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the fence in the ball park, with 31 already laid out to fill the space, and more room will be arranged for exhibits of automobiles and other products if required.

All committees are hard at work to make the affair a success, and all that is needed is the hearty co-operation of the public, who are invited to make no out-of-town engagements for the three days, but to remain in town and enjoy a local celebration. Many out-of-town visitors are expected also.

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Police Chief Killed



Police Chief Elton G. Fish of North Sacramento, Calif., called to investigate reports of a burglary in an exclusive district, was killed as he sought to question the three suspects.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Lou Freeman, proprietor of Mama Lou's Cafe, entered the hospital August 12, for medical treatment.

Fritz Knute, Brighton Hotel, entered August 12 for treatment for rheumatism.

Mrs. Katie King, 156 Wabash, San Bernardino, is receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. Gertrude Ralston, 1667 Gramercy, who fell recently at her home, is undergoing treatment at the hospital.

Births

To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Anderson, 609 Portola, a boy, August 13. To Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenkins, House B, Spurlin Court, a girl, August 10.

When Dueling Was the Way To Preserve One's Honor

By C. B. ROBERTSON

Located about ten miles from Washington, D. C., is Blandenburg, made famous because of the many duels that took place there. The first notable meeting on the spot was in 1803, between Barent Gardiner, member of Congress from New York, and George W. Campbell, member from Tennessee. The quarrel was a political one. Gardiner was much opposed to the embargo act passed by Congress and attacked it fiercely on the floor of the House. Campbell, one of the leaders of the administration party, was greatly incensed at the speech. In turn he assailed Gardiner with such a torrent of personal abuse that the latter was provoked to a challenge. In the encounter the member from New York was dangerously wounded, but subsequently recovered, and being a great favorite with his constituents was re-elected to Congress. Campbell was elected to the Senate in 1811, and in 1814 was appointed secretary of the treasury, a position which he resigned after holding it about one year.

The Last Resort

Blandenburg from that time on became a favorite resort for those whose wounded honor could find no balm save through the code of the duel.

In 1814, Ensign Edward Hopkins of the army, whose parents resided at Blandenburg, was shot on the field within sight of his home. February 6, 1819, a most painful and desperate encounter occurred there between General Armistead T. Mason and Colonel John M. McCarty, who were cousins and both Virginians. Mason at that time was a United States senator. The two gentlemen had quarreled at an election and McCarty was the challenger. It was arranged that they fight with muskets, each loaded with a single ball, at four paces. When in position the muzzles of their guns nearly touched, and at the word both fired together. Mason fell dead and McCarty was dangerously wounded.

Famous Duel of Navy Men

The famous Decatur-Barron duel occurred at Blandenburg on March 22, 1820. Stephen Decatur and James Barron had both been captains in the United States army. Captain Decatur had received the thanks of Congress and a sword from that body for his brilliant exploits in the war with Tripoli. Barron had been found guilty of the charge of neglecting his duty while in command of the Chesapeake, and had been suspended from the service. Decatur had served on both the court of inquiry and the court-martial trying the case. Barron had subsequently applied for restoration of his rank and had been opposed by Decatur, not for personal reasons but for the principle of honor. This was the cause of the enmity between the two officers, and after a long and bitter correspondence, finally culminated in a duel. They fought with pistols at eight paces, and Decatur was fatally wounded and his antagonist dangerously wounded at the first fire. They held a brief conversation as they lay on the ground, exchanging full forgiveness of each other. Before the fatal shots were fired it is said that Barron remarked to Decatur that he hoped on meeting in another world they would be better friends than they had been in this, and Decatur replied, "I have never been your enemy, sir."

A number of other duels have been fought at Blandenburg, among which may be mentioned that one between a treasury clerk named Randall and a Mr. Fox, of Washington, in 1821, in which the latter was killed at the fire. The duel between two members of the Congress, Bynum of North Carolina and Jenifer, in 1836, which was the last meeting on the famous field. This last fortunately was bloodless. It was brought about by a political quarrel, and after six shots had been exchanged without damage to either party the affair was settled amicably. Many more duels were fought besides those at Blandenburg, the most prominent being between Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton who fought at Weehawken on the Hudson in New York, July 11,

1804. Hamilton, not wishing to harm Burr, fired in the air. Burr took deliberate aim, mortally wounding Hamilton with the first shot.

On February 24, 1838, William J. Graves, member of Congress from Kentucky, and Jonathan Cilley, member from New Hampshire, fought near Washington with rifles at 15 paces. Cilley was killed at the third shot.

On March 10, James Jackson, a military officer, killed Lieutenant-Governor Wells of Georgia and himself was severely wounded near Savannah.

Button Gwinnett, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, after reading Lachlan McIntosh beyond endurance, was challenged to a duel. Gwinnett was instantly killed.

The duel between Andrew Jackson and Thomas H. Benton in 1813, was an unusual one. They had been intimate friends, but fell out because of politics. Both received severe wounds, and it is said that the wound Jackson received caused his death later on.

Thousands of Entries Compete For Prize Money

Largest Amount Ever Paid Out Will Be Distributed At County Fair

(CNPA, Inc. Service) POMONA.—A total of 30,000 entries will compete for \$125,000 in prize money at the 14th annual Los Angeles county fair in Pomona September 1 to 29, inclusive, according to figures just released by Secretary-Manager C. B. Aftersbaugh. This is by far the largest amount ever paid out by the exposition and represents an increase of 25 percent over last season's total. It is nearly double the amount paid in 1933. The increase is spread throughout the score or more major divisions of the fair, thus encouraging keener competition and the best in exhibits.

The sum of \$50,000 will be paid out in purses during the 17 days and three nights of horse racing. The blue blooded aristocrats taking part in the beautiful night horse show will draw around \$25,000. The next largest amount, approximately \$20,000, will go to the livestock division, including horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine and goats. Small stock such as poultry, rabbits, pigeons, etc., will carry away some \$5,000. In the women's department \$2,000 will be awarded for the best pies, cakes, canned goods, needlework, etc. Another similar amount will be distributed among the junior fair entries and the remainder will be divided among the winners in fine arts, horticulture, arts and crafts, dairy products, apiary and other divisions of the exposition.

Forestry Plane Spots Culprit

MONTICELLO, N. Y. (U.P.)—John Lester Patterson, huckleberry picker who is serving a six-months sentence is the first person ever convicted from evidence gained by the state conservation department's forest fire scout plane. Pilot Albert Lee-Wolf spotted Patterson near a blaze.

Mountain Moved In Day

GRAND COULEE DAM, Wash. (U.P.)—Mountain-movers might be the title awarded the Mason-Walsh-Atchison-Kier Company, Coulee dam contractors, following their record of moving 17,700 cubic yards of dirt 1 1/2 miles over an endless-belt conveyor system in one day.

Brush Yields 627 Golf Balls

CLINTON, Mass. (U.P.)—ERA workers, clearing brush from the woods near the Runaway Brook Club at Bolton, discovered 627 golf balls. The balls, which filled a bushel basket, had been lost during the past 37 years that the club has been in existence.

Delinquent Tax Payments Reach Nearly Million

Biggest July Collections On Record Reported From Auditor's Office

Property owners in Torrance, Lomita and other parts of the county paid in nearly \$1,000,000 to the county in delinquent taxes last month in order that they might still be property owners, the county auditor's office reported today.

In the biggest July on record for delinquent payments, a total of 5,320 payments were made, \$27,333.52. This is nearly \$200,000 more than the \$733,151.89 paid in during July of last year, when only 7,443 payments were made.

The moratorium on penalties expires September 1, according to T. Tanner, chief of the division of tax redemptions. The law applies to property sold to the state for taxes of 1933 or prior. Due to the short time remaining, the county is urging taxpayers to obtain statements as soon as possible.

July payments were in contrast to those of the two previous months Tanner pointed out. Total payments for the fiscal year, 1934-35 were approximately \$1,000,000 ahead of 1933-34 until May, when collections dropped off and the last fiscal year ended up approximately \$150,000 short of 1933-34.

For persons unable to redeem their property in full payment, a 10-payment plan in effect for the past two years has been extended to April 20, 1936, the law requiring it to be adopted by that time. The first payment consists of all interest when due, plus 10 percent of the delinquent taxes, plus all interest which has accrued on the unpaid balance. At least 10 percent must be paid each year by April 20. Payments may be made as often as desired, however, and in larger amounts, or the unpaid balance may be paid at any time.

Employment On Sewer Job Based On Ability

Local Registrations Taken At City Engineer's Office

According to notice from A. K. Warren, chief engineer in charge of the construction of the outfall sewer job, employment on the sewer job will be arranged through the United States Employment Service, which maintains principal offices at 572 Chamber of Commerce Building, Los Angeles, and at 20th and American avenue, Long Beach.

Local offices where registrations can be made are at the office of the city engineer, Torrance, Compton city hall, Lynwood city hall, Baldwin Chamber of Commerce and Inglewood city hall.

All SERA lists will be used as though they were direct registrations with the U. S. Employment Service. Men will be provided of the vocation and experience requested by the contractor and will not be chosen as relief applicants but on the basis of their ability to perform the required work. This will cover all employment except that of "key" men, a limited number of whom will be hired by the contractor.

Preference will be given where they are qualified to ex-service men with dependents, and then in the following order to citizens of the United States and aliens who have declared their intentions of becoming citizens who are bona fide residents of the county sanitation districts and/or the county of Los Angeles; and second, to citizens of the United States and aliens who have declared their intentions of becoming citizens who are residents of the state of California.

Five Century Plants Bloom

MELENA, Tex. (U.P.)—The unusual occurrence of five century plants blooming simultaneously in the front yard of her home was reported by Mrs. Endora Butler, Century, or maguay plants, bloom once every 25 years, and those at Mrs. Butler's home are more than 20 feet tall.

Wasps Blamed for Error

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo. (U.P.)—F. Hills, centerfielder, chased a fly into a colony of wasps. One of the insects climbed up his trousers leg. Teammates formed a protective circle while Hills danced out of the confining clothing. He did not catch the fly.

Old Mill to Be Reopened

ROCKTON, Wis. (U.P.)—Reopening of a mill here built before 1852 and idle for the past eight years will solve the poor relief and unemployment problems for this village. Electric motors have replaced the obsolete water-power equipment.

Truck Sets Safety Record

WEBB CITY, Mo. (U.P.)—Guy Lotton is claimant of the title for the truck driver who has driven the farthest without a single accident. He has traveled 345,000 miles in 14 years without even a single under scraping or bumper touching.

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The Governor Can Dish It Out



Gov. Charles D. Martin of Washington can dish it out, it was attested at the Farmers and Merchants' annual celebration at Chehalis, Wash. The governor mixed and dished out the world's largest omelet of 7000 eggs to supply 5000 persons with a tasty breakfast. A huge concrete mixer was used for the scrambling.



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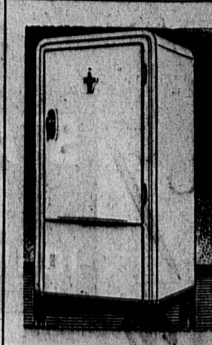


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