## Drainage Ditch Into Slough Turned Down

Flood control engineers this week turned thumbs down on the request of the O. T. Johnson corporation asking that the ditch connecting Johnson lake with Nigger Slough be enlarged to carry the water away from its property faster.

"This work may put more water into Nigger Slough, or it may put the same amount there quicker," Chief Engineer C. H. Howell stated. "Therefore, it may increase the present serious disabilities of the Nigger Slough area. . . It is recommended that action be deferred until some betterment can be worked out for the Nigger Slough area which will provide for the increased load from Johnson Lake."

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## Put It Away With the Rest
### (On New Year's Day)

By HUGH E. KEOUGH

There it goes, there it goes,
With its sunshine and tears,
Its triumphs, defeats, and its draws;
'Twas only a mark on the tablet of years—
A straw in a bundle of straws.

They come rather swift when the brightest are gone,
And the dullest remain to be met;
When the stretch has been reached and the finish is on,
And the has-been outnumbers the yet.

Slip it back in the pile—there's a lot of them there.
The bad ones mixed up with the blest;
it carried its joy, it delivered its care—
Just let it lie there with the rest.

No better nor worse than the others that went,
They all bear the same kind of freight;
It has taken the portion for which it was sent,
And those that are left only wait.

Only wait for their own to come rolling along,
Which it will to the same glad acclaim,
For time takes no note for the dirge or the song.
But stolidly plays out the game.

The one that was planted when yesterday closed
Took its toll of the brightest and best,
And those that are left are only exposed—
So, put it away with the rest.

## Blazing Gasser


Billowing flames shoot 200 feet into the air at El Segundo, Cal., as 100 million cubic feet of natural gas catch fire. Friction was blamed for causing the blaze and its estimated loss of $100,000.

## Who Has Lost His False Teeth?

There's a plate of false teeth awaiting the owner at The Herald office.

Dale Howe found the manufactured molars Sunday morning in front of the Torrance Bowling academy on Carson street. They appear to be practically new and capable of considerable more service to the owner who may have them upon proper identification.

## People and what they are doing . . .

**Mr. and Mrs. Sid Smith,** 1614 Amapola avenue, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blunt in Culver City.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Klingenspor of South Gate were **E. A. Miles** and **family** of 2303 Andreo avenue. **Joe Miles** will spend the week in South Gate.

Christmas visitors at the **John Disario** home, 1448 Engracia avenue, were Mr. and Mrs. J. Polita of Hollywood.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Riley** and daughter **Margie,** 2375 Maricopa avenue, attended a party Christmas eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dodge in Hollywood.

**Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Jones** of Cedar avenue visited Christmas Day with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Shoop of Riverside.

**Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Whyte,** their daughter, **Nancy Ann** and **Mrs. Addie Clemons** of 1620 Post avenue, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Clemons and family in Fullerton.

**Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deininger,** 2463 Carson street, spent Christmas with the latter's folks, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lykke in Santa Ana.

**Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shaw,** 1820 Andreo avenue, had as dinner guests, Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hatton and daughter Betty of Los Angeles.

**Mr. and Mrs. Ted Frenger,** 2357 Emerald avenue, spent the holidays in their cabin at Arrowhead.

Visiting with **Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Deininger,** 2463 Carson street, is the former's sister, Miss Beth Deininger of Ventura.

**Ralph Harder,** a former resident of this city now living in Atlanta, Georgia, was married in late December to a girl from Alabama.

**Mrs. Letty Rutherford,** of San Francisco, spent several days in Torrance this week visiting relatives and friends.

Phillips Brooks, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Willis M. Brooks,** is home for the holidays from Stanford University. He will return to his studies Sunday.

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank Steinhilber,** Mary Ann, Euphrasia and Wallace were in Yosemite Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hodges and Mrs. Della Dye and son Charles had Christmas dinner with **Mrs. George Doan,** mother of Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Hodges.

The **L. B. Kelseys** entertained the **J. C. Smiths** Christmas Day.

**Mr. and Mrs. George Peckham** spent Christmas with one of Mrs. Peckham's brothers.

The **John Youngs** spent Christmas with the Forrest Youngs in Los Angeles.

**Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ainsworth** of the Mayfair apartments were in San Diego several days last week at Ainsworth's brothers' and sisters' homes.

## ONE CRASH YULE NIGHT

Only one automobile accident and injury to one person, Zeb Masters, 21, of 2223 Lomita boulevard, marred the Christmas holidays here. Young Masters was injured at 10:45 Christmas Eve when the car in which he was riding, driven by Joe Burkhard, Jr., of 2003 Redondo-Wilmington road, Lomita, overturned at Torrance boulevard and Maple street.

Burkhard was said to have been traveling at a high rate of speed—too fast to negotiate the curve in the roadway at that intersection—according to a witness, H. Haworth, of 1627 Greenwood street. The car overturned approximately 200 feet east of the intersection and came to a stop on the north side of Torrance boulevard, Sergeant Frank Schumacher reported.

Masters was taken to Torrance Memorial hospital by H. R. Rowe in the latter's car. After first aid treatment for serious cuts and bruises he was allowed to go home. Burkhard told police he believed he was traveling about 40 miles an hour but Witness Haworth estimates his speed at considerably faster

## COUNCIL IN SHORT MEET

Passage of a resolution of intention to form the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 2 in North Torrance, a report on the city finances and a decision to hold up the proposed adoption of an ordinance regulating and licensing "bookie" betting establishments here featured the short meeting held by the city council Tuesday night.

The date for the final hearing on the proposed $8,244.88 water system for which property Arlington avenue between 166th and 182nd streets will be included in a special assessment district is Jan. 25. City Engineer Frank R. Leonard filed a voluminous report on the project which included data on the plans and specifications of the water system which will be connected to the Moneta Mutual Water company's mains, estimate of the cost, and a diagram of the assessment district.

Councilman Robert Deininger submitted a financial report prepared by City Treasurer Scott Ludlow and verified by City Auditor C. J. Rambo. This showed that the following funds were on deposit and amply secured by government bonds at the Torrance National bank; $65,367.27 in the general fund; $529.91 in the administrative account; $20,177.81 in the Municipal Water Dist. No. 1 fund and $1,009.16 in the P.W.A. bond interest and redemption account, or a total of $87,184.15. On deposit in the Bank of America, also fully secured, was "approximately $37,300," Ludlow reported.

W. Rufus Page secured the first permit to operate a trailer camp (on Western avenue) under the ordinance recently adopted regulating such establishments. The General Petroleum corporation submitted a check for $317.07 representing two percent of the gross receipts derived from its pipeline franchise between Nov. 1, 1936, and Oct. 31, 1937.

The "bookie" ordinance under which the city would collect $1,800 per betting establishment each year was held up on City Attorney C. T. Rippy's suggestion because their legality was frowned on in a recent District Court of Appeals ruling which is now being taken to the state supreme court. If the adverse decision is overruled, the city will proceed with the adoption of the regulatory and licensing statute.

## Difference in Car Plate Numbers Holds Man in Jail

Because he was found to be driving a car whose license plates did not correspond to the registration slip, Ralph M. Best, 30, Los Angeles chemist, was held overnight in the city jail here after his arrest early Sunday morning. He had been stopped by Officers Tolson and Perkin for driving without a tail-light.

Best admitted that he was out on probation from being involved in a bad check charge in Los Angeles. The discrepancy in license plates was explained to the full satisfaction of local authorities by Best's employer and friends. He was released Monday morning.

## No Yule Dinner Needed at Jail

"We had only one man in jail Christmas Day but he was bailed out before we had to serve him a lonely turkey dinner behind the bars," Capt. John H. Stroh reported Sunday. The sole arrest-ee was Ben Townsend, 28, 21205 Grace street, who was picked up at Elm and Carson streets for driving while intoxicated and no driver's license. He was released on $150 bail to appear for trial this week.