

BIG PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

Chatsworth Reservoir Demanding Careful Attention by City Engineer

A Modern Camp Where Life is Neither Bodge Nor Drudgery with Plenty To Eat

In the rocky foothills three miles northwest of Owensmouth and 892 feet above sea level is a busy center where municipal engineering is engaged on one of Southern California's great developing projects. This gigantic wall of earth and concrete that is slowly taking form for the big dam will make the Chatsworth Reservoir a scenic spot where an artificial lake of many miles in size will impound waters from the Owens river 250 miles away and fed through the large aqueduct with a capacity for supplying millions of gallons daily.

For over eighteen months sturdy men numbered by the hundred, have dredged and shoveled with agile hands giving their best that this tremendous undertaking might not fall of finishing in due time.

It is quite evident that there is need of about two years yet to complete the big job. By slow progress the work is steadily moving forward with the approval of the engineers. Chatsworth Reservoir camp is an inviting retreat, consisting of homes, mess house and kitchen, blacksmith shop, saw mill, rendering room, pool hall, offices and a store or two. The men have good attention, hot and cold shower bath, and morning and evening papers supplied from Owensmouth by Otto Gschwind, who braves all kinds of weather and bad roads to get them there.

No one seems dissatisfied. Every man is fed and paid well and at night he has comfortable place to sleep with the revels of glowing cycles in his ears. It is worth while to visit camp and see what is going on. Supt. Dunham is soundly on the job to the finish. He has every detail in his mind and answers a thousand and one questions a day. Just now only about 65 men are employed, which is only about a quarter of the regular force.

San Fernando valley is getting a service through one of the greatest irrigation systems found in the west. It comprises 308 miles of conduits, trunk lines and laterals, and 75,000 acres of land in the valley already receives irrigation. It is estimated that over 17,000 miners' inches have been used daily. As a result the crop yield has shown large increases. The gross crop value for this area for the irrigation season is placed at \$7,500,000, as against \$3,500,000 for the year previous.

OBITUARY

VALLEY AND VICINITY

The Cream of News From Newspaper Exchanges

Van Nuys News: "Billy" Hart, one of the most popular conductors that ever collected fares on the Van Nuys line of the Pacific Electric, has been unofficially reported as having answered the "great summons" in line of duty with his battery on a French battlefield.

Lankershim Laconic: Pie fruit is going cannerly-ward by the carload. This has been a very good pumpkin season in quantity and quality and the growers are getting around \$5 per ton f.o.b. Lankershim. Several hundred tons have been purchased by the California Packing Corporation. The demand is also good from stockmen.

Zelzah Tribune: The new machinery for the bean cleaner at "rivers" last week and expert machinists are now assembling the parts. Mr. Martin informs us that bean cleaning will probably begin some time next week. Over a hundred thousand sacks of beans are in the warehouse ready to be cleaned.

San Fernando Democrat: San Fernando has been remarkably free from flu cases. This climate is too healthy for any disease to gain a foothold. In the few cases reported are all on their way to recovery.

Australia boasts of the tallest trees grown on British soil.

LATE LOCALS

Subscribe for The Gazette.

Mrs. A. T. Gallow has been visiting friends in Los Angeles this week.

Judge I. C. James of Lankershim is spending a few days visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Haas.

A. B. Shaw of Sierra Madre will erect a house near the Johnson & Woodruff ranch a little later on.

Ruby Davis and Bessie Anderson were in Moorpark over Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Engineer Mulholland was out through Owensmouth last Friday in the interest of the Chatsworth Reservoir.

Some rain last Saturday, and it resulted in with most beneficial results. The storm registered 42 of an inch.

The giant caterpillars and tractors are now heard all around us. It is the kind of a tune that we all like to hear.

Mrs. Fred Balster is home from Los Angeles where she was caring for her sick mother for the past two weeks.

Abraham Heslop, manager of the Johnson & Woodruff ranch, is preparing to set out quite a large citrus orchard.

The Red Cross election of officers for Owensmouth has not been held yet owing to the conditions barring public gatherings.

Y. Puch of Lompac, has purchased N. W. Robertson's ranch south of Sherman Way, and will take possession this week.

Supt. Dunham of the Chatsworth Reservoir, lost a finger last week, caught in the machinery. It was a painful accident.

Alden Eckles, who moved into the valley last summer, north of the H. M. Lord ranch at Marton, is putting the finishing touches on his house and barn.

Old Boreas went on a mad rampage Tuesday and lashed the land with cruel effect. His operations may have ext-terminated the flu germ and proven a blessing in disguise. Who knows?

Mrs. John Davis is advertising an auction sale of horses, mules and farm implements to be found elsewhere in this issue. It takes place tomorrow, the 30th, beginning at ten o'clock. The Red Cross will serve luncheon. Everybody invited.

A heavy truck load of tile bound for the Reservoir camp sunk through the road west of the Mack place Tuesday and crashed through the new pipe line. The truck was there last next day with both wheels resting in he water.

Rural Carrier H. A. MacDonald, who has been doing a good deal of work this week in the interest of a daily mail service, reports that the article on this subject in last week's Gazette made a very favorable impression, and that almost without exception, the people he saw were enthusiastic over the proposition. Twelve additional families and firms promised to patronize the service, with half a dozen more undecided, and if these latter ones lend their support Owensmouth will have exceeded the Department's requirements in every particular, and their next step will be up to Washington.

A Uniting of Festivity and Gratitude

A beautiful transformation from darkness to dawn and fading of delicate tints in the eastern sky into a blaze of mellow sunlight, ushered in Thanksgiving Day. A delicious air, laden with the odors of the mountains, and distilled by the morning dew, fanned its gentle zephyrs over peaceful Owensmouth and San Fernando valley.

In a most extraordinary sense this was a Thanksgiving which, never in the world's history, was ever given greater response by a humble people, touched with a feeling of deepest gratitude.

The world is better fitted this morning to face the important problems which await solution. The nation has bowed in gratitude to God for its rich condition. What an eventful day it was for the million mothers who are waiting with beaming heart the return of her son. This is just one instance, for there are sisters and sweethearts, brothers and fathers who rejoiced alike as they gave thanks around the festive board. There are those also who have deepest sorrow over the absent ones who said their last goodbye. Their names are honored for a life given in the loyal service of his country.

As glad hearts mingled and feasted together, thanks were given for allied armies arrayed on the side of the Lord, and championed the cause of Democracy. Thankful for a army that fully and completely out-generated an infamous and formidable foe too wicked and dangerous to deserve to live.

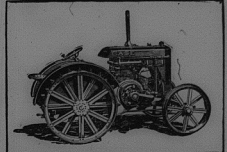
Thankful for victory after traveling hard highways of privation and hardship in trenches and at the front, that the principles of righteousness might rule.

Thankful that a reconstruction epoch is here for a better world—a world Democracy with its peace, freedom and happiness.

Thankful for the abundance in our great cornucopia of wealth, and that we have enough and a plenty to spare for famine fields.

Thankful for a nation that repudiates a nefarious business that makes a brute and a murderer of a man. Thankful for civic pride, men who admire justice against any temptation. For schools and churches. For health and happiness and every attribute that helps one to be a good citizen, with peace and good will toward his neighbor.

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It has a 4-cylinder Case valve-in-head motor and burns kerosene successfully and economically. An efficient air strainer prevents dust and grit entering the cylinders. High grade cooling system includes pump circulation. In dozens of ways this tractor is far in advance. It is the pattern which others try to follow.

In plowing, all wheels run on the unplowed ground. Its all-steel gears are enclosed and run in oil. Hyatt Roller Bearings throughout.

This powerful little tractor, the most efficient in its class, also drives a Case 20x28 Thrasher, fully equipped; a Case No. 12 Silo Filler, Case 17 x 27 Hay Baler and other machines requiring similar power.

Before you buy any tractor, be sure to investigate this wonderful Case. "Better be safe than sorry."



Hyden Hardware Co.

Owensmouth, Cal.

LATEST NEWS

Letters from the boys in camp all seem to express a decided longing for coming home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Pyter and Wenzel spent Thanksgiving in Pasadena with Mrs. Pyter's sister, Mrs. Theo. Belle Owen.

The Gazette intended to say last week that Marian and Calabass were included in the district with Owensmouth in the War Work drive, and both did their part well.

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worth \$40,000 will be contended for by all classes of exhibitors. More than 250 pure-bred beef cattle, 104 registered dairy animals, as well as 17 steers in the individual fat-steer class are already entered, while in the car-load lot class it is expected that six loads of cattle will compete. In addition the entries include 300 pure-bred hogs and 150 pure-bred sheep, together with several loads in the car-load class.

Editor Whitaker of the Zelzah Tribune needs words of congratulation for the "boost" editorial in his last issue. Any sane reader who can digest the contents without awaking from his sleep of lethargy is a dead issue. It is severe without rebuking anyone. It is neither a scold nor a kick, but plain exposition of sound doctrine soaked in the milk of human kindness, intended to be a plain heart to heart talk for better things for Zelzah.

FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY

(From Republican from The Gazette.) The ranchers are sowing grain this early. Thousands of acres will be seeded within the next few weeks.

Frank Goodall has been exhibiting some of the finest oranges ever grown, produced from his own grove which is absolutely frostless.

Joe McDonald and Wm. McGeoch are busy plowing the townsite for seeding to barley. McDonald has the south half and McGeoch has the north half.

Word has been received that the work on the lower half of the Santa Susana grade will start soon. This road is to go over the small tunnel, thus avoiding the railroad crossing.

BRIEF REMINISCENCE

You would scarcely believe it, would you, if I told that on one day Owensmouth had 20,000 visitors more than six years ago. There were 3900 automobiles lined up two and three deep for a mile and a half. It was the day of the auto races, and thirteen entries were made including Teddy Terzalf and Barney Oldfield. A monster grand stand was built where the P. E. depot now stands and the race course took in Sherman Way to Workman boulevard thence south to the State highway, which was the old Ventura road at that time. From here the course extended eastward to Canoga avenue, turning at the corner of the Elliott-Durant ranch, and making the home stretch down Canoga avenue to Sherman Way. Teddy Terzalf won first honors averaging 70.50 miles with his 120 horse-power Fiat. The race lasted over three hours and a half.

Send The Gazette to your friends back home.

THE OFFICE CAT



"Business is picking up, and the boss is all smiles. I don't think he's got The Gazette quit up the standard of efficiency yet, but I think he'll do better. If you want to please the boss just send in the news or write up an ad. He's got the goods."

Hi Little Joke. Hi--Yes, I pass most of my time between Boston and New York. Hi--But I thought you were studying at Yale. Hi--Well, that's between Boston and New York, isn't it?--Boston Tribune.

Adobe Bricks. Adobe bricks with which the Mexicans and Indians often build are made in two sizes, 15 by 9 by 4 inches and 10 by 12 by 4. They are baked in the sun, being turned each day, for from seven to fourteen days. They are not good for use in a rainy season, as they are not hard enough to withstand the water.--Chicago Tribune.

KNOW THYSELF. If you have lost faith in human nature, investigate and discover where you have gone wrong yourself!--Alman.

Indian Wampum. Wampum, used by the Indians for trading purposes, was formed, in the shape of small disks or cylinders, of shells perforated through the center and strung together on strings of deer's sinew. The colors were white and purple or black, the latter being twice as valuable as the white on account of its rarity.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The second payment on subscriptions made to the Fourth Liberty Loan fell due on Thursday, November 21st, payable at the State Bank. It is desired that it be promptly as possible and pay with the same spirit of patriotism that prompted the signing.

We have on hand and can deliver at once a new 1918 five passenger Buick car. G. A. Huffaker, Van Nuys, Calif. 14

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They'll be in our window for the rest of the week and we wish you'd come in and look them over. On account of increased cost to manufacture, Big Ben and Baby Benare now \$3 each. For sale by A. E. HARTMAN, Van Nuys

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For your health's sake spend a week or week-end at this famous resort in the pure mountain air among the pines and oaks.

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FIVE TRAINS DAILY 8, 9, 10 A. M., 1:30 and 4 P. M.

Pacific Electric Railway W. E. Bechtelheimer, Agent, Owensmouth.

Farm Bureaus Avert Fire Losses

Fire damage in California is only 40% this year of previous years, fire underwriters state, due to the work of fire companies initiated by the farm bureaus. To avert a threatened loss of foodstuffs through fire, the bureaus organized local fire companies in 380 farm-bureau centers of the State. Of these 237 companies purchased automobile trailers containing fire-fighting equipment for grain and grass fires, and 4,391 farmers enlisted in rural fire companies which covered a territory of 15,012 sq. miles. The loss in California of grain and grass fires was \$750,000 a year before sabotage and pro-Germans increased the fire risk and it is probable that at least half a million dollars' worth of foodstuffs has been saved by the rural fire companies.

Better Stock in California

Pure-bred live-stock is increasing in California, a State which is associated with choice fruits and record grain crops rather than registered live-stock. The first live-stock show in the State will be held at San Francisco Nov. 16 to 24, at which premiums

Advertisement for Hammered Goodrich Tires. Includes text: 'Hammered — on rock, sand and gravel by six Test Car Fleets, Goodrich tires have been put to the supreme test of the road and PROVED. Get these tested tires from us. Owensmouth Garage C. F. RIDDLE, Prop'r Free Maps and Touring Information. GOODRICH TESTED TIRES'

CHURCHES CALENDAR

Owensmouth Community Church—Sunday school at 10 o'clock... Epworth League meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Chautauq—M. E. Church—Sunday school every Sabbath at 10 o'clock... Epworth League meeting at 7 p. m.

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OWENSMOUTH BRIEFS

Solly Patrick, who is in naval training at San Pedro, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Kimball, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Leasure residing northeast of town, are rejoicing over the advent of a fine daughter, born last Sunday afternoon.

Zelzah wants a bank, hardware and drugstore. There seems to be quite a job of home missionary work for the Chamber of Commerce over there.

Have you made good that W. S. Sledge to the government? Honor week will be over tomorrow night. Don't fail to act your part.

Alfred Brant, of the Elliott-Brant ranch has kindly consented to keep us posted on the rain fall record for publication from time to time.

Mr. Woodworth, who is preparing to set considerable acreage to orange and lemon trees on the western slope, approaching A. L. Fairchild's place, is erecting a large \$1,800 portable house.

O. C. Schaefer of Van Nuys is building a barn on the ten-acre piece just north of R. C. Langenderfer's place. This plot will be set out to orange trees, but Mr. Schaefer is not intending to make his home out there yet.

The Gazette office desk was supplied with a convenient memorandum for the year 1919, the compliments of Charles B. Sexsmith, local agent for the Home Insurance Company of New York City. We thank the giver.

C. W. Dayton, one of the best authorities on honey, says that it is getting scarcer all the time with a gradual rise in the price. The Bureau of Crop Estimates says that only about 37 pounds of surplus honey per colony of bees was produced on the average for last season.

The Hydrex Hardware Company is the local distributor for the Case Kerosene Tractor. It has lasting qualities being the product of an old firm with a national reputation for reliable farm machinery.

Money is need to bring the boys home quickly. Honor your W. S. Sledge. Buy your quota and wear the Honor button.

The city has just completed the large bridge east of the Hadley ranch and the same was opened for traffic last week. It is a fine piece of mason work.

As a request from the California Federation of Women's Clubs, many homes in our midst saw the "Star Spangled Banner" yesterday afternoon at four o'clock as a patriotic feature for Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. L. C. Kimball, Jr. received a letter from her daughter in Boston which states the appalling fact that 80,000 soldiers died at Camp Devans and the combined force of Boston's street diggers were called upon to bury the heaps of dead at Malden cemetery.

The time limit for mailing parcels to the boys overseas for Christmas has been extended from November 20th to 30th. Mrs. Mitchell, who has charge of the mailing, says that all who have not as yet received their labels, to call at the postoffice and she will supply the labels.

We are numbering new subscribers to our list with gratifying results. Keep them coming for every new name makes another spoke in the wheel of progress. Many not only take The Gazette for themselves but subscribe for it for their back and elsewhere. Yes, keep them coming. We pay the postage.

Modern methods in building moving have been illustrated in a very unique way the past week by Wm. Jeffery. His large ranch barn was cut in half and moved by section to Mission acres with the aid of a tractor. A task that might have taken weeks to perform the old way, was handled as graceful as moving a wood pile in a wheel barrow.

Geo. F. Beales of Beales-Kimball Company of Van Nuys, was in Owensmouth Monday looking after business interests. In addition to the immense drying establishment Mr. Beales is the recognized nurseryman of the valley. After 35 years of practical experience he has won a reputation as being mostly on tree culture besides having an unquestionable reputation. Mr. Beales values The Gazette as a good advertising medium and has been with the paper almost since it was first started.

SEASON'S RAIN FALL

The rainfall for the season of 1918-1919 shows the following precipitation as taken from the rain gauge at the Elliott-Brant ranch:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Rainfall (inches). Rows include September 1920, October 1, and November 1920.

NOTICE

We now have on sale anew and complete line of Christmas toys, post cards, booklets and other suitable gifts. See us before you go to the city and save money.

Take your shoes and harness to the Electric Shoe Hospital for repairs. If you are contemplating buying a new car, come in and talk it over. New Ford's will soon be on the market again. Orders taken here. C. A. Huffaker, Ford agent, Van Nuys, Calif.

The One Wise Thing

By WARREN MILLER

Jim Wentworth and I were chums in college, but after our graduation Jim went into business, while I studied law. Jennie Nettleton was my favorite with us both and encouraged each to believe that he was nearest to her heart. I don't like the discrimination of here, but I think it put an edge on Jim's desire to win her. Not that he wished to take her away from me, but that I suspected just his passion very much.

After their marriage I did not see either of them for some years. Meanwhile I had been admitted to the bar and was practicing law. One day who should appear at my office but Jennie Wentworth. And what was my astonishment when she told me that she was intending to get a divorce from Jim and that she wished me to secure her for her.

I considered it indelicate, to say the least, for her to employ me in such a manner. I had been a suitor for her hand and was the friend of the man from whom she wished to be divorced. I endeavored to convince her that some other lawyer would be in a better position than I to handle her case, but she insisted on my taking it. I gave her no definite reply at the time, intending to write Jim. If there appeared to be a chance for me to bring about a reconciliation I would act officiously; if not, I would decline.

I called up Jim on the phone and made an appointment for him. When I saw him and told him why I wished a conference he said that he desired that I should take his wife's case against him. He did not tell me why or give me any information as to the reason why he and his wife had failed to agree. He only said that he would not need an attorney, should he be called in to no defense.

I informed Mrs. Wentworth that I would take her case, hoping to effect a reconciliation between her and her husband. She came to see me, but said nothing about a reconciliation. She produced a letter written by a woman to her husband which she claimed to have found in his pocket showing that he was living a double life. This was the ground on which she would claim a separation. I asked Jim if the letter was bona fide, and he said that since I was his wife's attorney he would not give me the desired information.

There was something at the bottom of the case that was not apparent on the surface. So far as I could discover, neither husband nor wife had any attachment to the other. Mrs. Wentworth seemed to be very sad over the discovery of her husband's infidelity, and as for Jim, he, too, appeared dependent. Moreover, I could not understand why Jim should have come to me with her suit and why Jim appeared to be satisfied with her leaving alone so and that I should conduct the case against him.

After receiving this I took out the incriminating letter purporting to have been found in his pocket and made a study of it. It was a love letter, and to me as though the writer had attempted to disguise his hand. Jim's initials ran on me to act before me, and, glancing at it, there seemed to me to be a resemblance between it and the incriminating letter. The characters of the letter was more delicate than that of the former, but there was no great difference otherwise. It dashed upon me that Jim had purposely incriminated himself.

But why? Did he wish to get rid of me? Or was he so weak that the sight of a girl called him to my office and accused him of writing the only evidence against him? He confessed and made the following explanation: He expected that I would with Jennie Nettleton and had never been able to dress his mind of the suspicion that she had preferred me to him and that she had married him because she could not get me. This suspicion preyed upon his mind till he believed it thoroughly. Then he wrote the incriminating letter and hid it where she could find it. It was he who suggested that she employ me in applying for a divorce, saying that I would make it easy for both.

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Don't use wasteful carbon lamps—use the economical "MAZDA" lamps. Don't light the kitchen range to broil, fry or to toast—do it at the table with the Electric Grill and Toaster.

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If you have electricity in your home, make it keep house for you. It gives more economy, efficiency and convenience—more time for other work.

Ask your electrical contractor dealer today how he can help you conserve by the more effective use of your electric service.

A Practical Christmas

The Government urges that Christmas giving be confined to useful articles—Give electrical appliances. The Government has ruled that no extra salespeople can be employed during the Holiday Season—SHOP EARLY

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