

Another Reduction In Assessed Values Forecast for 1933

Another sharp reduction, this time from 12 to 20 per cent, is forecast in the assessed valuation of Los Angeles county for 1933, by County Assessor Ed W. Hopkins. Last year valuations were reduced on average of 22 per cent, which would make a drop in valuations as much as 42 per cent in two years, it was pointed out.

Definite figures on the new valuation for property in Torrance and vicinity will be available within 30 days, Hopkins stated.

Los Angeles county's assessed valuation for 1932 was \$2,512,685,785. Of this amount, \$794,411,859 was improvements and \$1,718,273,926 personal property, the balance being real estate.

Assessing of personal property will begin Monday, March 6. Hopkins stated. This valuation likewise is expected to be lower than for 1932, Hopkins added.

The assessed valuation of Torrance for 1932 was \$18,655,345.

Mullin Lumber Adds Line of Builders' Clay Products

A new and complete line of builders' clay products has been added to the Mullin Lumber Company stock at 1745 Border avenue, it was announced this week by P. L. Bruner, manager of the local yard.

Among the clay products now carried in stock and which are featured at competitive prices are sewer pipe, fittings, drain tile, blue lining, fire brick and fire clay. A number of these products are advertised by the Mullin Lumber Company in this issue, in order to give patrons an opportunity of learning the low prices the company is quoting.

Mrs. Don Donatti visited in Hollywood Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thaxter of Fresno visited friends in Torrance last week-end.

J. C. Terry is ill at his home at 2312 Dominguez street.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tomkins at their home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. John Wimmer and Miss Mayme Wimmer of Burbank.

Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden
Congressman-elect, 17th District

Speaker John N. Garner came down to the hotel lobby recently smoking a cigar about the size of an Ozark corn-cob. Up in north-west Missouri in the corn belt the cobs are much larger and are used to manufacture corn-cob pipes, sawed up for fire wood or used for temporary fence posts. When asked where he bought his cigar, Mr. Garner replied: "Why this is Al Smith cigar. I'm fond of them for they last about three hours. Sometimes one of them lasts three days when I'm real busy and don't have time to smoke." I wanted to suggest that he try one of those fine, fragrant three-for-ten cigars that I smoke, but I restrained myself as they waste a half a dollar in Texas feeding it to the live stock. Another result of the depression, burning corn in Nebraska and burning alfalfa all over the country.

Back of the Speaker's desk, across the hall is the Congressional reading room where you find the daily newspapers from all sections of the country. California is represented by the Los Angeles Times, two papers from San Francisco, one from Fresno and one from Sacramento. But at the other end of the hall of representatives is the Democratic and Republican smoking rooms, one for each party. In these smoking rooms many little but important caucuses and conferences are held during the daily battle.

And between the hectic moments there are periods of relaxation where a dozen members sit around smoking and telling stories on each other. But I heard an interesting incident related that caused a lot of discussion. It seems that down in Texas a traveling salesman stopping at a country hotel left a \$100 bill with the hotel proprietor for a few days for safe keeping. The butcher came to the hotel and presented a bill for payment of cash and paid the butcher the \$100 bill. The butcher turned it over to a farmer for fat hogs. The farmer paid it to a merchant and he in turn paid it to the doctor. The doctor paid it to his landlady and she paid it to the dentist. The dentist was boarding at the hotel and paid it to the proprietor, who later returned it to the traveling man.

On his next trip to the town the traveling man said to the hotel proprietor: "Do you remember that \$100 bill? It turned out to be a counterfeit." And the question that was gravely discussed by the members was, "Who owes who?" Will Al Bolsta of Wilmington tell me that?

McFadden has had his fling at last. The obstreperous Pennsylvania arose to a question of constitutional privilege and the Republicans heaped on him from every side and raised points of order until the Speaker ruled him off the floor. Another morning McFadden arose to a question of personal privilege and read editorials from a number of newspapers severely criticizing him and attacking his intelligence and his sanity. Snell, the Republican leader, and his lieutenants at once began to harass McFadden with points of order. But Speaker Garner ruled against them and held that McFadden was entitled to answer his critics.

McFadden made a vicious attack on President Hoover because of an alleged conspiracy with England to avoid the debt that England owes the United States and the Republican leaders made a point of order that King George was not within the scope of his impeachment resolution. When McFadden mentioned "Wheat" the same point of order was raised. In fact, McFadden was heckled to an extent that I have never before witnessed. He finally gave up in disgust and yielded the floor. He had been shamefully whipped by the members of his own party. I always sympathize with the under dog. And in this case the poor dog was being punished by a whole pack.

But as usual when a matter is carried too far there is a reaction. So the other day under the rules of general debate the Democrat in charge of the time allotted McFadden 20 minutes. To my surprise the Republican member from the state of Washington controlling the Republican time yielded 20 more minutes so that for 40 minutes McFadden poured his vitals of wrath on the president's head. Speaker Garner had called another to the Speaker's chair. When the hecklers started another barrage, McFadden refused to yield and the presiding officer sustained him, and the contentious member from Pennsylvania apparently got it all off his chest.

While McFadden has an intense feeling against the president, he is not a rabble-rouser but a well-poised speaker who convinces one that he is earnest in his views.

The rules committee is one of the powerful parts of the House parliamentary machinery. It is the inner wheel around which other wheels revolve. It is jealously guarded by the party in power. The Speaker is its spokesman and its executive. With its support the Speaker is all-powerful and without it he is but a willow branch in a breeze.

It was the rules committee that made Speaker Reed the czar of his time, and that made Joe Cannon such a power in his party. It is the rules committee that clothes Speaker John N. Garner with the undisputed sway he exercises over the House and makes his name a household word throughout the land. The good will of the Speaker can put you under the spotlight and make you a national character, or if he frowns upon you, consign you to oblivion.

You can work on a bill until your bones ache and your head becomes dizzy. You can get the approval of other committees and a million constituents. But the rules committee determines whether your bill gets on the calendar or dies without a chance. There is one exception to this rule. Upon a petition being signed by 115 members, one-third of the House membership, a bill is forced out of the committee and reported to the House. The rules committee decides the day your bill gets before the House and it also decides the time allowed for debate. Usually, important bills are pre-

Keystone Men Are Remanded For Trial On Burglary Charge

At a preliminary hearing held in Justice Frank Carrell's court, Gardena, Saturday, Herman Townsend and Alvin Pollis, accused of burglary, were held to the superior court for trial and were committed to the county jail in default of finding bail.

Charges of burglary against Mrs. Billie Townsend and Mrs. Jean Pollis Anthony, who also appeared for preliminary hearing, were dismissed and Deputy District Attorney E. Angier substituted charges of petty theft, to which the women plead guilty and were given a suspended sentence of 100 days each in the county jail.

MRS. KING FETED AT SHOWER

Mrs. W. F. Burgener, assisted by Miss Holland, entertained with a stork shower at her home on Madrid avenue Saturday evening honoring Mrs. Harold King (Geneva Holland). Many lovely gifts were presented in a unique manner. Sweet peas were used throughout the rooms and a valentine motif was accentuated. Included were the honoree and Mesdames George Morgan, G. L. Mowry, E. N. Tomkins, Alice Beck, E. L. Snodgrass, Brown, T. E. Reeve, Robinette See Butcher of Los Angeles, Ida Bodley, H. L. Bodley, Alberta Holland, Mrs. Edith Bodley and Misses Maxine Brown, Doris Spoon, Ruth Beckwith of Long Beach and Mildred Holland.

M. E. LUNCHEON AT FORDICE HOME

Thirty-four ladies attended the luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. L. L. Fordice yesterday afternoon. The affair was given as a benefit for the M. E. church. A valentine motif was used for decorations and accessories. Following luncheon a group of readings by Mrs. H. L. Alcorn and a vocal group by Mrs. Lorraine Ulrich were enjoyed. Mrs. Fordice was assisted by Mrs. Juliette Johnson, Mrs. Loma Turner and Mrs. Emma York.

BETSY ROSS CLUB MONDAY

The Betsy Ross Club will hold their regular business meeting and luncheon Monday, February 20, at 12:30 o'clock. A short program will follow the business session. For reservations call Mrs. W. W. West, 232-M, or Mrs. J. F. Dalton, 215.

BIBLE CLASS MEETS

Thirty members of the Women's Bible Class of the Christian church met at the home of Mrs. J. C. Terry, 2312 Dominguez street, Friday evening. Following a business session, games were enjoyed and refreshments were served.

ceded by several hours of general debate, the time equally divided between Democrats and Republicans. General debate is interpreted liberally and this affords many members an opportunity to make speeches to send back home for the information and entertainment of their constituents. When the time for general debate is exhausted, the reading of the bill begins. The reading clerk reads the bill paragraph by paragraph and members offer amendments or oppose sections of the bill. Debate is now limited to a five-minute speech. And under this five-minute rule the bill is slowly but surely on its way to the final decision.

The House rules and manual consists of a book of nearly 700 pages and contains the Constitution of the United States, Thomas Jefferson's Manual of Parliamentary Practice and the Rules of the House with Notes and Annotations. And it is the Bible of the legislative conduct of the House. Few members become parliamentary experts. Most members depend upon the experts. Personally, I'm not going to fiddle away much time on rules, but devote my time to working and helping and voting to lift this depression thing. And that's some problem from the way the land lays here.

Pick-ups... Wright Patman of Texas is the veterans' friend. He is young and handsome and is always ready to go to the bat. Keep your eye on Wright Patman. Senator Long has been called back to Louisiana in an election contest in which a friend of his is involved. And the Senate has assumed its dignity, its traditional composure and the even tenor of its way. No fun or excitement about the Senate while the Kingfish is absent. In spite of what the big newspapers say, I hope he hurries back. Black of New York has white hair. Hare of South Carolina is as hairless as Lieutenant Governor Frank Merriam. When I think of Moses I always picture a flowing robe and a long beard. But Senator Moses has neither. He is a clean cut business man. Senator Bratton of New Mexico is an able man with a youthful face and red hair. I wish Billie Marr, of the Florence Messenger, were here so that I could lean on his shoulder and be comforted by his sympathy. For eight weeks I have been mailing 14 news-letters per week at three cents each. Now the postoffice department informs me they are frankable. Only a good Scotchman like Billie knows just how I feel.

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Gianinni Denies Retirement Rumor

A. P. Gianinni, interviewed today at the bank's headquarters about rumors concerning his retirement, stated emphatically, "Nothing is further from my thoughts. During the proxy battle I pledged myself to protect and promote the best interests of the stockholders and I haven't forgotten my pledge."

"Very few people realize fully how much has been accomplished. The expense account of the bank has been reduced by over \$472,000 per month. Current profits for the last six months of 1932 averaged \$693,440 per month. I have visited nearly every branch personally and loans have been carefully surveyed.

losses determined and adequate reserves set up. A substantial gain in deposits has been achieved. The morale of the staff is splendid. The senior executives are in close touch with their problems, have them well in hand and are enthusiastic about their work.

"My job is not yet done and talk about a successor is premature."

—Buy American—

FRIDAY, SATURDAY SPECIALS

ASSOCIATED AGROCERS

INDIVIDUALLY OWNED STORES

Just Look These Over!

BUTTER, lb. 11c
(Swift's Premium Quality)
With Purchase One Heise's Assorted Cakes for 25c

Wheat Krispies . . . pkg. 9c

Jell-Well All Flavors . . . pkg. 5c

LaFrance Powder 3 pkgs. 25c

WHITE KING
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FREE KITES for the Kiddies! Large Package . . . 27c

Pre. Coconut 1/4-Lb. 11c 1/2-Lb. 19c

Super Suds . . . 3 pkgs. 25c

SOAP Crystal White . . . bar 3c

Sierra Milk Chocolate 1/2-lb. 15c

DEL MONTE
COFFEE . . . lb. 25c

Vermont Maid Syrup 12-oz. 19c
Two Jig Saw Puzzles FREE!

Palmolive Soap . . . 3 bars 19c

Quaker Oats Sm. . . 7c Lge. 15c

Cake Flour Softasilk . . . pkg. 23c

Fresh Every Day from the Ranch
EGGS Medium DOZEN 15c
with 2 rolls 1000-sheets Toilet Paper, at 5c each

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CHALLENGE BUTTER lb. 20c

Cigarettes CHESTERFIELD OLD GOLD LUCKY STRIKE and CAMELS pkg. 10c
Carton of 10 pkgs. \$1.00

GOLD MEDAL FLOUR 24 1/2 lb. sack 60c
10-POUND SACK 28c

CRISCO SHORTENING 1-lb. can 17c
3-POUND CAN 48c

PILLSBURY FLOUR 24 1/2 lb. sack 55c
10-POUND SACK 27c

HOMINY BURBANK 2 No. 2 1/2 cans 15c

CLEANSER SUNBRIT 3 cans 10c

EVAPORATED MILK CARNATION, BORDEN ALPINE and M-M PET tall can 5c

DR. ROSS DOG FOOD 2 cans 15c

CHOCOLATE DELIGHTS 1-lb. pkg. 25c
UNEEDA BAKERS

Dressing SALAD BOWL quart jar 27c

Ben Hur Coffee DRIP 1/2 can 32c

Dunn's Jellies ASSORTED 2 7-oz. Jellies 25c

Milani CHICKEN & NOODLES 1-lb. jar 29c

Clo's Bleach 25-oz. bottle 5c

Ginger Ale COUNTRY CLUB 3 22-oz. bottles 25c

Purex CLEANSER 32-oz. bottle 10c

Syrup KERN'S OLD DOMINION 1/2-gal. jar 15c

Ripe Olives SEQUOIA MEDIUM 9-oz. can 13c

Clorox BLEACHES quart bottle 15c

Eastside Brew 3 pint bottles 17c

Ginger Ale SUN RAY 3 bottles 20c

BACON SWIFT'S PREMIUM, PURITAN or ARMOUR'S STAR 1/2 lb. carton 1c

SAUSAGE MICKLEBERRY, LINK or PATTIES lb. 25c

Pot Roast FIRST CHUCK lb. 11c
CENTER CUT 1/4c

Veal Loaf lb. 15c
BEEF, PORK AND VEAL

Pork Roast LEG END CUT lb. 11c
CENTER CUT 1/4c

Chickens COLORED BAKING lb. 25c
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