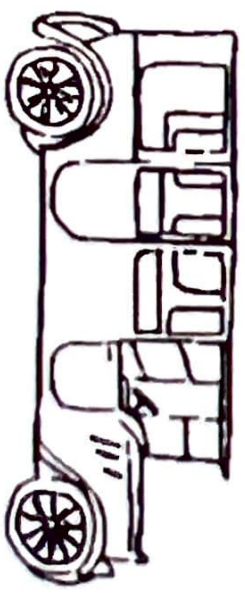


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hood children who are impressed with the fact that there is a celebrity on the block."

But to his own kids he's just daddy.

Gordon to replace the original Gordon. He had done some musicals and decided to try-out for the part. He was hired.

"A season of Sesame Street is generally complete in four

of the production crew and cast have been together since the start of Sesame Street," he added.

Orman said he has been doing his show for the past six

'Lessee' Kids of old Olinda

By John J. Kane
Journal Editor

Frieda Schubert Smith drew her hand along the horizon, across the brown dusty hills behind Carbon Canyon Regional Park. The hills look barren, undesirable — especially when viewed from the comfortable grass and well-watered trees in the park. But to Ms. Smith and to dozens of others who grew up there during the heyday of the Olinda oilfields, it's a sight that touches deep into memory.

"All the people lived on the oil leases. One of the biggest leases was owned by the Santa Fe Oil Company. They brought in the workers. The unmarried men lived in a bunkhouse. If they were married, they leased or rented land with residential houses with white picket fences," Ms. Smith, now a Yorba Linda resident, said.

The "Lessee Kids" pump memories as their fathers once pumped oil, except that memories won't go dry. Although the oilfield communities have long since been torn down, the ties that bind the Lessee Kids have been strong enough to reunite them every year for more than 30 years.

The 1983 reunion Saturday brought together not only the original Lessee Kids, but their kids and their kids' kids, too. One family topped all last year with four generations.

For eight years, since Carbon Canyon opened, they have come from all over the United States to the Armstrong Grove inside the park. The shade trees are dedicated to Maj. Jack Armstrong, a World War II flyer killed in 1954 while trying to break the world's airspeed record in a F-86. He was a Lessee Kid.

Oil was discovered in Olinda in the late 19th century. By 1900, the land was checkered with oil companies — Union, West Coast, G&L, Stearns, Associated, CCMO, Columbia; eventually, 14 companies covered the hillsides. Their workers lived on the land, in separate little communities staked out by wooden derricks.

Ms. Smith lived on the CCMO parcel, the largest and, because of the boilerhouse where a woman could get soft water to clean her hair and clothes, probably the most popular parcel. Her five-foot, four-inch tall father, Shorty Schubert, was a pumper. Anaheim born, she came to



In remembrance

Frieda Schubert Smith of Yorba Linda stands at the yearly reunion of residents and their families, insert, was dedicated by the

Olinda at the age of four in 1922. She would stay until she married in 1951.

Rent was minimal, maybe \$10 a month for a leased cottage. But families also had to pay an extra fee based on the number of lightbulbs they needed, at \$15 per bulb. Families tended to be large in Olinda so such an expense could be great, especially to a worker earning \$2.50 a day.

But the Schuberts, with six children, didn't have to worry as much. They were one of the few families that actually owned their home. For

...who met in Placentia last Wednesday to explore other possibilities for sharing fire services other than merging fire departments on a regional level.

"The theme that developed in the meeting was that cities want to maintain local control and

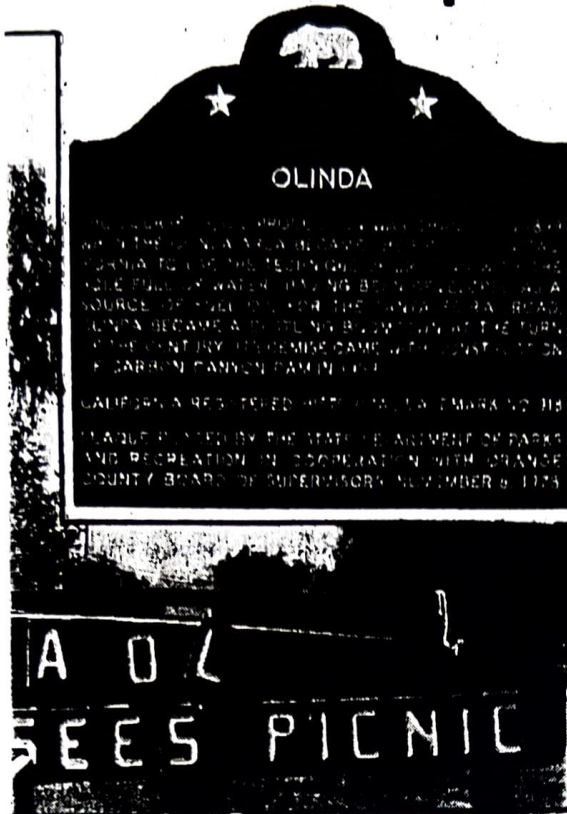
...ange and Stanton) would continue to study the possibility of contracting among themselves for services like personnel recruitment, interviewing, testing and training; inspection services; purchasing.

In July, the Fullerton City

term.

Kuznik said Placentia's staff and council must now decide what areas of cooperation and sharing to pursue with other cities as it now does with Brea, Fullerton and Yorba Linda in sharing maintenance and equipment.

oilfields pump nostalgia



Journal photo by John Kane

...e of things past

...behind a sign a lessee made to commemorate families of the Olinda oilfields. A more formal date in 1978.

\$500, the Schuberts brought the house belonging to the family of Bill Johnson, father of the most famous Lessee Kid of all — the "Iron Train" himself, Hall of Famer Walter Johnson.

Johnson grew up in the right spot to develop his overpowering fastball. To the children of the oilfields, sports, particularly baseball and football, were second-nature.

"We were very sports minded," said Ms. Smith. "We all liked to hike in the hills and the boys liked to ride motorcycles on Motorcycle

Hill," which is now inside the state park, sans motorcycles. The Ledbetter family, one of the largest each year at the reunions, for generations fielded players for the Brea-Olinda High School football team.

Each of the lessee villages had its own baseball team, said V.E. Bowman of Fullerton, who's favorite memory from the oilfield days were those Sunday afternoon games.

Like many first-generation Lessee Kids, Bowman's father migrated to Olinda from Eastern oilfields. In his case, from Titusville, Penn., where the first oil derrick in the United States was built. He was an oilman's oilman. His daughter had to fetch him from the fields the day his son was born.

Memories: Of sports, baseball and tennis tournaments; of picnics and parties. Of Santa Claus coming up a dusty CCMO street in a horse-drawn buggy to deliver candy, turkey and toys.

"We helped out one another if there was a problem in a family," said Ms. Smith, of the tight camaraderie "And that's one of the best things to come out from living in such a close environment."

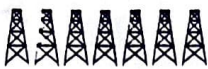
The children who stayed and played together also studied together. One school for years served the children of the Olinda oil fields. The old school house was located in what is now Carbon Canyon park. Today it serves as the Brea Senior Citizen's Center.

From the mid-1930s on, Olinda began to decline. Wells began drying up as new fields elsewhere were being discovered. Some families headed to oil towns in Ventura or Taft. The last house was moved out in 1960, the year the Olinda School presented its last graduating class.

But the Lessee Kids live on. Besides the yearly picnic, they keep in touch though a newsletter, whose mailing list gets longer every year, said Ms. Smith.

Voloney Siebenthal, 76, of Brea turns to the picnickers. "See these people here. They're just like brothers. We're all brothers under the skin."

Nearby, a group of young Lessee Kids, three or four generations removed, with nothing to remind them of the old days except family scrapbooks and lore, warm up with a pickup game of football. In their own way, keeping heritage alive.



January 27, 1992

Mr. Bob Clark
549 Briarwood Drive
Brea, California 92621

Dear Bob,

Brea is celebrating its **75th anniversary** this year and, as you may already know, we have many activities planned to commemorate the occasion.

One of the very first events will be the opening of the **time capsule** that was buried during your term as Mayor in 1967. I would very much like to have you join the Mayor, Ron Isles, on **Sunday, February 23 at noon**, as we discover just what you buried 25 years ago! If you would like to give a short speech, I'm sure the audience would enjoy it.

A Jubilee committee member will contact you with more specifics on the events of the 23rd, but I just wanted to personally invite you to join us as I feel you are an integral part of the ceremony.

If you would call Deni Tidland at 990-7747 to let her know if you can attend, I sure would appreciate it. Hope to see you on **February 23!**

Sincerely,

Brian Saul

Brian Saul, Chairman
Jubilee Historical Committee

RW:dw:admin\clark

cc: Mayor and City Council
Jubilee Steering Committee
Jubilee Historical Committee

*I really hope you
can be there. I'm
looking forward to
finally meeting you
since I know Bob +
Susan.*

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May 4, 1992

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE #131

SUBJECT: Living History Tours to Be Held May 9

CONTACT: Cindie Ryan, Acting Manager Communications & Marketing
(714)990-7673

BREA, CA-- BREA, CA--The City of Brea will offer three Living History tours on Saturday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and noon. The fee for each one-and one-half hour tour is \$5 per person.

Tours will include stops at the sites:

- * Babe Ruth played an exhibition game in Brea;
- * First low-winged monoplane was built in the United States;
- * The disastrous oil fire of 1926;
- * Old Olinda Town and Tonner Canyon, where tour guests will learn the legend of the Tonner Canyon Treasure.

At a number of the stops guests will have an opportunity to experience Brea's

- more -

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colorful history through dramatic reenactment. The reenactments will be performed by actors dressed in period costumes.

Tours will depart from and return to Old City Hall Park (Date Street and Brea Boulevard). Tickets may be purchased at the Brea Community Services Department, level three of the Brea Civic and Cultural Center or at City Hall Park on May 9. Citizens are encouraged to purchase tickets early as the 1 p.m. tour has already sold out.

For more information, please call the Jubilee Hotline at (714) 990-7771.

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Journey into Brea's past with the

LIVING HISTORY BUS TOUR



The "Sultan of Swat", Babe Ruth, once played an exhibition game in Brea, one that these local fans likely never forgot.

Experience Brea's history first hand through dramatic reenactment. Relive the early days of old Olinda and the disastrous oil fire of 1926. All tours leave from and return to Old City Hall Park (Date Street and Brea Boulevard). The fee for the 1¹/₂ hour bus tour is just \$5. Space is limited so sign up now at Community Services Department, Level 3 of Brea Civic & Cultural Center or use the mail-in registration form below. For further information, call the Jubilee Hotline at (714) 990-7771.

Living History Bus Tour Registration Form

Please check desired tour time

Tour dates: Sunday, February 23 1 pm 1:30 pm 2:30 pm 3 pm
Saturday, May 9 10:30 am 11:30 am noon 1 pm
Saturday, September 19 10 am 11 am 11:30 am 1 pm

Please plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to departure

Name _____ Number of people attending tour _____ X \$5 = \$ _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____
Day Phone (____) _____

**Make checks payable to: City of Brea
Mail form and check to: Living History Bus
Tour, Brea Civic & Cultural Center, 1 Civic
Center Circle, Brea, CA 92621**

Handicapped arrangements needed

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LIVING HISTORY BUS TOUR

1992

I want to welcome you on the tour today, and I'm really excited you're here because I guarantee you you're going to learn a lot of things about Brea's history that are going to surprise you. Brea may only be 75 years old, which is not very old compared to some cities, but a lot has happened here in those 75 years. The tour's going to take about an hour and a half and will be going around the outskirts of town and then return down Brea Blvd through what's left of the old downtown.

CITY HALL PARK

Right now we're in a very historical spot and that's City Hall Park. This land once belonged to the Union Oil Co.. In 1924 the city purchased two lots here, and three years later there was a bond issue on the ballot for 60,000 to buy the rest of the land and build the city hall and plunge. The bond passed and work began on the two buildings and the actual pool itself. The city hall opened early in 1929 and the pool during the summer of 1929. These two buildings plus the one at the other end of the park (point to it) are the only buildings in Brea on the National Register of Historic Places which means they're to be protected for the future.

300 AND 400 BLOCKS OF MADRONA

The area we're coming to now is a very special neighborhood in Brea. This land here was also owned by the Union Oil Co. which decided in 1921 to build 62 homes here for its employees. These are the homes it built. What makes this a special place is that it's one of the last of the intact old neighborhoods in Brea, and there are so many different architectural styles represented here.

400 For instance, this house on the corner was built in 1922 and is a beautiful example of 1920's Colonial Revival architecture with its columns.

406 Next door is a California bungalow built in 1921. This was really a very popular style of home. You can see them all over in the older neighborhoods around Southern California. Notice the tapered columns holding the porch. They're one of the typical characteristics of a bungalow. There's something that makes this house unique, and what that is is that there are two similar porches, the one in the front and then that one on the side. You don't see that very often.

416 Here is a small example of a Spanish Mediterranean Revival style home built in 1922. It's the only one of this style that was built on the block. This style was imported from Europe because it was felt that So. Calif. had a climate like the Mediterranean area so the architecture there should fit here. This style usually has tile roofs and is rectangular in shape. A lot of the Spanish Mediterranean houses have arched windows, but not this one.

The Brea Historical Committee is trying to have this area designated an historical area so that these homes can be preserved for the future as one of the few good reminders left in Brea of our architectural history.

PIONEER HALL

That building over there, as many of you know, is Pioneer Hall. It was built in 1923 as the Boy Scout clubhouse and was located near the intersection of Brea Blvd. and Lambert. Later it became the Brea Community Clubhouse and was moved to South Brea Blvd near Date St. (near where Kentucky Fried Chicken is now). Finally it was moved here in 1974. That's a false front that was attached to the building when it was located on South Brea Blvd. *Its called Pioneer Hall because inside on the walls are photo displays of some of the early citizens of Brea*

CITY HALL PARK

See the basketball court. In the 1930's there was a pond located there. A lot of houses at the time had ponds in their backyards, and naturally the park had to have one too. I've heard though that there were complaints from the neighbors here because the pond's bullfrogs made so much noise at night.

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

The building is the old home of the Brea American Legion. There used to be a small wooden building here, but it was replaced in 1930 by this Spanish Mediterranean style building. In 1933 it was used to house people who were displaced from their homes by the 1933 Long Beach Earthquake. Later in its history the building became the Brea Police Dept. until 1980. Down below you can see the bars that are still left from that time.

KIRKLAND HOMES

This area over here used to be all orange groves, and then in 1949 most of the trees were taken out to make way for this housing track called the Kirkland Homes. The tract was part of the post WWII building boom. The houses were all built as 2-bedroom homes by the owners of Kirkhill Rubber Co. A 1949 ad for the tract said that this development would be very different than most others because as many orange trees as possible would be left on each lot to give the tract a garden-like atmosphere.

527 E. Elm

SEXTON HOME

We're coming now to one of the most historically important homes in Brea, and that's that one over there. It was built in 1916 and was the home of Brea's first mayor, Jay C. Sexton, who remained as mayor from

1917 to 1922. He was the president of the old La Habra Bank which was located in the building where the Frame Place used to be on the corner of Brea Blvd. and Ash St. In 1922 he sold the home here and moved to Redlands where he continued in the banking business. He died in 1943.

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E. Elm

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ALONZO BROWN HOUSE

This beautiful old house here on the corner was built in 1930 and was the home of Alonzo Brown who was another early banker in town. He was the president of the Oilfields National Bank which later became the Gobar Building, the big 2-story building at the southwest corner of Brea Blvd. and Birch St. which ~~is~~ *is to be demolished soon* just taken down a short time ago. This house is the best example in Brea of a type of architecture called Spanish colonial revival.

1021
E. Elm

SCHWEITZER HOUSE

This is another example of Spanish colonial revival, built in 1926 by Frank Schweitzer, Sr., an Brea pioneer, who served on one of the early city councils. He was the designer of the Brea Sign that crosses over Brea Blvd. His son, Frank Schweitzer, Jr., later became the mayor of Brea in the early 1960's.

CRAIG PARK

Over there in front of us is Craig Park, and the name Craig goes way back in Brea history. One of our very earliest pioneers was Isaac Craig who came to Brea in 1912 as a contractor and builder. One of his sons was named Ted Craig who became the mayor of Brea and later Speaker of the California Assembly in 1935. Ted only had an 8th grade education. When he was in his 80's, he was still in Sacramento, but this time as a lobbyist. He was well loved in Orange County, and that's the reason the park was given its name. It's kind interesting to note that Ted's son Tom is the same Craig in the Craig-Watt Development Co. that is now building the new downtown Brea.

BREA MALL

Of course we all know that that's the Brea Mall over there. In the early 70's it was only a big empty lot across from the old Brea Olinda High School on Birch St. Then in ~~1970~~ the Mall was built, and, along with the freeway, it was probably responsible for the biggest jump ever in Brea's growth. It certainly put us on the map.

IMPERIAL HIGHWAY

We're on Imperial Highway now, and most people don't know that it used to be an old Butterfield Stage Route. Later on it became the realization of a dream that began in 1929 when a group of representatives from various cities in numerous Southern California counties got together to begin planning a major highway that was to

stretch from El Centro in the Imperial Valley near the Mexican border to the ocean in El Segundo. The highway reached Brea in 1935. The Imperial Highway Association's slogan was "wide for safety, straight for speed, and second to none in So. California. The highway stuck to its slogan because it goes almost in a straight line from here to El Segundo.

BREA AIRPORT

We'll be turning now north on Kraemer to show you something that most people in Brea don't even know was here. Probably "show you" isn't a very good way to put it because it's not here anymore. It disappeared in the early 1930's. Notice the railroad tracks here. These are the old Pacific Electric tracks (or red car tracks) that used to go from Yorba Linda, along here and into Brea, through La Habra, Whittier and into Los Angeles.

Here we are on Orbiter St., and there doesn't look like there's anything historical here to talk about, but where we are is on the site of the old Brea Airport that began here in 1917. This was once farmland with a big barn over there (point). When the land was leased from a local oil company, the barn was converted into a hangar, and just about where we're parked would have been on the old runway.

In 1925 there was a big air show here to dedicate the new airport that opened on this spot. There were parachute drops, stunt flying exhibitions, an air race to Newport Beach and even a wedding up in a plane flying over the airport. The main booster for this airport, Bill Tremaine, had a son who agreed along with his fiancée to be the couple to get married, but two weeks before the air show, they ran away and got married so a mad search was begun to find a new couple since all the publicity for the air wedding had already gone out. Another couple was finally found and for agreeing to get married in the plane they received a free marriage license, a ring, some kitchen utensils and a small gift of cash.

The air show had been such a big success that the following year another was held, but there was a tragic event that occurred here then.

A brilliant, young Austrian plane designer named Fred Thaheld had come to Brea in the early 1920's and teamed with Bill Tremaine to design and build airplanes in Tremaine's auto repair garage on Brea Blvd. Well, the first plane they built was like nothing that had ever been built before. It was the first low wing monoplane built in the United States (just one wing on each side instead of two, with the wings set low on the fuselage). It was said also to be the smallest plane ever built up to that time. It was only 15 feet in length, had a wingspread of 21 feet and weighed 250 lbs. It had a 3-cylinder engine. Because of its size, it was named the "Hummingbird."

Well, for the air show of 1926 it was brought out here from the garage on Brea Blvd. to put on a demonstration, but the 21 year old pilot was warned not to fly too fast because the plane was not designed to fly over a certain speed. Unfortunately, when the plane was returning to the field from the southwest (point to where the southwest is), the pilot increased the speed so much that the wings went back in a

V-shape, and the plane fell between 500 to 700 ft. to the ground killing the pilot.

Another interesting thing about this old Brea Airport is that in the late 20's Brea actively vied with other places in So. Calif. to give the U.S. Govt. build a large dirigible or blimp base here. Negotiations went on for years, but we lost out eventually to Santa Ana because we had so many oil derricks and rolling hills here which might prove to be a hazard to the dirigibles during landing and taking off. If you go down the 22 Freeway, pass the Santa Ana Freeway and look to your left, you can see the type of huge dirigible hangars that should have been built here. They sure would have given Brea a different look.

We're going to leave here now, but when we get back to downtown Brea, I'll be telling you about one more short chapter in Brea's aviation history.

OLINDA

We're heading now towards what was once the little oil town of Olinda. It didn't become a part of Brea until 1960, but since the two towns were so close and shared the same oil heritage, we wanted to show you where the town was located and let you experience what life was like there in the early decades of this century.

Most of you have probably driven up through Carbon Canyon towards Chino. When you pass Carbon Canyon Park on your right, you're passing right through old Olinda. The main part of the town was on the left side of the road, but on the right there were homes and also the old Olinda School which was later moved to Brea and, after remodeling, became what is now the Brea Senior Center at the west end of Elm St.

The 1920's was the heyday of Olinda and over 3,000 people lived here. Around the town there were 10 oil leases where in the early years the men worked up to 12 hour shifts.

Probably the most famous man who ever lived in Olinda was the well known fast ball pitcher Walter Johnson who played for the Washington Senators in the teens and 1920's.

As you'll see, there is practically nothing of the old town left anymore except some oil buildings and plenty of memories. Some of the houses were moved into Brea and others were just torn down.

The final death of the town finally came in 1959 when the Carbon Canyon Dam and Flood Control reservoir was built. *point to dam*

(WHEN AT PLAQUE AT ENTRANCE TO PARK) Read plaque and explain it was put here in 1979.

Shortly, we'll be driving up the main street of old Olinda, and when we get there, we'll be getting out. There are going to be some people there you're probably going to want to talk to because they'll be

able to give you a true picture of what life was like here in the early years. Be ready to step back in time to the 1920's, and remember, the people you'll be meeting are living in that time and know nothing about what has occurred in the world since then. Please talk to them and ask them questions.

(Look at your watch) It looks like it's just about lunchtime and the men will be getting a break so we should have no problem getting their attention.

* * * * * LIVING HISTORY * * * * *

STEARNS LEASE

These hills over there are part of Union Oil Co.'s Stearns Lease property. Back in 1886 this land and the hills were part of a sheep ranch, but in 1894 Union Oil bought the 15,000 acre ranch for 80 cents per acre. The oil co. wanted the land because all through this area there is oil seeping to the surface. This gave the company a pretty good idea that there was plenty of oil below the surface.

As part of the sales agreement for the ranch property, the right to continue to use the ranch house up on the hill was given to the shepherders and their descendants. The company also allowed sheep to continue to graze here. In fact, until 1965 there were up to 1,500 sheep still grazing on the hillsides.

The sheep ranch house just recently torn down.

The first well was drilled here in 1894. In the early years drilling techniques weren't very advanced so progress went very slowly ---only about 3 1/2 feet per day. It took one year to reach a depth of 1,110 ft.

In 1920 the first well was drilled using a rotary drill which really speeded up the drilling process.

Over the years, every time the price of oil went up, more wells were drilled. Up to now 343 wells have been drilled here. Of those, 185 continue to produce oil. The deepest of these wells goes down to a depth of 9,302 ft.

Up there in the hills there are deer, mountains lions, bobcats, coyotes, squirrels, rabbits and other wildlife.

The offices of the Stearns Lease are now located of top of the hill not far from the old shepherders' ranch house, but they used to be just at the base of Wildcat Way at Lambert below the new high school. Besides the offices, there were bunkhouses for the men and of course the oil shops.

TONNER CANYON

We'll be going on the freeway now for a short distance because there's a very special place I want to show you on the other side of the hills. It's Tonner Canyon.

(Don't say anything for awhile until you reach Tonner Canyon)

The original name of the canyon was Canada de la Brea or "Canyon of the Tar." Indians used to come up here to gather the tar which collected in pools to waterproof their cooking baskets and canoes and to use as an ointment. The early Mexican inhabitants of this area used the tar on their ranchos for roofing and as fuel. They'd cut chunks of it in blocks and take it home to burn. It makes a real hot but dirty and smelly fire which the women probably hated, but this was an area without a lot of trees so the tar made good fuel.

In the 1860's there was a town started here in the canyon called Petrolia which flourished until 1888 when the rival oil town of Olinda was laid out. No one today, unfortunately, is quite sure where Petrolia was located.

No one is sure either where the name of Tonner Canyon came from. We think it's from a man named P. C. Tonner who lived in Pomona from the 1870's to 1890's. He was an Irishman who studied for the priesthood in Philadelphia but ran away to become a schoolmaster in California. He left the Church because it wouldn't let him teach what he wanted. He loved reading the classics, wrote poetry and was addicted to alcohol.

When Pomona first started, the settlers looked for a teacher for their new school and hired Tonner. Later he quit teaching and turned to law and real estate promotion. Finally, he acted as the lawyer for a suit regarding this canyon. He ended up losing the suit in 1883.

Have any of you ever heard of the legend of the treasure of Tonner Canyon?

(TELL THE LEGEND)

TONNER CANYON BURIED GOLD

FIRST SETTLERS KNEW OF HIDDEN GOLD

Buried treasure out in Tonner canyon, a switch from Brea canyon highway, has long been an interesting legend throughout Southern California.

The story is that, back about 1775, a ship laden with Spanish gold was wrecked off that coast now known as Newport Beach. The captain and his small crew of men were saved, and they managed to salvage their treasure from the sinking ship. They had felt for several days that they were being followed and spied upon by a pirate ship, a type not uncommon. Therefore, the ship-wrecked crew was anxious to get away from that vicinity as quickly as possible.

After resting awhile, getting something to eat and their clothing dried, they loaded their treasure on a cart, drawn by oxen, and started northward for what is now Brea canyon. Night came on, when they reached Tonner canyon, and the crew decided to pitch camp for the night.

An Indian squaw, who joined them in camp soon afterward, gave them warning of a band of pirates who were on their trail, planning to attack them by night and take their treasure. To play safe for that night the men hid their treasure in some spot, still unknown, but not far from their camp.

The further story was that the crew was attacked that night by the bandit-pirates with all of the crew killed and no one left to indicate where the treasure was buried. It has been understood to be near a well.

The story has been current, more or less for some time, and was told to the writer by H.T. Green, one of the early settlers in the Tonner canyon locality. His home was in Walnut, but he owned an extensive land tract in the canyon. He drove the party to what he believed was the very site of the buried treasure. There is a well or water hole nearby.

Green had got his story from his father when the former was but a boy. At least the elder Green and his neighbors believed it to be true, and much of their time was spent in attempting to locate the treasure by digging in the hills and canyons for miles around.

THE BREA PROGRESS, Fri., Apr. 8, 1938

NOTE---This article was copied exactly as written, including punctuation and capitalization.

Take a look at these beautiful rolling hills. It's almost as if we'd gone back in time a hundred years. Up there (POINT) is the old shepherders' ranch house. The city of Brea has plans to incorporate this area into Brea and develop it. Hopefully, the beauty of the canyon can be retained for the future because this is really a special place.

BREA CANYON

A We're now heading into Brea Canyon. POINT Over in this area is where the first school in Brea was located. It was built in 1903. Of course, it wasn't called Brea yet. It was called Randolph and didn't become Brea until 1911. Up there on the hill the first well was drilled here in the canyon in 1899. At one time the derricks you see around you were all made of redwood beams, but in the late teens and into the 20's they were replaced by steel derricks like the ones you see here.

Over there is the old headquarters of the Brea Canyon Oil Co. It's thought that the building, which kind of looks like a house, was built in 1912.

PORTOLA MONUMENT

We're going to stop here for a minute to tell you about that white monument over there. Most people come up here through Brea Canyon and probably pass right by it without giving it a second thought, but it marks a very important event that occurred in this area.

In 1769 a group of 62 men headed by Gaspar de Portola headed north from recently founded San Diego to look for a land route to Monterey Bay. They entered what's now Orange County on July 22, 1769, and on July 29th they camped somewhere close to here. At the time, there was an Indian village here. The Indians were peaceful and invited the Spaniards to join a celebration they were giving for their neighbors. The next morning the Spaniards broke camp, headed west along the hills and may have crossed through them into the San Gabriel Valley about where Fullerton Road is today.

The name La Habra could have come from this time because the word "la abra" minus the H means the opening, and the opening may have meant the place where the Spaniards crossed through the hills.

This white monument was dedicated in 1932 during a small ceremony attended by about 25 people. The speaker was Ted Craig whom I told you about earlier. He was then a state assemblyman representing this area.

1926 STEWART TANK FARM FIRE

We're now heading for the second of our stops, and it will be at what's left of the old Stewart Oil Tank Farm.

On the morning of April 8, 1926 the biggest disaster ever to hit Brea happened at the tank farm. At 9:30 in the morning a large bolt of

lightning came out of the sky and hit two 500,000 barrel underground oil reservoirs. There was a terrific explosion which broke windows throughout Brea. Flames shot 500 feet into the air blackening the sky for three days. Homes in Brea were covered with black spots due to the oily soot falling from the sky. There was even a cyclone formed by the fire which took a roof right off a house at Imperial Hwy. and Madrona Ave.

We're going to be stopping at the tank farm, and if we're lucky there may be a couple members of the volunteer fire dept. there who have been busy fighting the fire. If they're not too busy, maybe we'll get a chance to talk to them.

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* * * * * LIVING HISTORY * * * * *

THE BIG BASEBALL GAME

Right now we're heading for a spot where one of the least known but most interesting events ever to happen in Brea occurred.

(AFTER STOPPING) You're probably asking yourselves what we're doing in the middle of a housing track. Well, back in 1924 there used to be a baseball field called the Brea Bowl just about where we're parked with home plate over there (POINT).

On October 31, 1924, Halloween, there was a big game here attended by thousands of people from all over Orange County. The reason they came is because 2 of the most famous players of the time were putting on an exhibition. One of them was Walter Johnson from Olinda and the other was Babe Ruth.

The crowds sat over here and over there, and way over in that direction there were row after row of model T's all lined up.

The game started at 2:30, and tickets went for \$1.00 for general admission, with bleacher seats \$1.50 and reserved seats \$2.00. Except for the markets, all the stores in Brea closed at 1 p.m. so everyone in town could attend.

Ruth hit two homeruns during the game, and afterwards had his picture taken with two local boys. No one knows who they were, but if they're still living, how great it would be to have a picture of yourself taken with Babe Ruth.

In the evening after the game all the players were the guests of honor at a Halloween party given by Anaheim businessmen.

NORTH MADRONA AREA

This area here is called the North Madrona neighborhood, and some of these homes here are among the oldest in the city. This one here (230) was built in 1912, and this one (244) also in 1912. That was only one year after Brea's name was changed from Randolph to Brea and five years before Brea was incorporated into a city.

This is one of the "famous" tin buildings that stretched at one time from about Ash St. to Lambert. Most of them are gone now. They were mainly used as businesses in which oil tools were made.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC DEPOT

Over here was where the old Pacific Electric Depot used to be located. It was taken down in 1950. If you ever go over to La Habra Children's Museum on Euclid, look at the old depot next to it. It's now called the Depot Playhouse, and it looks almost exactly like our depot used to look.

120 NO. BREA BLVD. (Old Tremaine Garage) (PARK ACROSS THE STREET)

Remember at the site of the old airport, I said there was one more story having to do with Brea aviation that I wanted to tell you about. Well, it started right here in 1927. This is the old Tremaine Garage where the Hummingbird was built. After it crashed, Fred Thaheld, the plane's designer, along with Mr. Tremaine, began building another low wing monoplane here but it was much much larger than the Hummingbird. In fact, it was planned that it would fly from San Francisco to Honolulu in the Dole Air Race of 1927.

On August 4, it left Brea Airport, flew to Santa Ana and continued on to San Diego for some additional tests. On the foggy morning of August 10, it took off to head for San Francisco with a pilot and navigator on board, flew out over San Diego Bay, and smashed into Point Loma. Both men were killed. Just a little sidelight to the story is that two days before the crash, the plane had been assigned the number 13 as its number in the race. This was played up later in the press.

This pretty much spelled the end to aircraft building here in Brea, but Fred Thaheld went on to, among other things, design diesel aircraft engines. One of these was put on display in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C.

HISTORIC BLOCK

As long as we're here, over there between Ash and the railroad tracks is the site of the new Historic Block in Brea which will preserve some of the oldest historic buildings in Brea. Other important historic buildings that no longer exist because they were demolished or, in one case, burned down will be rebuilt. There will also be one old home

built in 1912 moved here to serve as a museum to show what life was like in Brea at the time of our incorporation in 1917 and to honor the man who owned the home. His name was Charles Kinsler and he headed Brea's drive for incorporation, made the initial census of the town in 1916, was Brea's first city clerk, was city judge, city recorder, fire chief, school board member, notary public, was president of the Orange County Labor Council for three years, and for several years was secretary of the local Oil Workers' Union.

The other 5 buildings that will be in the block are the old La Habra Valley Bank (the former Frame Place) where people voted for incorporation in 1917, the Wall Building which burned down in 1989, the Brea Hotel (minus the stucco covering), the old Delaney Rooming House, and, of course, Sam's Place. All the buildings will look as they did back in 1917. There is also talk of possibly rebuilding the old Pacific Electric Depot at the end on the block next to the tracks in case this line is used again as a commuter rail line to carry passengers back and forth to L. A.

When we left City Hall Park earlier, I promised you that that you'd learn a lot of things about Brea history that you might not know. I sure hope you did.

Thanks for coming along today, and we hope you'll tell your friends that there will be two more tour days, May 9 and Sept. 19. Also, don't forget the two Historical Home Tours on April 4 and Oct. 3

There is also an approximately two-hour video about Brea history called "A Walk in Time" that's available for \$9.95 back at the park or at the Community Services counter at City Hall. It will take you back to some of the places we visited today plus tell you a lot about the history of the old downtown which is almost gone now.



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE #127

SUBJECT: City of Brea to Offer Living History Tours
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BREA, CA--In celebration of its 75th birthday, the City of Brea will offer Living History tours on Saturday, May 9, at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. These unique tours will include stops at the site where Babe Ruth played an exhibition game in Brea; the site where the first low-winged monoplane was built in the United States; the site of the disastrous oil fire of 1926; Old Olinda Town and Tonner Canyon, where tour guests will learn the legend of the Tonner Canyon Treasure.

At a number of stops on the tour guests will have an opportunity to experience Brea's colorful history through dramatic reenactment. The reenactments will be performed by actors dressed in period costumes.

Tours will depart from and return to Old City Hall Park (Date Street and Brea Boulevard). The fee for the one and one-half hour tour is \$5 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Brea Community Services Department, level three of the Brea Civic and Cultural Center. For more information, please call the Jubilee Hotline at (714) 990-7771.

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LIVING HISTORY BUS TOUR - 1992

WELCOME

BREA'S HISTORY WILL
SURPRISE YOU.

-USE YOUR IMAGINATION
-ACTORS WILL TELL
TALES OF OLD BREA

TOUR: 1 1/2 HOURS
- OUTSKIRTS
- DOWNTOWN

STOP #1
CITY HALL PARK

- 1ST OWNED BY UNOCAL
- 1924 CITY BOUGHT 2 LOTS
- 1927 \$60,000 BOND. CITY BOUGHT REMAINDER
- 1929 CITY HALL AND POOL OPENED
- ON NAT. HIST. REG.

WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO TODAY'S TOUR. I GUARANTEE YOU'LL LEARN A LOT OF THINGS ABOUT BREA'S HISTORY THAT WILL SURPRISE YOU. BREA MAY BE ONLY 75 YEARS OLD, BUT A LOT HAS HAPPENED IN THOSE 75 YEARS.

YOU'LL NEED TO USE YOUR IMAGINATION TO ENVISION WHAT BREA LOOKED LIKE 75 YEARS AGO.

WE ALSO HAVE SOME ACTORS THAT WILL TELL YOU SOME INTERESTING TALES ABOUT OLD BREA

THE TOUR WILL LAST ABOUT 1 1/2 HOURS, AND WILL TAKE YOU AROUND THE OUTSKIRTS OF BREA AND THROUGH WHAT'S LEFT OF THE OLD DOWNTOWN.

CITY HALL PARK IS A VERY HISTORICAL SPOT. THIS LAND ONCE BELONGED TO THE UNION OIL CO. (NOW UNOCAL).

IN 1924 THE CITY PURCHASED 2 LOTS IN 1927 THE CITY PASSED A BOND ISSUE FOR \$60,000 AND PURCHASED THE REMAINDER OF THIS LAND AND WORK BEGAN. THE POOL AND CITY HALL OPENED IN 1929.

THESE TWO BUILDINGS ARE THE ONLY BUILDINGS IN BREA THAT ARE LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, SO THEY ARE PROTECTED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

MADRONA- SPECIAL
NEIGHBORHOOD - ALSO
ONCE OWNED BY UNION
OIL. - BUILT 62 HOMES
FOR EMPLOYEES. - MANY
ARCH. STYLES. ONE OF
LAST OF OLD
NEIGHBORHOODS.

STOP #2 400 MADRONA

BUILT 1922. EXAMPLE OF
1920'S COLONIAL
REVIVAL W/ COLUMNS

#3 406 MADRONA

BUILT 1921. CA. BUNG.
POPULAR W/ TAPERED
COLUMNS. 2 PORCHES

#4 416 MADRONA

BUILT 1922. SPAN. MEDIT.
REV. IMPORTED FROM
EUROPE . MED.
CLIMATE= SO. CA.
TILE ROOFS & RECTAN.
SHAPE. SOME HAVE
ARCHED WINDOWS.

HISTORICAL AREA?

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL
NEIGHBORHOOD IN BREA. THIS WAS
ALSO OWNED BY UNION OIL, WHICH
BUILT 62 HOMES FOR SOME OF IT'S
EMPLOYEES. WHAT MAKES THIS AREA
SPECIAL IS THAT IT IS ONE OF THE
LAST , INTACT OLD NEIGHBORHOODS
IN BREA, AND THAT IT EXHIBITS MANY
DIFFERENT ARCHITECTURAL STYLES
FROM EARLY SO. CA.

THIS HOUSE ON THE CORNER WAS
BUILT IN 1922 AND IS A BEAUTIFUL
EXAMPLE OF 1920'S COLONIAL
REVIVAL ARCHITECTURE WITH ITS
COLUMNS.

NEXT DOOR IS A CALIFORNIA
BUNGALOW STYLE HOME BUILT IN
1921. YOU CAN SEE THESE IN OLDER
NEIGHBORHOODS ALL OVER SO. CA.
NOTICE THE TAPERED COLUMNS
HOLDING THE PORCH - ONE OF THE
TYPICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE
BUNGALOW STYLE. SOMETHING ELSE
THAT MAKES THIS STYLE UNIQUE ARE
THE TWO SIMILAR PORCHES.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SPANISH
MEDITERRANEAN REVIVAL STYLE
HOME BUILT IN 1922. THIS STYLE WAS
IMPORTED FROM EUROPE BECAUSE
IT WAS FELT THAT SO. CA. HAD A
CLIMATE SIMILAR TO THE
MEDITERRANEAN THEREFORE THE
STYLE SHOULD FIT HERE. THIS STYLE
HAS TILE ROOFS, RECTANGULAR
SHAPE. MANY ALSO HAVE ARCHED
WINDOWS - THIS ONE DOESN'T.

HISTORICAL COMM. TRYING TO GET
AREA DESIGNATED HIST. DISTRICT.

#5 PIONEER HALL

BUILT 1923 -BOY SCOUT HOUSE AT LAMBERT & BREA. COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE AT BREA & DATE (KFC). MOVED HERE 1974.

#6 CITY HALL PARK

BSKTBALL = POND IN 30'S

AMER. LEGION BLDG. WAS WOODEN BLDG. 1930 SPAN. MED BLDG 1933 LB EQ VICTIMS LATER, TILL 1980 POLICE

#7 MAGNOLIA/KIRKLAND

ORANGE GROVES 1949 KIRKLAND HOMES WWII BLDG BOOM-ALL 2 BDRM. BLT BY KIRKHILL PROMOTED AS GARDEN LIKE

#8 527 ELM/SEXTON

BLT 1926. SEXTON HOME ONE OF MOST HIST SIGNIFICANT

PIONEER HALL WAS BUILT IN 1923 AS THE BOY SCOUT CLUBHOUSE AND WAS LOCATED NEAR BREA BLVD AND LAMBERT RD. LATER IT BECAME THE BREA COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE AND WAS MOVED TO DATE & BREA BLVD (NOW KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN). IT WAS MOVED TO THIS LOCATION IN 1974.

BASQUETBALL COURT. A POND WAS LOCATED THERE IN THE 1930'S. MANY HOUSES HAD PONDS IN BACKYARDS, NATURALLY THE PARK HAD TO HAVE ONE TOO. I'VE HEARD THAT THERE WERE COMPLAINTS FROM THE NEIGHBORS BECAUSE THE PONDS BULLFROGS MADE SO MUCH NOISE AT NIGHT.

OLD HOME OF BREA AMER LEGION. ORIGINALLY A WOODEN BLDG. THIS BLDG BLT 1930 BY SPAN MED STYLE. 1933 USED TO HOUES LONG BEACH EQ VICTIMS. LATER USED BY BREA PD TILL 1980. SEE BARS AT BOTTOM LEFT FROM THAT TIME.

THIS AREA USED TO BE ORANGE GROVES. IN 1949 MOST TREES REMOVED FOR WWII HOUSING TRACT CALLED KIRKLAND HOMES. ALL HOUSES 2 BEDROOM. BLT BY OWNERS OF KIRKHILL RUBBER. PROMOTED AS GARDEN LIKE DUE TO MANY ORANGE TREEES LEFT INTACT.

BUILT IN 1916, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT HOMES IN BREA.

HOME BREAS 1ST
MAYOR JAY SEXTON
(1917-22). PRES. LA
HABRA BANK AT BREA &
ASH (FRAME PLACE).
SOLD IN 1922-MOVED TO
REDLANDS. DIED IN 1943.

#9 921 ELM
ALONZO BROWN HOUSE

BLT 1930. SPAN COL. REV
ALONZO BROWN PRES
OILFIELDS NAT BANK
BREA AT BIRCH
(GOBAR BLDG)

#10 1019 ELM
SCHWEITZER HOUSE

BLT 1926 BY FRANK
SCHWEITZER, SR.- EARLY
CITY COUNCILMAN.
DESIGNED THE BREA
SIGN. SON MAYOR 1960'S

#11 CRAIG PARK

THIS WAS THE HOME BREA'S FIRST
MAYOR (FROM 1917 TO 1922) JAY C.
SEXTON. HE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF
LA HABRA BANK LOCATED AT SW
CORNER OF BREA BLVD AND ASH
(NOW THE FRAME PLACE). HE SOLD
THE HOME IN 1922 AND MOVED TO
REDLANDS. HE DIED IN 1943.

THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME WAS BUILT IN
IN 1930 BY ANOTHER EARLY BANKER
ALONZO BROWN, PRESIDENT OF THE
OILFIELDS NAT. BANK LOCATED AT
SW CORNER OF BREA AND BIRCH
(NOW THE 2 STOREY GOGBAR BLDG)
THIS IS HOUSE IS AN EXCELLENT
EXAMPLE OF SPANISH COLONIAL
ARCHITECTURE.

BUILT IN 1926 BY FRANK SCHWEITZER
, SR. THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF
SPANISH COLONIAL REVIVAL ARCH.
FRANK WAS A MEMBER OF ONE OF
THE EARLY CITY COUNCILS. HE
DESIGNED THE BREA SIGN. HIS SON
WAS THE MAYOR IN THE 1960'S.

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#11 CRAIG PARK

1912 PIONEER ISAAC CRAIG
CONTRACTOR/BUILDER
SON TED - BREA MAYOR & SPKR
OF CA ASSEMBLY W/8TH GRADE
EDUCATION
TED'S SON TOM - DOWNTOWN
DEVELOPER WATT-CRAIG PART.

#12 THE BREA MALL

70'S EMPTY LOT
MALL BLT 1976
1ST BIG GROWTH/BREA ON MAP

#11 IMPERIAL HWY

OLD BUTTERFIELD STAGE RTE
1929 DREAM OF OC CITIES FOR
ROAD FROM EL CENTRO TO EL
SEGUNDO. REACHED BREA 1935.
SLOGAN "WIDE FOR SAFETY,
STRAIGHT FOR SPEED, AND 2ND
TO NONE"

STOP #12 BREA AIRPORT KRAEMER AT ORBITER

BEGAN IN 1917 ON FARMLAND.
BARN BECAME HANGER
STREET OLD RUNWAY (APPROX)
1925 & 1926 BIG AIR SHOWS

AUSTRIAN FRED THAHLED AND
BILL TREMAINE DESIGNED 1ST
LOW WING MONOPLANE IN U.S.
15' LONG, 21' WINGSPAN, 250 LBS

THE CRAIG NAME HAS BEEN ACTIVE
IN BREA FOR THREE GENERATIONS.
ISAAC CRAIG, ONE OF EARLIEST
PIONEERS, CAME TO BREA IN 1912.
ISAAC WAS A BUILDER/CONTRACTOR.
-SON TED, WAS A BREA MAYOR, AND
LATER SPEAKER OF CA ASSEMBLY,
AND EVEN LATER AS LOBBYIST. IN
SACRAMENTO INTO HIS 80'S. LOVED
BY ORANGE COUNTIANS, THUS THE
PARK NAME.
-GRANDSON TOM, IS THE CRAIG IN
THE WATT-CRAIG CO. DEVELOPING
THE NEW DOWNTOWN

IN THE EARLY 70'S THIS WAS JUST AN
EMPTY LOT. IN 1976 MALL WAS BUILT,
ALONG WITH THE 57 FWY. THIS WAS
THE BEGINNING OF BREA'S GROWTH
AND IT PUT BREA ON THE MAP.

THIS USED TO BE AN OLD
BUTTERFIELD STAGE ROUTE. IN 1929
A GROUP OF SO. CALIFORNIANS HAD
A DREAM OF A HWY FROM EL CENTRO
(IMPERIAL VALLEY) TO EL SEGUNDO.
THE HWY REACHED BREA IN 1935. IT'S
SLOGAN WAS " WIDE FOR SAFETY,
STRAIGHT FOR SPEED, AND SECOND
TO NONE IN SO. CA." IT IS ALMOST A
STRAIGHT LINE FROM BREA TO EL
SEGUNDO.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE BREA
AIRPORT STARTED HERE IN 1917.
ONCE FARMLAND WITH A BIG BARN.
LEASED FROM A LOCAL OIL
COMPANY, AND THE BARN BECAME A
HANGAR. THIS STREET IS ROUGHLY
WHERE THE RUNWAY WAS.

AN AUSTRIAN PLANE DESIGNER, FRED
THAHLED BUILT THE FIRST LOW WING
MONOPLANE IN THE U.S. HERE. IT
WAS 15 FT LONG. HAD A WINGSPAN
OF 21 FT, AND WEIGHED 250 LBS. IT
WAS NAMED THE HUMMINGBIRD

1926 AIRSHOW RETURNING
FROM S/W, TOO FAST, WINGS V
SHAPE, PLANE FELL 700' AND
KILLED THE PILOT.

20'S TRIED FOR U.S. BLIMP BASE
CLOSED IN 1930'S

STOP #13 OLINDA

1920'S OLINDA'S HEYDAYS
3000 PEOPLE LIVED HERE
10 OIL LEASES
DEATH OF TOWN IN 1959 WHEN
CARBON CANYON DAN BUILT.

MOST FAMOUS RESIDENT WAS
WALTER JOHNSON-PLAYED FOR
WASHINGTON SENATORS IN
TEENS AND EARLY 20'S

BE READY TO STEP BACK IN
TIME. LUNCHTIME - MEN TAKING
BREAK.

#14 STERNS OIL LEASE

1886 SHEEP RANCH
1894 UNION OIL BOUGHT 15,000
ACRE RANCH 80 CENTS/ACRE

FIRST WELL 1894. OLD DRILLING
METHODS=1YEAR TO REACH
1110 FT.

FIRST ROTARY DRILL WELL IN
1920.

THERE WERE TWO BIG AIRSHOWS IN
1925 AND 26. THE FIRST SHOW WAS A
SUCCESS., IT INCLUDED A WEDDING
THE AIR. DURING THE SECOND SHOW
THE HUMMINGBIRD WENT TO FAST,
IT'S WINGS BENT BACK, AND IT FELL
700 FT, KILLING THE PILOT.

-IN THE 20'S BREA AIRPORT WAS
PROPOSED FOR U.S. BLIMP BASE,
BUT THE HILLS/ DERRICKS WERE A
HAZARD, SO SANTA ANA WAS
CHOSEN.

MANY OF YOU HAVE DRIVEN UP
CARBON CANYON AND DIDN'T
REALIZE YOUR PASSING THRU OLD
OLINDA. IN IT'S HEYDAY IN THE 20'S,
OVER 3000 PEOPLE LIVED HERE. THE
MOST FAMOUS WAS FASTBALL
PITCHER, WALTER JOHNSON WHO
PLAYED FOR THE WASHINGTON
SENATORS. IN THE TEENS AND 20'S.

AS YOU'LL SEE, THERE IS LITTLE LEFT
OF THE OLD TOWN SITE, JUST A FEW
OIL BUILDINGS AND MEMORIES.
SHORTLY WE'LL BE DRIVING UP THE
OLD MAIN STREET OF OLINDA. WE'RE
GOING TO STOP. SO BE READY TO
STEP BACK IN TIME. (LOOK AT
WATCH) LOOKS LIKE JUST ABOUT
LUNCHTIME, PERHAPS WE CAN VISIT
WITH SOME OF THE RESIDENTS OF
THIS OLD TOWN.

TOTAL 343 WELLS. DEEPEST TO
9302 FT.

HILLS- DEER MOUNTAIN
LIONS,BOBCATS, COYOTES,
SQUIRRELS, RABBITS, AND
OTHER WILDLIFE

STERNS LEASE OFFICES NOW
TOP OF HILL. USED TO BE AT
LAMBERT AT WILDCAT WAY

#15 TONNER CANYON

ORIGINAL NAME CANADA DE LA
BREA = CANYON OF TAR
INDIANS-BASKET/CANOE WTRP
MEXICANS-ROOFING/FUEL

1880'S TOWN OF PETROLINA
DIED WHEN LINDA STARTED

CANYON NAME P.C. TONNER

LEGEND OF TREASURE OF
TONNER CANYON

SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

#16 BREA CANYON

1903- 1ST SCHOOL FOR CITY OF
RANDOLPH (BREA IN 1911)

1ST WELL IN 1899. DERRICKS
WERE REDWOOD. METAL IN 20'S

BREA CANYON OIL HDQTRS BLT
IN 1912

PORTOLA MONUMENT

JULY 29, 1769 GASPAR DE
PORTOLA AND 62 MEN CAMPED
HERE LOOKING FOR ROUTE TO
MONTEREY.

LA HABRA=LA ABRA=THE
OPENING

STOP #17 STEWART TANK FARM

DISASTER APRIL 8 1926. 9:30AM
LIGHTING HIT TWO 500,000
BARREL OIL RESERVOIRS.
EXPLOSION AND FLAMES 500 FT
IN AIR.

STOPPING AT FARM. IF LUCKY
VOLUNTEER FIREMAN MAY TALK
TO US.

STOP #18 BREA BOWL

BASEBALL FIELD HERE 1924.
BIG GAME OCT. 31, 1924 W/
WALTER JOHNSON AND BABE
RUTH. STARTED AT 2:30 P.M.
TICKETS \$1 GEN ADM \$1.50
BLEACHER, RESERVED \$2.
STORES IN BREA CLOSED AT
1PM.

RUTH HIT TOW HOMERUNS

#19 NORTH MADRONA

230 N. MADRONA BLT 1912
244 N. MADRONA BLT 1912

TIN BUILDING ROW

**#20 PACIFIC ELECTRIC STATION
AT RR TRACKS/BREA BLVD-S/W
CORNER**

DEPOT TORN DOWN 1950. LINE
RAN TO LA- THE RED CARS

#20 120 BREA BLVD
OLD TREMAINE GARAGE

HUMMINGBIRD BLT HERE

**#21 HISTORIC BLOCK TO BE
N/E CORNER BREA AT ASH**

6 HISTORIC BLDGS TO BE
PRESERVED OR DUPLICATED.
1 RESIDENTIAL AND 5 COMM'L

LA HABRA VALLY BANK (FRAME
PLACE), WALL BLDG, DELANEY
ROOMING HOUSE, BREA HOTEL,
SAM'S PLACE, KINSLER HOUSE

THANKS FOR COMING.

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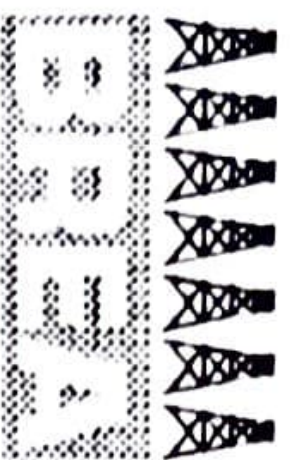
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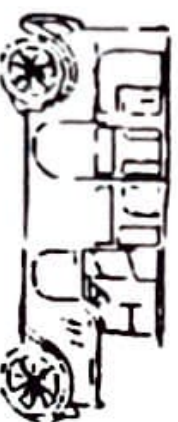
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SAM'S PLACE, KINSLER HOUSE

THANKS FOR COMING.



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401 Brea Blvd.**



\$5.00

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