

Rush Work on New Railroad Below Border

[LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE]

CALEXICO, Dec. 2.—Construction work on the new Mexican and Gulf Railroad connecting Imperial Valley cities with the port of San Felipe on the Gulf of California is to be resumed this week, according to the announcement of General Manager W. I. Bassett today.

A contract for grading the next seven-mile unit of roadbed has been let to Welch & Stewart of San Francisco, Bassett said, and an outfit is now being assembled here preparatory to starting actual work. Construction was stopped last spring when the new railroad reached the Imperial Valley levee system and was unable to continue across overflow territory until the annual summer flood subsided.

The present contract will extend the road from the levee across the basin of Volcano Lake, which is now dry, to the banks of the river below Pescadero Cut, a distance of thirty-two miles from Calexico. Work will be halted at that point until the 1926 flood passes, according to the general manager.

Locating parties are now surveying in the delta territory at the head of the gulf, and preparations will be made to complete the line to its deep-water terminal during the winter of 1926-27.

Fast Driver to End Honeymoon in County Jail

[EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH]

SANTA ANA, Dec. 2.—Henry Ballard, Torrance speeder, was admitted to the Orange County Jail late yesterday afternoon to begin serving sentence of five days for speeding, after pleading guilty to the charge of driving his car fifty miles an hour.

Ballard and his bride were said to have been on their way to San Diego on their honeymoon in a machine bedecked with "just-married" signs, when the groom was arrested by State traffic officers.

The bride asked Judge Morrison if she could serve part of the husband's sentence, but he refused.

OFFICERS FAIL IN HUNT FOR BANDIT

[EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH]

POMONA, Dec. 2.—Baffled in their search for the bandit who last night held up A. M. Allison, night operator at the local Southern Pacific Railroad station, and forced him, at the point of an automatic pistol, to hand over \$30 in cash from the cash drawer and his own watch, valued at \$50, local police today admitted that they had no further clues to work on, other clues having proved fruitless.

The attack happened last night during a pouring rain and for this reason police were unable to track the auto in which it is believed the bandit made his escape. The man wore a mask, but despite this Allison obtained a good description of him and immediately flashed the local police station and notified company detectives.

Belief that the job was performed by local talent was expressed by police, due to the fact that the burglar seemed to be familiar with the station surroundings.

VAN NUYS TO COMBAT TUMBLEWEEDS TODAY

[LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE]

VAN NUYS, Dec. 2.—A war is to be waged against tumbleweeds, puncture vines, tin cans, rubbish and trash when Van Nuys citizens early tomorrow begin their one-day campaign to put the town in spick-and-span condition for the winter season. The city has been divided into four districts, with H. C. Hatterscheid, J. W. Pralwater, William Shaffer and Leslie Taylor named as captains. Everybody in town will be drafted, army style, to help in the clean-up work. All carts and trucks will be impressed to carry all debris to a large pyre where it will be burned. By nightfall all of Van Nuys is expected to be in shipshape order.

VALLEY BANKER PLANS CRUISE AROUND WORLD

[LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE]

SAN FERNANDO, Dec. 2.—I. H. (Bing) Malin, manager of the San Fernando branch of the Bank of Italy, has been granted a six months leave of absence, beginning the first of the year, and will make a cruise around the world. His journey will take him to South America, Capetown, Africa, Zanzibar, the Red Sea, Egypt, Rome, Monte Carlo and to England before his return home here about the middle of June, 1926.

DRAW GRAND JURY

[EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH]

SANTA ANA, Dec. 2.—Summons was being served today upon thirty citizens of Orange county to report Saturday for duty on the Orange-county grand jury for 1925. The prospective jurors will report at 10 a.m., the 5th inst., in Superior Judge R. Y. Williams's court where their names were drawn Saturday.

PLAN KIWANIS CLUB

[LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE]

ZELZAH, Dec. 2.—A move has been started here to organize a Kiwanis Club for Zelzah. Leading citizens and ranchers in this district will be asked to join. Other Kiwanis clubs in San Fernando Valley are at Van Nuys, San Fernando and Lankershim.

OUTLINES POLICY OF STRICT ENFORCEMENT

By a "Times" Staff Correspondent

SANTA MONICA, Dec. 2.—Hip-pocket flask toters, dope peddlers, reckless drivers and speeders will be given the full force of the law when arraigned in municipal court after the first of the year, Charles A. M. Spencer, newly elected police judge for Santa Monica, declared today. Dope agents who prey on young children or who exploit their wares in any manner will be dealt with stringently, Judge Spencer stated.

"I will enforce the law in all cases," Judge Spencer said, "but of course, justice demands that circumstances and the conditions obtaining in each case be considered in its disposition. I will enforce prohibition statutes the same as I would any other statute. Bootleggers are violating the law and will be sentenced accordingly if guilty. The question of carrying flasks must be judged according to each case."

CUSTOMS OFFICE AT LONG BEACH PORT

By a "Times" Staff Correspondent

LONG BEACH, Dec. 2.—The port of Long Beach will lose none of its identity through being included by order of the Federal government in the Los Angeles district, city officials declared here today. Instead Long Beach harbor will gain Federal recognition as the port of Long Beach by reason of the establishment here of a separate customs office with a customs inspector and a staff of deputies in charge, it is asserted.

Preparations are under way for providing the customs department with suitable quarters in the harbor district here just as soon as Collector of Customs Schwaabe, of Los Angeles gives notice of the needs, city officials said today.

HOLD YOUTH FOR THEFT OF AUTO

[EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH]

ANAHEIM, Dec. 2.—Quick work on the part of the Anaheim and Long Beach police departments resulted in the arrest of Phillip Salcido, 19 years of age, on a grand-larceny charge.

Salcido admits stealing an automobile owned by Trefon Harrison from its parking place in the rear of the Oyster Loaf Cafe, officers assert. He also is accused of stealing another car from the Long Beach branch of the Fuller Paint Company, which he drove to this city Saturday afternoon and exchanged for the more expensive car owned by the Anaheim cafe man.

TO ADDRESS ELKS

By a "Times" Staff Correspondent

LONG BEACH, Dec. 2.—Robert M. Clark, former judge of the Superior Court of Ventura county and president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, will be the principal speaker at the annual memorial services of Long Beach Lodge No. 888, B.P.O.E., to be held here next Sunday at 8 p.m. The memorial program, in charge of Judge Matt M. Thomas, has not been completed, but it was said today that Steven A. Gavin will deliver the eulogy.

PERSONAL INJURY SUIT

[EXCLUSIVE DISPATCH]

VISALIA, Dec. 2.—Charles D. Stanton of Pixley is suing the Southern California Edison Company for \$50,000 damages in a case now being tried before Superior Judge J. A. Allen.

Stanton contends that he was injured September 28, 1925, while working in a well pit. He says that the power was turned off during a portion of the time he was in the well pit. But that through negligence it was turned on again by the company and that he was not notified, and was thus badly burned and scarred.