Men of Vision Seek Reclamation of Bixby Slough for Dual Purpose

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ity north of Long Beach, to the Board of Supervisors. The officials have referred his proposal, made by Andreani and amply documented and reinforced by facts gathered by both over a period of many years, to C. H. Howell, chief engineer of the County Flood Control District. The latter's report is expected in the near future.

Leonard's project has a more "local" interest than the one suggested by Andreani. The city engineer proposes a drainage plan, utilizing West Basin as an outlet, which would eliminate the annual floods and resultant damage to Anaheim, Figueroa, Lomita, Vermont, Normandie and State boulevards and streets and adjoining residential areas. This area has about 300 acres actually under stagnant water remaining at practically the same level in the past dozen years. It is a swamp morass "in the heart of a region that has astounded the world for increment and achievement."

The second factor of the project is Andreani's and while further in the future than the drainage proposal, bears equal interest. The former port official sees the Leonard drainage plan as the step toward ultimate extension of the tidewater inland.

Would Enlarge Port

"The northerly line of N. W. Slip of West Basin, 500 feet wide, has been left 'open' by the War Department for navigation extension inland," Andreani states, adding "this in reality is the Inner Bay Exception line, that is the demarcation between marketable privately owned and tideland or public trust restricted domain. Immediately north, across the boulevard, is a small basin still subject to tidal action and following that depression northward are about 300 acres actually flooded or less than 25 feet above mean sea level and an immense acreage less than 35 feet.

"One of the largest and most successful private shipside warehouses in the land, P. T. & S. Company at Houston, Texas, pridefully advertises trackage capacity of 84 cars, phone connections to ships and floor level 35 feet above mean low tide.

"A bascule bridge like or larger and faster working than the one at Badger avenue could carry the boulevard and belt line tracks. Thence east of the Union refinery a continuation of the 500 foot channel could be projected to a basin, 1200 ft. by 800 ft., south of Anaheim boulevard. Stop at this point and there is provided (gratis drainage of Bixby Slough) as much pierhead as is now available at all the Terminal Island terminals.

Cost Not Prohibitive

"At Anaheim boulevard the contours permit a fixed bridge high enough to clear seagoing fishing vessels. From said new basin south of Anaheim along the slough 17,000 feet to Ocean avenue next to Vermont the 25 foot maximum level would permit very economic dredging of a 150 foot or 200 foot barge canal.

"At certainly not prohibitive cost—the highest points being 40 feet—such a canal could tap the 10-foot Nigger slough near Carson and Vermont or Carson near Avalon or both and provide miles of industrial lighterage served frontage as far as Torrance and Gardena— and what is perhaps now most imperative thus drain successfully both sloughs and adjacent areas," Andreani claims.

Those are the improvements to which Andreani has been devoting the past several years and which have been given the earnest attention of property owners, city and county officials and industrialists with the result that none has found them faulty. The drainage of Bixby Slough would cost about $81,300, according to City Engineer Leonard, a man of high professional standing and who has had years of experience in and familiarity with this end of the county.

Could Extend Drain

For that sum, the wasteland of Bixby Slough could be rendered available for industrial or other use—a territory over two miles wide available for industrial or other use—a territory over two miles wide, with a depth of five miles to the basin. And in addition, the flood menace of the years would be forever abated.

"With little additional expense, the Keystone-Lomita area could also be drained," he says. "While I do not propose it at the present time, we could alter the Flood Control District plans and for a very reasonable figure extend the drainage canal to effectively include Nigger Slough-Gardena Valley drainage to Alondra Park, all entirely in the Shoestring region.

"The proportionate cost to the county under a WPA project would be amply repaid in short order as several industries have signified their intention to locate in the Slough—if and when it is drained," he declared. "I won't forecast what the establishment of those plants would mean to our industrial future but I cannot desist from calling attention to the value to the county and the state, in fact the entire Southwest, of initiating by such a step a movement toward extending tidewater inland. This would eventually create a 'Port District' to include a larger part of the area benefitted by the Harbor and launching essential cooperation in Port activities between the city and the county."

Evening School Starts Sept. 13

Heralding the resumption of school activities, Principal Guy L. Mowry of the Torrance Evening high school, announced this week that the night instruction classes will open with the start of the regular school term, Monday, Sept. 13. Mowry will then begin his seventh year as leader of the free instruction courses.

All interested in beginning the training offered in many lines here should report at the high school at 7 o'clock on the night of Sept. 13, for conferences with Principal Mowry or members of his night school staff. There will be approximately 10 classes opened for registration.

"Just as Old as You Feel" Declared No Idle Saying

IOWA CITY, Ia. (U.P.) — There's more truth than humor in the old saying "that you're just as old as you feel," according to Charles McCloy, research professor in anthropometry at the University of Iowa.

"Premature old age is often an attitude of mind," McCloy asserted. Persons possessed with feelings of inferiority attempt to become dignified as a compensation and tend to develop the habit of thinking like the old.

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R. H. Adams (top) who has just retired as purchasing agent of the Union Pacific after 37 years of service with the railroad. He will devote his time to private business in southern California and the Middlewest.

Charles A. Keeble (bottom), assistant purchasing agent, has been appointed by E. L. Fries, general purchasing agent, to succeed Adams.

Chest Sponsors Have Fine Record in Charity Work

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any welfare and relief group in the whole United States.

"The funds obtained during the Community Chest campaigns in previous years have gone for worthy causes. We have been paying $30 monthly rent for the Federal sewing project on Post avenue where 42 women are employed and earning regular pay checks; we have supplied funds for the Torrance Relief Society, which also expends every cent for charity and relief and has no overhead costs.

"The Chest also meets the rent at the rate of $15 monthly for the Cooperative Relief unit on Border avenue; has contributed for every contingency and emergency and provides for such seasonal gifts as Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for those in distress yet who are not receiving state or county aid, and we have contributed toward Thanksgiving and Christmas programs for all Torrance youngsters."

Industrial Expert to Address Rotary

"Selling Southern California Industrially," will be the topic discussed by O. E. Durkin this evening at the Rotary club dinner. Durkin is a member of the Industrial committee of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce. He will be introduced by L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Torrance chamber.

Discount On Parking

ST. PAUL (U.P.)—Patrons of St. Paul's municipal auditorium will be accorded parking privileges in the structure's basement on payment of a small fee this coming winter.

Harbor District Soap Box Derby

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK

I,..... being ..... years of age (date of birth.....), hereby signify my intention to race in the Harbor District Soap Box Derby preliminaries (Sept. 25) and finals (Oct. 2) if I qualify, and hereby promise to abide by rules laid down by the committee and by the sub-committeemen in my community, both as regards rules of building and racing my car.

Signed.....

SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:

Torrance—Micheal Straszer, at the Herald building; Judge Robert F. Lessing or L. J. Gilmeister, Chamber of Commerce.

San Pedro—Chet Rogers, 1640 S. Pacific; Clyde Lowell, 111 S. Pacific; H. H. West, 1221 S. Pacific; A. E. Genter, 3118 S. Pacific, and C. S. Sampson, 801 S. Pacific.

Lomita—H. H. Halladay, Shanks hardware store or Tom Ramsay.

Harbor City—Frank Christensen garage or C. F. King hardware.

Wilmington—Les Willis Greenwald Motors, or George Cross, Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Walteria—W. K. (Billy) Adolph.

Retail Sales of Local Stores Is Asked by Gov't.

The United States Department of Commerce wil contact a large number of local firms within the next few days by mail, requesting them to file confidential returns on their retail sales. These reports will be requested monthly.

As a result of this service, the announcement stated, retailers will be able to secure tabulations that will be valuable to them in the study of the general trend of the various lines of business covered by the reporting service. The announcement emphasized that no individual reports will be published or revealed in any way.

L. J. Gilmeister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, received the information from John J. Judge, district manager of the San Francisco office of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce. Gilmeister stated that the chamber has assured full cooperation in working with Judge.

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are thus the first entrants qualified for the Oct. 2 event in Torrance.

The Palos Verdes derby was jointly sponsored by the Gardena Legion post and the Palos Verdes Estates, which awarded an attractive trophy cup to the winner. A large crowd of spectators cheered the young racers as they sped down the hill.

INTEND TO WED

Applications for marriage licenses were filed this week by:

Leonard G. Locke, 24, 1323 Portola avenue, and Wilma D. Baldrick, 22, 1021 West 157th street, Gardena;

Fern E. Davis, 23, 1622 Cedar street, and Loucile P. Barnes, 23, of Midland, Texas; and

Phillip E. Tepper, 26, Los Angeles, and Veronica J. McNeil, 24, 1744 Andreo avenue.

Postcard Arrives 26 Years After Mailing

CLEVELAND (U.P.)—A postcard arrived here from Brantford, Ont., 26 years and 4 months after it had been mailed and many years after both the sender and the addressee were deceased. Postmarked April 14, 1911, the card arrived at the home of Mrs. Julia Easton, addressed to her father, who has been dead five years.

City to Ask WPA Zoning Project

At a joint meeting Wednesday night, members of the city council and directors of the Chamber of Commerce the matter of zoning the area west of Cedar street for residences was discussed. City Engineer Frank R. Leonard explained his recent preliminary studies of the project and City Attorney C. T. Rippy was also present.

It was decided that Engineer Leonard would proceed to draw up a request for a WPA project that would provide a thorough survey of the area off Torrance boulevard and accumulate data from which a zoning ordinance can be drafted.

The "west of Cedar" property is regarded as one of the best potential residential developments in the city and by proper zoning it can be made one of the most attractive home areas in the city.

Plumber's Box Plundered

Fay Parks, of the Torrance Plumbing company, told police Tuesday that his plumber's tool box was broken into Monday night on the Leiland A. Irish home job on Calle Mayor in Hollywood Riviera. Tools and supplies valued at $40 were taken, he reported.