City of Palos Verdes Officially Begins Its Life As of July 1st

Beginning Monday the new city of Palos Verdes had all of its municipal affairs in order and started life as a sixth-class city.

W. M. Woolsey, who has been in charge of law enforcement in the area for 18 years, is chief of police and he has a force of one patrolman and a motorcycle officer.

Merton A. Albee is police judge and other officials were to be appointed this week.

The Palos Verdes Homes Association will continue to enforce building restrictions and attend to operations of the art jury. G. Brooks Enelgrove is head of the association. Whether or not the association will levy a maintenance charge will not be known until the board acts within the next two or three months.

City streets and engineering will be in charge of Willard Jenson, while road work will continue to be done by the county road department.

Sheriff Only 24

BURNSVILLE, N. C. (U.P.)—Donald Banks, 24, is believed to be the youngest sheriff in the South.

AT GENERAL MOTORS FAIR DINNER TO N. E. A.

Members of the National Editorial Association and their families attending the organization's annual convention in New York were guests of the General Motors Corporation at a dinner at Perylon Hall at the New York World's Fair. Preceding the dinner the N. E. A. members visited the Futurama and other exhibits in the General Motors Highways and Horizons building. Above, left to right, are: Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of General Motors; Roy A. Brown, editor of the Independent, San Rafael, California; Walter H. Crim, editor of the Republican Leader, Salem, Indiana, and vice-president and acting president of N. E. A., and Charles F. Kettering, vice-president of General Motors in charge of research.

Assurance was given 300 editors and publishers of the National Editorial Association at the New York World's Fair recently that American industry stood ready to cope with all problems of the moment and retained undiminished confidence in the future progress and bright future of the nation.

This message of hope was presented by Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of General Motors, and Charles F. Kettering, vice-president in charge of research. Discussing the nation's defense program, both Sloan and Kettering cautioned the American people not to expect the country's industrial plant to produce immediate miracles. They pointed out that in gearing mass production to the needs of national defense the element of time was of vital consideration and that large-scale production of war implements should not be looked for overnight.

Pointing out that mass production was the one phase of American industry that was most misunderstood, Kettering likened it to the time spent in 'make ready' in publishing a newspaper and added that it was as impossible to change the design of the machine once a mass production program had been embarked on as it was to change a word in a newspaper after the presses were all ready to run.

Democracy In Jeopardy

Sloan declared that the great difficulty was not the "potentiality of American industry to discharge whatever may be asked of it with regard to producing material for adequate national defense," but rather "the essential time necessary to get ready."

"It can all be done," he continued, "but it takes time, and there is no use expecting impossibilities because we will only be disappointed.

"I have felt for a good many years past that democracy was in jeopardy. It has seemed to me that the complications of our economic system upon which the happiness of our people depends, and upon which the solidity of our institutions depends, were getting more complicated than the intelligence of the people could measure up to and adequately discharge their responsibilities.

One Lap Behind

"It has seemed to me that we have got a real problem, those of us who truly believe in democracy and free enterprise, to do our part individually and collectively in spreading better understanding of the great principles upon which democracy and free enterprise are founded. Unless we are willing to do that, it just seems to me as if democracy could not endure."

Answering those who call for a halt of technological development as a means of curing unemployment, Kettering declared: "We are away behind on technological development in this country, not ahead at all. We are the only country in the world that ever had the peculiar kind of problem that we have got today.

"We have got excesses of men, money and materials. The only thing that means is that we haven't got any projects. We are one lap late, and everybody thinks we are ahead. In other words, we have got to broaden this industrial base of ours so that we supply new jobs, new projects, to take up these excesses of men, money and materials."

Forget 'Good Old Days'

The reason more is not being accomplished in this direction, Kettering said, is "because it is the most difficult thing in the world to get a new thing started." He pointed to the cool reception accorded the Wright brothers' historic flight to prove this point, and added:

"Today that very simple thing of only 36 years ago is one of the determining factors in this great political European situation.

He urged his audience to stop gazing into the past at the "good old days" and to stop backing into the future, because "that is the reason we get so many surprises." He declared that "we should face the future and try to make the best of it that we can because you are going to spend all the rest of your lives in the future."

CANDIDATE'S WIFE . . . If Republicans win in November, this former librarian will be First Lady. She's Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie.

State Birth Rate Showing Increase

California's birth rate increased by 6.4 percent during the first two months of this year over the same period last year, the state department of public health reported this week. Department statistics compiled from county reports showed that deaths increased by .3 percent during the same period.

Arizona growers shipped 35,000,000 cantaloupes to the nation's markets in the summer of 1939.

Good News for Taxpayers!

County Tax Rate Cut Nearly Four Cents Under Last Year

Los Angeles county's new basic tax rate for the new fiscal year will be $1.45 on each $100 assessed valuation as against the $1.4973 rate for the current fiscal year, Supervisor Oscar Hauge of the Fourth District predicted this week.

Supervisor Hauge's prediction followed the action of the board in adopting, upon his motion, a formal resolution for the appropriations set up in the new county budget, calling for expenditures of approximately $80,000,000.

"I am gratified that the board has been able to reduce the tax rate so substantially, in face of the most adverse conditions in the history of the county," Supervisor Hauge said.

The new budget will include $2,475,641 for unappropriated and general reserves and for anticipated tax delinquencies. No definite tax rate can be given until the new assessment roll for the fiscal year has been reported to the board of supervisors by County Assessor John R. Quinn. The assessment roll was expected to be presented to the board Monday as the supervisors began sitting as a Board of Equalization for two weeks. During this period, taxpayers will present their claims for tax adjustments.

The 8-hour day and the 48-hour week are established by law in Argentina.

A seven-foot skeleton, believed to be that of a Roman, was unearthed near Hutton, England.

Island Has Mass Wedding

MISCOUCHE, P.E.I. (U.P.)—Prince Edward Island's first "mass wedding" has been celebrated here. Three couples were married at one ceremony.