

Beautiful Mountain and Forest Route Will Open Next Spring

When Angeles Crest opens for another twelve miles next spring, motorists will come into a heritage of forested recreation grounds, cool mile-high summits and magnificent views almost at their doorsteps. The state highway eventually to cross the scenic range to Big Pines Recreation Park is completed now, except for "touching up" on the upper end, for 26 miles from La Canada on Foothill boulevard to Chilo. With winter approaching and need for further development of water and other public facilities by the forest service, it will not be ready for opening until next year.

The high gear grade to Red Box, 14 miles up, which is the turning off point for Mt. Wilson observatory, remains open but a gate bars continuance on the new stretch northerly.

Signs Are Banned

This new road, recently inspected by Automobile Club of Southern California engineers who first recommended its construction a decade ago, borders deep canyons although on thoroughly safe and modern grade. Charlton Flats will be a principal recreational area, and the United States Forest service is now at work constructing a splendid camp and picnic ground there.

Chilo will be another big outing region. Convict labor which built a section of the new highway east of Red Box is now engaged on a 6.4-mile stretch of roughout out work between Chilo and Cloudburst summit

although this continuation is not scheduled for completion until well into 1939.

On this recreational road no commercialism, unsightly signs or structures will mar the beauty of the landscapes, and there will be no heavy trucking as on the state trunk arteries. From Chilo the highway will wind gracefully eastward for approximately another 25 miles by way of Buckhorn Flats; Cedar Springs; under a shoulder of lofty Mt. Islip, 8240 feet; under North Baldy, over 9000 feet in elevation; over the Blue Ridge, and down Swartout canyon into Big Pines playground. The route then continues into the Arrowhead and Big Bear lake regions of the San Bernardino mountains.

Six Patients Enter Hospital

New patients entering Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week were: Mrs. Mary Blithen of Redondo Beach who was received last Thursday for surgery; Thomas Cornelius, also of Redondo, who entered Sunday for surgery, and William E. Deacon, 67, of Los Angeles, who was taken there after one of his feet had been trapped on by a horse while he was working at the Palos Verdes Riding academy. Several bones were broken but he is recovering.

Mrs. Katherine Gossiaux of 1962 223rd street, entered Oct. 13 for surgery; Ralph Gordon Mohr of Los Angeles who re-entered Monday for treatment. Several weeks ago he lost several fingers in an accident at the National Supply plant and the amputated digits became infected.

Mrs. Helen Pursche of Gardena was received Sunday for surgical attention.

Poliomyelitis cases in Los Angeles county rose to 13 during the past week, but there is as yet no reason to fear that an epidemic is on the way here, County Health Officer J. L. Pomeroy said in his weekly report.

Scarlet fever has begun to show the definite rise always noticed within a few weeks after school reopens in the fall. A total of 27 cases were reported last week, slightly more than the average for the past five years.

There are a total of 430 cases of diphtheria, but that is only half the average for similar periods of the past five years, it was pointed out.

CHISELERS OUSTED
A determined drive on relief "chiselers" resulted in a saving to the state of more than \$1,200,000 during the past year.

Chain of Water and Fire to Link Top and Bottom of U. S.



On the last three days of October the people of Inyo, in cooperation with the Bureau of Public Works, will dedicate the new highway connecting Mt. Whitney, highest peak in America, with Death Valley, the nation's lowest point, with a pagan unique even in California. Water from the highest lake in America, Tuluainyo, 12,865 feet, will be carried to Bad Water, 276 feet below sea level, by every means of transportation the region has ever known—Indian runner, Pony Express, burro man, stagecoach, covered wagon, Twenty Mule Team, Southern Pacific narrow gauge railroad, auto and airplane. The arrival of the guard at Death Valley will be signalled back to Whitney by beacon fire on the highest mountain along the road, the last fire to be pushed from the Nation's summit in a great fireball on Halloween. Governor Merriam will officially open the highway near Lone Pine, assisted by descendants of the original Death Valley and Donner pioneer families.

State Chamber to Discuss Tax Load

Taxes and the staggering relief burden are to be discussed at the meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce, to be held in Los Angeles Oct. 28 and 29, Los Angeles county officials were advised this week.

Climbing Bull Snake
FREDERICK, Okla. (U.P.)—A bull snake that climbed 22 feet up the steel framework of a power station after a bird's nest caused a short circuit here.

Bedrock 230 Feet Down
PARKER, Ariz. (U.P.)—After excavating 10 months, bedrock 230 feet beneath the Colorado River was reported at the dam-site here.

Cotton Consumption Rated
RALEIGH, N.C. (U.P.)—A report released here today showed North Carolina led all states in consumption of cotton during May, 1937, with a total of 168,744 bales.

Civil Service for County Fire Fighters Looms

Steps to place employees of the 30 county fire protection districts, including Lomita, under civil service were under way today at the county counsel's office at the request of Spence D. Turner, county fire warden.

A resolution was being drafted by County Counsel Everett W. Mattson for adoption by the board of supervisors. The provision for civil service was made by a bill that passed the 1937 state legislature.

As soon as it is adopted by the supervisors, which is expected to be next week, the civil service commission will proceed to call examinations for the 200 odd employees of the 30 districts.

Cupid Overcomes Thief
FRESNO, (U.P.)—Wedding bells rang here for Louis Walker and Gladys Godren although a thief stole the wedding ring.



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Dome To Hold 200-Inch Lens Nearly Ready

MT. PALOMAR, Cal., Oct. 21 (U.P.)—The huge revolving dome which will house the world's largest telescope, in the \$8,000,000 California Institution of Technology observatory atop this 6,000-foot mountain, will be completed by Christmas eve, engineers said today.

Over the \$1,000,000 "highway to the stars," huge trucks roar daily up the grades carrying tons of steel plates which will form the 135-foot dome.

These plates, weighing one ton each, are seven feet in width and 21 feet in length. In all, a total of 830 plates, or 850 tons of steel, will be represented in the completed dome.

Already the base structure has been completed, and the circular track on which the dome will revolve is in place, after having been ground to mirror-smoothness by engineers who labored throughout last winter unimpaired of rain, sleet and snow.

Search for Peak Began in 1930
It was just seven years ago, Capt. Clyde McDowell, U.S.N., retired, supervising engineer, recalled that scientists first began the search for a mountain-top suitable for location of the observatory which will be 70 percent complete before the first of 1938.

Today in the optical shop on the Tech campus at Pasadena, 200-yards from the astrophysical laboratory, skilled workers are grinding the 200-inch mirror, from which 2 inches of pyrex has been painstakingly whittled in 15 months.

Early this month even members of the observatory council were excluded from the cork-lined thermostatic controlled grinding room where the 20-ton piece of glass is being ground—it was explained that even the smallest particle of hard dust might ruin the mirror.

Through a thick window, from a corridor, scientists may look at the grinding process of the \$1,000,000 mirror, which, Dr. George Ellery Hale, known as the father of the 200-inch mirror, said may settle for all time the question of whether the universe is in the process of exploding.

Science believes it will be on the threshold of a new era of discovery when the mirror finally is in place and the observatory ready for operation in 1940.

Lomitan Injured In Car Collision

George L. Billings, 34, 1844 West 257th street, Lomita, was listed as slightly injured Sunday morning after his car assertedly ran into the rear of a parked machine near Anaheim boulevard and Normandie avenue.

Lieut.-Governor Finds He's Trapped by Wind

BOSTON (U.P.)—The wind trapped Lieut.-Gov. Francis Kelly in his private office for nearly an hour. Kelly had gone into the room to get a cigar when the door slammed shut. When he tried to open it, the door failed to budge. Finally carpenters freed him. Humidity during a heat wave had swelled the door.

False Alarm—Fly Spray
PAINESVILLE, O. (U.P.)—The fire department has been called out several times lately on false alarms turned in by persons who mistook clouds of vaporous fly spray for smoke.

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TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS . . . by Carl Gilbert

Credit Given . . .

During the past few years there has been a boy in Torrance High that deserves much credit. He is Harry Bell. Harry has helped John Hag, business manager with financial matters very much. Last year Harry was nominated for student body president and financial manager. In the election he won the latter office. This year Harry has the honor of being the first boy editor of the annual.

Grid Rally Tonight . . .

Tonight after many years of silence before games there will be a pep rally held at the city park at 7:30 o'clock. Ralph Gilbert, yell king and advertising manager, with the help of Weston Leach has worked hard this past week to get people to help with the rally, and to get the spirit of the Narbonne-Torrance football game. The boys have obtained the ball park, the city's public address system and many other things to make a rally possible.

Class to Combine . . .

During the past five years the A-12 class has been separated in two groups, girls and boys. This has brought a great deal of argument. Albert Winkler, class president, has worked hard on getting the class combined, which he finally obtained Monday.

Movies Shown . . .

Thursday, Mr. Short of the Union Oil company showed pictures of the state of California. These pictures depicted interesting spots in the state and also showed what wonderful roads California has. In the second show, a picture entitled "The Sky Unlimited," was screened showing construction of airplanes.

Victory Dance . . .

The first in the series of "Victory Dances" will be held in the Civic Auditorium at 8:30 tomorrow (Friday) night. The dance will be held in the honor of the winning team (which we hope will be Torrance.) The well known comedian of Torrance high school, Louis Murray, will be the master of ceremonies and Dick Miller will sing. Yell leaders from both Torrance and Narbonne high schools will lead many yells. So don't forget you have two appointments on Oct. 22 the game with Narbonne and the dance that night at Torrance.

Cave-Dwellers Found In English Midlands

LONDON (U.P.)—There are still cave-dwellers in Great Britain, and, strangely, they are to be found in the busy Midlands. At Kinver, Staffs, within a few minutes of Birmingham, live men, women and children who have plunged thousands of years back, in caves hewn out of solid rock by early Britons. The caves are seen on the cliff-side and all lead into a giant cave known as the "ballroom." Landlords are the National Trust.

Townsend Club

Activities

By BETH PAIGE

James Jolley gave an interesting and educational address last Thursday evening before our local club. He spoke of the financial situation. Among many reports was this: several clubs who listened to their penultimate-politician-leaders to secede from the organization, saw they were being used as tools by our enemies and now wish to re-charter under tried and true loyalty, and their erstwhile leaders, disgraced and "found out," are wondering frantically how they will line their pockets now.

Jolley had many interesting reminiscences of the years he collaborated with the late Mr. Bryan and B. C. Forbes and told much of the policies dictated by these world-famous financial writers. He went back into U. S. history and told us of the mighty efforts put forth by the international bankers after the Civil war to put this government into the class of perpetual borrowers.

Several carloads of our members drove up to attend Gardena's Townsend club Monday evening. A fine attendance, a list of 23 new members received their cards, speeches, singing and general atmosphere of enthusiasm marked their meeting. They have to lose their president, Mr. Dean, whom we all have learned to love, and who resigns to move to another city.

Election of Mrs. French to his office puts the club into wise and loyal hands.

The following excerpts are from Dr. P. E. Townsend's recent "Message to Labor":

"Let us abandon the debt road that leads only to destruction, so often proven in the history of decadent and ruined nations. A prudent and sensible nation, like a prudent and sensible man, should live within its income and put its activities on a pay-as-you-go basis. Enough money should be collected from the citizenry of a country to keep the government supplied with budgetary revenues and no more. Why keep borrowing more than enough for running expenses? . . .

"The Townsend Plan proposes a new system of taxation and use of tax monies that will make unnecessary the folly of borrowing. It proposes that taxing of the property be abandoned as rapidly as possible and that instead everybody, young and old, rich and poor, be taxed on what they sell. . . .

"No one, according to the Townsend philosophy, should escape carrying his proportionate share of the cost of government. On the other hand government should not become a destructive thing, eating up the substance of a nation and destroying its values by extravagant and unbusinesslike practices. Tax monies, should be used to build up the values of the country instead of tearing them down. . . .

"With prosperity restored by a rational system of taxation and a rational distribution of buying power as proposed by the Townsend Plan, the government debt would be rapidly reduced and wiped out entirely, within a generation, with, likewise, a reduction of property taxation to the minimum."

Carpenter Makes Violin
MALVILLE, Wis. (U.P.)—Herman Hoepner, 66, veteran carpenter, builds houses and barns for a living, but in his spare time he carves violins from spruce wood.

Hitler's Book Still Popular
BERLIN (U.P.)—Three million copies of Adolf Hitler's book "Mein Kampf," in which he laid down guiding principles for German policy, have been sold.

Razor Blade Swallowed
HUDSON, N.Y. (U.P.)—A razor blade was removed from the throat of George Lippman at Hudson City Hospital. The blade had been lodged in his throat several days.

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