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CAUSES EXPLAINING THE SHORTAGE OF THE 1916 SUGAR BEET CROP IN THE OWENSMOUTH DISTRICT AND TIMELY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1917.

(Synopsis of an address delivered before the Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce Oct. 28, by G. E. Bense, Supervising Agriculturist of the American Beet Sugar Company.)

I am very grateful for the opportunity afforded me by the Chamber of Commerce, and likewise for the invitation to speak to you on "SUGAR BEET CULTURE".

I am going to presume that the Beet Growers want to know why the returns of many of the fields in the San Fernando Valley, (and especially in the Owensmouth Territory) did not come up to their expectations, not in yield only, but also why the sugar did not reach the usual high percentage which has been obtained in past years, and which is characteristic of this sugar making climate.

As the sugar beet growers should by no means become discouraged, as this shortage is due to causes which will be overcome next season, and are as follows:

First—A very large portion of the land has been cropped to sugar beets for the first time. The sugar beet requires land in a high state of cultivation and the highest yields are secured in soil of the highest type of cultivation of high fertility.

A fertile soil is one which is well supplied with moisture and with plant food; a soil which is well ventilated; which is saturated and well supplied with germ life. The sugar beet crop this season did not find these requirements and many of these factors were deficient.

We know from past experience that sugar beets never do well after barley stubble, as the land has not reached its full producing power. By deep-plowing a large quantity of dead soil is turned up to the surface. Not sufficient time being allowed for the elements, such as air, sunshine and heat, to bring life into this virgin soil by transforming the insoluble plant food in an available form so that the beet will be able to take it up. The beneficial nitrifying bacteria which can only live in the presence of air, did not have ample time to complete their work. The first sugar beet crop could not derive the benefits of their activity, nor did this crop get the full benefit of the deep plowing; but the next crop of beets, and the following crops, will be largely benefited by work done the first year and I am convinced that the succeeding crops will largely surpass (in yield) the 1916 crop.

Second—All the virgin soil of the semi-arid region (and especially with reference to the San Fernando Valley lands) are lacking humus. Humus is decaying vegetable matter which is porous and spongy, and which is capable of absorbing and holding large quantities of water. If soil is well supplied with vegetable matter it will

grow crops through the dry season much better than soils deficient in this ingredient.

A soil well supplied with humus is a soil rich in nitrogen—humus forms acids—which will liberate large quantities of dormant plant food. There was a lack of available nitrogen in your land because the humus was deficient and, consequently, the germ life did not transform the original plant food. The soils of the San Valley are of a very rich formation and are well supplied with all kinds of plant food but the land needs to be worked before the best results can be obtained.

The crop of beets you have just harvested will leave (in the ground) millions of fibrous roots which in rotting will not only deposit humus but will leave channels through which air will circulate and, hence, become fertile.

The roots of next year's beet crops will follow and draw nitrogen from two or three times the depth formerly reached.

Furthermore, by turning under the beet tops you will supply the soil with several tons of humus, the benefit of which will be derived in the next crop of sugar beets.

The third vital cause of the shortage (and which is not the least important), is the supply of moisture.

The first season, although having a total of 19.2 inches (which is about four inches above normal) was very poorly distributed. The bulk of the rain came in a very short time in the greater portion of it did not penetrate into the already saturated soil but ran off the land and was, consequently, of no benefit to the beet crop. After heavy rains, came a spell of heavy winds which was detrimental to the young beets.

Furthermore, 1916 was an unfavorable year because of the absence of any late spring rain, which is so beneficial to the beet crops, and I am convinced that one inch of rainfall in May, would have increased the yield several tons to the acre. In addition to this unfavorable distribution of natural water resource, came the shortage of the promised artificial water.

The combination of the above mentioned causes has accounted for the shortage, and now, in order to avoid a repetition, I wish to make the following recommendations, for the coming beet crops:

The first important and essential principle of the beet culture is an early plowing. By all means the soil should be plowed before the rainy season in order to get the full benefit of the rainfall. Beets should make their heaviest growth during the rainy season and, therefore, they should be planted early. After the land has been plowed, not only the surface should be worked down, but it should be

chiseled in order to break the clods underneath the surface and prevent the formation of air spaces which is so detrimental to sugar beets.

If you want to secure a good stand, you must thoroughly prepare the seed bed; and time and labor spent in preparation for the seed bed is a good investment and the farmer's efforts will be well-paid by the increase in his stand.

Planting on the heavier land should begin as soon as the land is ready in November. Planting on lighter soil should be delayed to the last because they remain too cold.

A long period of vegetation in other planting, will considerably increase the sugar content as it will give the plant a long time to manufacture the sugar in the leaves in order to accumulate large quantities in the roots.

Before I close I wish to recommend more cultivation. Growers must endeavor (by constant cultivation) to secure a good mulch, in order to preserve the natural moisture stored in the ground and prevent it from escaping into the air.

In other words—cultivation should be made to take the place of irrigation to the fullest extent but never should irrigation take the place of cultivation.

If you want to get the full benefit of the expensive irrigation, you must cultivate your lands after each irrigation.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the above mentioned causes were partly uncontrollable—such as the elements—but most of the above causes have been overcome as after a year of cultivation, the land is in a much higher state of fertility and has a higher producing power.

I am strongly convinced that during the season of 1917, there will be plenty of water for everybody and at the proper time. With these prospects in view, and with a more fertile soil; with the benefit of your past experience and with more and better cultivation, I look forward (not with extravagant expectations but with confidence) to next year's crop considerably surpassing the present yield and that an unreserved effort will be liberally paid for by the 1917 sugar beet crop.

Wishing all the members of the Chamber of Commerce success in their respective enterprises, I thank you for your kind attention.

A PUGILISTIC MEXICAN

On Monday night Luis Castro of Santa Ana came to Owensmouth and made things lively for his wife Yaspel Flores Castro from whom he is separated and who lives at the corner of Alabama and G St. He threatened her with a knife and promised that within four days he would walk and kill her. He swore to a complaint in justice court and officers Roberts and Squire arrested Castro. He had a large 5 inch blade pocket knife in his pocket. Castro will be examined for a felony next Tuesday at 1 p. m.

Hardware of all kinds at Hyman Hardware Co.

YOUR HELP IS WANTED SATURDAY

ALL CITIZENS URGED TO ASSIST IN CLEANING UP GROUNDS OF THE OWENSMOUTH HI SCHOOL

School Officials Will Cooperate With People of Community in Movement to Put Twelve Acre Tract in Condition for Planting of Trees, Shrubs, Etc.—Ladies to Serve Lunch

Come and help beautify the Owensmouth Hi School grounds! Saturday, November 25, has been set apart by the Parent-Teachers' Association as a "Community Day," for the purpose of putting the hi school grounds in condition for the planting of trees, shrubs, etc.

Every resident of the west end of the valley is invited to assist in this movement, which is for the benefit of the community as a whole.

A number of teams have been promised, but more are needed, also several more dump wagons. There will be plenty of work for all, so come and bring your pick and shovel.

John Haas is in charge of this part of the day's activities, so please report to him at once how many men or teams you can furnish.

President Mrs. Wm. A. Driscoll of the West End Parent Teachers' Association is arranging for a lunch to be served at noon to the workers by the P. T. A., assisted by the hi school girls.

The Los Angeles City Board of Education will be represented by several people and it is hoped enuf local workers will take part to make a creditable showing.

DANCE FOR MISS HAAS BIG PROFIT IN POTATOES

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kimball Jr. have issued invitations to a Yama Yama dance to be given at their home this evening in honor of the birthday of Miss Edith Haas. Special music will be provided from Los Angeles. Those invited are the Misses Lucy Smith and Nell O'Brien of Los Angeles, Margaret Coleman, Van Nus, Rachel McClure, Marian, Lulu Draper, Varina Williams, Ruth Ely, Edith Haas, Arabella Crane, Messrs. Ira Hoover, Howard Woolsey, Edward Williamson, E. Gladis, Los Angeles, Ira Cate, Long Beach, Harry Bevis, Van Nus, A. Davidson, Chatsworth, Aaron Ely, Brandon Bruner, Clifford Bridges, Foster Hull, Earl Bridges, Earl Haas, Cleo Davis, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. John Haas, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Lose, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beckstead, Mr. and Mrs. George Clemson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Balster, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hageman, Chatsworth, Mrs. D. M. Cate, Long Beach.

H.C. Woody of North St. Andrews avenue, who has grown two fine crops of potatoes on his acre lot this season will realize over \$500 from the two crops.

The potatoes of the last crop are of the choicest quality, and are bringing the grower 3 cents a pound.

Mr. Woody bought this land about a year ago. He states it cost him 21 cents a square foot, and that he will net this year from the potatoes 13 cents a square foot, or over half the cost of the land. He expects to farm seven acres in the town next season and is saving his finest potatoes for seed.—Van Nus News.

WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS

The following figures show how rapidly the volume of business at the Owensmouth Warehouse is increasing:

Pounds of all commodities on hand at opening of season 1,149,459
At close of receipts 1,177,430
September 1,628,884
October 813,042

Total September shipments 1,206,611
October 923,745—2,130,356

On hand Nov. 1 1,635,409

BEET SEASON CLOSED

The sugar beet campaign for 1916 closed on Wednesday. The shipments from this locality for the season were as follows:

Owensmouth (cars) 742
Reseda 788
Encino 563

Total for season 2,093
Estimating an average of 25 tons per acre, the Owensmouth crop amounted to 25,970 tons, the total for the three stations being 73,255.

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With this issue The Gazette enters upon the fifth year of its existence.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. The American people have much to be thankful for and it is well to devote a little time each year to the contemplation of the blessings we enjoy as individuals and as a Nation.

The Van Nuys News was printed at home last week for the first time. The News now has one of the most complete plants of any town of its size in the State. Editor F. M. Keffler is determined to keep ahead of the procession—which is no easy matter in a town growing as rapidly as Van Nuys.

It is estimated that the foreign trade of the United States this year will reach the stupendous sum of eight billion dollars, a total about double that of 1914, and fifty per cent greater than last year. The movement of the vast quantities of goods being shipped abroad has caused the most serious car shortage in the history of the country and the railroads are unable to meet the unprecedented demand for rolling stock.

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Was It the
Guardian Angel?

By F. A. MITCHELL

Perceval and Arnold Stewart, brothers, enlisted when the pan-European war broke out in a regiment of infantry and crossed the channel into Belgium. That was when the Germans were driving the allies southward, and it was expected that they would drive right through Paris.

One evening when the Germans were pushing the allies toward Lille, the regiment with which the Stewarts served made a stand. The brothers were in the same company and fought shoulder to shoulder. Perceval was two years older than Arnold and kept an eye on his brother, dressing every instant to see him fall to the ground. Presently, true enough, Arnold fell, literally torn to pieces by a bursting shell.

Maddened at the sight, Perceval rushed forward, but the stand of the order was given to fall back. The young soldier, exasperated and being permitted to wreak his vengeance on those who had killed his brother, refused to retreat and, remaining behind, continued to fire at the enemy. But presently, seeing blood on one of his hands, he knew that he had been hit and followed his comrades.

By this time darkness had fallen, and Stewart was expected to make his way through the gloaming. They tried to get him to quietly retreat this time, for the French were being pushed back rapidly, and the British, who were in their flank, had a greater distance than they go to keep the alignment. Perceval was marching some 200 yards behind them. The enemy on that part of the field had grown forward skirmishers to harass their retreat.

Perceval trudged along, following the men ahead of him, at times trying to catch up with them. He had been shot in the arm, but fortunately the artery had not been cut, for in this case he would have bled to death. His mind was on the brother he had lost, and neither his condition nor his surroundings engaged his attention.

Stragglers were hurrying past him, and he was passing stragglers. The former were in better condition than he, and the latter were mostly men who neither feared to go nor low on Perceval. He was in Perceval's rear and a couple of yards behind him. Perceval became conscious of the man's presence he did not know, for he heard no sound coming from his follower. He was simply conscious that something was behind him. Turning, he saw through the darkness what appeared to be a person. Whether he was old or young, soldier or citizen, Stewart could not tell. He only knew that some one was there.

The soldier trudged on, or, rather, he staggered on, for by this time he was very weak from loss of blood. Now and again a bullet whistled past him, and some of them struck him, but some went dangerously near him. Twice during the retreat he looked back and both times saw his shadow in the same relative position as before. Once when he turned a flank from a distant cannon slightly increased his vision, and he saw the person behind him a trifle more clearly.

For an instant there was a dash of joy in his heart, for from the glimpse he got of the person's face it seemed to be that of his brother, Arnold. But he had seen his brother down to atoms, and he knew this could not be. Nevertheless, from the time of this instantaneous view he became impressed that there was some connection between this figure and Arnold.

Presently when the skirmish line was passing so near the British line as to harass them with scattered shots, the skirmishers went back a small force to drive back their followers.

When the passed Perceval, dashed in among the German skirmishers and drove them back upon their own main force.

Perceval, who was now safe with his own comrades, looked for the man who had been trailing behind him. He had vanished.

On reaching the British line Stewart found himself among those who had been near him on the retreat.

"Who was the fellow behind you?" asked a man who had trailed near him.

"Directly in my rear?"

"Yes. Do you see any one?"

"No, and he got between you and a German just in time to save you from a bullet. The German was about to fire, but I threw his piece. There wasn't much light, and I judged that he was afraid of killing one of his own men."

Stewart asked no more questions. What he thought was the result of feeling rather than reason. It was far

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stronger than reason. Indeed, no one could persuade him that the spirit of his brother had not followed him and protected him from death.

During the past half century the belief in the guardian angel has greatly deteriorated. This is simply because there has been so much of the marvel on its face that it is now overabundant. But our knowledge of nature's laws is so feeble that we are inclined to be infidelious. There are those who are looking for some scientific connection with those who have passed into the great unknown.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Owensmouth M. E. Church

Services every Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m.; Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. Geo. W. J. Smith.
Epworth League 6:30 p. m.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Owensmouth Catholic Church
Services in the latter building every Sunday at 9 a. m. Rev. M. P. Harroun.

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Services every Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m.; Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Wesley V. Smith.
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JOHN C. RICHTER
Owensmouth, Cal., Nov. 3, 1916.

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The Misses Elda and Elberta Habler of Los Angeles came out to attend the Ladies' Aid bazaar on Friday evening and remained over Sunday as the guest of Miss Lura Hyden.

H. R. Antes is collecting waste paper to be sold for the benefit of the European war victims. All parties having old papers which they wish to donate for this worthy cause are invited to communicate with Mr. Antes or the packages may be left at the postoffice.

J. F. Harris, the Owensmouth barber, is a happy man these days—the cause thereof being the arrival of his bride of a month, who has been detained in San Francisco by the serious illness of her cousin. Mr. and Mrs. Harris are living temporarily in the rear of the barber shop.

In the justice court on Monday the case of the People vs. Bustillos and Gutierrez, for receiving stolen property, was dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence. Bustillos was immediately re-arrested on charge of larceny—stealing revolvers from the Hyden Hardware Co. Bustillo's attorney, George W. Perkins of Los Angeles demanded a jury trial. Case was set for Nov. 28, at 10 o'clock.

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The numerous germs are produced by the numerous variations of colors produced by the reflection of the sun's rays off from all kinds of substances, but the pure sunlight produces red. It is the red that the disease germs cannot endure and by introducing the red into the blood the bad germs are driven out. Red is iron and when iron strikes the microbes and germs of other colors, which are composed of sulphur, the circles of which the iron is formed change into straight lines and the microbes and germs are immediately changed into lime.

Then the stone drifts out of the system as uric acid. There is no other way to get the bad germs out of the blood. If serums are used to kill the microbes they provide no means for the removal of their dead carcasses. It is the fill of the dead microbes that is so fine that it can penetrate to all parts of the body without the least hindrance. In the muscular organs it produces cathartic excretions but in the nervous system it weakens the electrical life by the evaporation of cell water, leaving the cells dry.

The appetite then prefers dry foods—those foods from which water and oxygen are absent. A person is not stirred or moved excited through fear or unusual excitement and as soon as excitement is over they eat a dull and languid—the reaction that follows excitement. The nerves are excited from both within and from without a double dose of poison.

Sunlight, as it is stored up in red honey and in the red pulp of the fruits that ripen in winter is the only exterminator of the microbes and germs by their enclosures in these stone casings so as to remove both their dead bodies and their stench also. Every part of the body that ever is fed is produced by these circles, being changed into straight lines and into microbes getting in and producing an acid that eats nerves and kills the flesh.

The purpose of flesh and muscle fibre is to use out the fats of the food and send the chlorine to the brain. While the muscles are built up by activity the brain cells are made strong by quiet. Swift action of brain makes weak brain. Brain is for fineness of its discernment. The muscles should be worked by the gymnasia which are situated near the muscles. If the brain is used to operate the muscles it loses its finer moments by the absorption of fats from the muscles.

The necessity for the ripening of honey through cool weather is to remove the fats, or protein, and produce the carbos-hydrates, or white honey, sugar, or white fruits or carbo but they are not hydrates. Hydrates are for the purpose of connecting the water we drink with the ozone of the air we breathe. It is this ozone and water that enables the brain to see farther and discern more clearly than the eyes.

This world will be all sunshine and brightness when you learn to use your brain in place of the eyes. The more water, or hydrates the brain gets the clearer the vision but fats and cookery produce fog and clouds. A person who fails to select hydrate foods always be told by the ungraceful form of their muscles and bagging shape of the abdomen and their jerky, wormlike walk. Then their habits, also, appear to be set and unchanged as if cast out of dead matter.

C. W. DAYTON,
The Red Ripe Honey Man.

ENACTING A PICTURE PLAY

By RUTH GRAHAM

"What a delightful life you must live," she said, "enjoying up these picture plays. How in the world do you make people out of nothing? And then you create them, how do you make those things that are interesting?"

"It's all built up, just as you would construct a house. First you must get your motif, that's the basement. Next, you find certain complications that's the framework. Finally you make your characters do it all in accordance with your scheme; that's putting in the body of your house. Then, when it's all laid out, you put in the finishing touches; that's decorating."

"But where does the romance come in?"

"I can't tell you, but I can show you. Let me enact a picture-play. We'll make it very simple, only two characters—the man and the girl. Rosalind, the girl, leaves her home with a letter. She meets the fellow, Jenkins. He sees the letter and the address and surmises that she is going to the office to post an acceptance to a rival. He leaves her very sad. The next day he returns for two years. He doesn't find, and she tells him that the letter she posted is rejected on his rival's behalf instead of an acceptance."

"What a stupid man!"

"If I have didn't make lovers do stupid things they wouldn't be so hard to write. Let us play it now."

"But I don't see how we can enact this. There isn't anything for us to do."

"It's a two reel play. Suppose we invent the first reel and enact the second."

"There's not much in either of them. It's all down there in the last half. You see one of those rivals. That will make a pretty play for you. You see, we must look out for the artist's features. You will be thinking of Jenkins."

"Oh, his name and a letter name for him?"

"Oh, his name doesn't matter. Besides, you have said he's very stupid. She is also as directed. While she was sitting pensively on the rock he passed the other way, saw her and hurried down to her. On reaching her, he uncovered, bowed and moved his lips as if talking to her with a distant manner."

"I'm telling you what might be expected if finding you after a long absence. There's no use saying it, for photographs can make no sound."

"Oh, I forget that."

"You can see why I went away so suddenly. I reply that I saw the letter of acceptance of my rival. Then you inform me that it was a letter of rejection."

"Well, well consider all that said."

"He said he'd die, to heaven, as if he were living thence. Then he beat his breast dramatically."

"Satisfaction at learning that my rival was turned down and self reproach at the loss of two years of happiness."

"Happines! How do you know that Rosalind will have you?"

"Too enough."

"I shouldn't think you would be much of a picture play writer to make such mistakes as that."

"The theme doesn't work out right. It has failed to put in anything about Rosalind loving Jenkins. I shall have to go back to the beginning and do it all over."

"I don't see any reason for that."

"How shall I supply the deficiency?"

"I don't think her, of course."

"Right you are."

"He sat down very near her, so near that she cheek almost touching hers, and began to nudge his lips into her dress as if to kiss her."

"Don't you think," she said, "if you would enact the part better if you spoke the words? How can a woman show feeling while making his lips move without saying anything?"

"Right again. The words in picture plays really speak their parts." They spoke alone.

"How happy I am to find you in this beautiful spot, Rosalind. I have—"

"You need to keep the name of the picture in the play?"

"Yes, I have known you now for a year and—"

"Why, you've been away two years, and you knew me before you left."

"Tell me, please," he went on, changing his tone, "was that letter to Gert right? I saw on your table when I called yesterday an acceptance?"

"Yesterday? Why, it was two years ago."

"Never mind the confounded picture play. Tell me, is it 'or Carriage'?"

"Right! I remember she played her part beautifully. She turned away her head and left her hand in a position

very advantageous for being grasped. Then she bent forward so that his other hand could not very well help assisting her waist."

Plays are like lovers; they put the best foot forward. In the real thing there is usually a lot behind the scenes. In this case the leading lady, who had been angling for the leading gentleman for some time, had adopted the role of a rival. The rival not proving immediately effective she adopted the expedient of leaving a letter addressed to him where the leading gentleman would not fail to see it the next time he called.

Great Chance to Kick a King.

There used to be a story—related, we fancy, in one of Mr. George Russell's books—that when it was arranged that the Duke of Genoa, then a boy at Harrow, was to succeed to the throne of Spain every boy in the school of sufficient size, let us presume, solemnly kicked him in order that he might have the gratification of saying in after years that he had kicked a king—London Spectator.

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Owensmouth Public Library

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Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce

President—W. F. Fichtelmeier.

Secretary—G. P. Kelly.

Meets every second evening of each month at 8 o'clock, in grammar school auditorium.

Owensmouth Women's Club

President—Mrs. G. W. Monroe.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. E. Reichelmeier.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Stronach.

Meets every second Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock at homes of members.

Owensmouth High School

Principal—G. W. Monroe.

Owensmouth Grammar School

Principal—Joseph Gerard.

Lozier Aid Society

President—Mrs. Frank Goodall.

Secretary—Mrs. Wm. McQueen.

Meets every two weeks on Thursday at 2:30 at the homes of members.

Epworth League

President—Warren Bell.

Meets every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Synagogue Block.

M. E. Sunday School

Superintendent—Eric Goodall.

Meets every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Synagogue Block.

West End Parent Teachers' Association

President—Mrs. Wm. A. Dyrincot.

Secretary—Mrs. Helen L. Mitchell.

Meets on the first Friday evening of each month.

(This association includes the school districts of Owensmouth, Chatsworth, Calabasas, Liberty, Los Angeles, Corral, Decker, Mount Olive, Topanga, Mariposa.)

Van Nuys Poultry Association

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 a. m. in First National Bank, Van Nuys.

President—D. B. Railway.

Secretary—M. McCannister.

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President—G. W. Monroe.

Secretary—Chas. Park.

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Scout Master—B. E. Goodall.

Scout Leader—Wayne Davis.

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Canoga Club

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Saturday, Nov. 25—"Community Day" at the High School. Come and help clean up the school grounds. Free lunch at noon.

Sunday, Nov. 26—Young People's Bible Class, 10:20 a. m. Leader, Miss Clara Rooksby—Physical Efficiency.

Wednesday, Dec. 6—Owensmouth Woman's Club meets with Mrs. Gallow.

Thursday, Nov. 30—Thanksgiving Day. National Holiday.

Saturday, Dec. 2—Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce meeting. Special program. First and last appearance of several actors. 8 p. m., sharp.

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Owensmouth Hi School Notes

Miss Vaughn, musical instructor at the Van Nuys High School, now visits Owensmouth twice a week for the purpose of giving instruction on the pipe organ. Four pupils have entered her class.

Basketball schedule for the San Fernando Valley Hi School Athletic League:

Nov. 24
Burbank—U.S.C., at U.S.C.
San Fernando—Van Nuys at San Fernando.

Owensmouth out.
Dec. 1
Burbank—Owensmouth at Burbank.

San Fernando—U.S.C. at U.S.C.
Van Nuys out.

Dec. 8
San Fernando—Owensmouth at Owensmouth.

Van Nuys—U.S.C. at Van Nuys.
Burbank out.

Dec. 15
Burbank—San Fernando at San Fernando.

Van Nuys—Owensmouth at Van Nuys.

Jan 5
Burbank—Van Nuys at Van Nuys.

U.S.C.—Owensmouth at U.S.C.
San Fernando out.

Jan. 12
Burbank—U.S.C. at Burbank.

San Fernando—Van Nuys at Van Nuys.

Owensmouth out.
Jan. 19
Burbank—Owensmouth at Owensmouth.

San Fernando—U.S.C. at San Fernando.

Jan. 26
San Fernando—Owensmouth at Owensmouth.

U.S.C.—U.S.C. at Van Nuys.
Burbank out.

Feb 2
Burbank—San Fernando at Burbank.

Van Nuys—Owensmouth at Owensmouth.
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CHATSWORTH

Pied Graves was seriously injured on Tuesday while leading a colt. The rope got twisted about Mr. Graves' left foot, while his right foot, caught on the watering trough. Before he could free himself the colt pulled violently at the rope, spraining Mr. Graves' thigh and back severely.

Personal and Local Notes

Come to the hi school Saturday and help clean up the grounds. Lunch will be served to all workers at noon.

If you want to know how to remove that pesky corn or stop that toothache, ask Bechtelheimer—he knows—adv.

Rev. Watson, secretary of the Southern California Baptist Association, will preach at the church service Sunday morning.

E. W. Hewitt, one of the organizers and original owners for the Van Nuys Nurseries, now has as a partner R. J. Baird of Pasadena, who has purchased the interest of W. J. Eilers in the business.

Owensmouth now has a resident painter, Wm. Moore, whose card appears in another column of this issue. Mr. Moore is painting the new Trexler house and has the contracts for the Ralphs and Waring houses.

Street Foreman George Squire is putting in "digs" across Sherman Way between Owensmouth and Marian, to care for the storm water. Eight of these outlets will be provided. Work has also been begun on the footbridge in front of the high school.

Thieves last Sunday night butchered a hog belonging to the Elliott-Brant Ranch in their pasture on Canoga avenue, near the stock yards. The bloody trail led toward Reseda. Officers Roberts and Squires made a search of the Mexican camps in this vicinity, but no fresh pork was found.

A complaint charging cruelty to animals was sworn to in justice court on Tuesday by Mrs. Grace Frelmin of Corneil, who alleges that Postmistress Hoskins of Corneil last Friday twice shot and fatally wounded the Frelmin family dog. The animal is said to have suffered for several hours before dying. The S. P. C. A. has taken up the case.

A meeting was held Tuesday evening in the church room to discuss the "Community Church" proposition for Owensmouth. Rev. Geo. Graf and wife represented the Methodists, Rev. Watson the Baptists and Rev. McCullen the Presbyterians. Others present were: L. Waring, Frank Goodall, G. W. Monroe, G. P. Kelly, C. F. Hale, Erle Giddall. It seemed to be the consensus of opinion that the name "Community Church" would be more desirable than "Federated church."

The Elliott-Brant Rancho, Ed Morris, Frank Goodall and others who have suffered from thievish depredations, are making a strong effort to have a policeman stationed in this end of the valley. With something like a hundred camps of beet workers and a continuous change of laborers it is unreasonable to expect Officers Gerard to look after the entire San Fernando Valley west of Universal City. If you have any influence with the police department now is the time to get busy.

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Personal and Local Notes

Watch next week's paper for the program of the entertainment to be given Dec. 2 by the Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce.

The Ladies' Aid supper given in the Syndicate Block last Friday evening netted the society about the \$50. The affair was held in the restaurant, the range, disastables, ren.

etc., being rented for the occasion. The evening was highly enjoyable to all.

A Sunday School has been organized at Manzan, with Miss Jessie Curran as superintendent. The school meets at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith on the West Ranch.

Mrs. L. C. Kimball acted as one of the patronesses at a dance given Thursday evening at Goldberg Hall by the Associated Parlors of the Native Sons and Daughters, for the benefit of home-less children.

WHEN LIFE IS LEAVING.

Physical Signs That Foretell the Approach of Death.

There are certain symptoms which are universally recognized as forecasting death. Most of these were recognized by Hippocrates, and it seems strange that very few signs have been added, since his day, though millions upon millions of persons have observed other dying.

The Journal of the American Medical Association devotes four pages to an address read by Dr. Thomas F. Reilly, professor of applied therapeutics, Fordham University College of Medicine, before the Harlem Medical association. Space is lacking here for even a summary of this address, but a few points made by Dr. Reilly ought generally to be known.

So long as there is life left in the body in typhoid fever and cholera no doctor can predict a fatal ending. In acute diseases a pulse that steadily increases in frequency hour by hour generally means early death, if other signs of serious illness are present, in an adult.

Other almost sure indications of approaching death are refusal of the pupils to react to light, glazed pupils, temperature of 108 F. (except in heat stroke) and of 107 lasting more than two hours; persistent and uncontrollable hiccup in any serious illness, the loss of more than half the body weight, grating of the teeth in the course of fever in adults.

There are other signs which Dr. Reilly classes as folklore, but says are generally true. Among these are tense and shiny forehead, desire of a patient to go home or to green fields, constant changing of position in bed, picking at the bedclothes (except in typhoid) and coldness of the feet and knees.

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