

B.P. Fri April 22, 1938

### Old Bank Sign to Come Down

As a result of a campaign by the Junior Chamber of Commerce looking to the removal of old-out-of-business signs, permission has been received to have such an old sign removed from the former First National bank building at the corner of Ash street and Pomona avenue. It is understood that Commissioner Fred Boxall as a city representative, will take care of the removal.

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Ad for La Habra Bank  
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May 29, 1912

Brea City is enjoying a steady growth. The La Habra Bank as opened for business and reports deposits to the amount of \$7,000 were made on the day of the formal opening and reception. Since that day the deposits have been increased to over \$20,000. O. J. Olsen the cashier, is very much pleased over the beginning. For a new institution it has gained popularity that is gratifying to the board of directors. Its home is one of the most attractive and up to date bank buildings in the county.

BP Fri April 18, 1919

The La Habra V — B — is the ~~most~~ displaying a fine production of oranges — thirteen of them growing from one stem — all perfectly developed. They came from a six year old tree on the Victor Hualde ranch.

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Thurs July 15, 1948

Area's only vacant business building, received a coat of pastel green paint this week. It certainly is a delicate shade of green and is a nice improvement to the southwest corner of Romona ~~corner of 7th~~ Romona and Ash!

On March 15, 1918

Miss Mabel De Lee listed as  
Public stenographer in the rear room  
of Bank Building.

Brea Star  
Friday - Sept 19, 1919

Making improvements

The L. H. V. Park at Brea has had the trees removed to the north of the bldg removed & will extend the cement-walk to the curbing.

Brea Progress Sept 19, 1919

The L. H. V. Park is widening & extending its cement pavement to the Delaney House.

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March 6, 1912

Brea  
Improvements Going  
on at Brea

Brea, the new oil town on the Pacific Electric in La Habra Valley is growing steadily and it is predicted that within a short time will have five hundred or more population. A number of oil well employees are moving to Brea on account of its convenience to the leases of several companies and there is demand for houses for rent that cannot be supplied.

The main streets are now graded and oiled and placed in first class condition. Construction work is going on in the residence portion and the business section. Several houses are nearing completion and new swims will be ready to open for business in a short time.

Bank to Open

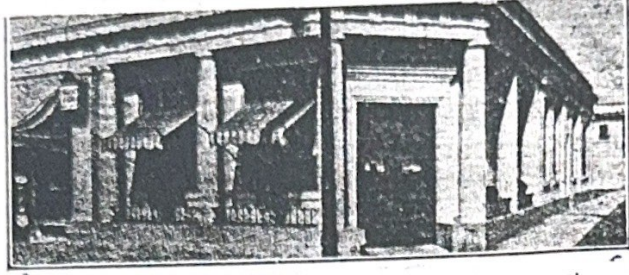
The Brea Bank will probably be ready for business about the first of next month. Completion of the building is being rushed. When finished it will be one of the most attractive bank (homes) in the southland. C. R. Thomas is the head of the institution.

A hotel building will be erected in a short time containing not less than 16 rooms. It will be managed by Mrs. Nellie F. Alford who has opened the Brea cafe and is now feeding about fifty a day. A number of the oil boys are taking meals with Mrs. Alford and transient business is also good. The new hotel will be strictly modern and rates reasonable. Mrs. Alford was formerly in the Maricopa fields and is a popular caterer.

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... scheduled for Aug. 15-16, inclusive, at the former Army Air Base near here. And Joe Henry Dana isn't own an in- duction plant in the gum factory, its have to do, s show up at the door stage on Fri- and Sunday, Aug. at 1 p.m., ready to nd blowing. Expert

BREA PROGRESS, BREA, CALIFORNIA



Jenson's Furniture store, which has been in this location at the corner of Pomona and Ash since 1945, has been sold to Bill Rentz of La Habra. Jenson's later expanded to take over the barber shop at the left. The store furnished the flooring for Butter's cafeteria.

Lang Plumbers Plan Brea Office

Lang Plumbing company, Fullerton, who installed the plumbing on the new Butter's cafeteria, is planning to open an office in Brea, the owners report.

Vern Stoeger and Bill Lang have been serving Northern Orange county with plumbing for four years. In addition to Butter's, they have many big jobs to their credit. Currently they are working on the new McCoy-Mills automobile agency building in Fullerton, and the new Sears store in Fullerton.

Six plumbers and five trucks are available for service. The firm has done many plumbing jobs in Brea for Henry A. Rudd, general contractor.

16 Carpenters Hired to Finish

Sixteen carpenters, hired by Henry A. Rudd, are available for work on the new Butter's cafeteria, the Kirkhill Ruben and has done for Union Oil. Rudd has been in the short. He hires a total of the firm operation for Orange county.

California Orange Market Climbing

The California orange market continued its slow upward climb last week, advancing about 25 cents per box on a sales volume 200 cars greater than the previous week. Shipping authorities feel that a continued strengthening of the market may be evidenced in the immediate future.

Florida shipments have dwindled to practically nothing, with 125 cars shipped last week and an estimated 60 cars to be shipped this week. Next week's shipments should conclude the Florida shipping season, a season which

saw official harvest estimates raised substantially several times during the year.

Fair Sets Contest For Bubble Gummers

This Bubble Gum Contest is planned for the kids, but even grandpa can get into the act if his choppers are good enough and thinks he can blow a bubble.

The contest is the brain-child of Joe Wallace, manager of special events for the 1951 Orange

County Fair, scheduled for Aug. 15-16, inclusive, at the former Army Air Base near here. And Joe swears he, doesn't own an interest in a bubble gum factory.

All contestants have to do, young or old, is show up at the fairground's outdoor stage on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17, 18 and 19, at 1 p.m., ready to start chewing and blowing. Expert

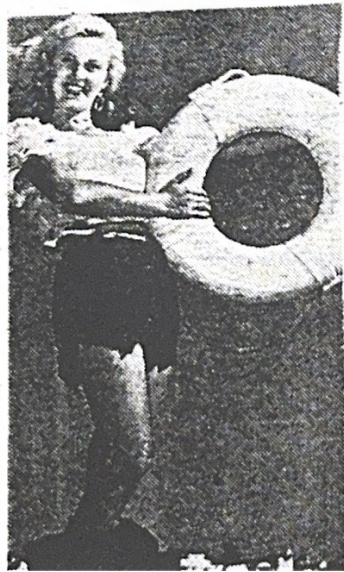
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## MacArthur, Lecturer. To or Baptists

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ir has come to this on from the staff of e Institute in Chile past week he has to great mass meet-a and Long Beach re crowds of more le in both cases. his twenties he has essional as a preach- Don't miss this

and come to the od on Thursday, 30 p.m. The music d by the Fuller local talent com-

## Legationl Officers

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lected are: Patsy Marie Tremaine, Vannoy Miller, presentative; Vir- pecial chairman; ogram chairman; orship chairman; council represen-

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Having been in the Marine Corps for a year and a half, including a year spent overseas, Oxandaboure had quite a tale to tell his parents and friends about his experiences abroad.

He was stationed for a time in the south Pacific and from that area was sent to Europe and Africa. His group was the first marines to land at an unnamed port in England. While in Europe he was also in France and Italy.

During a tour of Naples Oxandaboure stated he saw considerable desolation and destruction. In Africa he was in Bizerte and Oran. Ben said he had never seen more beautiful girls than those in Oran. He hastened to add that beautiful as they were, they did not compare with the girls in Brea.

This is his first leave in a year and tomorrow he will fly back to New York.

## Jump In Circulation of Library Books in Brea

Circulation of books in Brea has increased from 984 in the month of December, 1943, to 1139 in December, 1944, according to the new issue of "Comparative Circulation Reports," a county publication available in the Brea city library.

Miss Kathryn E. Burke, county librarian for the city, states that the most popular books in the period were mystery stories, westerns, and travel. Many readers, she added in a statement Wednesday, have indicated a preference also for books on war subjects and on the Pacific Islands.

The statistical report shows that out of 21 localities in this area listed, only four besides Brea showed an increased circulation in the months concerned. The four are Capistrano, Garden Grove, Stanton and Tustin.

Miss Burke says that among the most popular of recent fiction books in the library now are "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," "Leave Her to Heaven," and "The Razor's Edge."

## Meeting Tomorrow Night of Brea Citrol Lodge No. 656

A special meeting of Citrol Lodge No. 656 F. A. & M., will be held tomorrow evening at the regular meeting hall at the Masonic Temple at 111 south Pomona avenue.

The purpose of the meeting is to confer a third degree on a member.

All members of the lodge are urged to attend.

There was a complete blackout, and a curfew before eight p.m. Nowadays, he hastens to point out, there is still a curfew at ten p.m., but the blackout, has been lifted. He says that there wasn't too great a local Japanese problem in the islands when he got there, although the Japanese outnumber other folks about four to one. The F.B.I. had rounded up the dangerous elements earlier, according to Ernest.

Greatest thrill among the many which he experienced in the islands was the continual sight of American submarines returning to the Pearl Harbor base with enemy flags, representing Japanese ships sunk, painted on them. But it was not so pleasant, he adds, to see the hospital ships come in time and time again with many of our own boys badly hurt.

Both the Taylors are originally from Oklahoma, but they have lived in California some eight years.

the Chemical Warfare Service, Quartermaster Corps, is one of the veterans of World War II whom one is able to see about Brea these days. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Glenn, 124 south Madrona, Charles has been back home for about three and a half months.

The veteran has received his new orders, according to which he anticipates he will be sent to Birmingham hospital and then probably to the Chemical Warfare Service of the Medical Division. Charles thinks he will be in Brea for another two weeks.

Pvt. Glenn wears Pacific, European, good conduct, pre-Pearl Harbor, and veteran of foreign wars ribbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Thompson of Fullerton, formerly of Brea, are the proud parents of a baby girl born Wednesday evening at a Fullerton hospital.

## JOE NEGLEY BUYS BUILDING



Announcement last Wednesday by Joe Negley that he had purchased the First National Bank building at the corner of Ash street and Pomona avenue has opened a whole fascinating vista of Brea history for the present residents of the city.

For, according to Isaac Craig, present city building inspector, the First National Bank building is probably the oldest sizable business structure that was ever erected in the city.

Negley has announced that the building is to be used by Mrs. Negley, proprietor of the Elva May Florist shop on north Pomona avenue, for the opening of a store in the new location. The new store, which will be called the Elva May Gift and Coffee Shop, will consequently have a grand background of lore behind it.

Residents do not seem quite cer-

tain as to the date at which the old building was first erected but James E. Russell and Craig, both of whom lived here as early as 1912, think the building was built around that year or 1911 for, they say, it was standing when they arrived.

The building was first occupied by the La Habra Valley National Bank, with which A. J. Olson, one of Brea's "first residents . . . first bankers and . . . first real estate" men, was affiliated.

Changing hands several times, the building's direction came under the authority of J. C. Sexton, the first mayor of Brea, when the First National Bank located there. Though the Oilfields National Bank and the First National Bank consolidated in 1934, the building was kept in the hands of the First National people until it was sold to a Fullerton party, according to Joseph Witten of the Oilfields bank.

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This is the cost the City owned an water supply alor care of the City's considerable part of the city has used been obtained thment with anot which has been v the City, but whi nated by the oth time.

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# BREA STAR

BREA, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1919.

## LA HABRA BANK HAS NEW ALARM SYSTEM

There is being installed at the First Bank of La Habra this week a burglar alarm system which will make tampering with the bank's funds an absolute impossibility. In making the installation the inside of the main vault and also of the safety deposit vault are entirely lined with sheet steel.

A touch with a metal tool of any kind against any part of this steel will result in setting off the alarm, a part of which consists of a large brass gong to be placed on the roof of the building. Once started, this gong will not stop ringing until an officer of the bank opens the outer door of the vault and cuts it off. Should it ever start ringing, everybody from Montebello to Yorba Linda will know about it.

The apparatus has a clock arrangement which can be set to keep the alarm "alive" for whatever time is desired. Several tons of sheet steel are used in the installation.

## P. T. A. PICTURES TO SHOW NEW STAR

A star, new to Brea, will be featured in the pictures at the school Friday night. Ethel Clayton in one of her best pictures, "The Man Hunt," a picture which will be of interest to young and old.

A Kinogram, depicting some of the late news of the day, will also be given.

Next week is the feature night and Jack Pickford in "Tom Sawyer" one of the very best pictures this well known star has ever appeared in, has been pro-

## PRISCILLA DEAN TO ALIGHT AT BREA

If something falls gently upon your head tomorrow, don't think that you are the victim of an unseen hand bent upon your destruction. The missile will be in the form of a small photograph of Priscilla Dean, and will start upon its downward flight from an altitude of several thousand feet, the sender being none other than pretty Priscilla Dean herself, cinema star of the Universal Studios.

Soaring in an airplane, piloted by an aviator of the Mercury Aviation Company, Miss Dean will leave Los Angeles at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, alighting a few minutes on the aviation field in Brea.

On taking off, Miss Dean will send greetings to her admirers from the sky; one picture, it is announced, being good for a free airplane ride by this company at a future date in Brea.

## YORBA LINDA UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John A. Shaw, Pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "Our Tent and Our House." Bible school at 10 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. will be the union open air service in the lot in front of the Yorba Linda post office.

## COMING BACK

Miss Martha Vernon, who has been in the millinery business for 18 years in Emporia, Kansas, is at present on an extended trip east making New York and all Atlantic ports. She expects to return to Emporia about the first of September and settle up her business affairs, having sold her in-

## BUTTON SELLERS ARE VERY BUSY

The La Habra committee in charge of the sale of buttons for the Orange County War Recognition Association started this morning with the intention of taking La Habra "by the top" by the time a thorough canvass of the town was ended. La Habra's quota was placed at \$440.

James H. Walker, who is a member of the county executive committee of the organization, and thereby local chairman, appointed the following committee which divided the town into districts: H. E. Hart, Mrs. C. E. Varney, Mrs. C. L. Brewster, Mrs. C. W. Cramer, Mrs. G. H. Hart, Mrs. J. C. Lauer, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Mrs. R. E. Frantz, Mrs. L. J. Wester, Mrs. E. L. Lehnert.

The sale of buttons is reported to be going well over the county, and with such a capable committee "on the job" it is an assured fact that La Habra will not lag behind the rest. It has been the aim of the general committee, that before the end of this week a man in the county without a button would be ashamed of himself, and this result bids far to be attained.

## Transportation Wanted

The War Service Recognition committee is doing splendid work in raising funds for September 9. In canvassing the Yorba Linda tract there have been found a number of returned men who, although they did not go from this district, they are in the town at present and it is desired that they be present at the Park on that date and it is earnestly requested that all those who have a way of getting to the

## NEW PLAN IN PHONE FI

Halted for a few weeks the refusal of the secretary of issue a charter for a new phone system in this town by no means defeated, the top of eight representative elected at mass meetings in different districts of the town come up with a new plan accomplishing their purpose.

Wednesday they formed a nucleus of the Orange County Citizens and Merchants' Assn. the officers of which are authorized to apply at once to the supervisors and the cities incorporated in the county.

They already have a statement for the organization, eight men named as follows: They are ready to go to court such a suit and are their rights to the last dime without jurisdiction of the railroad association being granted. Nothing to say in the matter. The plans for financing proposition are yet to be out. The directors are planning a 11,000 phone system. This makes a project. A plan that will be possible to adjust the rates and take care of subscribers is one of the elements the committee will solve.

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which Brea has never seen—price cutting to defy all tradition, even a gigantic "GIVE-AWAY" plan. It was agreed that only in this manner could a clean sweep be made of the 1951 goods on hand.

The reader has only to look below to be convinced.

## Staff Runs Amok Slashing Prices With Red Crayon

Unsteadily regaining his seat at his desk in RENTZ FURNITURE CO., W. D. Rentz called his staff together in a secret conclave, it was disclosed today.

The conclave at 101 South Pomona was followed suddenly by shouts. Curious inhabitants of the sidewalk peered into the store just in time to see the staff tear itself away from the desk, each clutching a red crayon.

Madly they rushed around the store, roaring defiance.

"I'll mark this living room suite from \$189 to \$109," screamed one.

"That's not low enough," shouted another. "How do you like this one," he raved, slashing a red price of \$29.88 on a dinette set bearing a \$59 price tag.

"Whee-e-e," shrieked the book-keeper. "Look at this," she yelled wheeling an electric washer into the display. "This is for FREE."

They all stopped long enough to groan in unison, then wiped their brows and continued to scurry over the entire store intent on destroying all semblance of sanity of the furniture price tags.



And here's the place that value, integrity, and fair dealing. Name brands such as Simmons, Magee, International, Dan- nix, Berklene, Isenberg, Western Holly, Wedgewood, Crosley, national Harvester, Universal, Sunbeam, and Westinghouse featured in its gigantic stocks. All goods fully guaranteed by manufacturers as well as by RENTZ FURNITURE CO. The has been in business in this area for nearly seven years, and an enviable reputation for integrity and fair dealing. The mous volume of business keeps prices at low levels and constant store-wide values.

## No Change in Credit Policy During Sale

There will be no change in the credit policy during this big sale, the credit department of RENTZ FURNITURE CO. has announced.

Even though prices on all remaining 1951 merchandise have been reduced to the breaking point, and free gifts have been added, the terms will be as liberal as regulations permit.

On purchases of \$50 or more purchasers may pay as little as 15 per cent down and take up to 18 months to pay. A convenient lay-

## Sale Information

Time: Starts at 9:00 a.m. morning of Dec. 1.

Place: Rentz Furniture Company, 101 South Pomona.

Length of sale: As long as 1951 merchandise lasts.

Terms: All kinds!

Gifts: When you qualify yourself.

Bargains: You said it!

Weather: Time for cleaning.

## Store Hours Changed

Because of this gigantic

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER

## TRAINING LIVES II

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# FULLERTON LODGES FORMAL PROTEST ON BREA SEWER

Formal protest against the plan of the city of Brea to construct a sewage disposal plant within the corporate limits of Fullerton was lodged this morning at a hearing held in the Brea City hall. The protest was lodged by City Engineer W. C. Reed and City Attorney F. H. Lyon, who attended the meeting as representatives of this city.

The hearing was held under the auspices of the State Board of Health. It was the meeting scheduled for last Monday and postponed until this date. Opposition to the project was filed by Fullerton officials on the ground that any failure of the disposal plant to function would make the last a menace to the public health of this city.

Planning an Imhoff tank and sprinkler system just north of the baranca and inside the city limits of Fullerton. This disposal system will handle the entire sewage of the city of Brea.

Speaking of the proposal and of the protest to be lodged, City Engineer Reed said this morning. "The plant as proposed by Brea officials is an efficient method of sewage disposal. In fact it is one of the most efficient plants that can be constructed. But should the plant fail to function for only a short time the affluent that would collect would offer a menace to the public health. It is this possibility that is prompting the officials of this city to lodge a formal protest against construction of the plant."

The city of Brea contemplates the appointment of the vacancy. W. C. Davis, cashier, was elected to the office of vice president and E. M. Moritz to the office of cashier. L. F. Baash, Thomas Davidson, and A. H. Brown, completed the personnel of the board. These directors have served for many years and have built for the financial institution an enviable reputation in banking.

public June 30, 1934, that at that time the usual dividend was declared and the surplus increased to an amount equalling the capital stock of the bank. This places the First National Bank of Brea in an enviable position among the banks of this county and reflects the bank and the community at large.

Appointment of J. D. Sievers of Brea, for many years known as vice president of the First National Bank of Brea and well known throughout the county as rancher and property owner of the neighboring community the board of directors of the Brea bank have selected a popular president.

In taking the office of president of the bank Mr. Sievers becomes an active manager of the institu-

According to the semi-annual report of the First National Bank of Brea the regular dividends were declared on the 30th of June and the surplus increased to an amount equalling the capital stock of the bank. This places the Brea institution in an enviable position among banking concerns of the county and reflects a great deal of credit to bank officials and the community.

plans have been made the entire afternoon and evening being taken up with a definite program of contests and entertainment.

The parade for the picnic grounds will form on Pomona avenue at promptly 10 o'clock and proceed to the park through Fullerton, Anaheim and Orange. Banners will be carried by the automobiles bearing the insignia "Annual Brea Picnic." Special transportation has been arranged for those who do not have their own means of transportation.

among the stiffest competition Orange County received 2nd on variety in this class.

Our avocados, kumquats, lima beans, black eye beans, Placentia walnuts. Oranges and lemons all took firsts. A second was also received on oranges and a third on lemons.

There are some 30 events included for the afternoon's program including track and field events, boxing, racing, horse shoe pitch and baseball. In the evening a special entertainment has been arranged. Prizes for the winners of the various events have been

The exhibits was arranged and in charge of J. R. Hunt, secretary-manager of the Brea Chamber of Commerce, and Harry Welsh, secretary of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce and they are both receiving considerable praise from the Board of Supervisors and their friends on their excellent work.

# SUIT DISCLOSES ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO SEIZE STOCK OF BREA FIRST NATIONAL

Sensational Charges Filed Against Business Associate by E. L. Olmstead Amazes Banking Circles Injunction is Sought Against W. D. Howard President of L. A. Institution

astounding disclosures of alleged efforts by William D. Howard Los Angeles banker, to seize Brea bank stock owned by E. L. Olmstead, president of the First National Bank of Brea and an associate of Howard, today left banking circles amazed.

In a suit filed in superior court Olmstead asked an injunction against Howard, who is president of the Continental National bank of Los Angeles. Olmstead was made vice-president of that bank recently, in addition to his Brea connections.

Trickery is Charged

That Howard has, through trickery, gained possession of Olmstead's entire 167 shares of stock in the Brea bank, and has sold privately to his own personal representative, E. F. Miller, who threatens to oust Olmstead from the Brea Bank, was alleged in the complaint on file.

ELIMINATE BIG GRADE

Whether the new highway connects near Olinda with the present paved highway and touches Rose Drive and Citrus Avenue, or parallels the Pacific Electric line to Yorba Linda once here the route straight east on Yorba Linda Boulevard is the only one considered. The right of way through the Kraemer tract and on east to the San Juan hills can now be secured at little cost though later, when that section is subdivided, the cost would be much higher.

Olmstead declares that the intended move by Miller means not only irreparable damage to himself but disorganization to the Brea bank, as the officials are ready to resign if the transfer of stock is allowed.

The plan would include a road east to the hills and thence south to the river by easy grades with a new bridge east of Sulphur Slide, on the south side of the river. It is pointed out this would eliminate the necessity of climbing the grade at Sulphur Slide, and also open up the splendid citrus territory on the Dominguez, Travis and Bixby tracts, east of Yorba Linda.

Difficulties into which the Brea banker has fallen followed close on the heels of his entry into Los Angeles banking circles as vice president of the Continental National.

Plans are being made to call a meeting to consider the highway as to its cost will be determined at that time preliminary estimates as to its cost will be determined.

Olmstead Gave Note

Relying on the honesty of Howard as his fellow officer and head of the bank, Olmstead gave a note to the bank for \$42,000, secured by his Brea bank stock. The purpose of the note was to purchase stock valued at more than \$20,000 in the State Securities Corporation, which Howard also controlled.

It's chamber of commerce executive is so well thought of throughout the state.

It was understood, Olmstead claims, that the note would be kept by the bank for a long period, and that no demand would be made upon him without reasonable notice. He claims that the note

## BREA INDUSTRIES AT



OH, THAT NEGLEY ENTERPRISE!  
WHAT IS GOING ON? A GLIMPSE  
BEHIND CLOSED, SECRET DOORS

WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON BEHIND CLOSED DOORS OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING? The answer to this question, the Progress has been informed, will both provide an exhilarating surprise and will stand as a momentous undertaking in the history of modern Brea.

Besides Joe and Mrs. Negley, who are furnishing the major capital and creative initiative for the project, three other persons may well be considered authorities on what is being done. These are Mrs. Negley's uncle, L. B. Stull; Nathan Strauss, and F. C. Carter, the three construction men in charge. Though the triumvirate are from Fullerton, they nevertheless carry a knowing wink in their eyes, grins on their faces and pride in their hearts, as they see the new Brea enterprise taking form through their efforts.

Mrs. Negley's creative genius is responsible for what is probably destined to become the most unique conversion job in this part of California; it surely will result, when

details have been completed in the most unique conversion job on a former bank safety deposit vault in the country's history. Under her direction in fact, the whole eighty by fifty feet of the former bank building site is being revamped into a truly refreshing innovation for modern building design.

A hint? All right, here are a few. Work is going forward on an intricate fountain. Attractive luxurious walkways are taking form. And there is a special, secret children's feature.

Mrs. Negley says she is going ahead with the building alterations while negotiations are being completed for installation of the power line. Responsibility for expediting installation of the line has been assigned to Charles Walters of the Edison Electric company.

Should the final Negley job be as successfully carried out as the work that has been done so far, the new Mrs. May Gift and Coffee Shop will be something of which Brea residents will be talking for some time to come.



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ward with great suc- cessful climax.

So when I say that the people of Brea should be very proud of the splendidly efficient water system which they now have, I hope they will agree with me that the first two publishers in the history of the town are deserving of considerable credit for their part in shaping sentiment in what appeared in those days a tremendous project.

And now that I have given credit, to the early day Chamber of Commerce and to the Progress, I will mention several other institutions which had their start twenty years ago.

The first regular church services were held in a room at the rear of the La Habra Valley Bank building by the Congregationalists who started construction of the first church building a few months later at the corner of Birch street and Pomona avenue. This was followed soon by a building for the Nazarene denomination.

The first fraternal order to be established in Brea was the Maccabees, which had a large membership throughout the oil fields. I particularly remember that the Maccabees on several occasions gave boxing exhibitions in the hall of the new Sewell building, although it was necessary to import most of the talent from Los Angeles. At one of these affairs two huge negroes participated in a bout which was so plainly beyond the amateur class that it brought gasps of surprise from all over a large audience, and the victor was none other than Harry Wills, a few years later the frequent challenger of Jack Dempsey.

At the time the Progress was established there were no paved highways closer than Fullerton, four miles away. The city of Fullerton had just started construction of an extensive system of paved streets leading out to their city limits. The State highway was under construction and the first section opened to the public was that between Anaheim and Santa Ana. The road from Los Angeles was paved only as far as the East Whittier school. All the other roads were oiled as low gravity oil was cheap and plentiful.

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**A PROGRESS WANT AD WILL SELL IT FOR YOU!**

candy boxes for folks at the county hospital, to be given out on Christmas.

Christmas is a holiday logically sponsored by the churches; let us keep in mind that we are celebrating the birth of Christ, and that Christ and His Church are inseparable.

**Church of Nazarene**

Birch and Walnut Sts.  
Rev. Albert F. Laing, Pastor  
Sunday Bible School at 9:45 with classes for all ages, where the Bible is the main text book and taught by Teachers who are Bible students.  
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. Sermon by pastor.  
6:30 N.Y.P.S. meets for study and training.  
7:30 P. M. Rev. Laing the Pastor will bring another Evangelistic message closing with an invitation for those who do not know God to accept of His Salvation.  
Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.

TEST OUR WELCOME

**Congregational Ch.**

Imperial Highway & Flower Ave.  
D. F. Gaylord, Pastor  
9:45 A. M., Church School; classes for all ages. The G. F. C., adults, Mr. A. O. Andrew, leader. Mrs. A. J. Barnes, general superintendent. The gowned Junior Choir sings every Sunday morning.  
11:00 A. M., Morning Worship. The pastor will preach on the topic, "Movies Defeat the Church." Our service is one of dignity and inspiration; we cordially invite all worshippers whose loyalty does not belong elsewhere, to share it with us.

6:30 P. M., High School C. E. meets in the Guild Room of the Church. Further practicing for the Christmas Morning carol singing. The two trumpeters will be on hand, and we can practice with them the way we will actually sing the carols.

Wednesday, 7:00 P. M., High School C. E. Business Meeting and party in the Social Hall.

Friday, 7:30 P. M., Church School Christmas Program and Party. The program will be held in the main auditorium and the party in the Social Hall.

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Jensen's Furniture opens up on  
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On the local team are Thompson and Gould, forwards; Easton, cen- ter; and Anderson and Hodkins, guards.

## Peterkin Put Up The First Building

NOTHING HERE THEN BUT BARLEY FIELDS

(By Mary Mon)

"I have faith in Brea. I was here when there was nothing and I think that Brea is a fast growing community," was the answer Ed Peterkin, prominent citizen since September, 15, 1911, gave when asked what he thought of Brea.

Mr. Peterkin lived at Fullerton before coming to Brea. He came to start a meat market and to build a home and barn. Mr. Peterkin stated that when he first moved here he lived in a tent till he got his barn built, then he lived in the barn till the house was built.

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It is the intention of Mrs. Miller in selling the cafe to take a much needed rest, ordered by her physician. She dislocated her left hip, several months ago, in a fall outside the cafe, and this injury has continued to interfere with her work and also with recovery. She says she will take a rest of at least ninety days prior to again engaging in business some-where.

It was the Brea cafe when Mrs. Miller bought it, about two years ago. It continued under that name until it developed through the newspapers that Mrs. Miller was then the youngest grandmother in the state and perhaps in the nation. This led to cafe patrons addressing her as "granny" and to her changing the name to Granny's Cafe soon afterward. It is understood that the Bishops will continue the use of that name. They are experienced cafe people.

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A dinner was given on Sunday by Mrs. T. R. White of the Stearns lease for Mr. and Mrs. George McKinley of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinney and Mrs. Miller of La Habra.

Paul Womer of the G & L lease returned from an enlistment in the navy. E. M. Wade of the Amalgamated underwent a major operation in the hospital.

A survey, made by J. L. Van der Veer, covering all schools of the county, showed that Brea had eleven teachers, with an average yearly salary of 883, or an average of \$98 a month for nine months or an average for twelve months of \$73.64.

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At this Mr. Pete in whom I now recognized as a friendly and busy human being was called and at this my interview drew to a close.

I returned to school much more determined to become a journalist, as I found out this interviewing business wasn't "half-bad."

### ASSOCIATED CHAMBER

The Associated Chambers of Commerce of the county are to meet at dinner in Yorba Linda, at the Woman's club house, at 6:30 next Tuesday afternoon, February 23. Matters before the state legislature are to be discussed.

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On Mr. Fanning's arrival in Brea he found the present Union Oil office serving as the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade school building. The present woodshop building housed the first and second grades and there was no kindergarten at that time.

When the present grammar school was built in January 1918, Miss Beck became principal and relieved Mr. Fanning of all day teaching. But not to be outdone the busy superintendent-teacher taught school for half a day and then used the afternoon for odd work. After five years of this kind of work, the Laurel school was erected and Mr. Fanning assumed

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## Open Negley Floral Dining Room, Shop

After over a month and a half of planning and hard work, together with considerable monetary investment, Elva May's Floral Dining Room and Gift Shop opens Sunday, March 4, for public inspection. The opening night dinner will be served Monday, March 5. These events may mean much for the civic history of Brea; the Negley initiative deserves praise.

There will perhaps be some surprises for those who attend the public inspection, but surprises or no, a fine dining and floral establishment will have been attempted in the city.

Transformation of what was once the First National Bank Building into a modern dining establishment has been handled with considerable imagination and taste. Visitors will be pleased to view the fine refrigeration and other kitchen equipment which Mrs. Negley has acquired. They will find many other pleasant features, including attractive counter facilities, and spacious table room.

Mrs. Irene Poucher is to be in charge of the dining room, it has been announced. She will be assisted by a staff of ladies including the Mesdames Opal Duncan, June Woody, Lorraine McCabe, and Benitia Jones, and by Leon Gram. Mrs. Negley will be hostess in the dining room and will also take charge of the Floral and Gift Shop.

Dinners are to be served from 5:30 to 7:30. They will be informal, and the opening menu on Monday will feature ham and turkey. Reservations have been extended to Sunday. The open house Sunday will be from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. The public is invited.

Johnson Restaurant

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## Launching of Tanker S. S. La Brea Hill At Sausalito Symbolizes City's War Role

### Bond, Garner, Open Up Gas Stations

Two gasoline stations on south Pomona avenue have been stirred into new activity in recent weeks with Keith Garner taking over the lease of the Standard service station and F. Bond re-opening the long closed Shell station. Both stations have been undergoing general repair jobs and overhaul work, and the indications are that the new operators will offer the kind of friendly helpful service that Brea residents like.

Keith Garner worked for the past year at the Standard service station in Fullerton before he acquired the former Leachman-Canavello lease locally. Both he and Bond, who has had a station in Los Nietos, California, are from Oklahoma and are married. Garner has two children: Bobby, ten; and Linda Kaye, two.

Bond's two sons are older. One,

### "Open House" Dance Honors Gheen, Troup

Over seventy-five local residents honored Brea Boys who are being called to uniform or who have already seen military service in World War II by attending an "open house" at the Legion Hall Monday night, February 26. Sponsored by local mothers and the American Legion authorities, the "open house" specially honored Paul Gheen, scheduled to leave Tuesday morning, February 27, for military service at Catalina Island, and Darriel Troup, who is due in Salt Lake city, March 6.

Students, as well as the many other local friends of the boys, were invited. There was dancing to record-player tunes and a huge red-

### GET PAPER READY

The Boy Scout-General Eisenhower waste-paper campaign opened Thursday, March 1, and closes Monday, April 1.

Magazines and newspapers will be collected and should be tied in bundles 12 inches high.

Pick up dates are Saturday, March 17 west of Pomona avenue and Saturday, March 31 east of Pomona avenue.

### A Personal View of The Marinship Yard As Seen by Breans

What is in a seventeen million dollar shipyard, and what takes place there?

Mayor Emil Carlson, Councilmen L. A. Crowe and H. A. Monroe, and M. R. Norins tried to find out when they were conducted on a thirty minute tour of the Marinship six-way yard after participating in launching ceremonies for the tanker La Brea Hills.

### Personal Appeal Of Breans Cre Amity, Good Will

More solid steel evidence of key participation in the stirring personal ties of the community's dynamism were admirably combined Mayor Emil F. Carlson, L. A. Crowe and R. W. Norins as Associate Editor of the Sausalito travel agency for the launching of the tanker S. S. La Brea Hill, February 24.

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Having been in the Marine Corps for a year and a half, including a year spent overseas, Oxandaboure had quite a tale to tell his parents and friends about his experiences

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*These things are all about a short episode in the history of the old La Habra Valley Bank (a restaurant) stay together in one file so that we have them when the old bank bldg becomes part of the Historical Block*

*Jan 19, 1945 Brian*

**Jump In Circulation of Library Books in Brea**

Circulation of books in Brea has increased from 984 in the month of December, 1943, to 1139 in December, 1944, according to the new issue of "Comparative Circulation Reports," a county publication available in the Brea city library.

Miss Kathryn E. Burke, county librarian for the city, states that the most popular books in the period were mystery stories, westerns, and travel. Many readers, she added in a statement Wednesday, have indicated a preference also for books on war subjects and on the Pacific islands.

The statistical report shows that out of 21 localities in this area listed, only four besides Brea showed an increased circulation in the months concerned. The four are Capistrano, Garden Grove, Stanton and Tustin.

Miss Burke says that among the most popular of recent fiction books in the library now are "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," "Leave Her to Heaven," and "The Razor's Edge."

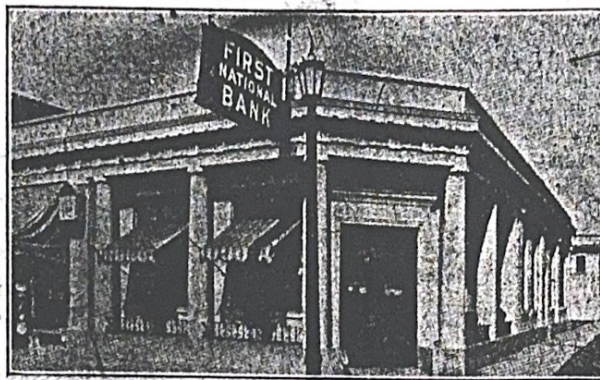
**Meeting Tomorrow Night of Brea Citrol Lodge No. 656**

A special meeting of Citrol Lodge No. 656 F. A. & M., will be held tomorrow evening at the regular meeting hall at the Masonic Temple at 111 south Pomona avenue.

The purpose of the meeting is to confer a third degree on a member.

All members of the lodge are urged to attend.

**JOE NEGLEY BUYS BUILDING**



Announcement last Wednesday by Joe Negley, that he had purchased the First National Bank building at the corner of Ash street and Pomona avenue has opened a whole fascinating vista of Brea history for the present residents of the city.

For, according to Isaac Craig, present city building inspector, the First National Bank building is probably the oldest sizable business structure that was ever erected in the city.

Negley has announced that the building is to be used by Mrs. Negley, proprietor of the Elva May Florist shop on north Pomona avenue, for the opening of a store in the new location. The new store, which will be called the Elva May Gift and Coffee Shop, will consequently have a grand background of lore behind it.

Residents do not seem quite cer-

tain as to the date at which the old building was first erected but James E. Russell and Craig, both of whom lived here as early as 1912, think the building was built around that year or 1911 for, they say, it was standing whe nthey arrive.

The building was first occupied by the La Habra Valley National Bank, with which A. J. Olson, one of Brea's "first residents . . . first bankers and . . . first real estate" men, was affiliated.

Changing hands several times, the building's direction came under the authority of J. C. Sexton, the first mayor of Brea, when the First National Bank located there. Though the Oilfields National Bank and the First National Bank consolidated in 1934, the building was kept in the hands of the First National people until it was sold to a Fullerton party, according to Joseph Witten of the Oilfields bank.

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### Represented at Chamber by Carlson

eting of the Associated of Commerce of Orange d Tuesday night at the men's Club House in Or- was represented by l F. Carlson and the the Progress. on of the meeting was ing of members of the mbers of commerce of nty and others to hear number of special repre- of the "Committee for Development," an or- formed to assist in post- ng. Tibbets, Executive Vice nd General Manager of eges Steel Casting Com- he guest speaker of the i spoke on how the C. E. fits into the progress of anty.

### Grade Children t Their Zoo

rents came this week to built by the children of son's first grade. The ng songs and told about ds and showed the pic- und stories that they had / read an animal story readers. ax of the program came ent trainers brought in dinals for the guests to glas Neederman brought he elephant, and Jimmy ht in Necko, the giraffe. iren recited this poem written by their teacher: ner told us something, g that made us laugh, that she wished that we t like a tall giraffe. urse you see a giraffe vice at all. tands up straight big and tall. was only kidding ls and boys, : meant was this: ing so much noise.

will be here on coins.

As the main event of the Congregationalists' monthly fellowship dinner, Dr. C. Glenn Curtis, Brea physician, will give his illustrated talk, "Coins of Bible Times."

Not only are Widows' Mites, Jewish Shekels and other Biblical coins pictured, but genuine gold and silver coins used during the times of the ancient Persians, Carthaginians, Greeks, Arabians, Romans, and many other lands.

Dr. Curtis also will give a short historical background of each coin shown.

Photographs in full color were made of the coins by Dr. Curtis, then transferred to glass slides. So the coins when shown on the screen are several feet in diameter.

After the short program, the genuine coins illustrated and many others will be on display for all to see.

The public is cordially invited to come to this free meeting. Better be there by 7:45.

### Spring Hits Reporter; He's Seeing Flowers—My, They're Lovely

Spring must have come early this year. The fertility of Brea soil, the abundant rains, the smile on that charming lady's visage, the way the sun glistens after the rain storms—all may be responsible.

But the wandering reporter must acknowledge the change of the season, because he passed the city park and could not help noticing the lovely stalks that are in bloom there. He thinks they are orchid in color, but will only risk calling them purple.

He substantiated his discovery when he went strolling southward on Madrona avenue. For—lo—there in the front yard of the Brown residence at 342 south, the peach blossoms had come out in wonderful array. Mrs. Brown even pointed to her camellia plant and, by gorry, it, too, was blooming.

All around town there are bursting roses, delicate carnations, budding and blooming flowers of a myriad of kinds.

Out on east Birch, 'way, 'way beyond the high school, they say lupins have even graced the whole blamed countryside.

Da-da-da-da-de-dum-de-de-dum—so goes the Spring song. Now, all together!

Have you any news? Phone Progress office, Brea 111.

March 1 from Gainesville, Georgia, where she has been doing her very best to uphold the honors of a family with four sea-going members. For Yeoman Sharpe, who took her own "boot" training at Hunters College, has a sister Pearl, who has just completed "boot" training in the WAVES and who is now stationed at Washington, D. C. Her brothers Lucien and Charles are also seamen, and that makes it about unanimous.

Miss Sharpe entered the WAVES in April, 1944. She is scheduled to leave Brea today. Her father is the proprietor of a billiard parlor in La Habra.

### Reveal New Chiksan Company Employees

Among nineteen new workers who were employed by the Chiksan company in February, seven are residents of Brea. They include: Mrs. Jessie F. Brown, Roy C. Gauldin, Mildred F. Garret, Merchant Seaman Lucien Sharp, Jack and Mary Vest, and Dwight E. Ward. Miss Pat Hall, who entered the Chiksan sales department on March 6, has also been working part time as a fashion model.

Mrs. Eva Jarvis of south Madrona avenue, returned from a week's vacation in Long Beach.

## City Council Raises Wages

Wages of all full-time regular city employees were raised fifteen dollars a month by action of the city council at its regular bi-weekly meeting Wednesday night. This constitutes an answer to statements in behalf of these employees at the previous council meeting that their wages as a rule had been lower than those of neighboring communities.

A resolution was also passed Wednesday night by which the city attorney was instructed to proceed with the opening of east Date street from Flower avenue to Laurel avenue.

It has been explained that the wage raise passed, effective March 1, also applies proportionately in the cases of street men who are paid by the day.

M. H. Reilly of 115 south Flower avenue was granted a permit to keep chickens for family use.

The council took no action on a bid received from O. R. Meissner to buy lot 20 of tract 258. All members of the council were present.

The Red Cross Needs Your Help.

## Over Three Hundred in Attendance At Opening of Floral Dining Room

Well over three hundred persons attended the opening of the Floral Dining Room and Elva May's Floral Gift Shop last Monday night, and they found attractive quarters, fine food, and pleasant service intermingled with many surprise attractions.

The famous Brea First National Bank building, transformed into modern quarters, was thronged with such crowds as had probably never before passed through its portals at one time. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Negley had arranged for attractive fountain facilities, a spacious dining room with flowered arbors, a comfortable private dining nook, to the left of the dining room a comfortable lounging room, and behind it quarters made into a children's nursery. The roomy kitchen outfitted with a large Frigidaire and excellent appearing oven facilities, had brought especially favorable

comment during public inspection hours Sunday.

An orchestra, led by Kenneth Himes and formed largely of Brea-Olinda high student musicians, furnished one of the principal surprises of the night with its popular music. Special souvenir menus had been printed for the occasion and corsages were presented to the ladies.

Members of the Himes orchestra included the following persons from Brea: Mary Ann Jones and Marie Tremaine, playing alto saxophone; Lois Ward, trumpet; Larrayne White, piano; Genevieve Connelly, vocalist; Curtis Wade, clarinet; Frank Davison and Keith Carpenter, trombones; Ted Raubinger, drums; Albert Warner, bass; and Robert Bickel, manager. Others in the orchestra included Joseph Bills of La Habra, tenor saxophone; and Richard Hall of Fullerton, trumpet.