

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. Bowdin may uncover in a large mound in the Hollywood Riviera section, Southwest Museum experts this week started cataloging finds from the nearby Malaga Cove section of the Palos Verdes.

The Museum expedition, headed by Edwin F. Walker, recently found that primitive man lived in the now exclusive ocean-front hills more than 10,000 years ago. He and his contemporaries built up one of the earliest forms of civilization 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
Painstaking work with picks and special digging equipment penetrated what 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. Bowdin 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, to 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 have to resign 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, including 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 board of supervisors members to vote their approval. Ben Brown, county public administrator, has a 1926 model automobile to sell, for which a junk yard bid is being sought. The estate cannot be settled until the new supervisor takes office.

Even the olive crop at El Retiro school for the deaf, 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

Altho 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, who is in charge. She said that the Torrance campaign, due to lack of workers, is "not going over so well."

"I hope that by continuing the drive, we will be able to get our full quota to national headquarters early next month," Mrs. McDonald, who has been conducting the Roll Call here, is quoted as saying. She asks those who desire to show their appreciation of the Red Cross to enroll at either local bank of phone card 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, L. R. Lodge, local constable, Ad # 132, was fined \$25 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 25 years, Mrs. Nettie Steinhilber passed away at 7 o'clock last night at the home of her daughter, Dr. Minnie Proctor, 326 Westminster 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, Women's club and her church of Christ, Scientist are being mentioned 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 this 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 all too frequent. She was married in Denver and came to California 50 years ago, settling in West.

In 1913 the Steinhilber family moved to Torrance, residing first at Grandview avenue and then on Park avenue where she lived with her daughter, Dr. Proctor and son-in-law George A. Proctor and with her son, Frank Steinhilber. Mrs. Steinhilber is also survived by two other daughters, Mrs. William K. Earl and Mrs. Inez Risley of Los Angeles, and three granddaughters in West.

She was the first P.T.A. president and also gave distinguished leadership to the Woman's club, the Torrance Relief Society and the local Eastern Star. She was one of the founder-members of the Christian Science church here and when she moved to West 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. Gilmeister, secretary of the local chamber, will discuss the proposed inclusion of La Brea's portion of the Gretna boulevard in the State highway system. The Rev. J. Willett of Palos Verdes will serve as chairman.

Bishop Stevens Gives Inspiring Address

Bishop W. Betram 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 most successful in the series 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 the 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 at 2011 North Main Street, was freed by Police Chief Elmo Field of Gardena when a sheriff's vice squad headed by Captain George Conners 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 Mono 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 decision would apply to the Hawthorne operators.

Sheriff's office investigators testified that patrons were given "membership" cards 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 plant ever to be shipped out of Los Angeles. It is bound for South America and consists of all equipment of the 50,000-watt station operated by KNX at Van Nuys until the new KNX-CBS outfit 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 KNX-CBS 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 Art association, died Tuesday at his home at 2735 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. Angenfelder, active civic 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 STANZER

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. It came to The Herald from there Tuesday morning with an all too vivid impression of "how the other half lives." Rev. Ben Angenfelder returned with me resolving to "make a strong representation" to the city council at its next meeting to try and improve housing conditions in that district.

He intends to ask the council to give the county health authorities permission to condemn them—if they see fit—the ramshackle 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—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. Angenfelder had been told that cesspools were overflowing, that sewer lines 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 program.

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, will create an ordinance that created a Planning Commission here in April, 1925. That body languished and finally died in 1931.

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 1929. Appointments of the Commission members will be staggered from one to four years and their successors will then be appointed to four-year terms.

DEAL IN ESCROW TODAY
City Attorney John E. McCall announced that he expected to put the purchase by the city of the Pacific Electric's right-of-way on Torrance boulevard in escrow Friday (today). The city will pay \$1,000 for the land and an additional \$975 for removal of existing trolley wires, poles and tracks from the strip.

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

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 be loaned to the Perry school orchestra with the understanding that it was the property of the city and must be returned on demand.

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.

Part of Big Project
Issuance of a building permit this year for the General Petroleum corporation for a \$50,000 earthen reservoir to store 2,500,000 barrels of pitch was the boost that sent the construction total over three million mark.

This huge tank will be located 1500 feet westerly from Arlington avenue and 600 feet south of 190th street on General Petroleum property. The city council granted 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; R. L. Depenroth in remodeling a frame stucco building for a cafe at the northwest corner of Hawthorne and Highway 101, \$1,000; May Smith for repairing and remodeling a frame building, \$1,000; and one Derrick Permitt for a garage at 24222 Hawthorne, \$220.

Arthur Davis 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, Waltham, \$500; Peters Oil company for a wooden derrick at 1908 296th, \$10,000; Kewlow Corporation of Los Angeles for removing timbers and sub-structure under a court at 2073 Torrance boulevard at the next meeting of the pressure-treated material, \$1,000.

Jack Stahl for a five-room frame and stucco house and double garage at 1450 Beacon, \$2,500; Florence Jackson for erecting a porch and remodeling the interior of a cafe building at 24203 Hawthorne, \$250, and O. M. Fullmer for two-perm addition to a residence at 2304 Andro, \$500.

Geyer, Reaves Speak at Dinner

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 recently elected Congressmen and Legislative representatives. 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 both Congressman-elect E. Geyer of Gardena and Fred Reaves, elected Assemblyman of San Pedro. Two other honor guests, Assemblymen Cecil King and Jack Massion were unable to be present. Geyer devoted his address to a plea for tolerance in the minds of the nation and pledged his earnest efforts to defense of the American ideals of religious freedom, free assembly, speech and press.

Columist Speaks
"I believe that the misfortune of our society is that all are (Continued on Page 2)

Yule Display is Greatest Ever Here

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."

"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 older person in and 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 Marcellas and Sartori avenues where I understand my very young friends will be given special protection from the crowd."

"The most elaborate Yuletide display ever designed for the ornamental light standards, utilizing Christmas trees, large silver stars, greeting signs and red holiday bells, will be on the street lights."

The colored light strings for this year, run a little more than a mile, or 5,425 feet. This includes strings for the two "trees" in El Prado park, but does not include the strings for the tree in the triangle park at Marcellas and Sartori which is handled by the fire department. This is 869 feet more than last year. There will be 150 colored bowls on the street lights.

Illumination, for the first time since they were planted, of the commonly known as deciduous in El Prado park off Cravens avenue. These trees, towering about 40 feet in height, will be decorated with colored lamps which will be turned on Friday night.

The Christmas tree in the triangular park in front of the Torrance theatre will also be illuminated. Yule decorations in the stores will not be ready for the Friday night display but local residents are planning on individual holiday exhibits which will be the most extensive in years.

\$42,000 in Yule Savings Are Being Distributed Here

Mail carriers are now delivering most welcome letters to 625 local residents. Enclosed are checks from the two Torrance banks—the proceeds of each recipient's Christmas Club savings, which in the aggregate amount to more than \$42,000, according to reports received from Dean L. Sears, manager of the Bank of America here, and Wallace Post, manager of the Torrance National.

The average Yule savings check here is \$69.90 and because such a large number of the 70 percent of the money deposited in this type of account goes immediately into trade channels, the boost that the holiday funds give local business is considerable. The remainder of the funds is re-invested in savings and securities.

Largest in History
Both banks 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 Yule savers throughout California or 26 percent more than last year.

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 holdovers. Carrier boys will report at the regular time next Thursday for their papers.

Nationally, the Christmas club (Continued on Page 2)