garages burned at 217 South Elena street. The fire for a time threatened two adjoining houses.

Said to have been caused by a short circuit in ignition wires of one machine, the fire was believed to have started about eleven o'clock, but as nobody noticed the smoke, flames blazed for twenty minutes before the Redondo fire department was notified. People in nearby houses took precaution and moved all their furniture and valuables to safety.

The garages were owned by G. W. Griffith of South Broadway, while the automobiles were owned by his tenants. The garages burned to the ground and the five cars were practically a total loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Strong of Amelia street are motoring to Yosemite National Park for a two week vacation.

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## Act of Vandalism to Delay Opening

Unknowns, in Vengeful Spirit, Smeared Walls of New Building

Damage estimated at \$2,000 was done to the new \$250,000 Hotel Don, Wilmington, last Thursday night, when unknown persons smeared the walls and woodwork of one hundred rooms, all newly painted and decorated with a calumny paint, ruining the decorations to such an extent that all rooms will need to be completely refinished.

The malicious intruders entered the premises during the night hours and wrought havoc in the rooms. The contractor immediately put a large crew of men at work to repair the damage, and stated it would take at least one week to put the rooms into shape.

It was the intention to open the new hotel about July 15, but this damage will delay the opening for at least one week, it is expected.

## No Authority to Stop Taxis to a Monte Carlo Boat

L.A. Harbor Department May Not Interfere With Transportation

Lack of authority will prevent the Los Angeles harbor department from interfering in any way with the transportation of the fishing barge Centennial of passengers who may later be transported to the gambling barge Montalconcio, Burr Edwards, general manager of the harbor department, declared recently.

Mr. Edwards has refused on several occasions to grant owners of the gambling barge permission to operate a water-taxi service out of the harbor, but he has done this solely to avoid any hint of sanctioning the barge's operation. The department has no authority to prevent small boats taking passengers either from the Fifth street landing, San Pedro, or the small boat wharf adjoining the Catalina Terminal at the foot of Avalon boulevard, to an asserted fishing barge, since both are public landings.

## KEYSTONE NOTES

Mrs. E. H. Poole, president of the Woman's club of Keystone, Mrs. Charles LeBout, first vice president and Mrs. Barbara Berry all attended the first conference of the district program chairman, Mrs. Harold Ide, which was held at district headquarters, 3109 Hobart boulevard, Los Angeles, on Wednesday morning, June 28. Mrs. Howard U. Sherwood, president of Los Angeles district was the guest of honor addressing the conference.

Mrs. L. L. Morrison, vice chairman of the department conducted an open forum on "The Duties of a Program Chairman." Other speakers present proved very interesting.

Wish Mrs. E. H. Poole, president in the chair, the last meeting of the Woman's Club of Keystone for the season was held at Boosters' hall on Main street on Wednesday afternoon. Reports on the annual luncheon were given by Mrs. J. S. Slippy who was chairman of the dinner committee. It was decided to make application for membership in the federation of Women's clubs, at this time.

Mrs. Charles M. Forrest, president of the Carson street Parent-Teacher Association, and three of the members, Mrs. George Tomlin, Mrs. T. G. Cunningham and Mrs. E. P. Howe, were in attendance at the annual picnic of the Garden-Wilmington council, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, which was held on Thursday at Banning Park, Wilmington. A delicious picnic dinner was spread before the group which included members of 11 Parent-Teacher associations of the council. Following the dinner prizes were given by the various associations which proved to be very amusing. Bilingual Banning High School association, Wilmington, second prize; and Gulf avenue, Wilmington, consolation. Races were held completing the program of the day.

## Hawthorne Ave. Suit Discussed

Cost of Condemnation Considered at Meeting of Owners

HAWTHORNE.—At the meeting of the Hawthorne chamber of commerce the question of the acquisition of the privately owned strip of ground in the center of Hawthorne to Raymond avenue came up for discussion, and various plans and suggestions of the city. Secretary Lorne Howe suggested in laying the proposition before the organization that condemnation proceedings for the property might be carried out more cheaply and to better advantage if it were done by the county rather than the city. City Clerk Fraser, who was present, agreed that on account of engineering facilities the county would be in a position to handle the proceedings at less cost than the city. If the proceedings were handled by the county it would be necessary to include some territory outside the city limits in the same improvement project, though it would not be necessary to charge outside territory with any of the cost of the acquisition of the strip.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Pierce and family left Monday for a two week vacation, which they will spend in Yosemite National Park and San Francisco.

The World Wide Guild of the Keystone Baptist church will have a strictly business meeting on Friday afternoon at the church on Dolores street. All members of the guild are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Main of Dolores street left Sunday for a two week vacation, which they will take them as far east as Kansas.

The Keystone Baptist church will hold their annual picnic at Anaheim Landing on Saturday, July 13.

Belief was expressed by Secretary Howe and by others that on account of the fact that Hawthorne avenue is part of a boulevard in the making which is to run from Hollywood to the southwest beaches, the county supervisors might justly have the county assume a portion of the cost of acquisition of the property. How large an assessment district it would be advisable to create over which to spread the cost, was also given consideration.

Margerie Sault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Sault of Amelia street entertained her Sunday school class of the Calvary Presbyterian church of Wilmington on Monday evening at her home here. Margaret Stevens, won first prize and Geraldine Nelson, consolation prize in the games played. Musical and coffee games constituted the evening's program. A beautiful bouquet of Los Angeles gladiolus, Bulbia and silver fern was presented by the class to their teacher, Mrs. Sault. Present were Geraldine Nelson, Ethel Wright, Margaret Stevens, Margaret Pierce, Lucetta Carter, Helen Snyder, Elmer Schneider, Anna Limon, Clara Niehoff, Marie Gueratus, and their teacher, Mrs. Sault.

## Compton Pastor at Keystone Sunday

Keystone people will have the opportunity of hearing Rev. Ira Fox of Compton in their local church next Sunday evening, July 7 as he and Rev. H. B. Transchel, pastor of the Keystone Baptist church will exchange pulpits at that time. Keystoneers are urged to be present to enjoy the pleasure accorded them next Sunday evening. Surprises of this nature will be frequent in the future.

Mrs. Blanche P. Ritter, principal of Carson street school, her husband and daughter Lucille, left on Monday for an extended trip to Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon and mountains of

## Keystone C. of C. Annual Dinner Is Big Success

Dr. Shidler Is Toastmaster; Wilmington Pastor Is Speaker

A bountiful chicken dinner long to be remembered by the nearly 200 present, was served on Saturday night when the Keystone Chamber of Commerce held their annual banquet at Boosters' hall. Ernest P. Howe was chairman of the dinner committee and a great deal of the success of the dinner was due to the ability of the chairman and his committee. Dr. Geo. P. Shidler of Torrance was toastmaster. Rev. H. B. Transchel, pastor of the Keystone Baptist church offered the invocation. Guests were present from all communities adjoining Keystone. The Keystone Boy Scouts, their Scoutmaster, Robert Lewis and Mr. Ellis P. Moore, Jr., Scout executive, were special guests of the chamber on this occasion, inasmuch as the Chamber sponsors this group. Girl Reserves of Keystone acted as waitresses and the following numbers on the evening's program were given: Two vocal selections by Miss Pearl Tannhill; piano solo by Sylvia Gorky; cornet solo by Warren Sapp; violin solo by Lelona Johnson; piano solo by Beatrice Jackson; vocal solo, "I Love You Truly," by little Phyllis Howe, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Howe; reading by Lorene Cunningham; two songs by the Girl Reserves. Heath W. Pate of Alhambra, president of the Harbor Transportation club, spoke a few words. Rev. Charles Swift of the First Christian church, Wilmington gave the address of the evening, speaking on "Co-operation," and holding the attention of the audience to the last words of his speech.

During the evening Thomas A. Cowan, president of the Chamber of Commerce was given a beautiful jewel, the presentation being made by Harry C. Roques, president of the Keystone Boosters. Robert Lewis, Scout Master, was presented with a valuable fountain pen in appreciation of his work with the Boy Scouts.

## C. B. Jentsch, Keystone Man Is Killed in North

Long Beach Man, Companion on Vacation Also Died in 600 Foot Plunge

Charles B. Jentsch of Amelia street here and his companion, Gustave Frederick of 810 Obispo avenue, Long Beach were killed in an automobile accident the first of last week, news of the finding of the bodies reaching here on Wednesday. Mr. Jentsch was well known here, having owned a large poultry ranch for several years. Not having had a vacation for years Mr. Jentsch left home on May 28 in a new car, accompanied by Mr. Frederick and S. C. Phipps of Orizaba avenue, Long Beach, for a several weeks' trip to Vancouver and Canada, where they were taking their leisure time fishing and generally enjoying their vacation. When the men reached Portland on their return trip, Mr. Phipps received a wire that he immediately return to his home in Long Beach. Leaving his companions on the afternoon of June 20 he returned by rail. Between Oakland and Sacramento while driving on a dirt road their machine plunged down a cliff over 600 feet, where it is supposed that the men met instant death, their machine being completely demolished. The men had apparently been dead three days when their bodies were found. Mr. Jentsch is survived by a widow and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwartz of Keystone, while Mr. Frederick is survived by his widow. Funeral services were held at Cleveland and Barker Undertaking Parlor, Wilmington, Saturday afternoon, at two o'clock and interment was at Sunnyvale Mausoleum, Long Beach, on Monday.

Mr. Jentsch was an esteemed citizen of this community and a member of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce and it is with deep sorrow that the community received this sad news.

Little Vernon Hurst, four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hurst of Ocean avenue and Main street died on Saturday. Funeral services were held on Monday at Torrance.

## Work Progressing on Large Factory

New Ten Million Dollar Ford Plant at Harbor Being Rushed

Steel work at the Ford plant, Wilmington, marks the second step in construction of the big \$10,000,000 motor unit, all operations up to this time having involved the casting and driving of wood and concrete piling.

The general contractor has announced that he will start laying exterior brick on the main assembly plant by July 27, indicating that the steel work will be rushed at top speed.

The contractors have mapped out a plan of starting each step of construction work at one end of the assembly building and progressing toward the other end, so that the 930-foot structure will be in various stages of construction at all times to its completion. All plans have not been driven, but enough are in place at one end to permit steel beams and columns to be erected, so the two jobs will keep pace, it is explained.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Roques and family, Mrs. Barbara Berry Roy and Donald Berry and Mrs. Fernie Piper all of Keystone and Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Jennings and family of Glendale motored on Sunday morning to the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Roque at Manhattan Beach where they prepared their breakfast and enjoyed the day on the beach.

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## Longshoreman Is Killed at Harbor

WILMINGTON.—When a boom line carried away and the last strand of the day parted a score of feet into the hold of the freighter Cape of Good Hope, B. Golden, 34, longshoreman of San Pedro, was crushed under a falling drum and instantly killed. The vessel was alongside the case oil loading dock, berth 131, at Fries and Water street.

Mystery surrounded the identity of the dead man, who had not been registered through the marine service bureau and was believed to have been hired from the dockside. His address was unknown, and his name was obtained from papers on his person.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Gutzhour of San Pedro were dinner guests of Mrs. Barbara Berry and her son, Roy on Thursday.

## Prospective Patrons of the Gambling Barge Gathered Last Week at the Wilmington Landing in Anticipation of Opening of the Service.

A similar group was reported from the P. & O. dock, Long Beach, in spite of the Long Beach city ordinance forbidding operation of such a boat service. Both groups were disappointed, however, when water taxis failed to appear.

The Wilmington landing has been selected as the shore terminus of the service to the Centennial. She is within 1000 feet of the Montalconcio, which is anchored more than twelve miles off Seal Beach.

The Crochet club will not meet this week on Thursday, owing to the holiday falling on that day. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 18, at the home of Mrs. Harry C. Roques.

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