

Owensmouth Gazette

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9,510,613 POUNDS OF BEANS HANDLED HERE IN 1917

Comparative statement showing the number of pounds of beans handled at the Owensmouth Warehouse to January 1 for each of last three years:

	1915	1916	1917
Blackeyes	2,573,220	1,156,382	108,197
Limas, Fordhook, Burpee & Lewis	604	11,357	27,962
Blue Pods		6,700	19,880
Navy and Lady Washington	67,284	1,225,145	4,218,073
Pink	87,780	64,724	34,280
Teary	18,690	550,857	4,768,143
Jackson Wonder Bush		5,392	
Florida Butter Bean		2,066	
Jackson Wonder		102	
Red Kidney			226,964
Pinto			1,505
Totals	2,747,453	3,031,725	9,510,613

The above statement secured from the local office of the Vanomar Producers gives an idea of the increase in bean production in the San Fernando Valley. In addition to the beans shown as being handled at the Owensmouth Warehouse this year, the new warehouse at Van Nuys handled approximately 10 carloads. In other words, the bean crop for the entire valley was in the neighborhood of ten million pounds.

CURRENT EVENTS

Observers of citrus products of Southern California predict an excellent crop for next year.

Hemet is beginning to show a fine orange district. There are about 1100 acres, mostly in young trees.

From Southern California fewer oranges are to be sent to eastern markets until after February 1st. This is because Florida crops are being put on the eastern markets owing to the Florida local cold weather.

Canada has been reported producing five per cent more crops since the war. The women are helping to bring increased production.

The food administration has ruled that oranges and lemons be classed as essentials. This fruit is to take the place of condensed and dried foods, which are needed for export.

The boys that deserted the army from Camp Kearney and became bandits, robbing and murdering, are now facing two grave accusations, the civil charge of murder and the federal charge of army desertion.

It has been stated that this is the best winter Southern California has ever had for visitors. What about our farmers? It was all right for the Rose Carnival; now let us have Jupiter Fluvius show what produces the violets and cranberries.

Oranges and lemons are in great demand for the large cantonments all over the country, thereby increasing the value of the fruit.

Here's an item for our women: In the east women are wearing non-white shoes. They no longer remain indoors on account of icy streets or slippery pavements. They wear non-slip chains which are held on by a strap and are worn over rubbers.

Harry Lauder is now in Los Angeles for the purpose of raising \$5,000,000 to return the wounded Scotch to their own native land and set them up in business.

The army is now to make soldiers of those who have been exempted on account of physical disability. They will be recalled and given medical treatment.

Owensmouth

By Bernice King

A sunny land in the sunny south is a little town called Owensmouth.

"It's a beautiful place, no doubt about that!" It was said by a man who quietly sat.

Looking at the valley near and far while waiting for an Owensmouth trolley car, He noticed a building famous for its looks

106,100 Its history has been written in many books.

It's the "Syndicate Block", so long and erect, A building that most people would like to select

To have in their home town so far away, But now those people have come here to stay.

"But now," they say, "this is my home my chosen land, Where it once was a deserted barren strand.

It's now a place of up to date; Better come here, before you're too late!"

CLATSOPATH

ANNA M. GRAVES, Secretary

Mr. and Mrs. Landers and daughter, who attends the Grammar school, have recently moved into the community.

Miss Dorothy Pratt and Jesse Graves were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Graves, for the week-end.

Richard Williams, of the San Pedro Bay, has been transferred to San Francisco. He does not know just how long he will be there.

Mr. Ward, the engineer of the ditch-digger, was hurt last Saturday morning. His clothing caught on a piece of machinery and threw him, but he escaped serious injury beyond cuts and bruises.

Mr. Robert Hanscomb of San Francisco, father of Earl Hanscomb, and brother of Mrs. Farmerist, is spending a few weeks in Southern California. He expects to go to San Diego soon to visit his son, who has recently joined the army.

RANCH NEWS

Most of the land around Clatsworth, which can be irrigated, is to be put into beans. There is to be some grain planted, but this is for local purposes. On account of the rain holding off so long there has been a great deal of irrigating in this region, but now, for about a week or ten days, there will be no water for irrigation, because of repairs in the pipe system.

It appears that most of the acreage of the valley would be planted to beans this spring. This is certainly a wise move on the part of the ranchers. No crop of the present time offers such large returns for the same expenditure of labor.

The best growing outlook is so unqualified that ranchers are unwilling to take chances on the crop again. Apparently there has always been more or less uncertainty about returns from beet crops, besides it is rather late now to plant beets and secure a normal crop. Operations around Zelaik indicate that some 4000 acres would be planted to beans this season.

Squirrel poison at Bechtelheim's Drug Store.

Hi School Notes

GLADYS RIDGLE, Assistant Editor

I wish to thank the students who wrote last week's notes for me in my absence.

Miss Louise Daid visited Monday morning, January 21.

The schedule has been changed and the new program went into effect Tuesday, January 22.

Miss Elsa Schneider of the Junior Class moved to South Hollywood two weeks ago. She has been going and coming on the car. She will start school there, Monday, February 7. We are all sorry she is going, but hope she will like her new school as well as her former school.

The girls met and organized two basketball teams Thursday, January 22.

Mr. McCormick was out January 16 to see about the school's grounds, which are now being planted in flowers and trees, which will soon add to its beauty.

Miss Ralph, who has been sick with erysipelas over a week, is now well enough to see members of her family.

The third and fourth year English class is editing the Owensmouth Gazette this week.

Last Friday the High School boys helped to plant the shrubbery about the High School.

The Sophomores are planning for a game of basketball with the second year class of the Van Nuys High School.

Work on the High School Annual has been started.

The Van Nuys ninth year basketball players were unable to come over for a game with our boys last Monday. Good substitutes from our tenth and eleventh year classes made up the team against our ninth year lightning bolt team. The Van Nuys substitutes were beaten by a score of 9 to 4. The ninth year class served refreshments of cocoa and sandwiches at the close of the game.

A new Royal typewriter was added to the school equipment this week.

Part of the consignment of shrubbery and trees has arrived at the High School, to be planted for the improvement of the grounds.

Mr. George F. Beals of Van Nuys has a contract with the Board of Education to plant the shrubbery. The board contracted for \$200 worth.

A meeting of all the girls interested in basketball was held Thursday after school in Miss Draper's room for the purpose of organizing a girls' basketball team. Antoina Weber and Dorothy Tweedy were elected captains of the teams.

The State Board of Education has appointed Professor Clark W. Hestington of the University of Wisconsin to the position of Director of Physical Education for the public schools of the state. This office was created by the legislature at the last session.

The second term of school will begin next Monday, February 4th. Several new students are expected to enter.

Now that shrubbery has been planted on the school grounds, those grounds should follow the road. When establishments are given machines, should not be parked on the grounds, as valuable plants might be destroyed. According to a report from the United States Bureau of Education, the child that stays out of school to earn less than \$9.99 a day is losing money, not making money.

Fontain pens and kodak films at Dechtelheim's.

WHY USE NEWSPAPERS on sale at the postoffice. All legal papers now must carry revenue stamps. All parcel post packages on which the postage is 25 cents or more are required to have affixed a war revenue stamp of 1 cent for each 25 cents in postage.

ATTENTION, MR. FORD OWENSKI! Why don't you save what money you are able, by putting on one of my guaranteed gas savers? The gas you waste is money lost. Why not conserve it? I will demonstrate any place within ten miles of Owensmouth. Inquire of S. W. Falor, or leave orders with Hayden's Hardware Store, Owensmouth, Calif.

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Mr. L. T. Webster is visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. E. Beckstead, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mealand of Willets, Cal., visited Mrs. C. F. Ridgle on Monday.

Notice to voters? Register today with W. B. Hyden at the Hyden Hardware store.

L. K. Thompson is at Berkeley, where he is taking a special course in marine engineering.

The T. G. Club met with Miss Dorothy Tweedy last Saturday night. All reported a splendid time.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Woodruff, from Crescent City, have been visiting H. L. and W. E. Beckstead the past week.

George Burch and Francis Waring took a fourteen mile hike on the Toiyah road last Friday evening. This constituted one of the tests for first-class Scout. The boys were offered with a sternly refused the favor. There was a reason.

Chas. J. Ely has accepted the position of chief agriculturist for the Sacramento Valley Sugar Company, and will make his headquarters in Chico for the next few months. He has also leased 5000 acres of land on the Governor Stanford ranch at Vina, most of which will be planted to sugar beets.

Harold F. Johnson has moved from Kettleford No. 1 to Kettleford No. 2. He also won nearly all of his uniform lately. Kettleford No. 1, which was supposed to accommodate about 8000 or 9000 persons, had about 60,000, and it was condemned by the government.

W. B. Hyden has been appointed a deputy registrar for this precinct, and voters may register with him at the Hyden Hardware store at any time.

Hartman, the Van Nuys Jeweler, does watch and jewelry repairing.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1918.

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Local Events

On February 15 the Owensmouth Farmers' Club will hold a "Farmers' Rally," which is intended to be the biggest meeting of farmers held in the county. It is the first of the 1918 Food Program, in which California farmers have to serve the needs of the people of France.

Dean Thomas F. Hunt of the University of California, Berkeley, who has studied at first hand the conditions in Canada, while maintaining a fourth of her men in the army, has increased her crop 40 per cent, and that

our appreciation to Mr. Mitchell for his courage on his part to hazarding his life for the benefit of our country. But Mr. Mitchell is a friend willing to help out in any way he can. He is a man who is helpful to him for all that he has done.

It is due the public for our boldness in the field of journalism. Our practice, and since our readers are that they will overlook our criticisms or comments which may appear in next week's issue. I thank everyone who has in any way helped our publication. Doubtless we have many friends to secure news.

It is to win this war by saving silks and to buy war saving stamps? The reason is because our country is at war. We need every penny which can be saved to clothe and arm our soldiers and sailors at the front. The younger element of today have a heavy burden to carry before them, for the betterment of the nation. It is our duty to aid in every possible way to make the world safe for "Democracy" and then to live up to these ideals and carry out its style of government after the strife is over.

The supreme sacrifice that any man can make is to give his life for his country. If our men somewhere in France and at the training camps are willing to sacrifice their lives for us, our duty then is to sacrifice some of our pleasures and comforts to keep them brave of heart and strong of body. To save money is to save lives. Buy War Saving Stamps and Thrift Cards and strike a blow for our country.

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Citizen, why isn't there some kind of a fire protection for Owensmouth? This town does not even have a fire hose and if a fire should occur the town would likely burn down before any aid could be sent from the neighboring cities. A city that is smaller than Owensmouth in population has a fire hose and a chemical engine. Let the Chamber of Commerce and the other organizations take it up with the fire department of Los Angeles and try to obtain some kind of a fire protection.

SOME OF THE NEEDS OF OWENSMOUTH

All will agree that the following improvements would add much to the welfare of the place: A community church building, a park and civic center, windbreaks, more alfalfa fields, a swimming pool.

While we are busy growing faster than we realize, it is well to keep in mind some of the features which would add to the worth and attractiveness of our community. We cannot secure all of these things at once, but it is much easier to begin while the place is small. Everyone should join the "Boosters' Club" and work to make Owensmouth an ideal community center for this end of the valley.

A suggestion has been made by some prominent Los

Angeles officials that a road be constructed to take the place of the alley in front of the high school, and extending to the grammar school with parking on either side. The plan provides for a municipal park and picnic grounds in the block where the Pacific Electric depot stands. In this block would also be located a building for branch offices of the city government, a library, fire department, woman's club building, etc.

Francis Waring has made a drawing representing the suggested improvements, but lack of space prevents our placing a cut in this issue. The drawing is well executed and gives a vivid picture of the beauty such a plan would provide.

The scheme is not only feasible but highly desirable. To some at this time it may seem too elaborate, but ten years from now such an opportunity for civic improvement would be taken up quickly. But when that time comes, the opportunity will not exist, for the property will all be owned by private parties and improved in various ways.

One trouble with city building is that no plan for the future is provided. The various organizations of Owensmouth should work together along definite lines which will insure to this place distinctive features that will be highly worth while in the years to come. Let us have some real leaders to take hold of the movement. All are willing, but at present leadership is lacking.

For San Fernando Valley news, you should read the Owensmouth Gazette

LEGAL ADVERTISING

School Bond Election Notice

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of Decker school District of Los Angeles County, California, that, in accordance with the provisions of the Political Code of the State of California, an election will be held on the 18th Day of February, 1918, at the school house in said District, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (during which period and between which hours the polls shall remain open), at which election the question of issuing and selling bonds of said District to the amount of Five Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of raising money for purchasing school lots, for building or purchasing one or more school buildings, or making alterations or additions to any school building or buildings, for insuring school buildings, for supplying school buildings with furniture or necessary apparatus, and for improving school grounds, will be voted upon.

The said bonds hereunder to be issued and sold shall be of the denomination of Five Hundred Dollars each and shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be numbered from 1 to 10 consecutively, payable as follows, to-wit:

- Bond No. 1, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 3 years.
 - Bond No. 2, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 4 years.
 - Bond No. 3, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 5 years.
 - Bond No. 4, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 6 years.
 - Bond No. 5, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 7 years.
 - Bond No. 6, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 8 years.
 - Bond No. 7, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 9 years.
 - Bond No. 8, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 10 years.
 - Bond No. 9, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 11 years.
 - Bond No. 10, Five Hundred Dollars, to run 12 years.
- That C. N. Greenamyer will act as inspector, and Oscar Keplar and Sidney Malden will act as judges of said election, and conduct the same, said inspector and judges being competent and qualified electors of said School District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 14th day of January, 1918.

WM. KELSO,
MRS. C. M. Decker,
Trustees of said School District,
Los Angeles County, California.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Mr. and Mrs. J. King went to Santa Ana Tuesday.

Mrs. I. W. Gleason, District Parliamentarian, directed the study of parliamentary law at the Women's Club Wednesday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Pontius of Ontario on Jan. 9 a daughter, Marjoria Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Pontius were former residents of Owensmouth.

Sergeant Ortega, brother of Elizabeth Delaway, and his friend, Robert Lee, were in Owensmouth Tuesday evening. Both young men are employed by the government in war operations in Los Angeles.

The Sierra Club of Southern California spent last Sunday exploring the Calabasas hills. Forty hikers returned from the strenuous trip and invested in many cakes of milk chocolate to nourish them on their homeward way.

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BEST MEATS AT REASONABLE PRICES FRESH FISH EVERY TUESDAY

OWENSMOUTH MEAT MARKET

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Mr. Auto Owner!

Go to the

OWENSMOUTH GARAGE

When you are in need of some Repairs. They will take care of your motor in the right way. Also try them for your supplies. Good Goods at Right Prices.

The Land of Elbow Room

By Kathryn Lundy

While in the East there are so many blizzards and rain-storms, and the snow must be shoveled out of the streets so that people may pass, California is enjoying a beautiful, mild winter, with plenty of sunshine and a forecast of plenty of rain. It is being advertised for its large orange and lemon groves and its extensive grain and bean fields. This state is spending hundreds of dollars by advertising, let us help by pasting many three-cent stamps on the letters we write to our friends in the East who are selling them enthusiastically of this valley, its industries and its advantages. Come West!

Owensmouth

THE COMING METROPOLIS OF THE WEST
END OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Owensmouth is 29 miles from the center of Los Angeles and is the terminus of the Pacific Electric Railway. It has a new \$100,000 High School, \$50,000 Grammar School, \$15,000 Warehouse, Bean Cleaner, Good Bank, Modern Stores, Etc. It is the distributing point for a large area of developed country. Splendid roads connect all points.

Thousands of deciduous fruit trees will soon come into bearing in this section.

CITRUS FRUIT TREES THRIVE IN THE THERMAL BELT WEST OF OWENSMOUTH

OWENSMOUTH LAND & TOWN CO.

Owensmouth, Cal.

Town Lots & Acreage for Sale

The idea of organizing the county farm bureau organized by the Smith-Lever Bill, passed by the National Congress several years ago and thenceforward, prior to the war, had resulted in the organization of farm bureaus in a considerable number of counties in every state in the union.

We had at that time 19 county farm bureaus organized in California, with 225 different farm bureau centers, and about 9,200 members.

This organization is under the National Department of Agriculture and the state Agricultural College, and is supported by the strength of these institutions. It is for the purpose of extending agricultural information to the farmers of the county.

When Congress passed the emergency food production bill, funds were provided for greatly extending the farm bureau system, and California received from this fund an appropriation of \$78,000 for extra county farm bureaus. It is under this fund that the recent organization has been taken up. The University is attempting to organize some twenty-five new counties in the state at the present time about 15 more counties have been organized, among them being Los Angeles County and Orange County in Southern California. Farm Bureaus are now organized in all Southern California counties excepting Santa Barbara.

The Los Angeles County Farm Bureau now has about 2,200 members and the Bureau has been organized with Dr. J. Elliot Coty as the Farm Advisor. One assistant has been appointed and the local officers will be chosen as soon as possible. The permanent officers of the Bureau are:

Ex-Senator Prescott F. Cogswell, Ed. Moore, W. S. Rosecrans, W. S. Rosecrans, Gardena, Secretary.

R. R. McNea, Whittier, Treasurer.

THE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

THRIFT STAMPS ON SALE

War thrift stamps and war saving certificates, otherwise known as Junior Liberty bonds, are now on sale at the Owensmouth postoffice. The stamps sell at 25 cents each. The bonds cost \$1.12 during December and January and are payable in 1921, at which time each certificate will be worth \$5.

The Tax Refund stamps are now on sale at the postoffice. All legal papers now must carry revenue stamps.

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Secretary—Mrs. Clara Schwanke.
Meets for work each Wednesday afternoon in the Methodist block.

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Owensmouth Chamber of Commerce
President—W. E. Bechtelheimer.
Secretary—E. F. Mott.
Meets on last Saturday evening of each month in the block in grammar school auditorium.

Owensmouth Woman's Club
President—Mrs. Ed Morris.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. E. Bechtelheimer.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Driest.
Meets on second Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at home of member.

Owensmouth High School
Principal—H. W. Moore.

Owensmouth Grammar School
Principal—Joseph Gerard.

India's Aid Society
President—Mrs. W. W. Motkin.
Secretary—Mrs. W. A. Driest.
Meets every two weeks on Thursday at 2:30 at the home of member.

Ephraim League
President—Warren Hall.
Meets every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the Methodist block.

M. E. Sunday School
Supervisor—Felix Gonnard.
Meets on first Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the Synodical block.

West End Parent Teachers' Association
President—Mrs. W. A. Driest.
Secretary—Mrs. Bernice Hull.
Meets on the first Friday evening of each month in the first Friday evening of each month.
(This association includes the school districts of Owensmouth, Chatsworth, Glendale, Liberty, Los Angeles, Corral, Ducker, Monte Vista, and San Mateo.)

Owensmouth Branch Home Investment Association
President—G. W. Moore.
Secretary—W. E. Bechtelheimer.
Treasurer—L. W. Kettling.
Directors—J. W. Morris, J. W. Kettling, John Haas, G. W. Moore, W. E. Bechtelheimer.

Vanner Producers
Cooperating in the marketing fruit and farm products. P. A. O'Brien, superintendent.
Owensmouth, Chatsworth & Buena Vista.

Owensmouth Branch Boy Scouts of America
Scout Master—E. F. Mott.
Scout Scribe—Warren Davis.
Meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the Synodical block.

Van Nuys Poultry Association
Meets the first Thursday of each month at 8 p. m. in Warner's Club Room, Van Nuys.
President—B. R. Holloway.
Secretary—M. C. McCaskey.

CATERPILLAR WORK

Plowing, chiseling, etc. All kinds of team work.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

W. C. Community Church of Owensmouth (M. E. Affiliation)
George R. Craft, S. T. B., pastor.
Services every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. U. S. Affiliation.

Chatsworth M. E. Church
Services every Sunday at 10 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. U. S. Affiliation.
S. E. Goodall, superintendent.
Preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday.
Luther League every Sunday evening at 7:30. Services by announcement.

Zelzah Lutheran Church
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:30. M. L. Ulfenwing, Supt.
Luther League every Sunday evening at 7:30. Services by announcement.

Christian Science Society of Los Angeles (Van Nuys)
Regular services: Sunday at 11:00 a. m. Wednesday at 8 p. m.; Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
At chapel, 31 F street.

The Waring, Bechtelheimer, and Monroe families attended the Senior play "Sherwood" at Lincoln High School, Jan. 24.

Mr. A. Guernsey of Eastern Oregon has been visiting his relatives the Becksteads, and Mrs. C. F. Riddle.

F. B. Bowland from Little Rock California has been visiting Mr. Joe McDonald and family the past week.

THE SEASON'S RAINFALL
Following is the record of the inches fall for the season of 1917-1918:

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January 12.....	24
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To same date last season.....	84

CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE

Several thousand strong, vigorous cabbage plants for sale. Inquire Gazette office.

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High Class Orchard Land

In the Heart of the San Fernando Valley, near and fronting Paved Boulevards and Electric Railroad, and under \$2,600,000 distribution system for Owens River Water.

Beet and Bean Land

Rich, level land, easily irrigated and specially adapted to the production of profitable crops of beets, beans and many other commodities.

H. J. WHITLEY SYNDICATE

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Branch Offices at Marian and Owensmouth

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ATTENTION, MR. FORD OWNERS!

Why don't you save what money you already have, by putting on one of my guaranteed gas savers? The gas you waste is money lost. Why not conserve it? I will demonstrate any place within ten miles of Owensmouth. Inquire of S. W. Fallor, or have orders at Hyden's Hardware Store, Owensmouth, Calif.

We want your subscription. When you read this copy, see that you subscribe. The Gazette is a strictly home paper, and it tries to get all the news.

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Holly Poultry Ranch

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Leave Owensmouth	Arrive L. A.
4:25 a.m.	7:40 a.m.
8:00 a.m.	10:44 a.m.
12:00 p.m.	1:04 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	5:04 p.m.
6:00 p.m.	7:04 p.m.
11:00 p.m.	11:43 p.m.

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Between Owensmouth and Los Angeles \$1.25
15-ride family book 7.50
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Round trip fare 1.15
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15-ride individual book 4.50
Single fare65
Round trip fare95

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TIME TABLE

No. 11 Mixed for Ormond.....9:55 A.M.
No. 49 From Ormond, Mixed.....11:50 A.M.
No. 49 and 41 run between Los Angeles and Ormond via Chatsworth, Owensmouth, Van Nuys and Lancaster, and carry passengers.

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Eastward:
No. 10—From San Francisco.....12:37 pm
No. 79 Santa Barbara.....4:57 pm
No. 21, from Santa Barbara.....5:25 pm
Westward:
No. 21 Santa Barbara.....1:02 am
No. 80 Sta. Barbara, Local.....3:57 pm
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A young yeoman at the San Francisco naval station said he did a postal clerk's work for six weeks and when the fellows got no letters they blamed him and "said things!" Let us all do our bit in the letter-writing service, so my pen will need to say or think things!

Empsey, in his book, "Over the Top," urges everyone to write frequently to the boys in France, who so often are ready to go into the trenches just as the mail comes in, and those who start out without a letter go without the stimulus that a word from home can give.

One message, which recently came from France to a young Californian's sister, said: "In the midst of this warfare so close to us here, it is a blessed thought to know that there is a part of the world where things go on normally, and where people are happy and can smile."

Another letter, from the cantonment at Allentown, Pennsylvania, says: "You girls and mother are handy enough not to write any of the sob stuff to me that so many of the fellows get through. When it just disheartens the fellows, when what we all need is to know you're of good cheer, and not heartless."

CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY

CHATS WORTH

ANNA McGRATH, Reporter.
Mr. Sulder spent a few days in Los Angeles on business.

Mrs. Beachler is the proud mother of a baby girl, born last week.

How about those squirrels? We see poisoned barley, all sizes. Bechtelheimer's Drug Store.

Mrs. F.-ed Gillman and two sons, Robert and Jamie, spent a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Gray.

Mr. Proctor and son, Ivan, motored from Fresno last week, and spent the day with the former's parents, Mr. W. S. Kienholz, high school supervisor of agriculture, and Mrs. G. A. Larkey, assistant, were at the high school last Friday, arranging the details for the beautifying of the school grounds.

Mr. Kienholz suggested a scheme of bridging the ravine in front of the school. The bridge would constitute the street in front of the building, and would present a pleasing effect. This matter will be suggested to Mr. McCormick of the Board of Education, who has the improvement of this street under consideration.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

02324
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
(Non-Coal Lands)
No Withdrawals
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles, California, November 27, 1917.

NOTICE is hereby given that Jerome S. Kimpton, of Calabasas, California, who, on April 13, 1914, made homestead entry, No. 02228, for SW¹/₄, NE¹/₄; SE¹/₄, NW¹/₄; Section 6, Township 1 South, Range 17 West, S. B. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Los Angeles, California, on the 7th day of February, 1918, at 9 A. M.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Ray Horton, Calabasas, Cal.
Posey Horton, of Calabasas, Cal.
Johnie Hozland, of Pasadena, Cal.
Frank Mundell, of Los Angeles, Cal.

JOHN D. ROCHE,
Register.

02315
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
(Non-Coal Lands)
No Withdrawals

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, at Los Angeles, California, January 5, 1918.

NOTICE is hereby given that David N. Barrett, of 292 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, Cal., who, on January 10, 1915, made Homestead Entry, No. 02315, for SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄; NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄; Section 17, Township 1 S., Range 18 W., S. B. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make 3-year Soldiers' and Sailors' Act Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Los Angeles, California, on the 26th day of February, 1918, at 9:00 A. M.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Elliot E. Humble, of Cornell, Cal.
William Keiso, of Cornell, Cal.
Joseph Bayers, of Cornell, Cal.
William Stimes, of Cornell, Cal.

JOHN D. ROCHE,
Register.

010984
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
(Not Coal Land)
No Withdrawals.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Los Angeles, Calif., January 7, 1918.

NOTICE is hereby given that Jacob E. Hoffmann, one of the heirs of Frank Hoffmann, of Trinito, Calif., who, on September 8, 1912, made Homestead Entry, No. 010984, for SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄; SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄; Section 25, Township 1 S., Range 20 W., S. B. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver of U. S. Land Office, at Los Angeles, Cal., on the 20th day of February, 1918, at 9 A. M.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Jacob Richter, of Yerba Buena, Cal.
Emory Leasick, of Yerba Buena, Cal.
John H. Mundell, of Yerba Buena, Cal.
Mark A. Veneman, of Trinito, Cal.

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THE SLACKER

By Dorothy Tweedy

As the six o'clock Pacific Electric drew into Owensmouth Kenneth Grayson stirred in his seat, folded his evening paper, and rose to leave the car as it slowed down at the station. The least out of a brisk pace for his home, about a mile distant.

The night was so cold and bitter, the wind howled and shrieked and the dust was blowing so that from time to time he could scarcely see a block ahead of him.

As he walked, his mind was occupied with discouraging thoughts. How well nature seemed suited to his mood; he was restless and disturbed like the wind, yes, and he was bitter, too. If he could only get away from his thoughts! It seemed to him as if they were driving him wild. He argued bitterly with himself—his conscience was clear, why shouldn't he have peace of mind? Why should he allow himself to be so disturbed by the slights and snubs he was receiving of late when he knew that he didn't deserve them? But it was the unfairness of it all that hurt Kenneth so. Ever since America entered the war he had longed to offer his services to his country, had been eager to enlist, and had intended to do so—and then came the reverses.

It was because recently he and Kenneth were forced to take up his business until he became well enough to take over again. So he had to give up his cherished plans of joining Uncle Sam's fighting forces and that, to him, was the biggest disappointment of his life. All his comrades were now in the army and navy or actively engaged in some kind of war work. And the more he knew, the more all felt their "bit."

And he? He was branded by the community as a slacker!

There seemed no going away from the ugly fact. All his old friends seemed to be drifting away from him.

He was met now coolly and casually, where before he was welcomed and greeted as a friend. It seemed to him that all his world of late was composed of "downs," and that there were no "ups."

How lonely and depressed he felt! It was true that his work in the city kept him busy during the day, but it was in the evening when he came home from work, that this mood struck him. Why didn't people understand his real position?

Why couldn't they realize that, since he was the only one who had full knowledge of his father's plans and hopes, it was his duty to manage the work until his father was able to do so himself again?

There was his mother, also to think of, who was getting old and must be looked after. It had not stepped in and taken charge when he had, the business would have gone to pieces and failure and bankruptcy would have resulted.

Why didn't people know how deep his feelings of patriotism really were? Why would he not regard him as a slacker? Well, he would soon show them; his father was far on the road to recovery and it would only be a short time now until he would be able to attend to it. In the meantime he would try to mix things with his old crowd and see if they would take him in again.

There was that Red Cross dance at the Country Club tonight for instance. On the instant he made up his mind to go to it. He would not ask a girl to accompany him this time. He still felt the sting of Margaret Deener's cruel snub at attending the theater with him last week. No, he would hold his head high and go alone.

So, with all this turmoil in his mind, he at last reached his home.

Part Two

The Country Club was a gay place that evening. The bright buffy dresses of the girls, the khaki and navy of the soldiers and sailors, with just a few men in civilian clothes, the lonesome decorations of a patriotic motif, all combined to produce a very effective scene.

When Kenneth arrived there was a jolly crowd like the men's dressing room mostly fellows he knew and with whom he had formerly been on a familiar footing. They were all talking and laughing among themselves, about camp life, army operations and so on, and they scarcely noticed Kenneth at all. "You're to be thought, bitter!" "I am indeed out of it."

He left the dressing room finally and wandered down stairs. Standing for a few moments in the doorway he gazed about him. How many familiar faces there were. Then suddenly his atten-

tion was riveted on a group at a opposite side of the room. Was it eyes deceiving him, or was it Shirley Holmes that he saw? It was surely she. He would not see her anywhere, but she had not in Owensmouth for over a year.

Margaret was also in the group. But she was not smiling, and she was rather non-plussed, this was her usual attitude toward him but that was grateful for that smile read in it an invitation to join group, so he made his way over then, greeted Shirley warmly, asked Margaret to dance. And he received his hardest blow.

"Oh, I wouldn't dream of dancing with you," she told him, and his face turned red, then white with a terrible moment. Then he heard another voice.

"Come, Kenneth, let's sit out dance and talk over old times," an attractive girl he had met at a party beside Shirley and was listening her say.

"I am a plain, despicable, creature," Margaret did. I saw it all. She deliberately got up to ask her to dance and then you were so kind as to ask me to dance with you. I am sure that all this talk about being a slacker? We have always been pals, couldn't you see that?"

So before he knew it, he was telling her the whole story, and he felt that she sympathized and understood. It was a pleasant conversation it seemed to Kenneth that everything for him was changed. Shirley had worked a miracle, what is the meaning of all this talk about being a slacker? We have always been pals, couldn't you see that?"

He had come without a girl but he escorted a very lovely one home. At her door he took Shirley in his arms and said gently:

"It was all who you did it, dear. How can I convince you that I am very, very grateful to you?"

"I am convinced," she sighed happily.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES

There is a new valley ball club at the grammar school. There are special examinations sent out by Supt. Albert Shields Friday. Result: Grade 3—96 per cent. Grade 4—80 per cent. Grade 5—90 per cent. Grade 6—92 per cent. Grade 7—88 per cent. Grade 8—96 per cent.

The flag pole was taken from the building and set up in the front yard.

The seventh grade played the eighth grade a game of volleyball. The seventh grade won 2 to 0.

RED CROSS NOTICE!

An all-day meeting of Red Cross workers will be held on Tuesday at the library. Ladies are urged to bring their lunches.

CURRENT EVENTS

The high school principals' convention will be held in Oakland, April 11 to 13. All high school principals are required, by law, to attend.

The German government at last has been made to realize the serious condition of Austria. The Austrian government is likely to be overthrown unless they grant the demands of their people to break relations with Germany.

From now on it is important that ranchers and fruit growers keep some kind of record of their sales each spring so that they may be able to sell out intelligently the reports required by the collector of internal revenue.

The allies are confident that if Austria breaks relations with Germany the war will end in a few months. The German government, granted all that Russia demands, Austria, on the other hand, has given Russia some territory from the eastern part of Austria to keep Russia neutral.

"L" A BOLD ROBBERY AT J. C. CONDON'S STORE

Condon's store was robbed at 2:30 Tuesday morning and \$22 in cash, some jewelry, dry goods and groceries taken.

The robbers gained entrance through a window at the back of the store. They looted the safe and took all it contained which amounted to \$20 in cash. Then they helped themselves to \$2 worth of merchandise in the store, including trousers, all the rings in the store, some groceries and tobacco.

Ben Ross, night watchman at the cannery, admits he heard some pounding about 2:30 but as the noise ceased, he didn't become alarmed. Only one clue was found, which pointed to the direction taken by the thieves. Merrick Gschwind found a ring with the price tag on it evidently one of those stolen, on Owensmouth Avenue. The aqueduct camp was thoroughly searched but no stolen goods found there.

Office Store is making investigations and discoveries are expected soon.

PERSONAL AND LOCAL

Miss Elda Hubler spent Saturday evening with friends in Owensmouth.

Miss Elma Station, Van Nuys, Phone 8111.

Pacific Electric Time Calendar

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6:45 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
6:15 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
6:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
5:45 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
5:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
5:15 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
5:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.

Kopp of Los Angeles. Mrs. Kapp addressed the Woman's Club in the afternoon on "Interior Decoration of the Home," and "The House Beautiful."

The home of Mr. Mrs. Joe Daic was destroyed by fire last Friday night. All the furnishings of the house were saved. The house was completely destroyed with the exception of the doors and windows which were quickly taken from their frames.

The Hammond Lumber Company have made some radical changes in their offices of the valley in anticipation of active building operations this spring. Mr. R. E. Johnston will have charge of the offices and outside work at Owensmouth and Van Nuys, while Mr. M. L. Wright will take care of the local yard and retail business. It is the intention of the company to develop the business of this section.

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ion. It will certainly be in the interest of those who contemplate building to see Mr. Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Penman and family of Santa Ana spent Sunday with A. Poulsen and family.

The war films shown at the high school Thursday evening were appreciated by many students and the community.

Mrs. L. C. Davenport of Bufton, Indiana is visiting the Waring family. Mrs. Davenport is a cousin of grandpa Waring.

Mr. L. F. Rattery was called to Los Angeles Monday by the death of his mother, who was killed by an automobile accident.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lathem and daughter, Miss Bernice, of Bakersfield are visiting Miriam Mrs. J. T. Holt. The ladies have been to Camp Kearney visiting Mrs. Lathem's two sons.

Friends of Miss Ralph will be glad to learn of her rapid improvement, after a two weeks illness. Her cousin, Dr. Norman Bridge of Los Angeles, and her brother A. S. Ralph, of Orange, were visitors at her home on Sunday.

At the Community Church, Sunday School and school classes for all ages for Bible study. At eleven the pastor will speak on "The Glorious Roll of Ancient and Modern Masters." Evening League at 7 for all young people. Come and help in the war. The community church is a constant source of true patriotic impulse in the community. Come and make it more so if possible.

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