

Mound Exploration May Amplify Clues to Prehistoric Life

Affording a preview of what U. S. C. student archaeologists, assisted by WPA workers and directed by Dr. O. A. Bowdoin may uncover in a large mound in the Hollywood Riviera section, Southwest Museum experts this week started cataloging their finds from the nearby Malaga Cove section of the Palos Verdes.

The Museum expedition, headed by Edwin F. Walker, recently found traces that primitive man lived in the now exclusive oceanfront hills more than 10,000 years ago. He and his contemporaries built up one of the earliest forms of civilization yet known in Southern California.

Evidence of their culture was uncovered in the form of primitive playthings, cooking utensils, arrowheads, clamshells and other finds which are said to pre-date even the "Oak Grove" man, discovered some eight years ago near Santa Barbara, according to Walker.

Quest for Man's Origin
Painting work with picks and special digging equipment penetrated where former research groups had supposed was the bed rock of the Palos Verdes hills. They uncovered traces of four distinct civilizations occupying the area.

Dr. Bowdoin of U.S.C. is said to be prepared to lead his WPA and student diggers to the mound on Torrance beach as soon as WPA authorities approve the work project requested by the city of Torrance. There, in a mound about three blocks long, they expect to find a richer, trove of pre-historic man.

The U.S.C. savant believes the natural mound was the burial ground of primitive man during the long centuries past as successive generations roamed about this district. He hopes, by adding his discoveries to those of the Southwest Museum, give new clues to the suspected origin of the men who, it has always been believed, came across Behring Straits from China.

County Auctions Held Up Because 5 Votes Needed
The present four-member board of supervisors of Los Angeles county would be thankful if Governor Merriam would hurry and name the new supervisor from the Fourth district, to succeed Leland M. Ford of San Antonio, who resigned the day following his election as Congressman from the 16th district.

Auction sales of property of the county charged with the flood control district and certain of the county fire protection districts are being held up because sales require five votes for approval.

A large quantity of old magazines and newspapers at the Rancho Los Amigos is listed for sale when the city has five members to vote their approval. Ben Brown, county public administrator, has a 1926 model automobile to sell for which a junk yard has bid \$750 and the estate cannot be settled until the new supervisor takes office.

Even the olive crop at El Retiro school for the San Fernando is being held from market because the law requires it be auctioned to the highest bidder. An offer of \$50 has been made.

Red Cross Drive Will Continue Several Weeks
Although the annual drive ended on Thanksgiving Day, the Red Cross Roll Call for 1938 memberships will be continued here a week or two in hopes that Torrance's quota of 500 members will be reached, according to Mrs. Flora McDonald, Roll Call chairman. She said that the Torrance campaign, due to lack of workers, is "not going over so well."

"It hopes that by continuing the drive, we'll be able to turn our full quota to national headquarters early next month," Mrs. McDonald, who has been conducting the Roll Call here, handled, said. She asks those who desire to show their appreciation of the Red Cross to enroll at either local bank of phone bank at 392 and she will see that the membership cards and buttons are promptly delivered.

Dish-Breaker Gets Suspended Fine
On condition that he paid \$2.50 to replace dishes he smashed in a fit of temper while confined in the city jail, R. L. Rode, local street-charger, had his \$100 fine for intoxication suspended Wednesday by City Judge Robert Lessing. He was found guilty of the charge by the court.

Wild Dog Pups, Last of Pack, Caught in Hills

Believed to be the last of a pack of wild dogs that roamed the hills for many years, two puppies were found in a cave in the Palos Verdes recently by N. P. Atkinson, humane officer attached to the Harbor City Humane Animal shelter. He said the pups were bits but cover when approached and give other evidence of being part coyote.

The wild dog pack originally numbered 16 animals. They were "cleaned out" of the hills and canyons in the Palos Verdes back of San Pedro. The last to be destroyed was a large male and a big female German shepherd, both of whom had reverted back to wildness.

Mrs. Steinhilber Succumbs at Age of 83
As quietly as she had lived here for 28 years, Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber passed away at 7 o'clock last night at the home of her daughter, Dr. Minnie Proctor, 626 Westminister Place, Los Angeles. She became ill last Sunday and her age—83 years—proved too great a handicap to recovery.

Mrs. Steinhilber, whose good works in behalf of the P.T.A., the Torrance Relief Society, Woman's club and her church of Christ, Scientist, are lasting monuments to her memory, saw the development of the West and Southwest as few women living today witnessed that advance during the last half-century. Her charities, always extended with an understanding gained from many life contacts, were many and her indefatigable spirit contributed much to the progress of the city.

A memorial funeral service, according to her wishes, will be held tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock at Stone and Myers' chapel. Cremation will follow.

Born in Chicago, she crossed the plains in a covered wagon to Denver, Colo., with her merchant father and mother at the age of five years. Later the family lived in Pueblo, Colo., during the days when Indian raids were too frequent. She was married in Denver and came to California 50 years ago, settling in what is now known as Boyle Heights.

In 1913 the Steinhilber family moved to Torrance, residing first in Graystone avenue and then in Torrance. She lived with her daughter, Dr. Proctor and son-in-law George A. Proctor and with her son, Frank Steinhilber, who died in 1934. She was also survived by two other daughters, Mrs. William K. Earl and Mrs. Inez Risley of Los Angeles, and three grandchildren.

She was the first P.T.A. president and also gave distinguished leadership to the Woman's club of Torrance. She was also a member of the local Eastern Star. She was one of the founder-members of the Christian Science church here and when she moved to Los Angeles became an active member of the Ninth Church of Christ, Scientist, in that city.

Highway Group Meeting Dec. 1
A number of representative Torrance residents are expected to attend an important dinner-meeting of the Southwest District Highway association next Thursday night, Dec. 1, at the Potrero Country Club in Inglewood. L. J. Gilmer, secretary of the local chamber, will discuss the proposed section of La Brea's portion of Crenshaw boulevard in the State highway system. Sen. Oscar L. Willett of Palos Verdes will serve as chairman.

Bishop Stevens Gives Inspiring Address
Bishop W. Bettram Stevens of the Los Angeles diocese gave an inspiring address on the work of the Oxford Conference in England in speaking to a large gathering of members and friends of St. Andrew's Episcopal church here Tuesday night. The dinner-meeting was one of the series of religious affairs ever conducted by this church and Bishop Stevens' illuminating remarks made the occasion one to be long remembered.

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Pueblo Found In Urgent Need of Renovation; City Health Menaced

Carrell Holds Draw Poker Within Law

A decision handed down this week by Judge Frank Carrell in his Inglewood township court at Moneta cleared operators of the Embassy club on South Vermont avenue of the charge of "operating and conducting a gambling game, to wit—a banking and percentage game" and tossed the gambling controversy high into the air once more.

Judge Carrell based his decision on the original ruling of Attorney General U. S. Webb that draw poker is legal. His ruling is directly contrary to a recent edict from the District Attorney's office ordering all games over the county to close. The justice court magistrate held that the only way to prohibit poker games would be by an act of Legislature amending the penal code to make draw poker illegal. His ruling was the first of its kind in the county.

Operator Freed
K. J. Primm, operator of the establishment, arrested by Police Chief Elmo Field of Gardena when a sheriff's vice squad headed by Captain George Contreras raided the establishment Nov. 5 and confiscated furniture and other fixtures, was charged with operating and conducting a gambling game. Judge Carrell ruled that evidence did not support the charge.

Testimony showed that the establishment charged a 30-cent chair rental fee for draw poker participants. Judge Carrell said that his decision was based on an opinion Attorney General U. S. Webb made a year ago in a similar case in Modesto county. Carrell also ordered that confiscated furniture and fixtures be returned to the owner.

Two Others Cleared
The court's ruling also applied to Defendants Anthony J. Carey and Elmer Drysdale, operators of card establishments at Hawthorne, arrested at the same time on similar charges. Stipulation was made at the start that inasmuch as Primm was charged with the same offense, the defendants would also apply to the Hawthorne operators.

Sheriff's office investigators testified that patrons were given a "membership" card when they called at the Embassy Club, that the establishment had seventy-two tables seating seven players each, that chips were sold to players and that every 20 minutes an attendant collected chips for the rental.

Colombia Buys Old KNX Plant

Sailing south aboard the Nippon Yusen Kaisa liner Bokuyo Maru is the first complete radio station ever to be shipped out of Los Angeles. It is bound for South America and consists of all equipment of the 50,000-watt transmitter station operated by KNX at Van Nuys until the new KNX-CBS set up was put in operation Sept. 15 at 190th and Hawthorne avenues.

The old KNX station equipment in its entirety was sold recently to the Radio Maniales broadcasting company of Colombia. It will be the most powerful radio plant in South America when it is placed in service at Bogota, capital of Colombia.

Included in the shipment was the 465-foot antenna tower which was replaced by the 400-foot structure that is now soaring above the city walls. The transmitter station here. Amplifiers, transmitters and other studio equipment completed the South American shipment.

ART LEADER DIES
Dr. Otto J. Stein, organizer and president of the Palos Verdes Community Arts association, died Tuesday at his home at 2733 Via Campesina of a heart ailment. He is survived by his widow, a daughter and a sister.

PASTOR AND REPORTER TOUR SHACKS TO FIND FACTS

Hearing reports that sanitary conditions in the Pueblo settlement north of the Columbia Steel plant were a public menace, that cess pools were overflowing and that the type of outdoor toilets made famous by the late Chic Sale were being used in violation of city ordinance, Rev. Ben H. Lingenfelter, active divic and welfare worker, decided to investigate the Mexican suburb. He invited a representative of The Herald to accompany him. The following article is an account of their informal inspection trip made Tuesday morning:

By MICHAEL STRASZER

If anyone in Torrance failed to find a blessing or two for which to be thankful yesterday, I'd suggest a visit to the Pueblo. I came to The Herald from there Tuesday morning with an all too vivid impression of "how the other half lives." Rev. Ben Lingenfelter returned with me resolving to "make a strong representation" to the city council at its next meeting to try and improve living conditions in that district.

He intends to ask the council to give the county health authorities permission to condemn the shack-dwellings that are the equivalent to tenements of the big cities.

Can't Stand Repairs
The Pueblo is a one-street settlement with one or two stores. Our visit there included calls at about eight or 10 of the shacks—many of them built of adobe—they cannot be called homes or residences by any stretch of the imagination and talks with a number of the Mexican people existing in them.

Rev. Lingenfelter had been told that cesspools were overflowing, that sewerage toilets were in vogue there and that the garbage collection service was extremely faulty.

We did not find those allegations to be true.

But we did learn that the Pueblo's housing conditions are in urgent need of considerable improvement.

Perhaps the only way in which this can be accomplished is thru a Federal low-cost housing pro-

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION BEING CREATED BY COUNCIL

Because of the number of civic improvements proposed or pending, the city council Wednesday night laid the groundwork for the establishment of a new City Planning Commission by adopting Ordinance 309 for its first reading. This measure, which will become effective 31 days after its passage, created an ordinance that created a Planning Commission here in April, 1928.

That body languished and finally died because of the failure of its mandates concerning zoning, beautification and planning.

The new Commission, which will be composed of nine members, is expected to have greater authority because the ordinance states that it shall have the powers and duties provided by the State Planning Act of 1928.

Appointments of the Commission members will be staggered from one to four years and their successors will then be appointed to four-year terms.

Among the matters which will be the long-awaited re-zoning ordinance, beautification of Torrance boulevard, improvement of Cabrillo avenue and elevation of neighborhood playground centers. Other matters to come before the city council Wednesday night were:

AMPLE WATER SUPPLY
William A. Stanger, superintendent of the municipal water system, reported that the billion gallon was pumped from the two city wells Nov. 1 and the water holes showed no diminution. Pumping started in April, 1936, and during the intervening 31 months, 1,004,754, 100 gallons were raised to service the municipal water district. The wells are at the same level (No. 1, 127 feet; No. 2, 110 feet) as when the city started using them, Stanger said. The largest monthly volume was pumped in June, 1938, when 51,366,000 gallons were used.

BUY NEW FIRE HOSE
Seven hundred feet of fire hose, costing \$615, was ordered purchased to replace condemned hose.

CITY BORROWS \$15,000
A routine transfer of funds gave the city general fund the use of \$15,000 of municipal water district funds at three percent.

Building Total Over \$3,000,000; All-Time Record

Shooting over the three million mark with the same record-smashing performance that has characterized new construction during the past 11 months, the Torrance building permit total for the year today rests at \$3,066,018 today—an all-time high for this community.

The complete year of 1937 saw but \$1,066,057 in new construction here and that figure was the highest since 1928's \$1,968,979. The previous building record was set in 1927 when \$2,119,923 worth of new structures were erected in Torrance.

Issuance of a building permit this day for the General Petroleum property, The city council authorized the reservoir to store 2,500,000 barrels of pitch was the boost that sent the construction total over the three million mark.

Part of Big Project
This huge tank will be located 1500 feet westerly from Arlington avenue and 650 feet south of 190th street on General Petroleum property. The city council authorized the petroleum firm special permission for the reservoir two weeks ago.

The new project brings the total amount expended by General Petroleum here so far this year to \$1,873,425, according to records at the city engineer's office.

Other building permits were issued during the past week to Florence Jackson for a frame garage at 24203 Hawthorne, \$100; C. J. Davidson for remodeling a frame stucco building for a cafe at the northwest corner of Hawthorne and Highway 101, \$1,000; May Smith for repairing and re-roofing a building at 24203 Hawthorne, \$220.

One Derrick Permitt of Amapala, \$500; Torrance Woman's club for re-roofing clubhouse at 1422 Engracia, \$220.

Arthur Davies for two small frame residences at 2001 and 2021 Gardena boulevard in North Torrance, \$2,000; B. C. Riggs for two additions to a residence at 24433 Park street, Hawthorne, \$500; Peters Oil company for a wooden derrick at 1908 296th, \$5,000; Kewick Corporation of Los Angeles for removing timbers and sub-structure under a court at 2073 Torrance boulevard and re-roofing of pressure-treated material, \$1,000.

Jack Stahl for a five-room frame and stucco house and double garage at 1820 Beecher, \$2,500; Florence Jackson for erecting a porch and remodeling the interior of a cafe building at 24203 Hawthorne, \$500, and M. Fulmer for a two-room addition to a residence at 2304 Andro, \$500.

NEW HEATERS SOUGHT
Because the Chamber of Commerce claimed the gas heaters in its building were unsatisfactory (they released offensive gas fumes) and the city court room is without heat, City Clerk Bartlett was instructed to investigate prices for new heaters and report to the next meeting of the Chamber and Legislative representatives.

BULL FIDDLE LOANED
Prominently displayed in the council chamber was the city's string bass (bull-fiddle) which was belatedly returned this week by George N. Mershon of the Torrance Symphony orchestra. After each councilman had bowed a few sour notes, it was decided that the instrument would be loaned to the Perry school orchestra with the understanding that it was the property of the city and must be returned on demand.

TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE
Two hundred twenty-five civic leaders from all parts of the 17th Congressional district gathered at the Civic Auditorium Tuesday night to attend a "get-acquainted" dinner-meeting in honor of the new Congressmen-elect.

Contrary to anticipations of many long-winded speeches, there were only two addresses. However, Chairman Howard P. Raymond made a superfluity of introductions which extended the time of the session.

Principal talks were given by Congressman-elect Lee E. Geyer of Gardena and Fred Reaves, re-elected Assemblyman of San Pedro. Two other distinguished guests, Assemblymen Cecil King and Jack Massion were unable to be present. Geyer devoted his address to a plea for tolerance in affairs of the nation and pledged his earnest efforts to defense of the American ideals of religious freedom, free assembly, speech and press.

Largest in History
Both bank heads report that this year's Christmas club savings are the largest in the history of their institutions and declared that there is every reason to feel that the coming Christmas will be the merriest in many years here because Christmas club savings represent one of the best possible guides to economic conditions. Sears pointed out that the Bank of America is distributing a total of about \$12,000,000 to Yale savers throughout California or 26 percent more than last year.

Nationally, the Christmas club (Continued on Page 2)

WILL PARADE ON FIRE TRUCK; DUE IN CITY AT 7:30

With the throbbing of his powerful airplane motor clearly audible as he spoke over a portable wireless set high over Northern California, Santa Claus this morning broadcast a confirmation of his "date" with all Torrance youngsters here tonight (Friday) at 7:30 o'clock.

The broadcast was sent direct to The Herald office where Santa's words were transcribed as follows:

"Hello, everybody in Torrance! This is your old friend Santa Claus speaking to you as I fly over Northern California enroute to your city. I'm making good time and will certainly be with you tonight!

"Glad to receive word that your fire department truck will meet me at the airport and give me a lift into your town."

Yule Display is Greatest Ever Here
That's real cooperation and I'll try to repay the fire laddies by giving them a nice quiet Christmas with no alarms!

Leaves Reindeer Behind
"I've got some surprises for you when I get to Torrance... something that will interest every child as well as about your city as well as the boys and girls. I'll tell you all about them when the fire truck brings me to your Marcella and Sartori avenues where I understand my very young friends will be given special protection from the crowd. I'm glad your town is getting all decorated for my arrival and I want to see those lights go on tonight! Someone asked me if I was bringing my reindeer along. No, I'm not because they're getting special care in preparation for our 'round-the-world dash Christmas night. But I promise you I'll be there tonight if you will be... So, it won't be long now!"

See you tonight at 7:30!
Watch for me on the fire truck!" With that invitation, Santa Claus snapped off his broadcasting transmitter and preparations to give him a gala welcome started here.

Souvenirs for Kids
Arrangements have been made with the fire department to ride Santa around town on his arrival and then bring him to the triangular park in front of the Torrance theatre.

There will be roped off to allow only the youngest children and their parents or guardians to stand close to the big red fire truck. Only boys and girls up to six years old will be permitted within the ropes.

Others will be asked to keep back in order that the children may have plenty of room to see Santa.

The North Pole visitor is expected to give a souvenir to each child and make a special announcement of vital interest to every resident of Torrance and vicinity.

\$42,000 in Yule Savings Are Being Distributed Here
For the first time, the Christmas illumination of the business streets will be turned on at 7:30 tonight as Santa Claus is driven thru the streets. This display is the greatest in the history of the city and will add a festive note to the business section until after New Year's.

Retired Dentist Dies in Lomita
Funeral services were held Tuesday for the late Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Northrup, retired dentist of 2865 West 24th Place, Lomita, at the A. M. Gamby chapel in that community. Dr. Northrup, 68, died Sunday at his home where he had been in failing health for some time.

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OUT REGULAR TIME
The next issue of The Herald will be published at the regular time, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 1. Two editions were issued this week to accommodate Thanksgiving and holiday travelers. The boys will report at the regular time next Thursday for their papers.