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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN BUILDING

and/or common THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN

**2. Location**

street & number 1707 EYE ST.

N/A not for publication

city, town BAKERSFIELD

N/A vicinity of

congressional district 18

state CALIFORNIA

code 06

county KERN

code 029

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
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			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN

street & number P.O. BOX 440

city, town BAKERSFIELD

N/A vicinity of

state CALIFORNIA 93302

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. KERN COUNTY HALL OF RECORDS

street & number CIVIC CENTER

city, town BAKERSFIELD

state CALIFORNIA 93301

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title NONE CURRENTLY

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date N/A

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A

state N/A

## 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bakersfield Californian Building is the headquarters for The Bakersfield Californian, a daily newspaper serving all of Kern County. It consists of two structures, a large, ell shaped main building and a smaller, detached rectangular building located at the northeast corner of the site within the inner vertex area of the main building's ell. The original main building was rectangular shaped, a 3-story Italian Renaissance Revival facility with a symmetrically axial plan (70' wide and 122' long) constructed of reinforced concrete foundations, basement walls, floor slabs, columns and lintels with structural steel skeleton framing of upper floors and penthouse. Exterior walls, originally unreinforced norman brick masonry, were carefully removed and reinforced with a gunite concrete underlayer, then restored to original condition shortly after a major (1952) Kern County Earthquake (See Photo #9). The original main building (1926) consisted of 29,300 feet as follows: Basement-8,500 sq. ft.; Ground Floor- 8,500 sq. ft.; 2nd Floor (Mezzanine)-3,800 sq. ft.; and 3rd Floor-8,500 sq. ft.,

The building's exterior is symmetrically punctuated with large, operable steel sash windows on all four elevations (12' high ground floor; 10' 6" high second level). The exterior brick pilasters on the north, south and west elevations, express the interior grid of structural concrete columns. Simulated exterior balconies, interior stair railings and miscellaneous trim pieces are constructed of ornamental wrought-iron. Balconies, copings and cornice caps are constructed of cast stone. The east (entrance) elevation avoids the repetition of monumental symmetry by differing treatments of the corner towers. A whimsical three-quarter round brick turret, complete with false arched openings, anchors the north-east corner of the building,

The second structure on the property is a 900 sq. ft. "Lodge" building. The structure is of the same design and style as the main building (See Photo #7 and Photo #8).

The eye is strongly directed to the broad, classic grand entry of the main building (See Photo #10). It rests on seven broad white granite steps. In the middle are polished brass-framed/glass entrance doors. The whole of the entry is divided into thirds by eclectic columns. Each third is occupied by large, rectangular openings; large, multipaned windows to the sides and, in the middle, the doors and the small window above. Centered above each of the large windows are large heraldic shields divided into four parts. Decorations within the quadrants include a flower, an abstract of a river flowing through plowed fields, a collection of strict horizontal lines, a collection of horizontal lines with a slight flow and, on one of the shields, the name of the architect and the date of construction (See Photo #20). A pair of columns on each side of the doorway support the broad parapit for the Bakersfield Californian logo. Centered between the columns and below the logo are etched the words "Established 1866" (Newspaper tradition is to date the newspaper to its earliest predecessor). Each column rests on a modified classical base (See Photo #7). The shaft emerges from the clasp of two large acanthus leaves. The lower part of the shaft has classical fluting embellished with an acanthus swag (See Photo's 16 & 17). Midway on the shaft, three belts of decoration have been applied (See Photo #18): the lowest is a series of circles (See Photo #18); the next a broad belt with a floral and fruit swag (See Photo #18) and, above that, a stylized acanthus belt (See Photo #18). The top portion of the shaft is decorated with spiral fluting, the direction on one clockwise, the direction on the other of the pair, counter-clockwise (See Photo #16). Each shaft is capped with a conventional Corinthian capital (See Photo #19). Resting atop each capital is a plain shield. Mediterranean lamps are set between the columns

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on each side of the door (See Photo #18). The lamps hang from a serpent's neck. The glass panels set in the black wrought iron form of the lamps appear to be handmade smoked topaz. Extending down the bottom of the lamp is a black bud surrounded with a small scalloped and pierced calyx.

The rest of the facade is primarily reddish-brown brick. The placement and width of the large windows and brass doors of the grand entrance is continued above it with almost square windows connected horizontally by a line of bricks set in Greek key style (See Photo #10). Just below the roof cornice are twenty one blind brick arches (See Photo #10). Each arch contains a white diamond, the arc above the diamond filled with blue plaster (See Photo #21). The towers at the south and north east corners differ in theme, yet are somewhat similar in appearance.

The tower on the southeast corner (See Photo #10) is inviting, airy and Mediterranean. Fine Lacy black wrought iron balustrades surround the balcony. Large French doors with a white lintel above match in size the window and lintel below. The moulding edging the balcony continues around the corner of the building and similarly edges a matching south facing balcony (See Photo #22). Both sides of the tower are identical. A flag pole juts out from a large shield on the corner of the tower. Below the flagpole is a white, marble drinking fountain decorated with acanthus leaves and placed on a large white step-up base (See Photo #23). A bronze plaque at the base states that Mr. Harrell dedicated the fountain to J.M. Jameson.

The northeast tower is actually two towers. The corner is finished with a shorter, 3/4 round turret topped with a terra cotta tile roof (See Photo #24). Arched, blind observation windows suggest their placement up a spiral staircase. The rectangular part of this tower is punctuated by two smaller windows. The upper one appears larger because of the striking classical treatment of the frame and lintel, with a finely detailed Corinthian bell at each upper corner. At the top of the tower is a round window edged with brick. This is repeated on the north side of the tower. White quins of cut stone emphasize the corners of each tower. The top of the tower is finished with classical cornices.

A delicate wrought iron fence connects the main building with The Rest House. The fence repeats fleur-de-lis, circle, curve and recurve patterns found elsewhere. The Rest House bears the plaque "Erected and Dedicated To The Women of Kern County By Alfred Harrell" (See Photo #25). Its brick exterior matches the brick exterior of the building, and the terra cotta tile roof of The Rest House matches the roof of the turret on the northeast corner. Arches and pilasters on the front of The Rest House match the same elements on the main building, also.

The polished brass doors of the entry lead to a very large, free span lobby with a very high ceiling. The theme of the room is Mediterranean Courtyard (See Photo #26). Three double casement windows with well planted window boxes below overlook the lobby. The walls are scored to resemble cut stone. In the northwest corner of the lobby,

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a Moorish arch, a stairway with a wrought iron balustrade and a lamp, identical to those outside on the front of the building, add to the Mediterranean theme. The ceiling is divided by three very large rafters and four smaller members decorated with a red and blue fleur-de-lis pattern. Elaborate mouldings of gold acanthus leaves mark the juncture of beams and adjoining walls (See Photo #27). The original Spanish black wrought iron light fixtures are still in place.

Additions and alterations to the building, necessitated by the growth of the community and its newspaper and the 1952 earthquake, have effected the building's appearance minimally. In 1938 a 9,500 sq. ft., 3 story annex was added to the north-west corner of the main building by Architect Biggar in the same design theme as the main building (See Newspaper Article #2). This addition was necessary to accomodate a larger press and photography and engraving departments. In 1964, a 2-story, 9,250 sq. ft. addition, necessary to house the newspaper's new 96 page Goss rotary press, was added by Eddy-Paynter-Renfro Associates - Architects at the southwest corner. The southern wall is of brick and blends with the southern side of the original building. The western exposure of this addition is plaster and marks a distinct break from the architecture of the original building and 1938 addition (See Photo #30). In 1973, the same men added a 3-story, 4,980 sq. ft. addition, also of modern style, to the northwest corner of the lot, to facilitate the paper's change to "cold" type and computerized typesetting. A small stairway structure was also added, at this time, to the front of the 1938 addition where it adjoins the original building. It should be noted that, although the latter two additions represent breaks with the previously unified architectural style of the building, the divergent architecture is only clearly visible from the back (west) side of the building.

Another change in the appearance of the building occurred in the early 70's when the style of the The Bakersfield Californian logo was changed from a very Old English to a simple style of Old English. A black wrought iron version of the new logo was mounted on the front of the building directly over the old logo, originally etched in the stone, grand entry.

A change in the building's appearance was effected during the earthquake repair work of 1954. The terra cotta tile roofs of the towers were removed, as was the ornamentation at the corners of the towers and the terra cotta tile which had previously trimmed the roof of the building. Tile falling from the structure during the earthquakes of the summer of 1952 had represented a danger to passersby below.

For clarification, it also offered that the inscription on the front of the building, "Established 1866," was on the original building. In the August 20, 1956 edition of The Bakersfield Californian is an article under Mr. Harrell's byline which is a reprint of Mr. Harrell's speech on the history of Kern County newspapers made to the Kern County Historical Society and later printed in the society's May, 1937 publication. In the article, Mr. Harrell relates an incident where, as the letters were being carved above the door, "just before it was completed for occupancy," a small boy commented to Mr. Harrell that he had "run this newspaper for a long time." Like the logo above it, the inscription has since been modified for style purposes.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1926, 1938

**Builder/Architect** Henry Eissler/Charles H. Biggar

**Statement of Significance (In one paragraph)**

The Bakersfield Californian Building, constructed in 1925-26, is architecturally and historically significant because it is the home of The Bakersfield Californian, the direct descendant of the first newspaper in Kern County and the county's primary source of news from its confines for 56 years; remains a living tribute to one of California's most admired and respected publishers and human beings, Alfred E. Harrell; and, today, continues to serve in its original capacity, despite the ravages of time and two earthquakes, without any loss to the important elements of design and appearance.

The history of The Bakersfield Californian, Bakersfield and Kern County are inextricably woven together. The first influx of population came to what would later be called Kern County in 1864, gathering around the small, mountain town of Havilah in search of gold. Soon thereafter, Kern County was formed out of what had been Tulare County. Havilah was made the County Seat. Appropriate to a County Seat, where legal transactions occurred and public notices were required, the first newspaper, the Weekly Courier, was initiated. The first issue appeared on August 18, 1866 (See Front Page #1). Later the name was changed to the Havilah Weekly Courier (See Front Page #2). Over the next six years, as the mineral wealth of the area was depleted, the population shifted southward to the flat, swampy area then known as Kern Island and later to be called Bakersfield. The newspaper followed, changing its name to The Kern County Weekly Courier (See Front Page #3). The Courier eventually merged with another Kern Island newspaper, The Southern Californian (See Front Page #4). Later the two newspaper names were merged to produce The Kern County Californian (See Front Page #5). When the newspaper became a daily publication, the name was changed to The Daily Californian (See Front Page #6). In 1897, a former Kern County Superintendent of Schools, Alfred E. Harrell, purchased the paper. In 1907 Mr. Harrell gave the newspaper its present name (See Front Page #7). Under Mr. Harrell's guidance, the newspaper flourished and, in 1926, the enterprise moved into its present facilities at 1707 Eye Street in Bakersfield. On the occasion of the official opening of the building, Mr. Harrell received congratulations from many prominent people including the President of The United States, Calvin Coolidge (See Front Page #8). Also dedicated that night was a smaller building adjacent to the main building at the northeast corner of the site. The building was dedicated by Mr. Harrell to "The Service of the Women of Kern County" (See Photo #25). "The Rest House", as it was called, would provide restroom facilities, including a fulltime female attendant, to women visiting downtown Bakersfield. This was particularly appreciated at the time according to Mr. Richard C. Bailey, former Kern County Museum Director, because downtown businesses in those days did not have facilities for women.

In the 56 years since that opening night, The Bakersfield Californian has served the people of Kern County in a number of ways. Most obviously, the newspaper has chronicled the history of the county and the world and with exemplary ability. Numerous awards have been won by The Bakersfield Californian over the years, particularly under the leadership of Publisher Walter Kane and Managing Editor Jim Day during the 1940's and the 1950's when their leadership produced more than 60 state and national

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .50 acres (does not include parking lot area of property)

Quadrangle name Gosford, CA, Kern County and

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References Oildale, CA, Kern County (2 maps required)

A 

1	1	3	1	6	5	4	0	3	9	1	6	3	0	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 7 and 8 and the easterly 57' of lot 6 in Block 275, City of Bakersfield, County of Kern, California, being a rectangle with a length of 189' within lines running east and west, and a width of 115.5' within lines running north and south. Note: this area does not include the parking lot portion of the structure, the parking lot being non-contributing.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code  county N/A code

state N/A code  county N/A code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title John Carroll Teves/ Newspaper In Education Coordinator

organization The Bakersfield Californian date August 9, 1982

street & number P.O. Box 440 telephone 805-395-7236

city or town Bakersfield state California 93302

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature K. Mellon

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 1/18/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Sandra McClelland date 3/10/83  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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awards garnered for general excellence and specific achievements as a newspaper. At times, The Californian went to extraordinary measures to satisfy the local citizen's thirst for immediate word on certain significant news stories. During the 1930's, The Californian would put a magnetic board atop the front of the building and depict, in abstract fashion, World Series action for hundreds of people who gathered outside the building. A front page story in the September 23, 1927 Bakersfield Californian tells how 12,000 people gathered outside the Bakersfield Californian Building to get the fastest accounting of the Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey fight (See Front Page #9). On local and national election nights, The Californian manned extra large switchboard crews to provide callers with the latest results.

The Bakersfield Californian survived, however, on its ability to aid the survival of other businesses in the area, that is, its advertising. In this sense, The Californian was a vital partner in the success of many of the local businesses. Brock's Department Store, Urner's Appliance, C.N. Johnston (Auto works), Gundlach's Plumbing and Fyke's Grocery Store were early advertisers in The Californian and are still in business today.

The Californian was not, however, simply a business entity in the area. Since 1897, when Alfred Harrell purchased the newspaper, a tradition of community contribution and leadership has been established and sustained. Mr. Harrell was extremely active in War Bond Drives during both World War's I and II. He was also a vital participant in the development of Kern County's highway system and encouraged the beginnings of the Central Valley Project which would mean so much to agriculturalists in the area. Mr. Harrell died in 1946. His wife, Virginia, became president of the newspaper and continued the tradition of civic leadership and support until her death in 1954. The only daughter of Alfred and Virginia Harrell, Bernice Harrell Chipman, then assumed control of the newspaper and she too kept The Californian active in support of the community's welfare. During this time, The Californian donated, in its entirety, the printing plant and press of the original, Havilah Weekly Courier to the Kern County Museum. In addition, The Howell House, originally located behind The Bakersfield Californian Building, was donated to the museum when the company purchased the land for expansion purposes. The Californian also paid for the moving of the building according to Richard C. Bailey, Museum Director at the time. Mrs. Chipman died in July of 1967 and her daughter, Berenice Fritts Koerber became president of The Bakersfield Californian. Today, she and her two sons, Don and Ted Fritts, Publisher and Co-Publisher of the newspaper, continue The Californian's tradition of civic support, service and contribution begun by Alfred Harrell.

Mr. Harrell's commitment to civic responsibilities, together with his recognized abilities as a publisher have earned him a place in the county's history as one of its most influential and admired men. Alfred E. Harrell was born November 19, 1863, in Merced County, the son of a California pioneer who came west during the 49er gold rush. Mr. Harrell came to Kern County at the age of 19 to teach school in Tehachapi. At the age of 23 he was elected Kern County Superintendent of Schools. He was re-elected and,

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during his second term, helped establish the county's first high school. In 1897, at the age of 34, he purchased The Daily Californian with, as he later wrote, "no training of the newspaper work, either in the production or business end of such an institution." Mr. Harrell's ability to overcome his early inexperience is attested to by his selection as the 24th person to be named to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1969 (See Newspaper Article #4). Mr. Harrell's achievements as a human being were no less notable. He was acclaimed "Citizen No. 1" by the local American Legion Post in 1934. He was a member of the California State Parks Commission and, in recognition of his efforts, Alfred Harrell Highway, which leads to Hart Memorial Park, was named. Mr. Harrell served on the Children's Shelter Board, promoted camperships for underprivileged children and PTA Milk Fund Drives during the depression. He was founder, and first president of, the Kern County Historical Society. Mae Saunders, a former reporter for The Californian, once counted the number of community fund raising projects Mr. Harrell supported in one year and the number totaled 132. Above all, Mr. Harrell was simply a decent man who respected his fellow human beings. Mr. Harrell's policy regarding local news which might hurt someone was not to print a story if it served no useful purpose. News of divorces were never printed in Mr. Harrell's newspaper. Jim Day, Managing Editor of The Californian for over 20 years, said of Mr. Harrell, "The quotation from Tennyson, 'The greater the man, the greater the courtesy,' aptly applied to Mr. Harrell. I never knew him to treat anyone, no matter who it was, from the cowboy, to the man on the street, or an official of some kind or another, with anything but courtesy."

If Mr. Harrell were alive today, he would, no doubt, be pleased with the fate of the building he constructed in 1926. The building still stands on the original property he purchased from I.H. and Nellie Glenn for \$10,000 in 1925. Despite the growth of the city, the building is still located one block from the major thoroughfare of downtown Bakersfield, Chester Avenue. Both the main building and "The Rest House" are in use, vital elements in a modern day daily newspaper. Most importantly, and most obviously, would be the retention of the building's original appearance.

The Bakersfield Californian Building remains a classic structure. It is one of the oldest buildings in downtown Bakersfield. Natural disasters in the city's history, in particular the July and August earthquakes of 1952 have eliminated many of the buildings of downtown Bakersfield. Richard C. Bailey, Kern County Museum Director for 22 years, estimates that as many as 75 per cent of downtown Bakersfield's buildings were destroyed or forced to major alteration by the earthquakes. Furthermore, The Bakersfield Californian Building remains an outstanding example of its style, one of the few remaining commercial buildings of its type; a testament to a time when men built for beauty rather than practicality, a historic preserve of architectural tradition. The use of Norman brick and eclectic blending of tile roofs, arches, pilasters, columns, entablatures and ornamental detailing are an accurate reflection of the northern Italian style (Lombardy region...i.e., Cremona, Milan, Parma, et al) which was borrowed from the Italian Villa forms. The exterior arched roof detailing is an example of Pre-Renaissance Romanesque and the entrance to the building is Mannerist--Classical, not as restrained as Renaissance (1530). The balconies, copings and cornice caps are constructed of cast stone in the Norman Romanesque style. Flamboyant, paired

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columns flank the main entrance to the building. The upper 2/3 of the column is of the bold, Norman Romanesque derivative. The lower 1/3 of the column is indicative of the Mannerist adaption of the Italian Renaissance period. The polished brass-framed/glass entrance doors and the ornamental iron fenestration treatment represent a modern extract from the post-industrial revolution technology.

For this, the architect, Mr. Charles H. Biggar, should receive credit. Mr. Biggar was born in Danville, Illinois, attended the University of Michigan and the Ecole Des Beau Arts, Paris, France. He was responsible for several significant achievements in the area including: The First Baptist Church, already in the National Register of Historic Places, The Kern County General Hospital, The Haberfelde Building, Bakersfield High School, East Bakersfield High School, Taft High School and the original campus of Bakersfield Junior College, now called Warren Hall on the Bakersfield High School Campus. All of these buildings are in use today. Mr. Biggar died in 1946.

The white marble drinking fountain located at the southeast corner of the property requires comment. Mr. Harrell dedicated the fountain to J.M. Jameson. Mr. Jameson was a resident of Kern County for 47 years. He was Kern County Assessor for 16 years. He was involved in the Randsburg Silver Mine with Mr. Harrell.

It is appropriate that we should close this statement with the mention of The Bakersfield Californian's plans for the future. On July 21, 1982, The Bakersfield Californian broke ground on a new, 35 acre, 20 million dollar, high technology circulation/production plant. As announced in the newspaper (See Newspaper Article #5), the editorial and advertising departments will continue to be housed in the building Alfred Harrell built 56 years ago. A vital participant in, as well as chronicler of, Kern County's history since its inception in 1866; a living memorial to a great California publisher, Alfred E. Harrell; and one of the oldest, finest remaining examples of its architecturally rich and well preserved style, The Bakersfield Californian Building deserves consideration for the National Register of Historic Places.

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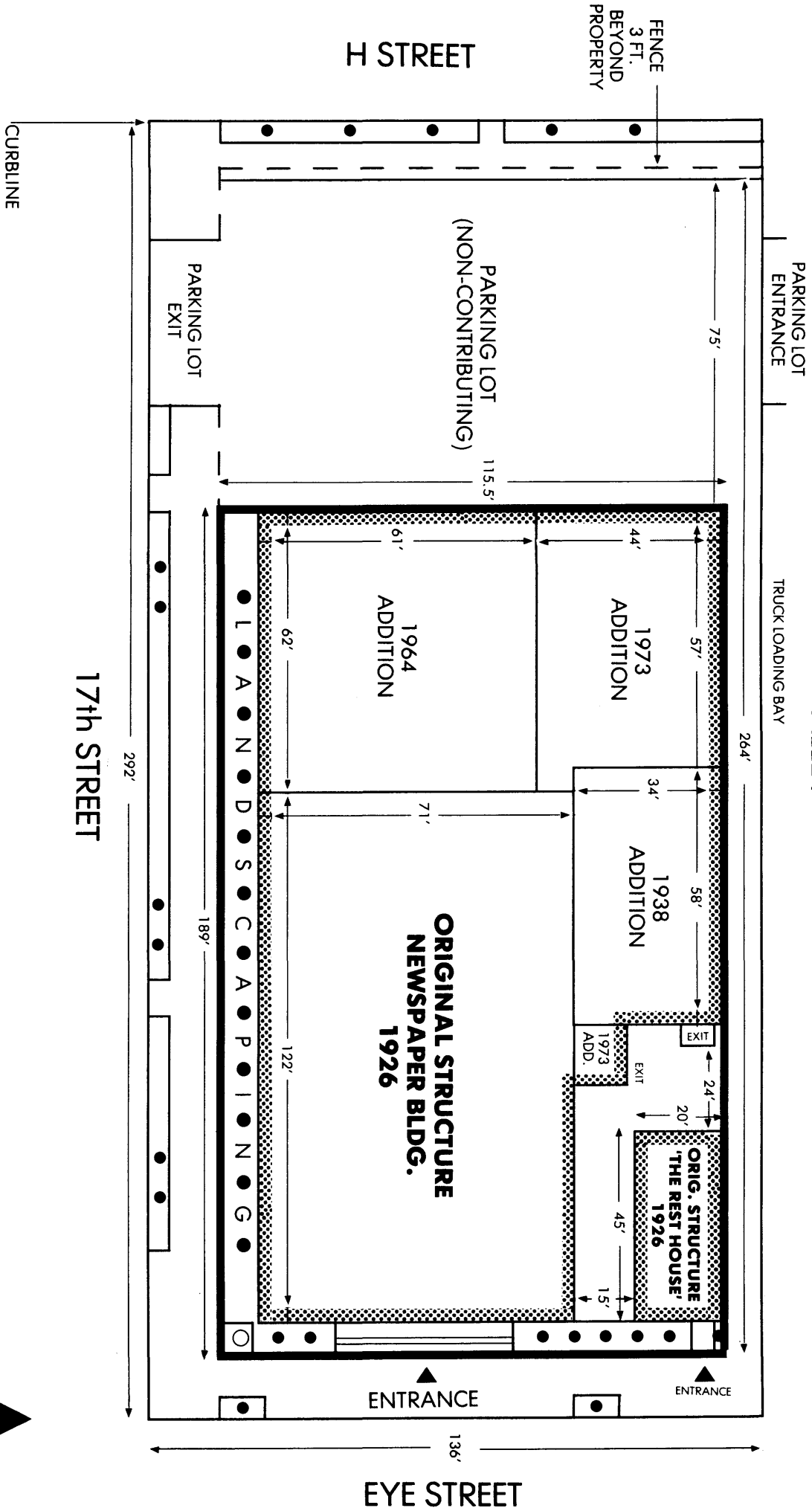
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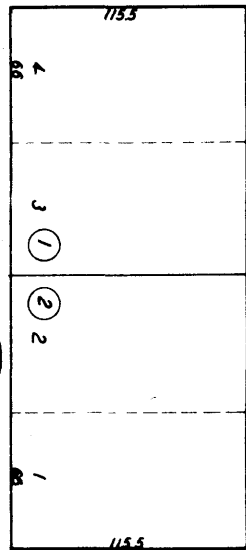
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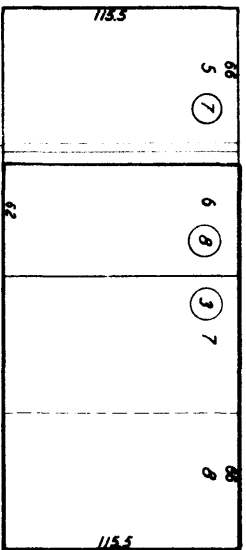
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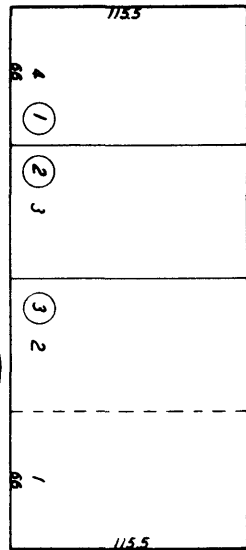


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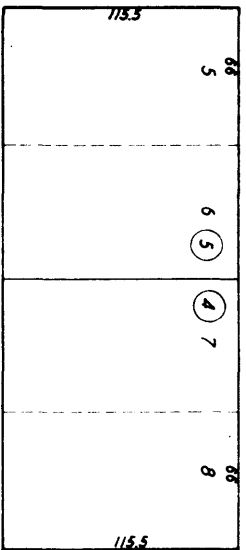


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THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN  
 1707 Eye Street  
 Bakersfield, Kern County, California

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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DAUGHTER, BERNICE HARRELL CHIPMAN
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BEING ENTERED INTO THE NEWSPAPER HALL  
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FOR THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN'S NEW  
PRODUCTION/CIRCULATION PLANT

# The Californian.

Published every evening but Sunday

Published in Kern County,

ALFRED HARRELL, Proprietor.

Accepted for Postoffice in Berkeley, Cal., as  
second class matter, August 2, 1895

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 1897.

## Notice.

The plant, business and good will of the DAILY and WEEKLY CALIFORNIAN have been sold to Mr. Alfred Harrell, who will continue the business at the present office.

All accounts due or payable up to February 1st will be settled by the undersigned.

W. R. Weeks will remain here to attend to their settlement, but all bills not paid by February 15th will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. GEO. F. WEEKS.

## Change in Ownership.

With this issue the CALIFORNIAN changes hands, Geo. F. Weeks resigns and the plant and good will become the property of Alfred Harrell. The paper will continue in the future as it has in the past to advocate such measures as may tend to advance the material interests—the progress and prosperity of Kern county and her people.

With an abiding conviction that a true republican form of government can be best attained by the success of the principles enunciated by Jefferson and Jackson, the policy of the CALIFORNIAN will be Democratic in National politics and will support laws and measures in harmony with the policy of that party.

In local affairs we shall endeavor to discuss all matters of public interest fairly and impartially, standing foremost for good government than for mere party advantage.

Especially no effort or expense will be spared to obtain the news and to

EDITORIAL FROM THE JANUARY 26, 1897 ISSUE OF THE DAILY CALIFORNIAN, THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE NEWSPAPER UNDER MR. HARRELL'S NAME. EDITORIAL ENDORSES THE "PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED

BY JEFFERSON AND JACKSON." MR. HARRELL DECREES THAT THE NEWSPAPER "WILL ENDEAVOR TO DISCUSS ALL MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST FAIRLY AND IMPARTIALLY."

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### Good-bye.

The retiring editor and proprietor of the CALIFORNIAN wishes thus publicly to return his thanks to the many persons whom he has made during his residence here. Especially thanks due to those enterprising business men who have stood by the paper through good times and bad, and without whose liberal patronage it would have been impossible to have continued in business. A warm place in his memory will always be occupied by the memory of those, to part from whom is the chief regret in making the change now announced.

### Good-bye!

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The promoters of the Corbett-Fitzgibbon prize fight are making an effort to bring off the contest in the State of Nevada, and the sage-brush Statesmen seem not to be averse to the proposition. For the fair name of the State it is to be hoped that the measure now before the Legislature in the interest of the proposed "mill"

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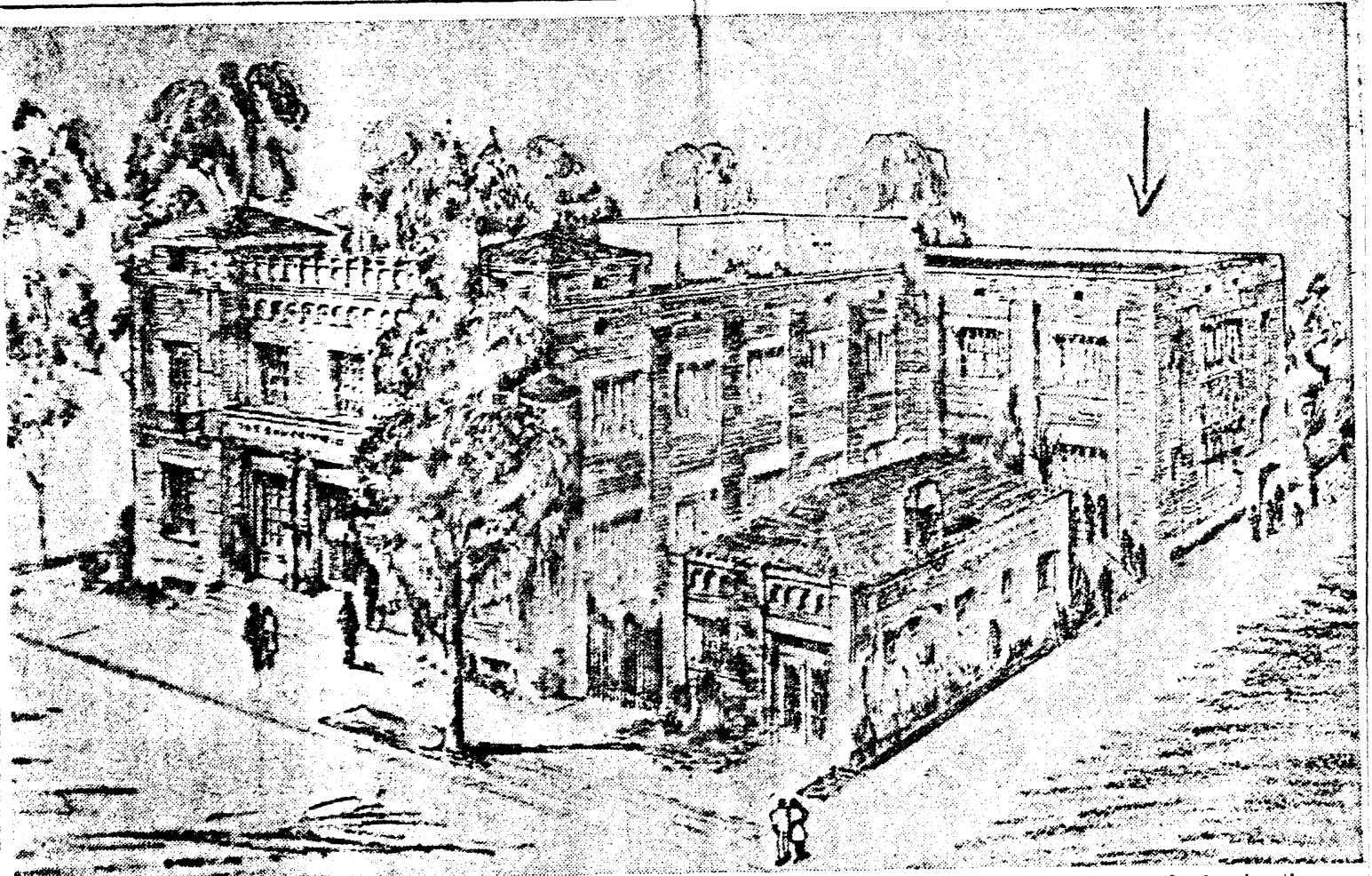
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# Come Back



# Californian to Build Addition to Present Structure



**HENRY EISSLER** has just been awarded the contract to erect an addition to the present building of The Bakersfield Californian to meet the need for more housing, the construction to cost \$35,000, with a total investment, including furnishings and equipment, amounting to \$40,000. The work is to begin at once and will be completed in a period of 80 days.

Mr. Eissler was the contractor on the original Californian building, erected in 1926 as planned by Architect Charles H. Biggar, who now supplies the plans for the new structure. The addition will occupy a space of 37 feet on the north side of the present building at the west end, extending to the property line on the alley, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, the exterior to harmonize with the existing structure.

Second floor space will be utilized primarily for housing the new photo engraving plant now operated in the pent house, a plant which will occupy all of said floor and a mezzanine floor, with provision for dark rooms and a photographic studio, and with generous space for the equipment essential to the maintenance and operation of this new feature.

The ground floor connecting with the present pressroom will be a mailing and circulation room and its ample size will greatly facilitate the work of the distributing and mailing force at present numbering some 75 persons. The addition will have a full size basement to be devoted wholly to storage, as a substitute for warehouse room, now often necessarily rented to meet the white paper requirements of the publication.

**THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN**  
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NEWSPAPER ARTICLE #2

KERN COUNTY LIBRARY  
1315 TRUXTON AVENUE  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

ARTICLE FROM JUNE 20, 1938 ISSUE OF  
THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN ANNOUNCING  
PLANS FOR THE ADDITION TO THE  
BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN BUILDING

# Devotion to Duty Marked Career

NEWSPAPER ARTICLE #3

**BERNICE HARRELL CHIPMAN**

**Editor's Note:** Mrs. Chipman's father, Alfred Harrell, was editor and publisher of The Californian for almost half a century and under his guidance, The Californian gained top rank among the daily papers of its size in the nation. Mrs. Chipman, who has written her delightful, weekly column, "What Do You Think" in the paper for many years, here sets down her memories of her father's years as editor and publisher of The Californian and as a beloved parent.

ARTICLE FROM JANUARY 2, 1960 ISSUE OF  
THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN BY  
BERNICE HARRELL CHIPMAN, MR. HARRELL'S  
DAUGHTER, ABOUT MR. HARRELL

I am always amazed by the published reminiscences and autobiographies of those who remember in detail all the events of their childhood and youth, with descriptions of people and places in full detail, even of conversations in full. My memory, unfortunately is not of this photographic kind. I have no total recall. But Jim Day has asked me to put such memory as I have to work and there are certain events that do stand out in relation to my parents—for it is impossible for me to think of them separately—and The Bakersfield Californian.

My mother and I were in Pacific Grove in the summer of 1897. The main event of our daily life was the letter from my father, always read aloud to me—with some difficulty, as anyone who knew his handwriting will understand. But on this particular day the reading stopped in the midst and my mother very seriously continued reading to herself. Later she told me that my father had bought a newspaper.

I did not, of course, realize what a step this was for both my parents and what a change it would mean in their lives. My father was at that time county superintendent of schools, a position which he had held for almost three years.

my parents and what a change it would mean in their lives. My father was at that time county superintendent of schools, a position which he had held for almost three terms, having been elected to office at twenty-four. Afterwards he told me that he had no money, and borrowed the small sum necessary to purchase the little plant of the Daily Californian—then so-called. And I remember very well his satisfaction when not too much later repaid the loan. The circulation of the paper amounted to some three hundred subscribers and the plant consisted of an old flat-bed press, a few fonts of type, an even then old job press; and the staff comprised two young women typesetters, Miss Haze Coons and Miss Theodosia McClaosky, a pressman, a foreman and one or two printers.

#### Tribute to Mrs. Harrell

In order that my father might devote himself to his new venture my mother acted as his deputy in the office of superintendent of schools, going each day to the court house, afterwards the old city hall managed in the earthquake, where I remember her sitting very straight—as she always did—behind the official desk as she signed papers, warrants, and carried on all the business entailed. And everyday I went there from school, playing in the office, where my particular joy was a large red apple cut into sections used in the schools for a demonstration of fractions, and in the courthouse grounds, sometimes seeing the prisoners from the jail being brought in from their road work, complete with ball and chain. Afterwards my father often said to me—I will never forget how much your mother helped me.

From the first my father loved his newspaper. He worked at it and for it indefatigably. He used to say that he did everything in the plant except set the type and run the press. He gathered the news, wrote the editorials, secured the advertisements, kept the books, read the proofs. I remember that he left the house every morning at seven o'clock

ical of men, explained its intricacies in detail. His pride in it was wonderful. He was full of laughs and happiness. It was the first step toward a modern plant. And, of course it's the first step that counts.

From that time additions and improvements followed rapidly, and my mother and I always came to see and to admire, and to share in my father's pleasure as the paper he loved began to grow. For he was the most communicative of men, always sharing with us his plans, his successes, his satisfaction in his daily routine, his problems, and kept us in touch with all that he did and all that he hoped. And through all the laborious days he always maintained a light touch. He had the faculty all his life of making everything—even the smallest things—great fun.

#### **New Building**

I remember well when he built his own building at Eye Street, near Twentieth. This was indeed progress, with a part of the building rented and rooms for rent in the second story. And I remember when I was living in San Francisco the frightening news that the building had been destroyed by fire. Much later in 1926 came the new building, the present one. The Bakersfield Californian has occupied for 33 years. This was an ambitious project of great proportions. Mr. Charles A. Biggar drew the plans for the building, which still remains beautiful and unique, and Mr. Henry Eissler was the contractor.

This new building with its new and modern press was the joy of my father's life. He loved everything about it. He loved coming in every morning. He took pride in the well-kept appearance throughout and in the efficient organization. He loved everything about it. He loved coming in every morning. He took pride in the well-kept appearance throughout and in the efficient organization. He enjoyed every department, and he entered his own office, the walls covered with the photographs of his friends with a never-ceasing pleasure. He enjoyed his editorial writing, for he was always a teacher at

did everything in the plant except set the type and run the press. He gathered the news, wrote the editorials, secured the advertisements, kept the books, read the proofs. I remember that he left the house every morning at seven o'clock and that he returned just in time for dinner—that he went back again after dinner for several hours or brought home the proofs, or editorial to write, which he did with a soft pencil on newspaper paper on a magazine balanced on his knee in his own formidable long hand. It was a sixteen hour day normally, sometimes more when something untoward happened. And something was forever happening. The press, feeble at best, was continually breaking down; printers were not as they are today, reliable and self-

## Devotion to Duty Marked Career

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respecting workmen. They were often drunk on and off the job, a migratory group, here today, gone tomorrow.

### Not Enough Time

Then the Hulse-McKinney murders occurred here on the fatal Sunday when Bill Tibbitts and Jeff Packard were killed. I heard the only complaint my father ever made in regard to his work, when on the Monday after the tragedy he said— I am so pressed, so horribly busy, I can't even get the time to go to my friends' funerals. Then came slightly easier days and the purchase of the first linotype machine. This was, indeed, an exciting event. My mother and I were brought to see this wonderful machine and my father, the most unmechanical of men, explained its intricacies in detail. His pride in it was wonderful. He was full of laughs and happiness. It was the first step toward a modern plant. And, of course it's the first step that counts.

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And so he did. Not only did he want to see his friends but any one who had problems and difficulties and he wanted to help them if he could. And when he was away from Bakersfield, he pined for his desk, for his friends, for those who worked in any capacity, on the paper, and for his work. It is always a joy to see someone completely happy in the work he does, and my father was such a fortunate man. His paper was not just a business with him. It was a living entity, something he had created out of nothing with the laborious years of his young manhood, and which he wished always to use for the good of the community. This I remember from my adult years and these memories are for me a

# Alfred Harrell Named to N

Alfred Harrell, editor and publisher of The Bakersfield Californian from 1897 until his death in 1946, today was selected as the 24th person to be named to the Newspaper Hall of Fame in San Francisco.

In the Bay City today for the ceremonies accompanying the honor are Mr. Harrell's granddaughter, Mrs. Berenice Chipman Fritts, president of The Bakersfield Californian Corporation, and her sons, William C. Fritts, The Californian's general manager, and Donald H. Fritts, executive editor.

Selection of journalistic giants for the Newspaper Hall of Fame is made by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

Alfred Harrell, editor and publisher of The Bakersfield Californian for nearly 50 years (from Feb. 1, 1897, when he bought a struggling weekly, until his death Dec. 14, 1946, when he left a flourishing, metropolitan daily to serve the community), can be credited with giving wise direction to development of the Southern San Joaquin Valley and supporting through the years the vital steps necessary for the development of its resources.

His leadership in a crucial era has been recognized in many fields — water development, agriculture, oil, mining, highways, schools, industry.

Mr. Harrell, a native Californian, was born Nov. 10, 1863, in Merced County. His father had come to California in 1849 and mined in Mariposa County. In a day when educated men were few, Mr. Harrell, as a youth received an exceptionally good education in the Oakland city schools and acquired a love of learning he retained throughout his life.

He trained for and became a school teacher, and he came to Kern County in 1882 to teach when he was 19. His abilities as an educator were soon recognized, and he was elected Kern County School Superintendent in 1886 at the age of 23.

He married one of his pretty former pupils Virginia McKamy, on July 10, 1886. She also was a member of a pioneer family. He was re-elected to a second term as school superintendent and there are still prominent citizens who remember Mr. Harrell as their teacher.

A recent history of education in Kern County credits Mr. Harrell with giving the county its first administrative school structure and plan for future development with a goal of improved schools and teaching staffs. Throughout the years,

he backed schools and sought public support for school bonds, school improvements, and improved facilities. By the early 1900s, the Kern County schools had an outstanding reputation within and without the state.

When he was 34 years old, on Feb. 1, 1897, he bought The Daily Californian for \$1,000, money he borrowed from the late T. R. McDonald.

"I had no training of the newspaper work, either in the production or business end of such an institution," Mr. Harrell wrote years later.

The struggling paper had a circulation of only 300. It was the lineal descendent of the Havilah Courier, the first newspaper published in Kern County in the old county seat getting its first edition out in August, 1866, with C. W. Bush as the editor for George Tiffany, the owner.

After six years, the Courier published its final issue at Havilah on Dec. 14, 1869, and moved to Bakersfield. It merged with the Southern Californian established by Julius Chester to become the Kern County Californian and had acquired the name The Daily Californian at the time Mr. Harrell purchased it. He acquired the files of these early newspaper ancestors which are used continually by students and historians for research in this period.

Mr. Harrell rechristened the paper The Bakersfield Californian in 1907. When he first owned it he worked as editor, sometimes as reporter, advertising salesman and bookkeeper in a rented space on 19th Street between H and I Streets.

His first editorial enunciated support for the principles in national government represented by Jefferson and Jackson, and he reserved the right he said "in local affairs to discuss all matters of public interest fairly and impartially, standing rather for good government than mere party advantage."

This wise policy has been followed ever since and his widely-read editorials were quoted at times statewide and nationally, as the independence and intellectual vigor of its editor became known.

By 1901, The Californian had moved into its own quarters on Eye Street between 19th and 20th Streets. The paper boasted at that time one reporter, one printer, three women typesetters, a printer's devil and three carriers.

With the physical expansion, Editor Harrell added Associated Press services to his fledgling newspaper, bought a linotype machine to supplant the old handset method, and

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# The Bakersfield Californian

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ARTICLE FROM DECEMBER 25, 1969 ISSUE  
OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN PRO-  
CLAIMS ALFRED HARRELL'S ENTRANCE TO  
THE NEWSPAPER HALL OF FAME.

# Newspaper Hall of Fame

installed a fast Duplex press, with a modern job printing department.

Subsequently he built a completely new plant with the then latest press and equipment installed in it at 17th and Eye Streets, the present home of the newspaper which recently was enlarged. The move from the old to the new plant was made Nov. 26, 1926. In 1938 it was enlarged to include an engraving and photographic department. Its wire services today include Associated Press, United Press International and Copley News Service.

But while the success of the paper was obvious from its physical growth, its strength and vitality reposed in its progressive editorial policies and services. With vision and foresight, Mr. Harrell encouraged the beginnings of the Central Valley Project, being keenly aware of the problems of agriculturists. He backed editorially the legislation needed to make that project a reality.

He supported development of the Kern County highway system that linked the burgeoning communities of Arvin, Tehachapi, Taft, Delano, and Mojave and others to metropolitan Bakersfield. He supported state highway development through the Tehachapi and Tejon passes that made Bakersfield a hub for a county as large as Massachusetts, and made possible the much later agricultural and industrial development on the Mojave Desert and defense centers at Edwards Air Force Base and the Naval Ordnance Test Station at Inyo-Kern.

Mr. Harrell helped establish banking services, and his interest in mining did much for that industry. He was one of the owners and developers of the historic California Rand Silver Mine at Randsburg.

During World War I, he was Liberty Bond chairman and bond quotas were met in a matter of minutes under his leadership. In World War II, he opened the columns of the newspaper to support all patriotic endeavors. The newspaper with pictures and stories gave recognition to the individual servicemen and women. He supported veterans affairs in post-war days in 1918 and aided the Bakersfield Post 26, American Legion, in obtaining its former clubhouse at 17th and L Streets.

In 1938, he received the American Legion award given to distinguished citizens. A major boulevard, the Alfred Harrell Highway leading to Hart Memorial Park, is named for him.

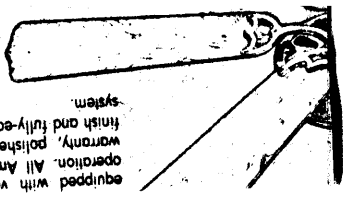
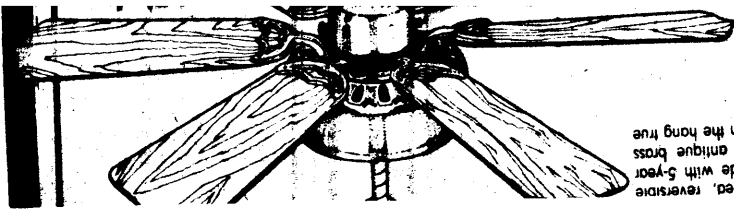


ALFRED HARRELL HONORED TODAY

He was a personal friend of the former Chief Justice Earl Warren, who proudly related in a 1960 interview that he was once a carrier boy for this newspaper. Mr. Harrell encouraged support of constructive community efforts for youth welfare, and served for many years on a Children's Shelter Board.

He established camperships for underprivileged children, a milk fund for the PTAs during the 1930 depression years. His philanthropies were varied and numerous. He lent his name to many worthwhile cultural endeavors such as the estab- see Alfred Harrell—page 14





equipped with variable speed, reversible operation. All American made with 5-year warranty, polished brass or antique brass finish and fully-equipped with the hang true system.

# Ground broken for new newspaper facility

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In comparison, the paper's current Goss press, which was built in 1955, has a maximum run of 50,000 copies per hour with a 96-page capacity. It can print spot color only on eight pages per issue.

During the ceremonies, Ted Fritts recognized several out-of-town guests. They included John Pellegrini, president of Pellegrini & Associates of Denver, the plant's architectural firm; Jim Fritts, president of Taft Equipment Sales Co. of Chicago, the U.S. sales representative for the Japanese manufacturer of *The Californian's* new press, and Henry Cook, president of Tilden-Cook Constructors Inc. of Riverside, prime contractor for the facility.

Their companies are all specialists in newspaper production facilities.

The guests also included Allen McCombs, owner-publisher of the *China Champion* and president of California Newspaper Publishers Association.

After the ground breaking, J.K. Stannard, plant executive officer of *The Californian*, stressed that up to \$3 million of the final cost could flow to Bakersfield area subcontractors.

Subcontract work will involve landscaping, steel, concrete, air conditioning, heating, plastering, plumbing and electrical installations.

Among the Bakersfield subcontractors named so far are Mack Wachob & Associates, civil engineering; BSK and Associates, soil engineering; and Jack Turman Construction Inc., grading and excavating.

With the company's expected growth, Stannard also said the new press installation shouldn't cost any jobs in *The Californian's* backshop, although there will be some shifts in assignments.

The independent, family-owned *Californian* has its roots as the *Havilah Courier*, a weekly paper first published Aug. 18, 1888, in Havilah, a mining town 50 miles east of Bakersfield. Havilah was the first county seat of Kern County, which was then only four months old.

Three years later, *The Courier* moved to Bakersfield and was renamed *The Kern County Courier*. *The Courier* and another Bakersfield publication, *The Southern*

*Californian*, were later merged as the *Kern County Californian*, which subsequently became *The Daily Californian*.

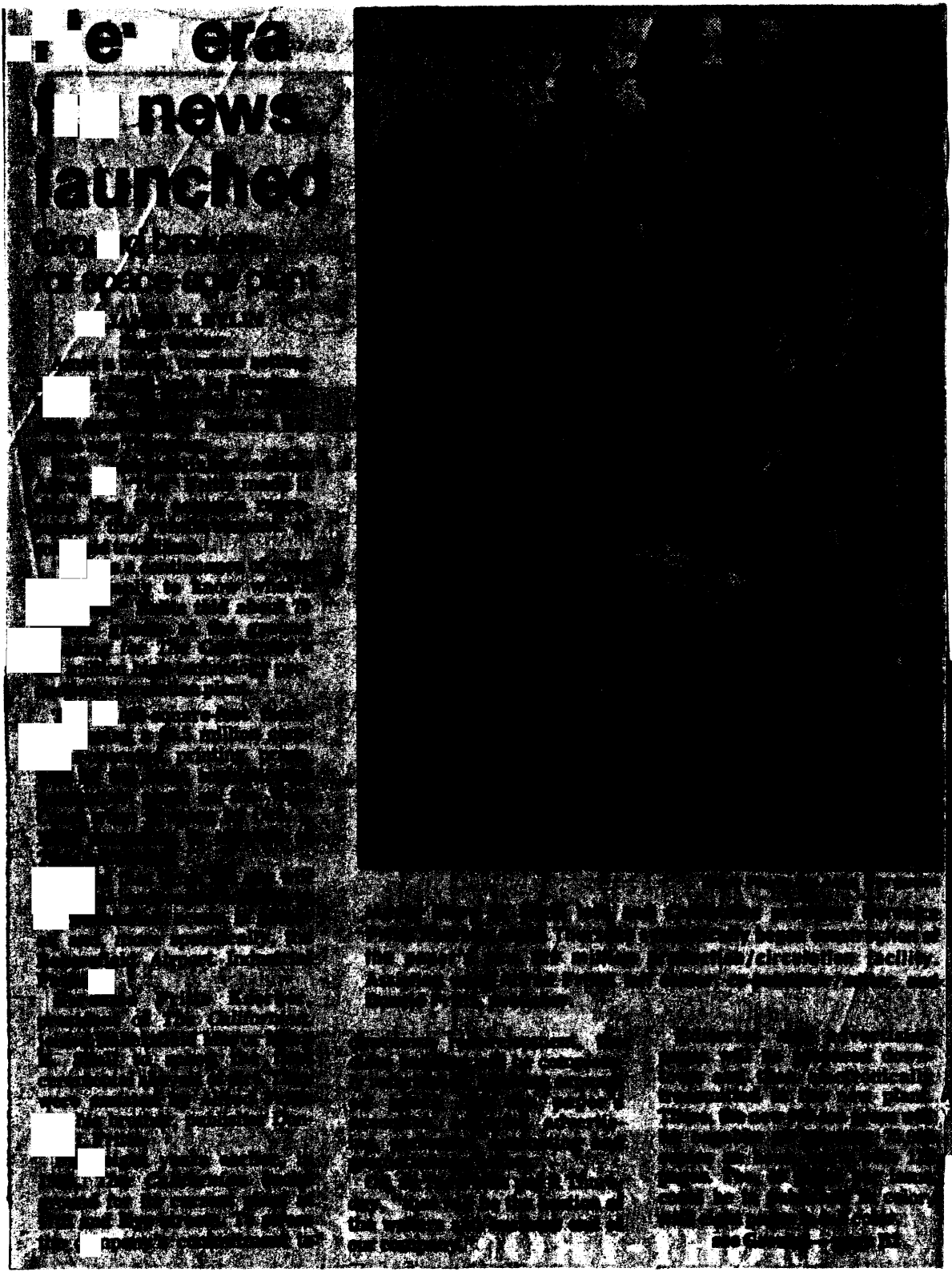
With its purchase in 1957 by Alfred Harrell, the paper was finally renamed *The Bakersfield Californian*.

Harrell was the owner and publisher until his death in 1966. His wife, Virginia, served as president until her death in 1964.

Bernice Harrell Chipman, Alfred Harrell's daughter, served as president until her death in 1967.

The current president of *The Californian*, Bernice Fritts Kester, is the granddaughter of Harrell. Donald and Alfred Fritts are her sons.

ARTICLE FROM THE JUNE 22, 1982 ISSUE OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN ON THE GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE PAPER'S 20 MILLION DOLLAR PLANT. PLANS FOR OLD BUILDING ALSO STATED.



NEWSPAPER ARTICLE #5

ARTICLE FROM THE JUNE 22, 1982 ISSUE OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN ON THE GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE PAPER'S 20 MILLION DOLLAR PLANT. PLANS FOR OLD BUILDING ALSO STATED.

FRONT PAGES FROM CALIFORNIAN HISTORY  
(THE EVOLUTION OF THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN)

- #1. WEEKLY COURIER, AUGUST 18, 1866
- #2. HAVILAH WEEKLY COURIER, MAY 4, 1867
- #3. KERN COUNTY WEEKLY COURIER, JUNE 14, 1878
- #4. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIAN AND KERN COUNTY  
WEEKLY COURIER, JANUARY 30, 1879
- #5. THE KERN COUNTY CALIFORNIAN, JAN. 17, 1891
- #6. THE DAILY CALIFORNIAN, FEBRUARY 16, 1898
- #7. THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, APR. 15, 1907
- #8. THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, NOV. 27, 1926  
(COVERAGE OF THE OPENING OF THE 1707  
EYE STREET BUILDING)
- #9. THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, SEPT. 23,  
1927 (DEMPSEY-TUNNEY FIGHT)
- #10. THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, AUG. 16, 1935  
(WILL ROGERS KILLED)
- #11. THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, JUNE 6, 1944  
(D-DAY, WORLD WAR II)
- #12. THE BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIAN, AUG. 23, 1952  
(THE GREAT KERN COUNTY EARTHQUAKE)



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THE QUIET MIND.

BY JOHN CLARE.

Though how my life, my wish is less, I'd rather have a quiet mind and less, And though I'd rather have a quiet mind, I'd rather have a quiet mind and less.

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NO. 1 AN ORDINANCE To Prescribe the Powers and Duties of the Board of Trustees.

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the town of Bakersfield shall hold its regular meetings at the office of the Board, on Third Street, on the first Monday of each month, and every month on the first Monday of each month, and every month on the first Monday of each month, and every month on the first Monday of each month...

Board of Equalization.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees of the town of Bakersfield shall constitute a Board of Equalization, to be composed of three members, to be chosen by the Board of Trustees, and shall hold its regular meetings at the office of the Board, on Third Street, on the first Monday of each month...

Town Clerk.

Section 5. The Town Clerk shall be chosen by a vote of the Board. It shall be his duty to keep full and correct minutes of the transactions of the Board, and to see that the same are duly recorded and filed in the office of the Board. He shall also be charged with the duty of collecting the taxes and other moneys due to the town, and of paying the same to the proper authorities...

The Recorder.

Section 6. The Recorder in addition to the duties required of him by the laws of this State, shall be charged with the duty of recording all the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, and of the Board of Equalization, and of the Town Clerk, and of the Board of Public Works, and of the Board of Health, and of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and of the Board of Police Commissioners, and of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners, and of the Board of Public Works, and of the Board of Health, and of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and of the Board of Police Commissioners, and of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners...

The Marshal.

Section 7. The Marshal shall be the executive of the laws of this State, and shall be charged with the duty of executing all the writs and process of the courts, and of the Board of Trustees, and of the Board of Equalization, and of the Town Clerk, and of the Board of Public Works, and of the Board of Health, and of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and of the Board of Police Commissioners, and of the Board of Sanitary Commissioners...

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# The Daily Californian.

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BAKERSFIELD, KERN COUNTY, CAL., WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 16, 1898.

No. 164

## BATTLE SHIP MAINE IS A WRECK

### And Over Two Hundred and Fifty Officers and Men are Lost

### Explosion in Forward Part of the Vessel Causes its Destruction

### WOUNDED ARE TAKEN TO HAVANA

Intense Excitement at the Naval Department, but All Testimony Goes to Show that the Disaster was Not Caused by a Torpedo.

Special Dispatch to the Californian

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 16.—The battleship Maine is submerged off the coast near Havana surrounded by a mass of debris, as the result of a terrific explosion in the forward part of the ship early this morning. Out of 450 officers and men only 30 are known to be saved.

When the word reached the Navy department at 9 o'clock intense excitement prevailed, but the officials had no news to impart other than that conveyed in the associated reports. Captain Dickens, Chief of Navigation Bureau expressed the opinion that the explosion took place in the magazine of the Maine hatchway. He said this was evident from the fact that the ship was afloat an hour after the explosion. Had a torpedo been fired under the battleship she would have sunk almost immediately.

The explosion is believed by all competent authorities to have taken place in the magazine where gun cotton was stored for torpedoes. At 11:30 o'clock Secretary Long received the following unsigned telegram from Havana.

"Only two officers unaccounted for. Explosion was forward. To all indications magazine, but cannot tell until the investigation is had. Sentry on poop deck reports that there were no boats in vicinity when explosion occurred."

Geo. Brownson a newspaper correspondent sent the following telegram to Secretary Long. "All quiet, no excitement, only feelings of sympathy and sorrow for accident." While Secretary Long was with the President the following dispatch from Captain Segsbee was brought to him. "Advise sending wrecking vessel at once. Maine submerged except debris. Mostly work for divers now. Officers Jenkins and Merritt are still missing. Little hope for their safety."

So far as is now known there are 24 officers uninjured and eighteen of the crew. The wounded are on board

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of the Ward line steamer and in the Havana City hospital and hotels.

All others went down on or near the wrecked warship. As nearly as can be ascertained there are lost 252 men and two officers.

### Cosmopolitan Burglarized.

Room 44, at the Cosmopolitan hotel, occupied by J. F. McCaffrey, was burglarized last night and a trunk and articles of wearing apparel were stolen. The thieves cut the screen of the outside window, raised the sash and entered. The crime was committed before 11:30 at which hour Mr. McCaffrey retired.

### Ladies' Day.

Tomorrow is ladies' day at the Goldman sale. The place has been re-arranged and the seating capacity enlarged so that more visitors can be accommodated with chairs. It will be the last day for selling this special line of goods.

**Edw. J. Young: Bowls With Casaca.**  
Only a limited, cure consumption forever.  
50c. 100c. C. C. Fall, drugstore, 1000 Broadway

### A BIG PROJECT.

The Enterprise Undertaken by Mr. Chas. Offer East of Kern City—Description of the Road House. If the Well Proves Inexhaustible Baths will be Arranged or at once.

It is a big project that Charles Offer has undertaken east of Kern City. The house at the proposed bath sites is about completed and has a pleasing appearance, the monotony of its 200 feet of frontage being broken by several towers and the effect is very satisfactory. The building when finished contain a number of apartments devoted to different uses and will include a restaurant, confectionary stands, ice cream parlors and a bar room all to be for the patronage of the public of course and carried on in such a manner that all privacy will be avoided. The bar room will not even contain card rooms.

Besides these departments devoted to the entertainment of the public, there are wagon scales, and a creamery to be established. Later on electric power will be used to operate machinery for manufacturing purposes. The great dynamo is already in place in the power house, but has not yet been started up. The test will be made now in a few days and if the well when the power is turned on furnishes water to run the pump for six hours then the supply will be considered inexhaustible and the bath house, the real end in view from the beginning will be constructed at once. This bath house is to be 65x115 feet in dimensions. Twenty-five rooms are entirely modern.

The road house will be the best lighted institution in the valley. From 300 to 400 incandescents will be employed besides one arlight of 2000

candle and ten others of 100 candle power each.

Throughout the building the temperature will be regulated by electric fans, a shaft having been run the whole length of the structure for this purpose alone.

### Los Angeles Excursion Movement.

The proposed excursions from Los Angeles to Bakersfield, at round trip rate of \$5, will probably be started during this month. Influential men in Los Angeles and San Francisco are making strenuous efforts to obtain the above rate from the Southern Pacific Company and have the first excursion come here in a week or ten days, before the eastern visitors commence returning home.

The officials of the Southern Pacific Company desire to know what accommodations will be furnished excursionists on their arrival. The Kern County Land Company report that they will furnish sufficient teams and drivers to accommodate all who desire to drive around Bakersfield and the large ranches in its vicinity.

A large delegation of prominent citizens of Los Angeles and vicinity is expected at the celebration of the completion of the Valley railroad and it is proposed to have the wholesale houses of that city send its best military band with the excursion as a compliment to Bakersfield.

### PERSONAL CHATS.

It is said that Cecil B. DeMille has never been known to be late for an appointment.

Gov. James H. Hahn of Maine is the wealthiest man who ever held office in that state.

One great name emerges from the Dixie middle. Major Percy de Cham, it seems, was prosecuting officer at the court martial.

Robert F. La Follette of Newark, N. J., gave his wife a \$40,000 diamond necklace on the fortieth anniversary of their wedding.

The magnificent... carried on... of \$1,000,000.

It is estimated that the... of \$1,000,000.

It is announced that ex-President Cleveland and Secretary Gage will make addresses at the opening of the Wisconsin Proslavery assembly at Warsaw, Ind., next June.

What costly people used is a natural laxative like Dr. Pierre's Pleasant Pellets which are powerful without being violent. They move the bowels gradually and comfortably but surely. You can regulate the dose—one, two or three "Pellets"—exactly as you need. They strengthen the intestines to do their own work, so that after their movements have become regular they keep on naturally of themselves.

If you are ill you need a doctor in whom you have confidence.

If you need a remedy you want one that has been tested for years; not an obscure, untried thing that is urged upon you, or on which you save a few cents—that is no consideration as against health.

For wasting in children or adults, Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites has been the recognized remedy for twenty-five years.

50c. and \$1.00, all druggists. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

## FEBRUARY ECONOMY.

Information that helps you to buy and us to sell. That makes a lot of money for you and a little for us! Where bargains reign, (that's here) crowds collect. OUR MARK DOWN SALE is full of wonderful attractions and Money Saving happenings. Prices on the most seasonable, desirable and useful merchandise have been planed down to fit the capacity of the smallest purse.

**Colored Dress Goods**  
It is imperative that we find room for new spring goods. We have marked down all our winter novelties regardless of cost.

Fancy double width Dress Goods former 20c lines now **12 1/2** c  
Double width Plain Dress Goods former 25c quality now **14** c

Double width changeable and broaded Sicilians former 20c quality now at **10** c

**Silks**  
Changeable Taffeta and figured Waist Silks, splendid **\$1.00** c quality during this sale at **75** c

New Roman stripes Taffetas excellent value at \$1.25, during this sale at **1.00**

**Coats, Capes, Skirts and Waists.**  
Our Entire stock of Jackets formerly sold at \$12 and \$13.50

We can't carry them over they must go—broken lines of Brown and Black Jackets sold for \$6.00 \$7.50 reduced to **4.00**

A small lot of Black Boucle capes reduced from \$7.50 to **4.00**

Childrens garments from \$1.35 up to close out

Roman stripe Taffeta Silk waists \$5.00 and \$6.00 lines reduced to **6.00**

**Boys' Suits**  
**2.50** Boys suits reduced from \$3.50 and \$3.75. Gray and Brown mixtures sizes 7 to 14

**3.00** All our \$4.00 Suits in Cheviots and mixtures double seat and knee 7 to 14

**3.50** Boys' long Pants Suits in gray and brown plaids all wool, reduced from \$4.50, \$4.75 and \$5.00

**4.50** Boys long pants suits sizes 12 to 16 in single and double breasted Cheviots and worsteds, reduced \$6.00 and \$7.50

Boys overcoats and cape coats at \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$3.50 from \$1.00 to \$1.50 below regular price

**Mens Suits**  
**8.75** Fancy plaids and overplaid Cheviot suits, swell cut and well trimmed reduced from \$12.00

**9.75** Gray mixtures and brown plaid Cheviot suits, latest cut, reduced from 13.50

**10.50** Nobby plaid and overplaid suits, a number of the well-known Stein-Block make among the lot reduced from \$15.00

**11.75** An immense line of blue and black Cheviots single and double breasted suits, \$13.00 and \$14.50 quality

**Overcoats**  
**4.25** Mens blue Frieze Coats Lama lined reduced from \$6.00

**6.50** Heavy Gray Beaver Coats, Serge lined reduced from \$8.50

**7.75** The handsomest blue Kersey coat in the market, never sold under \$12.00 swell cut, strap seams

All our \$17.50, \$18.50 and \$20.00 stylish coats, this seasons goods at **15.00**

**Shoes**  
A great many Ladies and Childrens Shoes at one-half price to clean up stock

Ladies Vici Button, new toe, highly finished at regular price \$1.75 **1.25**

Mens best grain Congress, seamless, solid sole at elsewhere \$1.75 **1.40**

Boys best calf lace Shoes, in new Spring heel, or regular heel at sold elsewhere at \$2.00 **1.50**

Ladies' All Wool Storm Serge Skirts, 4-yard sweep, Taffeta lined, velvetted faced, our \$5.00 lines at **\$3.50**

Ladies' Black and Navy Boucle Skirts, 4-yard sweep, Taffeta lined, velvetted faced, regular price \$6.50, during this sale at **\$4.00**

OUR shelves and counters must be cleared for Spring Goods. Advance consignments of new goods for Spring, 1898, are now arriving. We will soon have on display beautiful things in fine imported Organdies, French Moscovite Muslins, Elegant Zephyrs and Madras, Musseline de soir, etc.

Four complete stores *Winkelspiel Bros* One Price to All.

## MEXICO TOWNS DESTROYED

CITY OF MEXICO, April 15.—The towns of Chinpanasingo and Chilapa, in the State of Guerrero, Mexico, were destroyed by an earthquake last night. Eleven persons are known to be killed and twenty-seven injured. The shocks were continued today and the people of the towns are panic stricken.

LAREDO, Texas, April 15.—The latest reports from Mexico City today confirm the first news sent out last night about a violent earthquake. While damage was caused by cracking walls, killing horses, mules and other damage, no persons are reported killed and only a few were slightly injured.

Word from points south state that while much damage resulted from falling walls, no loss of life is known. The extent of the shock covered a wide area, north from San Luis Potosi, to San Jan Baptista, south and southeast to Vera Cruz.

## HEAVY EARTHQUAKE IS RECORDED

IN NEW YORK EARLY THIS MORNING STRONGEST AND LONGEST SHOCK EVER RECORDED BY INSTRUMENT.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The strongest and longest earthquake shock recorded upon the seismograph at the State Museum here since the instrument was installed, began at 1:14 a. m. today and continued for more than two hours. The record was much more pronounced than that made by the San Francisco earthquake of last year. The maximum vibration was so severe as to swing the pendulum clear off the recording indicator.

## DELMAS IS DEPOSED

DANIEL O'REILLY ANNOUNCES THAT HE HAS CHARGE OF THAW'S CASE AND THAT DELMAS IS DISMISSED.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Interest in the case of Harry K. Thaw now centers about the changes he will make in his staff of lawyers. While no official announcement has been made in this regard, intimations have come from the lawyers themselves that changes have been made and that others will follow.

Delpho M. Delmas, who led the fight at the recent trial, it is said, has severed his connection with the case. In this connection a story of the remarkable proceedings of Thaw at a critical period of his trial was published here today. The story recites that when the trial was resumed after the report of the lunacy commission Mr. Delmas called Dr. Hamilton to the witness stand to have him testify as to Thaw's mental condition when the murder was committed. He was just about to question him when he received a note from Thaw which read: "You are no longer in charge of my case."

Delmas secured the court's permission to confer with his client, the jury states, and when he asked Thaw what the note meant, Thaw is said to have replied:

"It means just what it says. You are not going to make those men testify that I am insane. I am sane and you know it. You are no longer in charge of my case."

Mr. Delmas then asked Thaw for permission to withdraw, but his request was refused. Mr. Delmas, under the law, could not voluntarily retire from the case, and Thaw, having told him that he (Thaw) was the leading counsel in his own case, Mr. Delmas asked what he wished done.

"I want you to take Dr. Hamilton off the stand and begin to sum up before the jury," was the reply.

Delmas attempted to reason with Thaw, but he was immovable and thereupon announced that the defendant retained his case and Dr. Hamilton was excused without testifying.

Daniel O'Reilly makes the announcement that he is now counsel of record for Thaw, and will be in charge of the case hereafter. He was appointed to that position a couple of weeks ago, he says, succeeding Clifford W. Hartridge. Thaw appointed O'Reilly the day before Hartridge started to cross-examine Dr. Mabon. Mr. O'Reilly says and tried to frame a hypothetical question which the judge ruled out.

Mr. O'Reilly is authority for the statement that he is the only one of the five lawyers Thaw has re-engaged, but he says that Thaw is fond of Lawyer Peabody and that he will be re-engaged.

Delmas and Gleason, according to Mr. O'Reilly, are out of the case for good. Mr. O'Reilly will in a few weeks apply for bail for Thaw and says he expects to succeed.

Mr. O'Reilly after leaving Thaw served notice on the Clerk of the Supreme Court not to deliver any of the exhibits in the Thaw case to any one claiming to be Thaw's counsel until the question of who is to be his counsel of record is settled.

## ENGINEER ARGY SUSPENDED BY FIRE CHIEF E. L. WILLOW

FORMAL CHARGES ALLEGING INCOMPETENCY AND INSUBORDINATION WILL BE BROUGHT AGAINST VETERAN ENGINEER BY FIRE CHIEF WILLOW AT TRUSTEES' MEETING TONIGHT.

Trouble which has been brewing in the fire department for some time past, culminated last night with the suspension of Engineer Argy by Fire Chief Willow, who announces that he will bring formal charges against his subordinate at the trustees meeting tonight. Willow charges Engineer Argy with insubordination, and will tonight ask the Trustees to set a date for the hearing of these charges, looking toward a dismissal of the fireman. He mentions several specific instances of insubordination, one being in connection with the burning of the Commodore, and promises to press his charges hard.

When seen this morning, Argy refused to discuss the affair. "I will be on hand at the meeting tonight," he said, "and I haven't any doubt but what I'll come out all right. I don't know what they will charge me with at all now, and I'd rather not say anything about it."

Mike Argy has been connected with the department for the past nine years, and has made many friends around town. He stands high with the Board of Trustees and has always been regarded as a faithful employe of the city.

## RECOUNT IS PROBABLE

PLANTZ WILL CONTEST ELECTION OF TRUSTEE McDONALD IF PETITION IS WELL SIGNED.

A contest of the result in the election and a recount of the votes now seems probable, as the result of the close vote between Candidates Mr. Aid and Mr. Plantz in the recent municipal officers. As the result of the agitation which has been made by friends of Mr. Plantz, a petition was in circulation on the streets on Saturday night, asking that gentleman to bring suit against McDonald and ask for a recount. The petition was well signed.

"I know nothing about the petition but what I have told," said Mr. Plantz, when seen by a representative of the Californian this morning. "But if it is well signed, and by responsible citizens of Bakersfield, I shall contest the election, and ask for a recount. I have been approached on the subject many times since the election, and did not care to say anything definitely before, but if the petition has good support I shall, in all probability, bring the suit."

If a contest is made, it must be started by a suit in the Superior Court, and the complaint must be filed within forty days from today. If Mr. Plantz makes a final determination to contest, however, the suit will probably be filed well inside of this time.

## NATIONAL PEACE CONGRESS OPENS

NEW YORK, April 15.—The National Peace Congress was formally opened this afternoon. More than a thousand delegates are here to take part in the various meetings, which will continue for three days. Among them are representatives from many of the great nations who have been conspicuous in peace meetings since the first meeting at The Hague, and the Congress is regarded in a way preliminary to the second Hague conference, which will open June 15th.

Andrew Carnegie, the president of the Congress, will preside at both afternoon and evening sessions today. The opening address was delivered by Secretary of State Root and he was followed by Governor Charles E. Hughes and Mayor McClellan.

At the evening session Secretary of Commerce and Labor Oscar Strauss and several foreign delegates will speak upon the topic, "International Views of the Peace Movement."

## OLD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETS FOR LAST TIME TONIGHT

The last meeting of the old Board of Trustees takes place tonight and the installing of the new officers for the coming term will follow immediately after the affairs of the present regime are closed. The meeting furnishes much subject for gossip on the street and there is promise of a good attendance of citizens at the meeting. Talk of the new officers, the possible consequences of a contested election, the election of a chairman and anticipated changes in the police department is heard on every hand. A very lively interest is still taken in the results of the recent election and what the effect of a recount may be.

Old Board Will Canvass Election. The principal business which is to come before the old board tonight is the canvassing of the returns of the municipal election. This will be finished as quickly as possible, and the members of the board, as it is now constituted, will then end their terms. The new city officers will then be sworn in by Clerk Lightner, the Trustees being given the oath of office first. All new officials begin their terms on the stroke of midnight.

John E. Bailey, who returned today from the north, announced his willingness to accept the chairmanship of the board, if such was the will of the other members. There is a strong sentiment in favor of Bailey's election, as he is the senior member of the board, and there is but little doubt that he will be chosen for the office, which is practically that of Mayor.

McKamy Would Reorganize Police. James McKamy today made formal announcement of his intention to reorganize the police department, on account of the press of other business the matter will probably not be taken up at this session. There has been a general sentiment that the matter of choosing officers should be left to the marshal and not to the Board of Trustees, as is now provided for by ordinance.

## WHITES FIRED ON BY NEGROES

WERE PREPARING TO LYNCH A NEGRO FOR ASSAULT WHEN SURPRISED BY SHOTS FROM AMBUSH.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.—While a score of white men were taking a negro charged with assaulting a white woman from the jail at Bunkie, La., last night, with the intention of lynching him, they were fired upon by a crowd of negroes, who had hidden near the jail. John Dorman was dangerously wounded in the abdomen and two other men were seriously hurt and after the shooting the negroes got away, carrying off the prisoner with them. A posse is in search of the

## The Photo Epidemic

It is prevalent every spring and the time draws nigh when it will claim its victims for the year 1907. Indications show that the ailment will be even more severe this season than ever before and we have prepared ourselves for extra business with lines of

**KODAKS**  
that will meet the requirements of all happy sufferers from this pleasant ailment that can be contracted. Superior quality, low prices and a willingness to help beginners are elite in trading shod features, you'll appreciate in trading with us.  
**J. A. HUGHES**  
The Leading Prescription Druggist.  
Free delivery in Bakersfield and Kern.  
Phones Main 64 and Main 74

## VISITING EDITORS SPEND DAY AS CITY'S GUESTS--BANQUET TONIGHT

Away from their home for two days of pleasure, the editors of the valley and south have met in Bakersfield, and in spite of inclement weather, are enjoying themselves. Today and yesterday have been spent in drives and receptions by the jolly crowd, and their festivities end tonight, with the banquet at the Southern, tendered the visitors by the Board of Trade.

Guests of the City. The editors, from Southern California and the valley, who have come here on their outing, are Elmer Johnson of the Fullerton Tribune, and special writer for the Los Angeles Times; Mrs. Elmer Johnson, Fullerton Tribune; C. E. Jones and R. B. Cameron of Lancaster, proprietor of the Antelope Valley Ledger; Lon F. Chapin of the Pasadena News; Henry Kachel, Mrs. Kachel and son, of the Anaheim Gazette; Winfield Hasbrouck of San Pedro; C. J. McDevitt, of the Randsburg Miner; C. H. Randall of the Highland Park Herald; Frank Henley of Brawley; P. F. Adalshack of the Kingsburg Recorder; Chester Rowell, Fresno Republican; W. R. McIntosh, Fresno Valley Farmer, and John Fairweather, Reddy Exponent.

Before taking train for Bakersfield

the business meeting of the Southern editors was held in Los Angeles, and C. J. McDevitt of the Randsburg Miner was chosen as the president of the association for the coming year. Later a splendid banquet was enjoyed at Lavy's, after which the train was boarded by the party, who arrived here rather late on Sunday morning. Entertained Yesterday. Returning from their Sunday afternoon ride, the party was invited to spend the evening at the home of S. C. Smith, where they were entertained. Several of the visitors added to the pleasure of the evening by musical selections and refreshments were served.

Ride to Stockdale. This morning the editors were taken for a long drive to the Stockdale country, going by way of the Kern Island road. The visitors started late and did not get in until well after noon, but all seemed more than pleased with what they had been of the country. "You have a wonderful country," was heard from more than one pair of lips, and the party as a whole enjoyed the trip immensely.

(Continued on page eight.)

## Bakersfield Grocery Co

1715-1717 Nineteenth Street.

## "Good Things to Eat"

We have just put in an extra table on which we are displaying a line of Useful Things for the Kitchen. Come in and see them. And then look at our stock of Glassware; a fine line of Blown Tumblers to select from and the prices are right. Something new in "Good Things to Eat" is coming in every day. Get the habit of dropping in. Keep posted.

Tel. Main 186

## CLARENCE YOUNG WANTS DISMISSAL

BUT ATTORNEY WHITAKER COUNSEL FOR MRS YOUNG IS STRENUOUSLY OBJECTING.

Clarence E. Young was in court in Department Two this afternoon, asking a dismissal of his sensational suit for divorce against Mrs. Young, in which Senator Greenwell is named as co-respondent. Attorney Whitaker, for Mrs. Young, objected strenuously to the dismissal, however, as she has filed a cross-complaint. Judge Bennett took the matter under advisement, after it had been argued, and



Stylish Suits for summer. Careful in every detail. Stylish and nifty and sure to please.

A large assortment of many styles and materials to select from here at prices ranging from \$15 to \$27.50. Be "satisfied" now.

**"Toppers"**

## THE WEATHER.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—San Francisco and vicinity cloudy tonight, probably fair Tuesday; light southwest wind, changing to northwest.  
San Joaquin Valley—Cloudy tonight, fair Tuesday; light north wind.  
Mrs. H. R. McLean leaves tonight for San Pedro, where she will join her husband and make her future home.  
J. V. Morley and family have moved to the Morley dairy two miles south of town and will have telephone communication over the farmers' line as

Public Braves Storm To Visit Californian

Northern Kern County Communities Hit by \$100,000 Storm

Waters Pour Over Delano, Jasmine, Wet Year Assure Grass, Heavy Crop

Visitors Throng Building at Seventeenth and I to See Modern Park in Process of Making

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WOMEN from all parts of the county... The women of Kern county are... The event was held at the...

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Four Inches Fell in L.A. and Vicinity During Seasonal Storm

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California Attempts to Disrupt Water Meet, Pittman Allege

WEAVE REGION NEAR-GUILTY OF BREAKING SACRED TRUCE

Delegates Accused of Almost Playing Politics

HITCHELL IS URGED FOR AVIATION CHIEF

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By RALPH HEINZEN

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Cow Being Milked Twice Each Day in Presence of Jury

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THE greatest crowd ever assembled in the history of Kern county...

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Tax Bill Passed by Senate; Sent to Friendly Conference

COLLECT 250,000,000 NEW REVENUE. Adjournment of Congress Expected Soon; Next Week, Probably VOTE: 57 AYE; 22 NO

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Adjournment of Congress here today with the record-breaking two-day passage of the last-mentioned bill by the Senate. The eight-month-old session, marked by much bitterly divided legislation, probably will end next week.

AAA GOAL WILL NOT BE CHANGED

Sec. Wallace Says Concept of Farm Plan Will Be Carried Through. (Associated Press Licensed Wire) WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Secretary Wallace issued forward on his desk today, handing grudgingly the terms of the AAA "plan" that will not change.

Pres. Roosevelt Greatly Shocked

BY THE DEATH OF THE TWO DISTINGUISHED MEN. (Associated Press Licensed Wire) WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—President Roosevelt was greatly shocked by the death of Willy Rogers and Wiley Post today, when he learned they had been killed in an airplane crash in Alaska.

CLIPPER AIRSHIP AGAIN IN FLIGHT. (United Press Licensed Wire) SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16.—Pan-American Airways four-motored clipper ship took off from a two-day flight from this mid-Pacific island at 9:25 p. m. R. F. Isard, pilot, of Wilkes island of the Wake group, 1600 miles westward.

BRITISH SEEK NAVAL-LIMIT CONFERENCE. Formal Notes Are Sent to U. S., Italy, Japan and France. URGES OCTOBER DATE. London Considered Most Suitable Spot in Which to Hold Parley.

WILLY ROGERS' FINAL COMMENT

BELOW IS THE FINAL PUBLIC STATEMENT EVER TO BE ISSUED BY WILL ROGERS, DEAN OF AMERICAN HUMORISTS, WHO PLUNGED IN HIS DEATH IN AN AIRPLANE CRASH IN ALASKA, THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT ALSO CLAIMING THE LIFE OF WILEY POST.

Rogers Mourned in Federal Capital

(Associated Press Licensed Wire) WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The capital today was in mourning for Willy Rogers, dean of American humorists, who was killed in an airplane crash in Alaska.

Helen Jacobs Loses to Kay Stammers. (United Press Licensed Wire) FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Aug. 16.—Helen Jacobs, the prettiest girl in the world, today gave Kay Stammers a surprising victory in a tennis match.

Lindy May Bring Rogers' Influence in Aviation Vast

(Associated Press Licensed Wire) NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and officials of the Pan-American Airways System have been instructed by Mrs. Lindbergh to fly the body of her husband from Point Barrow, Alaska, to New York.

Honor Rogers in Broadcast, 9 p. m.

(Associated Press Licensed Wire) NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A special broadcast in memory of Willy Rogers was announced today for 9 o'clock eastern standard time, tonight over W. N. S. of the National Broadcasting Company.

PLANE TRAGEDY

Other stories of Rogers-Post tragedy on Page 8.

FAMOUS FLYERS KILLED IN CRASH



Willy Rogers, cowboy humorist, and Wiley Post, round-the-world aviator, just before they hopped off from Seattle for the north.



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ENGINE MISFIRES ON TAKE-OFF; SHIP FALLS 50 FEET INTO WATER

SEATTLE, Aug. 16.—Willy Rogers and Wiley Post, flying to Barrow, northernmost point in Alaska, were instantly killed last night, 15 miles short of their goal, the U. S. signal corps reported today, when Post's plane fell 50 feet head-on into the water. Details of the tragic ending to a pleasure jaunt through Alaska, the Yukon and northwest territories, were received here today by Colonel George E. Kumpke in the following message from Sergeant Stanley R. Morgan, signal corps operator at Barrow: "Ten p. m. (1 a. m. Friday P. S. T.) native runner reported plane crashed 15 miles south Barrow. Immediately hired fast launch proceeded to scene. Found plane complete wreck partly submerged 2 feet water. Recovered body Rogers, then necessary tear plane apart extract body Post from water. Brought bodies Barrow. Turned over Doctor Griest. Also salvaged personal effects which am holding. Advise relatives and instruct this station fully as to procedure."

SKETCH OF LIFE OF WILL ROGERS

Had Been Cowboy, Humorist, Sportsman, Actor, Writer and Philosopher. (United Press Licensed Wire) Cowboy actor, humorist, writer, actor, sportsman and unofficial diplomat were roles Will Rogers played on his way to international prominence.

CRUSHED BODIES OF FLYERS REMOVED FROM WRECKAGE

(Associated Press Licensed Wire) BARROW, Alaska, Aug. 16.—An airplane crash at the top of the world today had taken the lives of Willy Rogers, American humorist, sportsman, actor, writer and philosopher, and Wiley Post, noted aviator.

Baseball Results

Table with National League and American League results, including teams like Boston, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, etc.

WILEY POST WAS INTREPID AIRMAN

Oklahoma Regarded as One of Most Ingenious, Capable of Knights of Air. (United Press Licensed Wire) Wiley Post was known as one of the most ingenious flyers in American aviation history.

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Buy More War  
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# 400 SHIPS, 11,000 PLANES SEND MIGHTY ALLIED ARMY INTO FRANCE

## Allies Sweep Onward in Italy

Nazis on Run From Rome to Tyrrhenian Sea With Small Resistance; 2000 Surrender to British, Enemy Blows Up Tiber Bridges in Rout

NAPLES, June 4 (AP)—Premier Pietro Badoglio dissolved his Italian government today and was charged by French Prime De Gaulle with forming a new government to include political leaders in Rome.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, June 6 (AP)—The Allied Fifth Army drove the battered Germans in disorderly retreat across the Tiber river on a 17-mile front from Rome to the Tyrrhenian sea today and sent powerful armored columns 5 miles beyond the river under orders to destroy the fleeing enemy. Front dispatches said Nazi Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's broken Fourteenth Army was offering only the feeblest sort of rear-guard resistance as the Allied tanks and riflemen burst across the winding Tiber at a score of points north and south of Rome.

## TRUST CHARGES ON LOAN FIRMS

13 CHAINS ACCUSED OF FIXING INTEREST

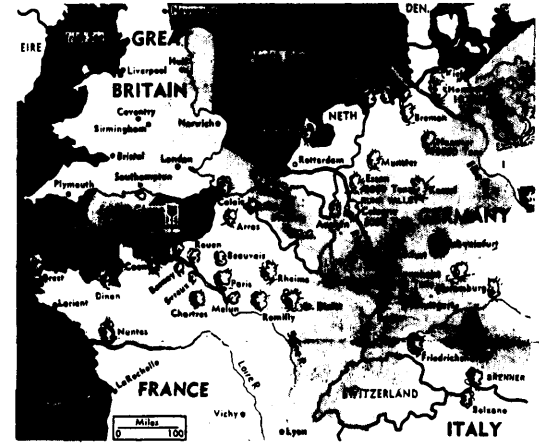
WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—Thirteen chains of trust companies in the south and west in violation of antitrust laws and by fixing interest rates were charged today with using their funds to influence members of state legislatures and city councils and to interfere with the highest law business.

The indictment also charges that the chains employed public officials including state legislators as agents to oppose antitrust legislation in states where the highest small loan chains operate.

The indictment charges that the chains conspired to maintain interest rates and charges ranging all the way from 40 per cent to 100 per cent a year on loans of \$5 to \$50.

The indictment charges that in a majority of loans the interest rates and charges ranged from 25 to 40 per cent a year.

The indictment covers 13 states from the Carolinas to the Pacific coast.



INVASION ON—At Le Havre, great French port at the mouth of the Seine river, Allied troops swarmed ashore under cover of naval fire, paratroopers and the greatest aerial assault the world has ever seen to open the long-awaited invasion. First news indicated the progress was satisfactory.

## Truk, Ponape, Marshalls Hit in New Raids

ENEMY LOSSES 20 SHIPS IN TWO DAYS, SUBS DOWN 16 VESSELS

PEARL HARBOR, June 6 (AP)—Army, Navy and Marine air forces, ranging over a 100-mile front in the central Pacific, attacked Truk, Ponape, Nauru and the Marshalls in a series of seven raids Saturday, Sunday and Monday, a Pacific fleet announcement said today.

By Associated Press Destruction of Japan's dwindling sequester mounted today with General Douglas MacArthur's announcement of sinking a destroyer and cruiser—boosting the enemy's total losses to 20 ships in two days.

Laborer bombers potted the Japanese destroyer off Halmahera and the freighter was beached in New Guinea waters. Other planes from MacArthur's command left a second destroyer dead in the water. Six Japanese columns lightened the Hanks-Canton railway in China's Hunan province.

American invaders outflanked the Japanese defenders and cut an 80-mile island from the coast of the Philippines.

## INVASION FLASHES

LONDON, June 6 (AP)—The German DNB news agency reported tonight that Marshal Karl von Rundstedt and Marshal Erwin Rommel, Nazi commanders in western Europe, "are on the spot of the developments."

STOCKHOLM, June 6 (AP)—Reports from Denmark said today that German troops in the protectorate have been ordered on an invasion alert since early morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 6 (AP)—The National Broadcasting Company said today it had not heard Tokyo radio since 11:55 a. m. (Pacific war time) but the Office of War Information said it had no indication the station was off the air. The OWI said the only station recorded, as not broadcasting was Saigon, French Indo-China.

LONDON, June 6 (AP)—General Wilhelm Hanstein, commander-in-chief of the Norwegian underground, broadcast an order to all organized fighting groups inside Norway today to "be prepared to take part in the great settlement."

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—Reporting the European invasion "up to schedule," President Roosevelt announced today the loss of two United States destroyers and an LST (landing ship, tanks) in the first push. These covered ships reported lost "up to noon today," he told his news conference, adding: Aircraft losses were approximately 1 per cent.

LONDON, June 6 (AP)—More than 640 naval guns, ranging from 4-inch to 16-inch, are bombarding the French beaches and enemy strong points in support of the Allied armies. Allied supreme headquarters announced today.

LONDON, June 6 (AP)—The German Transocean news agency said today that Allied paratroops were landing on the islands of Jersey and Guernsey, west of the Norman peninsula.

LONDON, June 6 (AP)—Casualties among Allied airborne troops descending on France have been light, supreme headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces, announced today.

LONDON, June 6 (AP)—The German Transocean news agency acknowledged today that the Allies had gained footholds on several islands off the coast of France.

## Inlanders Leap First Hurdles, Set Up Normandy Beachheads

Yank, British, Canadian Forces Win Complete Air Control in Hour, Shore Batteries Silenced, Barges Push Into River, Vire River Estuaries, Tanks Cut Inland 10 Miles at Caen

By VIRGIL FINKLEY United Press War Correspondent

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, LONDON, June 6.—American, British and Canadian invasion forces landed in northwestern France today, establishing beachheads in Normandy, and by evening had "gotten over the first five or six hurdles" in the greatest amphibious assault of all time.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill revealed that Allied troops were fighting inside Caen, 9 1/2 miles inside northwest France, that the invasion penetrations had reached several miles in depth in some cases, and that footholds had been established on a broad front as the operation proceeded "in a thoroughly satisfactory manner." General Dwight D. Eisenhower's supreme headquarters revealed that the Allied armies, carried and supported by 4000 ships and 11,000 planes, encountered considerably less resistance than had been expected in the storming of Adolf Hitler's vaunted west wall.

Nazi Broadcasts reported Allied troops pouring ashore most of the day along a broad reach of the Norman coast and to the east, and admitted that invasion landing barges had penetrated two estuaries behind the Atlantic wall.

The apparent key to the lightness of the Nazi opposition to invasion forces opening the battle of Europe was contained in a disclosure that thousands of Allied planes dropped more than 11,200 tons of bombs on German coastal fortifications in eight and a half hours last night and early today.

As massive air fleets took over complete command of the skies over the invasion zone, Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering issued an order at the day to his air force declaring that the invasion "must be fought off, even if it means the death of the Luftwaffe."

Late in the day Prime Minister Winston Churchill, making his second statement of the day, announced that the invasion was proceeding "in a thoroughly satisfactory manner." Earlier he had announced it was going according to plan and what a plan.

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## Witness Gives Enemy Scene at H Hour

WATCHES TROOPS HIT BEACH FROM PLANE, SEES PARATROOPS LAND

By RICHARD C. HOTTELTTE (Continued from page 1)

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—I watched the first landing barges at the beach exactly on the minute of 11:45. I was in a Ninth Air Force Mustang flying at 4,000 feet, about 20 miles of the invasion zone.

From what I could see in these first few minutes, there was nothing stopping the assault parties from getting ashore. I spent about half an hour over enemy territory. We flew over and bombed some of the coastal fortifications but saw no one on the ground. I saw no inland positions and from some points in the air we saw no enemy gunfire.

The only other sign of life in enemy territory was some white and yellow parachutes dotting the ground where our paratroopers had hit.

The weather was favorable to the operation.

## Heaviest Bomber Assault of War Precedes Landings

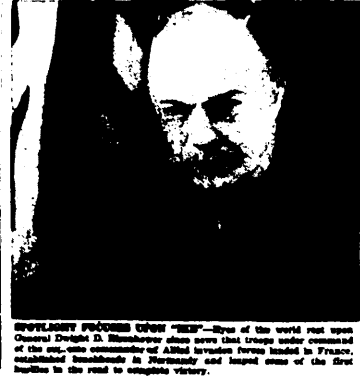
LONDON, June 6 (AP)—More than 11,200 tons of bombs were dropped on German coastal fortifications in eight and a half hours last night and early today, just before the Allied invasion.

The waves of 100 or more four-engine bombers came over the invasion zone at night, dropping their bombs on the coast and inland positions.

Throughout the night the skies over the channel were filled with the roar of exploding bombs rolled back to the British coast.

While the British bombers attacked at the coast, waves of Allied assault bombers rained over the northern coast of France.

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**THE WEATHER**

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Forecast High Today	86
Low Today	66
11 a.m. Temperature	80
11 p.m. Humidity	80 per cent
Season Normal	61
Total for Season	119
Kern River Flow	876 c.f.s.
Forecast	
Continued fair today, tonight and tomorrow. Little chance for the week end.	

# The Bakersfield Californian

**KERN COUNTY PRODUCTION, 1936**

Oil	\$20,133,000
Wool Production (bales)	\$1,040,000
Agriculture	\$42,771,877
Stocks	\$12,000,000
Forestry	\$5,010,750
Grasses	\$4,117,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85,072,752</b>

**POPULATION**

Greater Bakersfield Office	171,000
Kern County	134,000
Greater Bakersfield	171,000

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# QUAKE SHATTERS CITY

Bakersfield today stoically began the gigantic task of digging itself from the tons of rubble left by the second major earthquake to hit this stricken area in 32 days.

Yesterday's temblor, which struck savagely and without warning at 3:41 p.m., killed two persons, injured dozens and caused damage which will run into millions of dollars.

City Manager C. Leland Gunn, who is also director of civil defense and disaster relief, has declared the shattered city a disaster area and in a state of emergency.

Another earthquake rumbled across much of Southern California early today, jolting some persons from their beds and causing a flurry of excitement among quake-jitters residents.

This morning's tremor felt much lighter than the devastating jolt that whipcracked through Bakersfield yesterday afternoon, ripping fronts from buildings, collapsing roofs, shattering glass and cascading debris into the streets.

Officials warned residents to stay away from the downtown area which bore the brunt of the jolting shock. Virtually every business establishment in the heart of Bakersfield suffered severe damage and the area is extremely hazardous.

A total of 98 city blocks have been barricaded and are guarded by city police, sheriff's deputies and highway patrolmen.

The scene downtown today was one of devastation

but was in sharp contrast to the milling confusion which followed the temblor.

Thousands of persons were week-end shopping one moment. Fifteen seconds later they poured like ants into the streets, terrified and white-faced.

Seismologists at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena described the tremor as being of 6 magnitude on the Richter scale of 10 and called it an "aftershock" to the killer quake which snuffed out 11 lives in Tehachapi July 21.

But it was a bill of goods which found no buyers in Bakersfield.

"If that was an 'aftershock' I never want to go through an earthquake," one shaken shopper said.

Jim Day, managing editor of The Californian, was standing at the corner of 19th St. and Chester Ave. when the vicious killer shock struck. Here is his graphic description:

"The quake hit with a great rumbling sound, automobiles bounced up and down on the streets and people bounced as they walked along. I glanced at my watch. The temblor lasted just 10 seconds.

No Hysteria

"Automobile traffic stopped almost immediately. People left their cars to stand in the street and looked around.

"I saw no hysteria, I heard no screams.

"People streamed from the sidewalks and from stores and other buildings and raced to the center of

the street. There they stopped and looked around them—and waited.

"Bricks were falling and cornices from buildings and broken glass was spraying from shattered store windows.

"I don't think I saw anybody hit by falling debris—buried or injured. Not at that moment.

"A few seconds later, when the temblor had stopped and the rumbling was an echo, I saw injured people stagger into the street.

"By then the dust had begun to rise. It was a great pall of gray dust—in itself a terrifying thing.

"It had been a bright, sunny day and this dust rose and blotted out the sun and sky.

"By then I could hear the distant siren of ambulances, fire trucks and other official vehicles.

**Dig Into Debris**

City police and other law enforcement agencies swiftly began the imposing task of bringing some semblance of order from the chaos. Rescue squads, many voluntary and hastily organized, quickly began the job of digging into debris for victims.

Seconds after the convulsive temblor, city fire crews and equipment were rolling to answer the calls of distress which poured into the station switchboard.

Passersby at the 21st and H Streets station saw an empty building. The only piece of equipment visible through the gaping doors was the fire chief's white cap resting in the middle of the floor—mute testimony to

the haste with which Bakersfield firemen sped to answer the call of a city in distress.

The body of Mrs. Edna Ledbetter, 26, of McFarland, was recovered from the crumpled wreckage of Lerner's Dress Shop at 1423 19th St.

Mrs. Luey B. Ricks, manager of the shop, said: "Things began to come down. Everybody was screaming. Then the wall from next door came down."

The wall was of brick and police said Mrs. Ledbetter had dashed for the front of the store and almost reached it when she was buried under the collapsing debris.

Mrs. Ledbetter's sister, Lily Hobbs, also was in the store and was reported seriously injured. (Elsewhere in today's publication is picture of Miss Hobbs being rescued by city police).

George Palman Cozby, 67, Southern Pacific engineer of 2024 Quincy St., was killed when much of the Kern County Equipment Company at 615 E. 19th St. collapsed.

**Eight Seriously Hurt**

A check of the hospitals revealed that 31 persons had been injured, but many of these were treated for superficial lacerations, abrasions and contusions.

However, eight were reported seriously injured.

Two seriously injured men at San Joaquin Hospital, were working on buildings which had been damaged in the July 21 quake.

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"Death in the Afternoon": Crews Scrape Rubble From Body of Mrs. Edna Ledbetter, Killed When Quake Wrecked Lerner Shop