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EXPECT 50,000 AT RIDGE ROUTE CELEBRATION

Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce Will Launch Campaign Tomorrow

NEW OIL CODE TO OPEN 3000 VALLEY WELLS

ROBT. E. ALLEN, AIDE TO UMPIRE, ON VISIT TO CITY

Assistant to State Officer Reports 250 Operators Favor New Setup

EMPLOYMENT TO GAIN

Hundreds of Workers to Be Hired Result Allotments Scheduled in Plan

ADOPTION of the new supplemental oil code for California will result in reopening of between 2000 and 3000 "stripper" wells in the San Joaquin valley and reemployment of more than 350 oil workers in Kern county alone, Robert E. Allen, assistant to the state oil umpire, said in an interview here today. Mr. Allen yesterday attended meetings at Coalinga, Taft and Bakersfield, at which 250 valley producers gave practically unanimous approval of the supplemental code as submitted by the state central committee.

"Under the new formula for allocation of California's quota, the total production for the San Joaquin valley will be only slightly increased, but the allotments will be so distributed as to necessitate reopening of marginal wells and consequent reemployment of hundreds of men," he said.

To Save Industry

"This is in line with policies definitely outlined by the national oil administration. Though the new regulations may 'pinch' in individual cases, we believe they are as just as it is possible to attain, and will prevent complete breakdown of the oil industry."

Mr. Allen indicated there was a movement on foot by valley operators to petition national headquarters for a higher price on low gravity crude. He indicated it was doubtful if the move would meet with great success. Producers are asking a minimum price of 75 cents a barrel for their heavy crude, as against the present price of 57 cents.

"The problem in fixing a higher price for Kern's low gravity oil centers around the fact that such crude is in direct competition with other cheap fuels," he said.

Competitive Oils

"Take the case of marine trade, one of the greatest outlets for this type of crude. Most ships are equipped with convertible burners, capable of using either oil or pulverized coal.

"Should the price of low gravity oil be raised materially, most of the ships now using oil as fuel would begin burning coal. There is already a serious encroachment in this field by Manchurian coal, which is produced as cheaply as 8 cents a ton."

Mr. Allen said that despite unfavorable circumstances, the oil industry is now in better shape than it has been for years.

The present plan, he asserted, is to give each well a sufficient allotment that it can pay producers for reopening and operating the well, and for the additional man power needed, at the same time cutting down on the production of wells which require little attention.

Texas to Reduce

Mr. Allen said that while the new national quota fixed by Administrator Ickes for December and January would cut national production by another 120,000 barrels daily, he felt that most of this reduction would be absorbed by Texas, the latter state having been given the best of the bargain in cuts so far by the national administration.

William E. McClure Services Tomorrow

Funeral services will be held in First Christian church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock for William E. McClure, post office engineer for many years, who died suddenly Monday at his home, 1929 Twentieth street. Arrangements are in charge of Payne & Son chapel.

The Reverend Charles H. Hulme will deliver the eulogy and pallbearers will be fellow post office workers. His wife, Mrs. Mary McClure, preceded him in death a year ago this month. He leaves two sons, John N. McClure of 3602 L street; Joe E. McClure, also of Bakersfield; two daughters, Mrs. Stella Mason of Oildale and Mrs. Pearl Barnett of Bakersfield, and a sister, Mrs. Ann McGill of Florida.

Chiropodist Opens Office in This City

Dr. A. J. Puryear, chiropodist, formerly with J. W. Robinson & Co., of Los Angeles, has taken over the office and practice of the late Dr. D. H. Plymale, 559 Haberfelde building.

Doctor Puryear, like Doctor Plymale, obtained his degree of doctor of surgical chiropody at the California College of Chiropody. With two operating rooms fully equipped Doctor Puryear is prepared to treat all foot ailments.

ELECTION VOTE BY PRECINCTS

Precinct	Recall Yes	Recall No	Candidate Siemon	Candidate Wakefield	Total Vote Cast	Total Reg. Vote
No. 1	155	146	141	94	306	556
No. 2	153	74	118	67	227	351
No. 3	199	51	119	113	250	424
No. 4	177	152	184	95	329	567
No. 5	169	86	90	112	255	421
No. 6	161	68	123	84	229	340
No. 7	61	49	64	29	111	192
	1075	626	839	594	1707	2851

SIEMON TO TAKE MARTIN POSITION

Attorney Scheduled to Join Council Board at Monday Evening Meeting

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was given a lead of 112 to 90 over Siemon.

The new councilman next Monday evening will assume a key position with respect to opposing political factions on the City Council as manifested in recent splits. With the removal of Councilman Martin, the present group will be balanced three to three, with Councilman Siemon casting the deciding vote.

SIEMON EXPRESSES THANKS TO VOTERS

The following appreciation to his supporters was issued today by Alfred Siemon, newly elected councilman in the Sixth ward:

"The fine showing I made in yesterday's election must be attributed to the indefatigable efforts of my friends and supporters; Due to the many other activities in which I am involved at the present time and the shortness of the time for campaigning, I was compelled to rely almost wholly on the *efforts of others.* The fine work they did is sincerely appreciated, and it is extremely gratifying to feel that one has so many sincere and devoted friends.

"The result of yesterday's election is undoubtedly an emphatic expression of the people in favor of reform in both city and county affairs. No one who has been concerned in the brief campaign just closed can mistake that expression. The people are weary of mismanagement of their affairs, and are willing to turn readily to anyone whom they think is capable and willing to champion their cause. I so understand the expression of the people in the Sixth ward, and I know that the taxpayers throughout the county are determined to have some relief from the extravagant waste of public funds which is now being made; and so far as it may be possible for me to do so, I proposed to see that the people get the relief to which they are entitled. ALFRED SIEMON."

HOSPITAL PROTECTIVE GROUPS ARE FORMED

The membership roster of Kern General Hospital Protective League was increased by 50 signatures at two meetings within the last week, when meetings were held at the Oildale Community Club last evening and at Kernville Friday. Officers were elected and members of the Board of Supervisors and the hospital executive board outlined the aims and activities of the organization.

A. L. Phillips was chosen president of the Oildale unit and M. C. Call and Mrs. Pearl J. Apperson were elected to fill the offices of vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively. Supervisor John Hart and J. C. Wattenbarger, a member of the executive board, were the chief speakers at the Oildale meeting, which was attended by more than 75 citizens of the community.

The following officers were elected at the Kernville meeting: President, John Potter; vice-president, Albert E. Haugust, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Potter. Supervisor Roy Woollomes and Mr. Wattenbarger were speakers of the occasion. A resolution was adopted favoring the addition of a new wing to Kern General Hospital building. The meeting was held in the I. O. O. F. hall and was largely attended.

Plans for similar meetings to be held at various points in the county have been completed and tentative plans are being made by the units already organized to have a large community dinner in Bakersfield in the near future. Large branch memberships were perfected recently at Wasco, Fellows, Taft and Tehachapi.

Freight Train Hits Truck; Driver Leaps

(Special to The Californian)

DELANO, Oct. 25.—A northbound freight yesterday crashed into the slowly moving truck of Miguel Lopez, Delano, at a crossing here, carried the truck for many yards and tossed it, a mass of wreckage, at the side of the track. Lopez was uninjured because he wasn't in the truck. When he saw the train bearing down upon him he abandoned the vehicle and ran.

PROBE DEATH OF RETIRED PASTOR

L. A. Agents Here to Study "Heart Attack" Fatality; One Man Arrested

LATE BULLETIN

A preliminary post mortem examination disclosed no evidence of heart trouble, which was officially reported to have caused the death of Mrs. Bessie Cline, wife of A. L. Cline, ex-convict murder suspect, authorities announced today in Los Angeles, as other agents investigated death of the Reverend E. F. Jones in Bakersfield during 1932. Jones' demise may be a link in the chain of mysterious deaths, officers say.

Belief that the death in Bakersfield of the Reverend E. F. Jones, 68-year-old retired Long Beach minister, may have been murder and not "heart attack" as the records show, was expressed by authorities today following the arrest in San Bernardino of Alfred L. Cline. Recurrent deaths among Cline's kinsmen and associates with financial benefit to Cline have assumed proportions that make necessary an immediate investigation, officers say.

Secret agents of Chief Special Investigator Blayney Mathews of Los Angeles arrived in Bakersfield today to study the records of Jones' death.

Died Here in 1932

Jones died here June 22, 1932. Chief Mathews said he learned Cline accompanied Jones to San Francisco and that returning they stopped at Paso Robles where the 68-year-old cleric executed a will leaving Cline property valued at $11,000.

Cline was present when Jones died here and ordered the body cremated after an autopsy revealed dilation of the heart.

Two graves in a Glendale cemetery were opened yesterday and authorities exhumed the bodies of Cline's wife, Bessie, who died last month and her brother, Lucas Brant McCreery, who died in March, to ascertain if they actually died of heart attack as written in their death certificates.

The exhumation order was issued by Superior Judge Hartley Shaw after district attorney's investigators described how the suspect had been named in the victims' life insurance policies.

Recall First Wife

Authorities said they were also checking circumstances surrounding the death of Cline's first wife at Fort Collins, Colo., eight years ago. A son and a friend were questioned.

Cline, who maintained an elaborate residence at Glendale, was arrested in San Bernardino last week after Martin Frame, elderly Los Angeles resident, accused him of robbing him of $230 while they were traveling across the desert. Frame was seized with a mysterious illness and was told by physicians he had been drugged. Two ounces of poison were found in Cline's machine, the police said. He was held on a charge of suspicion of robbery with narcotics.

300 MEN AT ANNUAL ELKS VENISON FEAST

Three hundred members of Bakersfield Elks Lodge gathered in the club banquet hall last night for their annual venison feast, with Exalted Ruler Frank Digier presiding as toastmaster and an elaborate entertainment program augmenting the piece de resistance.

The clubmen were entertained by the floor show of the Cardinal Club, popular North Bakersfield dining and dancing resort, and by music by Jack Rees and his Gentlemen.

During a preliminary meeting of the lodge, plans were made for a trek to Santa Maria tomorrow, when the state championship ritualistic team of Bakersfield lodge will initiate a class for the coast city lodge.

The Bakersfield team consists of Exalted Ruler Digier, Howard Nichols, Mel Brittan, Frank Wilkison, Fred Neergaard, Herbert Sears, Al Ulman, Earl Potter and R. J. Veon.

BILLIE DOVE ILL

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 25. (A. P.)—Billie Dove, screen actress, was reported seriously ill from pleurisy at her home today. Only her husband, Robert Kenaston, and her mother have been permitted to visit her.

RENEWAL OF ALL MEMBERSHIPS IS OBJECT OF GROUP

50 Men and Women Will Aid Directors of Civic Body in Annual Canvass

PLAN BREAKFAST MEET

Dr. F. Kenneth Hamlin Heads Organization in Charge of Community Event

JOINING in a move to insure continuance of an organization which for many years has served the interests of this community, 50 leading men and women will meet at breakfast tomorrow morning to launch the annual membership renewal campaign of the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce. The breakfast will be held at Hotel El Tejon at 8 o'clock, when the volunteer workers will gather to perfect plans for interviewing all local merchants and business men. It is planned to complete the major part of campaign tomorrow and Friday, though the final windup will probably not be effected until Monday or Tuesday of next week.

Outlines Plans

"This is distinctly not a drive," Dr. F. Kenneth Hamlin, chairman of the chamber's membership committee, said today. "And we are not employing any high-pressure sales methods.

"Rather, it is a neighborhood project where all join hands in a community movement for the greatest good of its citizenry. Bakersfield has a Chamber of Commerce of which it may well be proud, and it is up to the citizens of this community to keep that organization in the forefront of the civic bodies of the state.

Renewal Campaign

"The campaign is one of renewal. Each member of the Chamber of Commerce will be asked by a group of his neighbors and friends to renew membership in the organization in order that the work of the chamber may be continued during the coming year.

"The directors are planning a modest, workable budget for the year 1933-34, and if the present members will renew their subscriptions for another year, with what new members we can attract to the roster, the chamber will be in position to add another successful year to its record."

The following prominent men and women of Bakersfield have volunteered as workers in the annual campaign for renewals:

Many Workers

J. C. Beggs, S. E. Dillon, V. C. Johnson, Hugh Allen, A. E. Puccinelli, Mrs. Ruth Lane, Miss G. Hendsch, Mrs. W. K. Rich, H. E. Sears, Frank Sullivan, Stanley Damkroger, L. J. Brandt, J. O'Neill, J. H. Thornber, Charles Baer, Norman Thompson, V. N. Mickelberry, John R. Huff, William Cattron, M. J. Davis, Dr. F. Kenneth Hamlin, John Dillon, Bruce Payne, Max Shaffrath, Tom McManus, Marc Lindsay, James Thrasher, Howard Nichols, Wayne Peacock, H. Witham, C. E. Stanfield, C. Fred Baker, T. E. Kilpstein, Frank Harrison, C. E. Anderson, S. L. Kaar, Larry King, Carl Krauter and W. F. Bray.

NEGRO JAILED AFTER ATTACK WITH RAZOR

McFARLAND, Oct. 25.—Charged with attacking Albert Harris, a Negro, with a razor, George Walker, also a Negro, will be tried before Judge Elmer Lobre November 22 at 2 p. m. Walker was arraigned in Justice Court yesterday and then returned to the county jail in lieu of $500 bail.

According to Harris' allegations, Walker slashed him on the side and arm with a razor when Harris asked the latter to repay a borrowed dollar. Harris was treated at Kern General Hospital in Bakersfield.

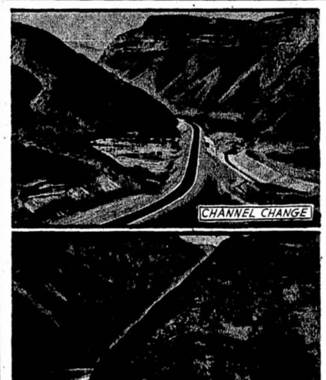
Burglars Steal High Explosives in Rand District

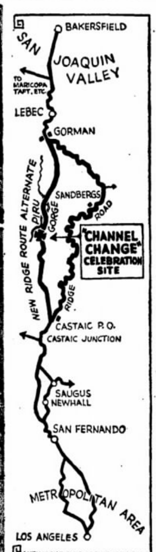
Thieves who broke into the powder magazine of the Rand Mercantile Company at Randsburg made away with 30 cases of high explosives, it was revealed today by Deputy Al Renfro of Kern county sheriff's office, and William Snare, chief of the bureau of identification, upon their return from the scene of the burglary.

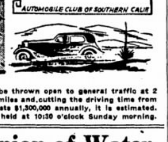
Company officials reported loss of 15 cases of 1⅛-inch of 40 per cent, Giant Special gelatin, and 15 cases of ⅞-inch gelatin, valued in all at 240.

It is believed the thieves may attempt to peddle the explosives to gold miners of the Rand district.

TWO VIEWS OF SUPER-HIGHWAY TO L. A.







Above are shown two views of the new Ridge route alternate, which will be thrown open to general traffic at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Reducing the distance across the ridge by 9.6 miles and cutting the driving time from Bakersfield to Los Angeles by one hour, the new route will save motorists $1,300,000 annually, it is estimated. The map at the right shows where the huge dedicatory celebration will be held at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

NRA IS BOOSTING LUMBER INDUSTRY

Clyde Stickler Home From Tour of Northwest Area; District Prosperous

The great Pacific northwest, with lumber and paper mills running 24 hours a day and thousands of men back at their jobs, presents a striking picture of the NRA plan's success, according to Clyde Stickler, one of the heads of the Valley Office & School Equipment Company, who this week returned from an extensive trip through the northern region.

He left Los Angeles by boat October 6 and visited Portland, Seattle, Aberdeen, Vancouver, Victoria and other industrial centers of the northwest.

Conditions look even better than in California, he declared. At Aberdeen, Wash., the lumber mills are operating on 24-hour schedules, as are the paper mills. One of the latter added 150 men to its pay roll under the NRA and this is a fair average for all of the plants, he said.

Foreign trade committee of Seattle Chamber of Commerce informed the Bakersfield business man exports from that port were greater this year than in the last ten years.

Mother of Former Kern Woman Passes

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Henrietta A. Alford, of Los Angeles, the mother of Mrs. Charles K. Badger, former resident of Bakersfield. Mrs. Badger is now living in Los Gatos, and her mother was visiting there when she passed away, October 22.

Mrs. Alford, as well as her daughter, possessed many friends here, having visited Mrs. Badger at frequent intervals. She is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Lela K. Wern, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Alford's death followed an illness resulting from a fall and broken hip while spending the summer at Big Basin.

Inman, Champion of Water Plan, to Speak Here Friday

SENATOR J. A. INMAN, of Sacramento, and P. D. Nowell of Tulare, visited Bakersfield last evening on their way south to organize their forces in favor of the state water plan, and both will speak at the meeting to be held at the High School auditorium on Friday evening next.

Senator Inman, opponent of the state water plan until this year, stated that if he had realized before the serious conditions of the ranches regarding the receding water levels, he would have favored the plan sooner. This was his first thorough trip through the farming communities of the San Joaquin valley where he could see the results of lowering water tables.

Born at Bishop in Inyo county, he stated he always fought against his people having to give up their lands by having their water taken away from them, but that the San Joaquin valley, he realized, was worse off than the Bishop people who had received top prices for their lands, because our ranchers were losing their lands and water without being paid for it.

He stated that in certain single years enough water went to waste from the Sacramento river to irrigate the San Joaquin valley for 10 years.

If an outsider realizes the seriousness of the water problem and the dire necessity of seeing the State Water Plan passed at the special election on December 19, Kern county should realize that it should give an overwhelming majority in favor of the plan on December 19, proponents declare. Senator Inman states that if he and his people are willing to see their water divided with the valley, this district should realize the serious condition and join in passing Assembly Bill 259, the Central Valley Water Project of the State Water Plan.

In order to be fully informed, it is a duty to attend the mass meeting at the High School Auditorium, Friday evening, October 27, at 8 p. m., sponsors declare.

Pairings Announced for Golf Tourney

Pairings for the two flights in the women's golf championship play for the county title were announced today from the Stockdale Country Club.

In the first flight, Mrs. Landsborough will meet Mrs. Crome; Mrs. St. Clair engages Mrs. Walser; Mrs. Moore meets Mrs. Buchner and Mrs. Webster meets Mrs. Reynolds.

Second flight play is as follows: Miss Crites meets Mrs. Travin; and Mesdames Long, Kaminski, Granat, McCloskey, Adams and Beggs all draw byes.

Mrs. Montgromery will meet Mrs. O'Neil.

PIONEER KIND TO KIN

VENTURA, Oct. 25. (A. P.)—The will of Carrie M. Notten, pioneer, filed for probate here, provides trust funds of $50,000 each for two of her sisters, Matilda Mensing Stedman and Emma Mensing Brown, and of $10,000 each for Albert Stedman, Jr., and Leonard Mensing, nephews.

Settle Railway Suit Sans Court Hearing

Suit of G. B. Peck, a passenger on a Southern Pacific train which was damaged when it struck a Lang Transportation Company truck at Famosa crossing, has been settled out of court, it was learned here today, though the amount of the settlement is not known. Peck was injured when the train struck the truck at the railroad crossing and brought suit against the transportation company. He was represented by Siemon & Claflin.

WIN TENNIS MATCH

Catherine Crites and Martin Gundlach defeated Gordon Snow and Louise Thelle in a mixed doubles tennis match of the tournament under way evenings at the Jastro Park courts. The game score was: 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. Helene Bing and Melvin Buck defeated G. Gilmore and Louise Wilson, 6-1, 6-3.

$2,900,000 ROAD OVER MOUNTAINS TO OPEN SUNDAY

Great Public Ceremony Will Begin at 10:30 a. m. in Change Area

GREAT PROJECT PRAISED

High-Speed Highway Said to Be One of Finest Pieces of Work in State

MORE than 50,000 motorists are expected to gather next Sunday at Piru Creek gorge for the most significant highway celebration in southern and central California history—when the new alternate route will be opened with all the pomp and ceremony befitting a project that has necessitated nearly four years and the expenditure of $2,900,000 to create.

Ties that bind the great central San Joaquin valley to southern California will be drawn closer together by the opening of the ridge. The public dedication celebration, over which Alfred Harrell will preside as master of ceremonies, will take place at the halfway point on the new highway, variously designated as "Channel Change," Piru Gorge and French Flat, at 10:30 o'clock and the highway will be opened to through traffic at 2 o'clock.

Cuts Driving Time

In effect, the new modern 26.8 mile high-speed highway will bring Bakersfield and Los Angeles from 40 to 50 miles closer together, because the highway saves approximately an hour in driving time as compared to the old snake-like Ridge road, permitting maximum legal speed in comfort and safety, due to the long-radius curves and elimination of 593 turns and 9.6 miles.

Other salient facts concerning the new route, prepared by S. V. Cortelyou, California highway engineer in charge of District 7, include the following: Surface, cement concrete; thickness, 7 to 9 inches; decreased elevation, 684 feet; maximum grade, 6 per cent; minimum radius of curves, 1000 feet; snow summits eliminated, 3; daily estimated traffic, 3950 vehicles; number of bridges, 7; total roadway excavation, 4,035,600 cubic yards; cement concrete used, 115,501 cubic yards; sand used, 80,850 tons; steel used, 3,345,000 pounds; men employed, 150 daily; time to complete, 3 years, 8 months.

Economic studies by the Automobile Club of Southern California, which was a vital group in bringing about construction of the highway, indicate that autoists using the route will save more than $1,300,000 annually in operating costs.

To Save Millions

This means ultimate savings of many millions of dollars to commercial transportation between the north and south, says the club, and also that the road bill for $2,900,000 from taxes on motorists will pay for itself in a little more than two years.

Since this project is the largest and most vital in state history, speakers at the celebration Sunday will include State Director of Public Works Earl Lee Kelly, Harry Hopkins, chairman of the California highway commission; State Highway Engineer C. H. Purcell, District Highway Engineer S. V. Cortelyou, who has been in direct charge of construction; John R. Quinn, chairman of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors; William A. Simpson, president of Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce; J. Perry Brite, chairman of Kern County Board of Supervisors; Ernest East, Automobile Club of Southern California, and E. Raymond Cato, chief of the California highway patrol.

TELEVISION STATION GOES ON AIR TONIGHT

After being silent for several weeks, Pioneer Mercantile Company's big television station will be on the air again tonight, its studio and broadcasting units greatly improved.

A new program schedule also has been announced. Broadcasting will be from 8 p. m. until 9 p. m. every Wednesday and Friday, with entertainment programs. Monday evenings will be given over to experimental work with make-up, lighting arrangements, position of microphone and similar details.

Local Chinese Cook Is Called by Death

Jow Moon Ming, 63, for 35 years a well-known cook in Bakersfield, died yesterday at his home, 704 Eighteenth street, following a long illness. He was a native of San Francisco and is survived by five children.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon in Flickinger-Digier chapel, and interment will be in the Chinese cemetery.

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