

Figure 28: Drawings of Residence B were executed by Rudolph Schindler at the same time as Residence A. Therefore they contain information regarding structural systems that are likely very similar to Residence A. (Image credit: Rudolf M. Schindler Collection, housed at the University Art Museum, University of California, Santa Barbara)

APPENDIX C

DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE HISTORY OF RESIDENCE A



Examiner artist's drawing of Miss Barnsdall's proposed transformation of Los Angeles' beauty spot, showing site of projected theater, with tropical roof garden, promenades, park and residence grounds at summit.

Figure 1: An artist's sketch of a "proposed transformation" of Olive Hill from an undated newspaper article. (Image credit: *Los Angeles Times*. available through Proquest)

Figure 2: Building Permit for Residence A dating December 23, 1920

All applications must be filled out by applicant

CLASS AND SPECIFICATIONS
and other data must also be filed

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS
Application for the Erection of Buildings
CLASS "A"-"B"-"C"

1

To the Board of Public Works of the City of Los Angeles:
Application is hereby made to the Board of Public Works of the City of Los Angeles, through the office of the Chief Inspector of Buildings for a building permit in accordance with the description and for the purpose hereinafter set forth. This application is made subject to the following conditions which are hereby agreed to by the undersigned applicant and which shall be deemed conditions entering into the exercise of the permit:
First: That the permit does not grant any right or privilege to erect any building or other structure (except described in any portion thereof, upon any street, alley, or other public place or portion thereof)
Second: That the permit does not grant any right or privilege to any building or other structure therein described, or any portion thereof, for any purpose that is, or may hereafter be prohibited by ordinance of the City of Los Angeles.
Third: That the granting of the permit does not affect or prejudice any claim of title or right of possession in the property described in said permit.

TAKE TO ROOM No. 405 FIRST FLOOR CITY CLERK PLEASE VERIFY

Lot No. 40 AND 49 Block Black
Description of Project: LICK TRACT

District No. 1 M.R. Page 1 F.B. Page 227

TAKE TO ROOM No. 405 SOUTH ANNEX ENGINEER PLEASE VERIFY

No. 4750 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD Street
USE INK OR INDELIBLE PENCIL

O. K. City Clerk
O. K. City Engineer

1. Purpose of Building RESIDENCE (A) No. of Rooms 11 No. of families 1
2. Owner's name ALINE BARNSDALL Phone
3. Owner's address VERMONT & HOLLYWOOD BLVD
4. Architect's name FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT Phone 16308
5. Contractor's name C. D. GOLDTHWAITE Phone BRDN 7547
6. Contractor's address MARSH STRONG BLDG
7. TOTAL VALUATION OF BUILDING (Including Plumbing, Gas Fitting, Sewers, Elevators, Painting, Finishing, etc.) \$ 18000
8. Any other buildings on lot at present? yes How used? RESIDENCE
9. Size of proposed building 45'-0" x 60'-0" Size of lot 1254⁵⁵ x 1231²⁸ feet
10. Number of stories in height TWO Height to highest part: 28'-0"
11. Material of foundation CONCRETE Character of soil HALE
12. Size of lot, sq. VARIES Depth below surface of ground > 12"
13. Number of chimneys TWO Material of chimneys HOLLOW TILE
14. Number of inlets to each flue ONE Interior size of such flues 12" x 12" x
15. Material of exterior walls HOLLOW TILE
16. Material of interior construction WOOD
17. Material of floors WOOD
18. Material of roof COMPOSITION
19. Are there any other buildings within 30 feet of the proposed structure? No

I have carefully examined and read the above application and know the same is true and correct, and hereby certify and agree that if a permit is issued that all of the provisions of the Building Ordinances will be complied with, whether herein specified or not, and certify that the plans and specifications herewith filed conform to all of the provisions of the Building Ordinances and State Laws.

(Sign here) Alina Barnsdall
(Owner or Authorized Agent)

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

PLAN NO. 1-1

Plans and specifications checked and found to conform to ordinances, State Laws, etc.

Application checked and found O. K.

DEC 23 1920

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Figure 3: Grading Permit for Barnsdall Park dating April 21, 1961

G Form B-100		APPLICATION FOR GRADING PERMIT AND FOR GRADING CERTIFICATE		CITY OF LOS ANGELES		DEPT. OF BUILDING AND SAFETY	
INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Applicant to Complete Numbered Items Only. 2. Plot Plan Required on Back of Original.							
1. LEGAL LOT	BLK.	TRACT		Replat of Prospect Pk		DIST. MAP 147-197	
2. JOB ADDRESS				APPROVED		ZONE	
4800 Hollywood Blvd.				LD		C-2-3	
3. BETWEEN CROSS STREETS				AND Edgemont St.		INSIDE	
4. PURPOSE				Excavation and Fill for Road Construction		KEY	
5. OWNER				PHONE		COR. LOT	
City of Los Angeles, Dept of Rec. and Pks.						NEV. COR.	
6. OWNER'S ADDRESS				P.O.		LOT SIZE	
Rm 305				City Hall			
7. PLANS BY				CIVIL ENG.		STATE LICENSE	
8. CONTOURS BY				LIC'D SUPERVISOR OR CIVIL ENG.		STATE LICENSE	
Dept of Rec. and Parks						PHONE	
9. FOUNDATION				ENGINEER		STATE LICENSE	
Not Selected						PHONE	
10. CONTRACTOR				P.O.		ZONE	
11. CONTRACTOR'S ADDRESS						DISTRICT OFFICE	
G 4800 Hollywood Blvd.						LA	
12. NUMBER CUBIC YARDS				TOTAL		MAXIMUM SLOPE	
CUT 15,000				FILL		CUT	
13. TYPE OF NATURAL SOIL				TYPE OF FILL MATERIAL		FILL	
Clayey shale				Clayey Shale		1:1	
14. COMPACTED FILLS				YARDAGE APPROVED		RETAINING WALL REQUIRED	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				APPLICATION CHECKED		YES	
APPROVED SOIL TESTING AGENCY				PLANS CHECKED		NO	
not selected				CORRECTIONS VERIFIED		FILE WITH	
I certify that in doing the work authorized hereby I will not employ any person in violation of the Labor Code of the State of California relating to workmen's compensation insurance.				PLANS APPROVED		CONT. INSP.	
SIGNED: <i>David D. Dain</i>				APPLICATION APPROVED		INSPECTOR	
BOND				POSTED			
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH							
<input type="checkbox"/> SURETY							
This Form When Properly Validated is a Permit to Do the Work Described.							
P.C. 20 55		S.P.C.		G.P. 120 00		MP. 1.1. 55	
VALIDATION				CASHIER'S USE ONLY			
I 100 512		MAR--9-61		17153		A - 2 NF 0.00	
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D 1 + D 1		APR-21-61		SR. YES.			

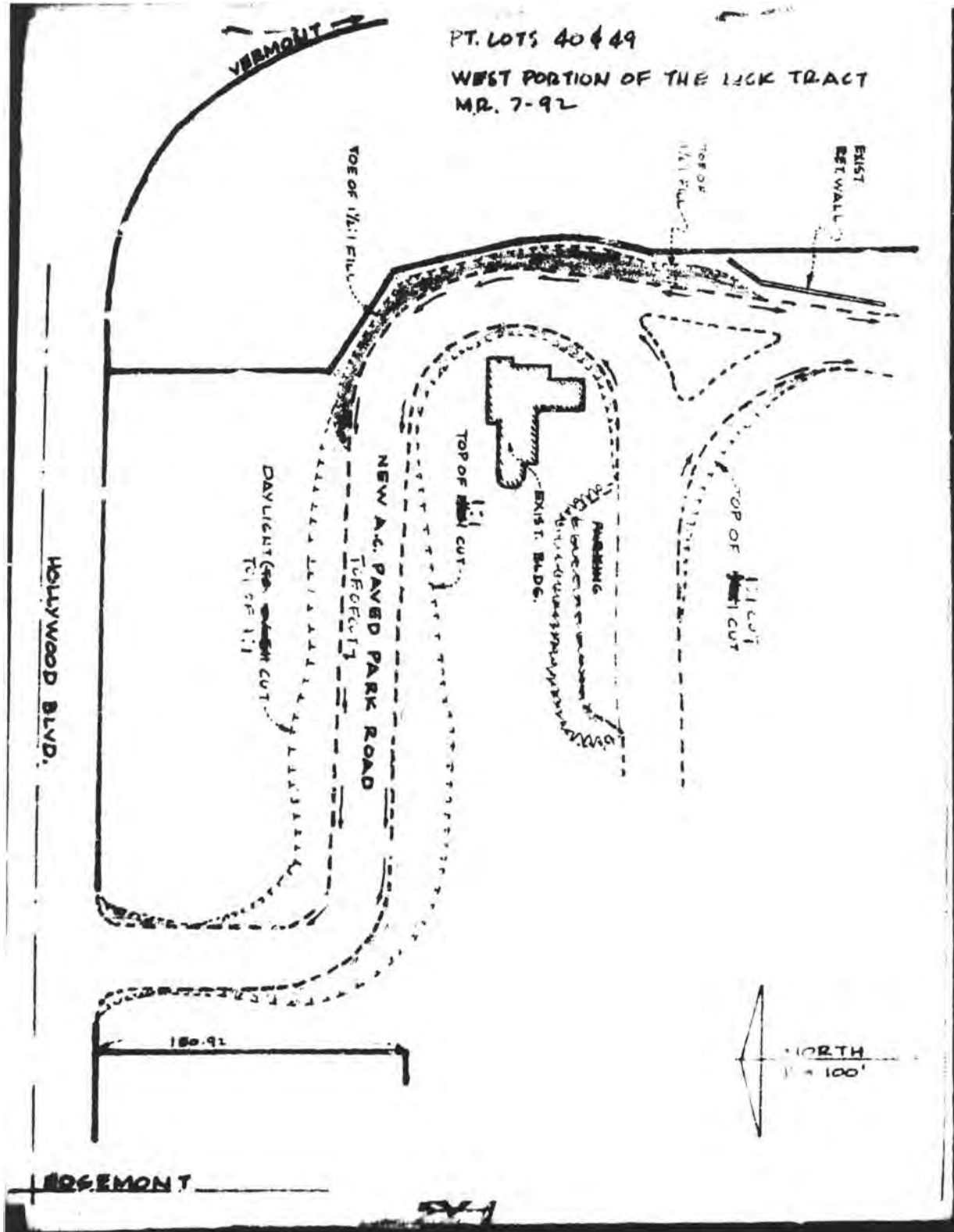


Figure 4: Grant Deed for Barnsdall Park

Grant Deed #9720, Aline Barnsdall to City of Los Angeles, August 2, 1927

DEED

THIS INDENTURE, made this 28th day of July, 1927, between ALINE BARNSDALL, an unmarried woman, Party of the First Part, and the CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation, of the State of California, Party of the Second Part.

WITNESSETH:

That Party of the First Part, For and in Consideration of the covenants and conditions contained, does by these presents grant and convey unto the said Party of the Second Part, for the purposes and upon the conditions hereinafter mentioned, all that certain lot and parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

(Legal descriptions follows)

Meaning to describe and convey all of that parcel of land described as Lot "A", as shown by a Map annexed to a Deed between the same parties now on file with the City Clerk of the City of Los Angeles, file No, 8658, and recorded January 7th, 1927, in Book 4727, at Page 60, Official Records of Los Angeles County.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all and singular the said premises together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part for the purposes and upon the condition that said property be dedicated to and forever remain a public park and playground, for children as herein set forth and for no other purpose whatsoever, said property to be for the enjoyment and education of the children of the community in general and particularly as set forth in this instrument.

That said property hereby deeded shall be come a part of "BARNSDALL PARK".
The grantee agrees:

- I. That no monuments or statues shall be erected on said lands and that no buildings shall be erected except for recreation (not readable) children in modelling, drawing, dramatics, music, and dancing.
- II. That the house now on said premises shall be used exclusively for classes for children in modeling, drawing, dramatics, music, and dancing.
- III. That the "Dalcroze method" of teaching music shall be taught in said building on said property or in other buildings in said "BARNSDALL PARK" for at least twelve years, or so long as one teacher is provided for same by the grantor as herewith provided. Suitable space in said buildings shall be provided therefor. That nominal tuition shall be charged pupils in said "Dalcroze Method" classes, which tuition shall be used exclusively for the upkeep and development of said classes in "BARNSDALL PARK". That until a school of at least fifty pupils has been established in said method the said "Dalcroze

Method" shall not be taught by the Recreation and Playground Department of said grantee in any other place in the City of Los Angeles except in outlying districts such as Venice and the Harbor District.

IV. That the grounds in close proximity to the building now standing on said lands shall be kept in as good condition as to landscaping, shrubs, grass, and walks as the same are now.

V. That all the rest of said land to the West of said buildings and under the olive trees as now existing shall be used exclusively for a playground for children and shall immediately be properly equipped with swings and other appliances for such purpose by the grantee.

VI. That all activities for children on said premises shall be under the control and supervision of the Grantee's Playground and Recreation Department and its successors.

VII. That it will keep said premises in first-class condition.

VIII. That the grantor may furnish funds and plans for a building to be erected in the extreme south-east corner of BARNSDALL PARK in a space not exceeding 10,000 square feet, and said space to be reserved for such building shall be approximately square in shape. Said building shall be erected in conformity with the Provision of Section 177 of the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, and shall be used for 12 years for the teaching of "Dalcroze Method".

The grantor reserves the right to elect to erect said building if she so desires on the north-west corner of the lands hereby deeded not to exceed 70 feet by 70 feet long, said building to be erected at the expense and under the complete supervision of the grantor but when completed shall be under the supervision and control and become the property of the grantee. Said building shall be erected on the space so designated, on the map hereto attached marked Exhibit "A" and by reference made a part hereof. The grantor agrees to furnish a skilled teacher of said "Dalcroze Method" at an expense of no more than Two Thousand Dollars per year for a period of ten years from the date hereof, said teacher to be chosen by the grantor, but to be under the complete supervision and control of the Grantee's Playground and Recreation Commission and their successors.

The words "Dalcroze Method" and "Dalcroze Method of teaching music" when used in this deed shall be construed to mean the method of teaching music invented, developed and taught by Jacques Dalcroze of Geneva, Switzerland.

That, whereas, the Grantor in the deed of BARNSDALL PARK to the City of Los Angeles, which deed is recorded in the City Clerk's Office of the City of Los Angeles, file #8658, and was recorded January 7th, 1927, in Book 4727, Page 60, Official Records of the Los Angeles County, especially reserved the right on Lot "A", particularly described therein, and being the same parcel of land hereby deeded to the City of Los Angeles, to erect a theatre or amusement building on said lands, and the grantor desires to erect such theatre or amusement building in close proximity to said BARNSDALL PARK for the betterment of the community, and whereas by this deed the grantor has parted with said theatre site, the said grantor hereby expressly reserves the right and privilege to erect and maintain a theatre or amusement building, and other buildings necessary, convenient and appurtenant to the east of said BARNSDALL PARK on the following described parcel of land, namely:

(Legal description follows)

The above provision shall not be construed to prevent the sale by the grantor of any or all of said premises last above described, and if said property shall be sold the ordinary zoning laws of the City of Los Angeles as then in existence shall be applicable to said lands.

Should the Grantee's Recreation and Playground Department, or its successors, fail or neglect to carry out the conditions hereof, the Grantee's Park Department shall fulfill such conditions. That if any of said conditions and covenants herein contained to be performed on the part of said grantee shall be violated, that said property shall revert to said grantor, her heirs, successors and administrators. IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Party of the First Part has hereunto executed the within instrument the day and year first written.

(ALINE BARNSDALL)

Party of the First Part.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) SS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

On this twenty-eighth day of July, in the year nineteen hundred twenty-seven, A.D., before me, E. E. Leighton, a Notary Public in and for the said County of Los Angeles, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared ALINE BARNSDALL, an unmarried woman, personally known to me to be the person, whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(E. E. Leighton)

Notary Public in and for Los Angeles County,
State of California

My Commission Expires:
September 23, 1929

Approved as to form July 29, 1927.

Jess E. Stephens
City Attorney

by William H. Neal
Deputy.

Date 7/29/27
Written by _____
Checked by G. D. Morgan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION - BARNSDALL PARK

(Legal description follows for 2 1/3 pages)

Also RESERVING the right of way or easement over the roadway twenty (20) feet wide, now existing and lying adjacent to and Southerly from said "Lot A".

And the property hereby granted shall be subject to the following restrictions, viz:

That no building or structure of any sort, or any part thereof, shall be placed upon any part of the below described property to a height which shall exceed sixty (60) feet above the grade as now established on the Easterly side of Edgemont Street in front of said property:

(Legal description follows)

This for the express purpose of providing a free and uninterrupted view from the said premises to the West over Hollywood.

This deed was recorded Aug. 2, 1927, Book 6772, Page 92, O. R. L. A. County. Accepted by Board Res. No. 16, Aug. 1, 1927.

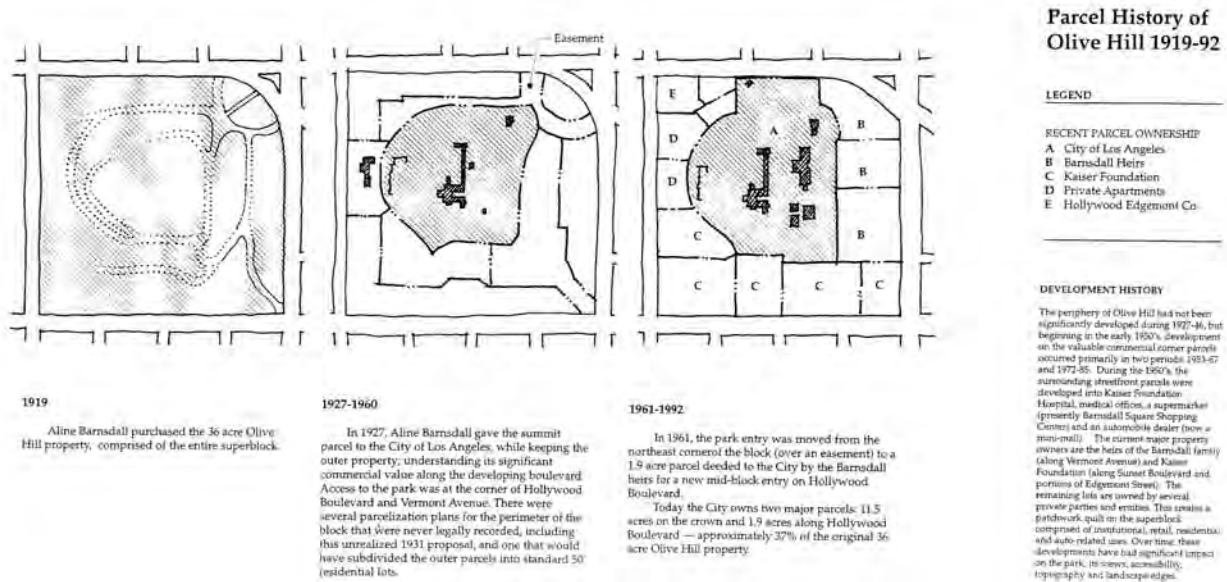


Figure 5: The development of Olive Hill from 1919-1992.
 (Image credit: Barnsdall Park, Historic Site Survey)

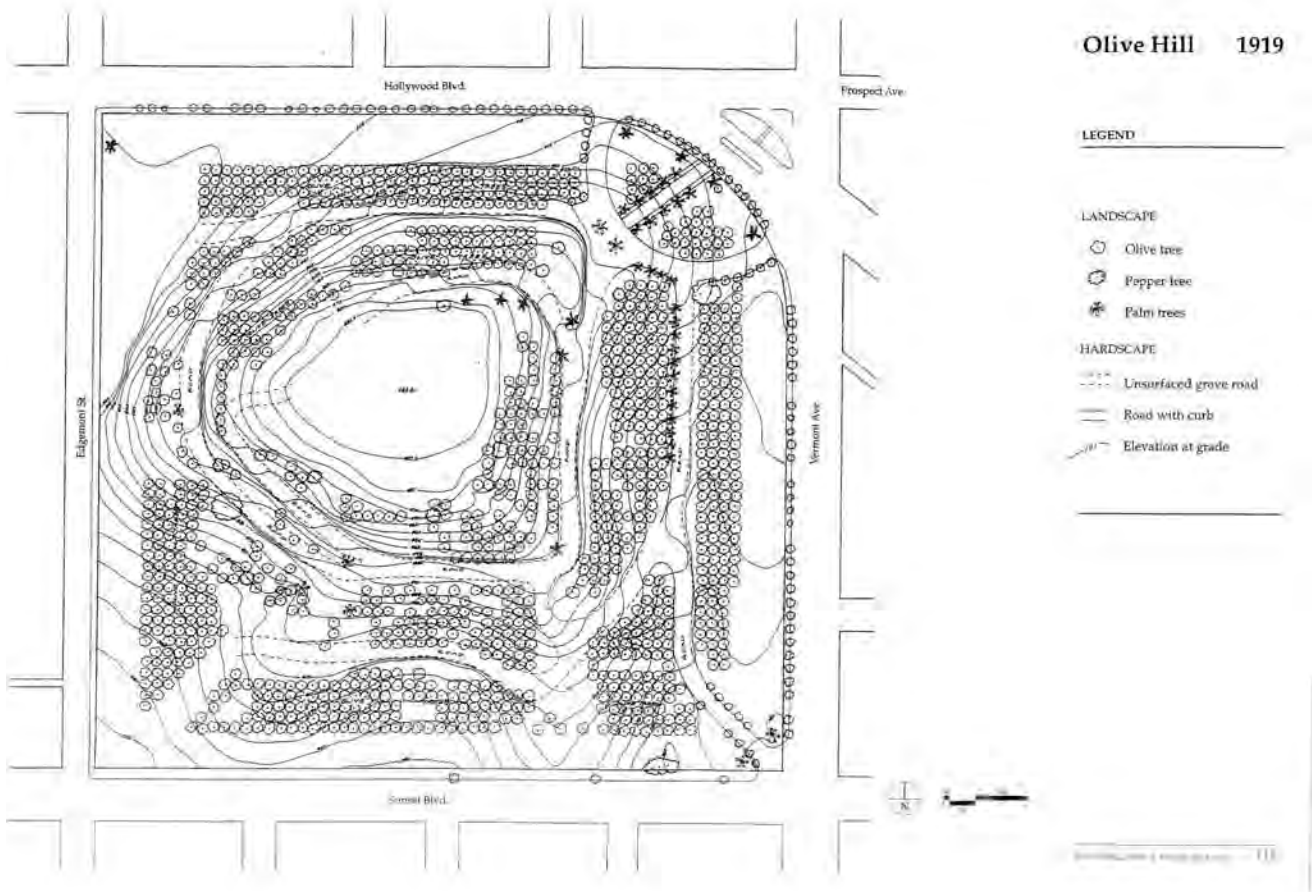


Figure 6: Olive Hill as it appeared in 1919.
(Image credit: Barnsdall Park, Historic Site Survey)

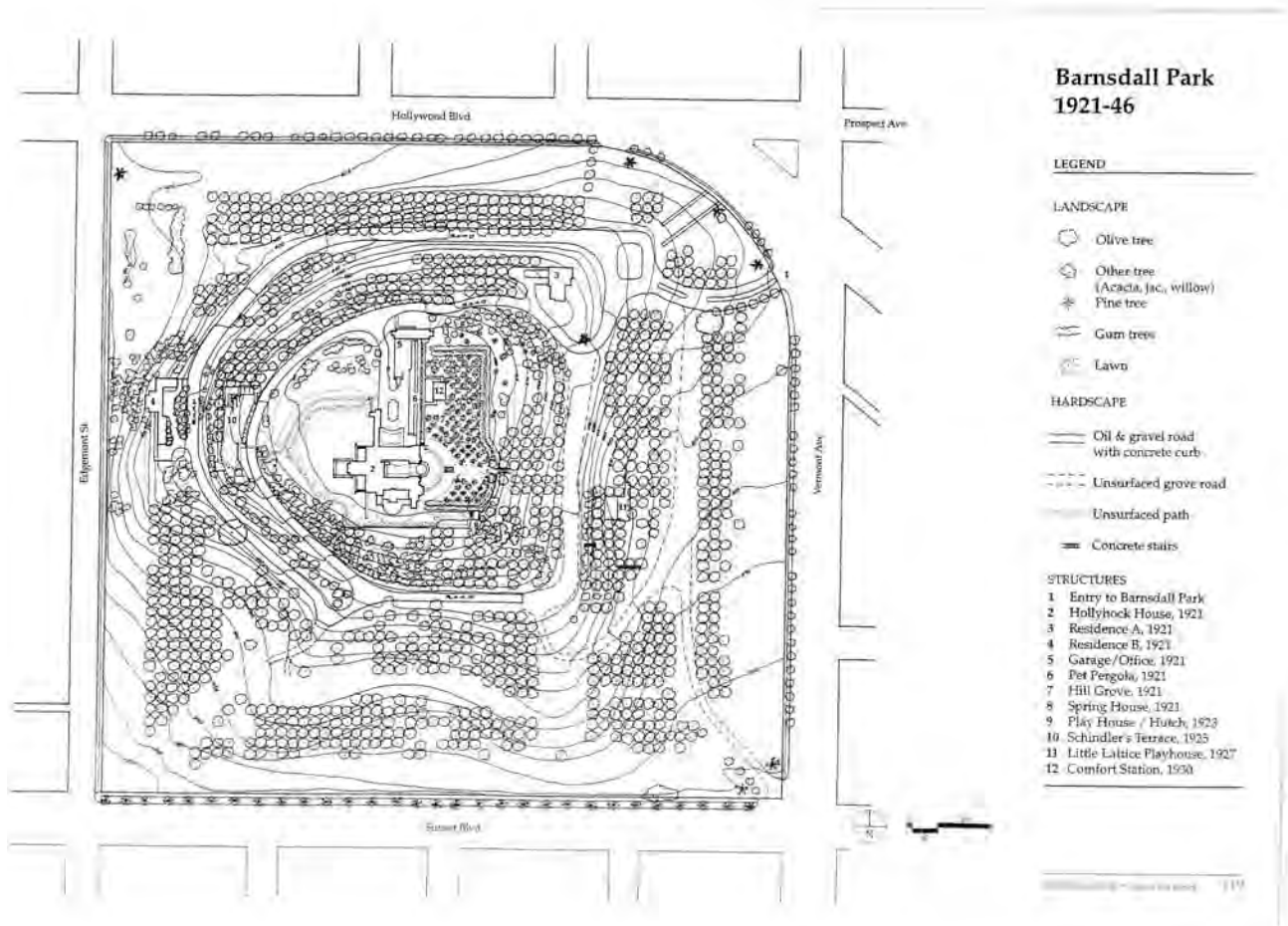


Figure 7: Development of Olive Hill from 1921-1946.
 (Image credit: Barnsdall Park, Historic Site Survey)

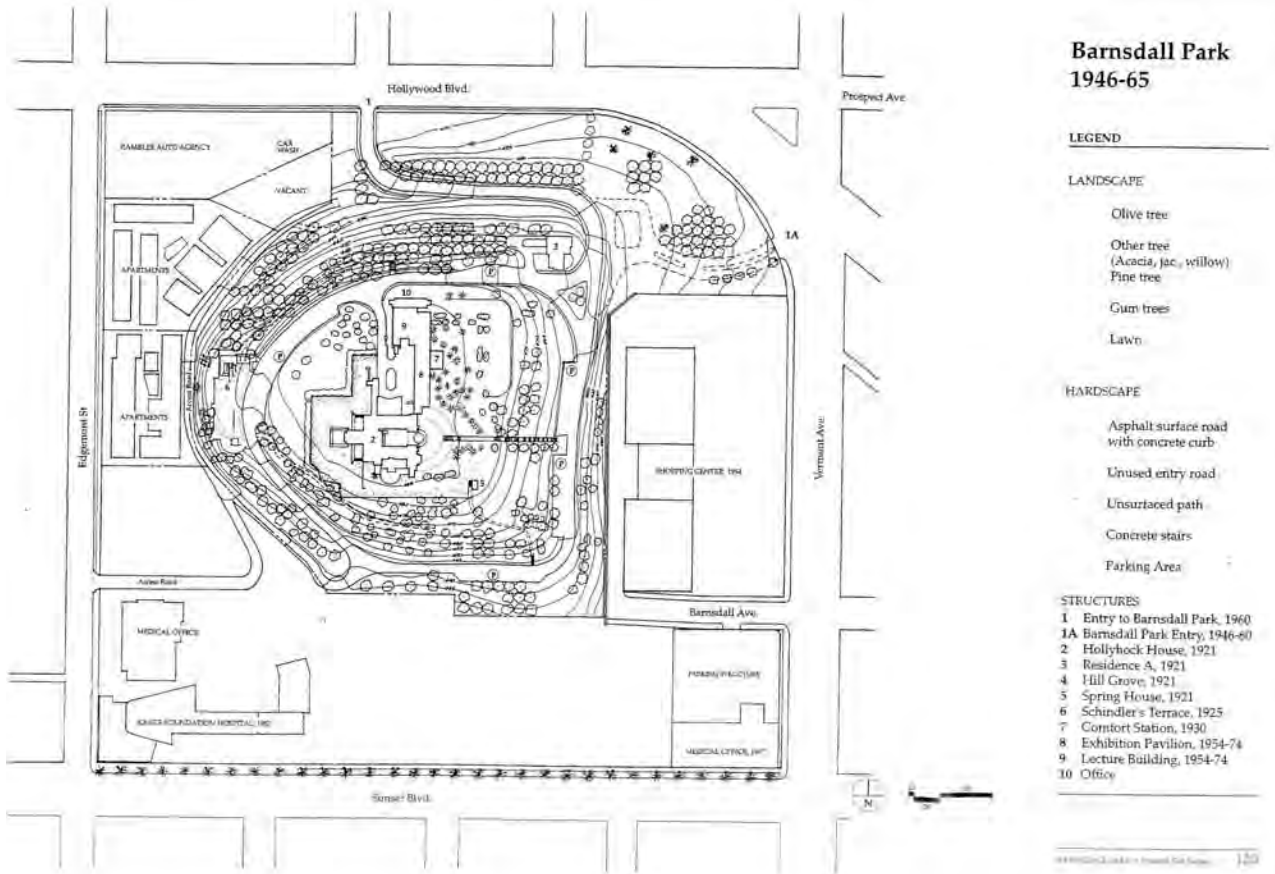


Figure 8: Development of Olive Hill from 1946-1965.
 (Image credit: Barnsdall Park, Historic Site Survey)

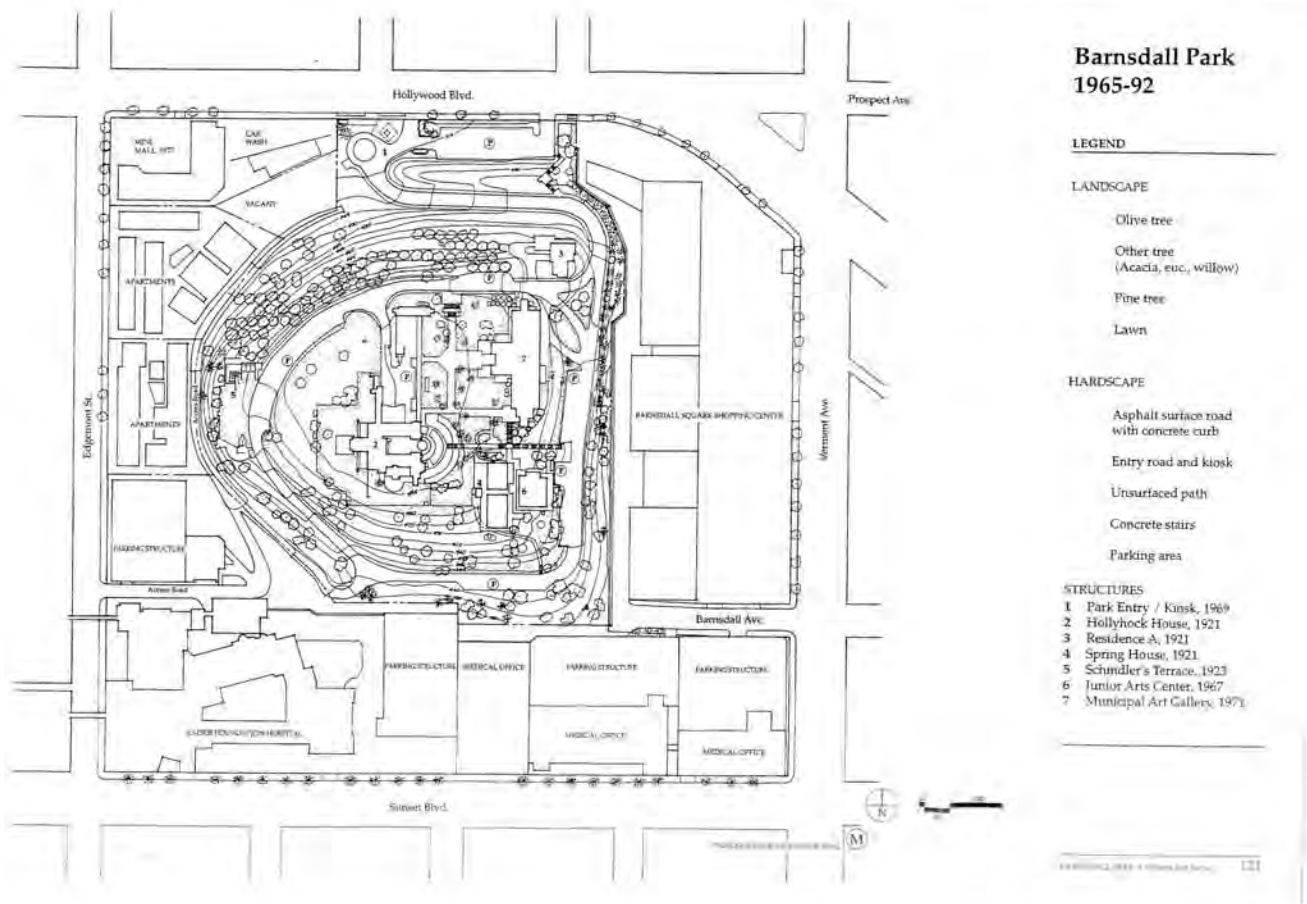


Figure 9: Development of Olive Hill from 1965-1992.
 (Image credit: Barnsdall Park, Historic Site Survey)

Figure 10: Drawing of Hollow Tile

(Image credit: Ramsey, Charles George and Sleeper, Harold Reeve, *Architectural Graphic Standards, Third Edition*, (London: John Wiley and Sons, 1947), 25.)

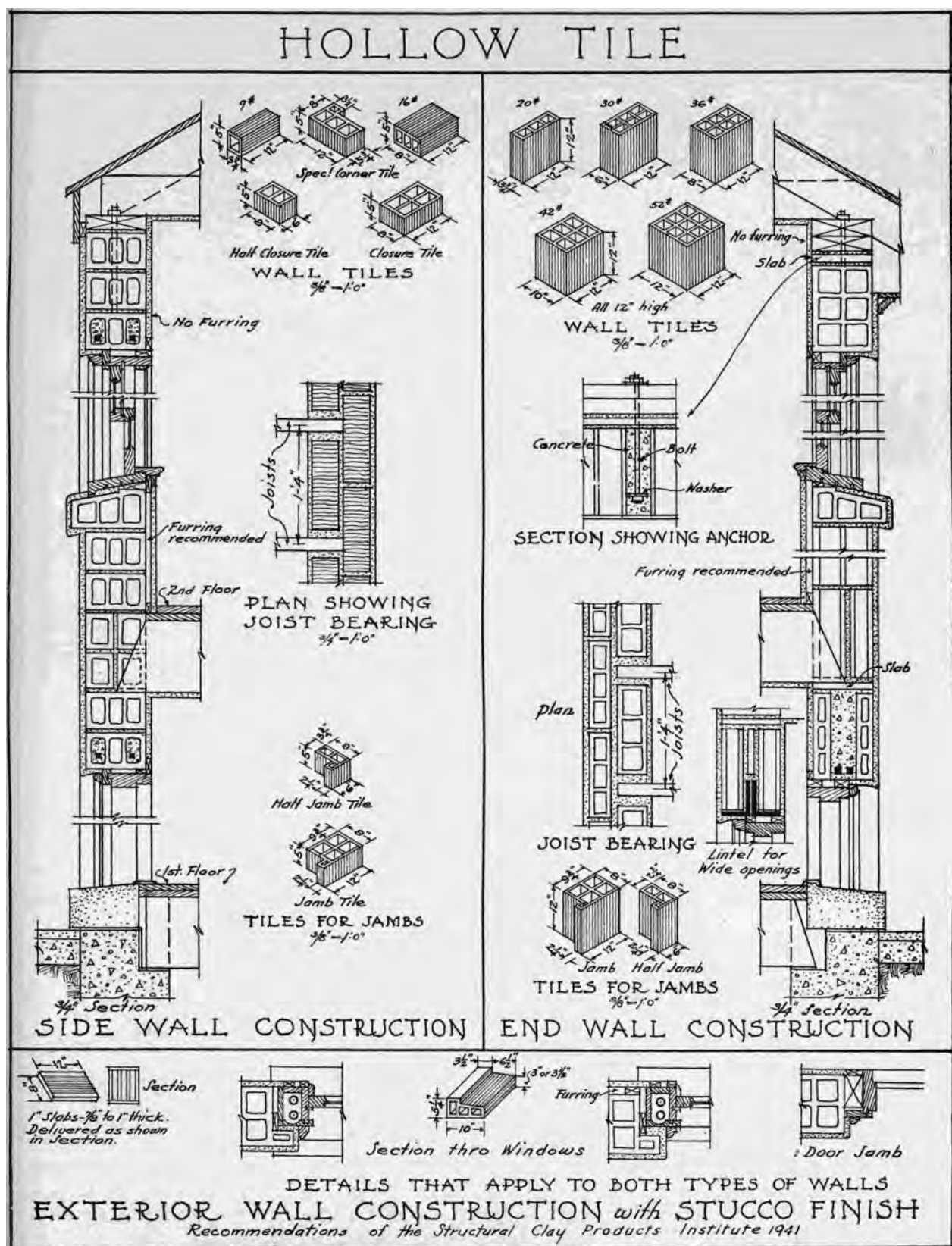


Figure 11: June 10th, 1931 Letter from Rudolph Schindler
to Frank Lloyd Wright
(Image credit: Schindler Architectural Collection
at the University of California, Santa Barbara)

JUNE 10th 1931

FRANK LLOYD
WRIGHT

TALIESIN

DEAR MR. WRIGHT,
I MYSELF ASKED THAT THE CIRCULAR YOU MENTION BE SENT TO YOU. AND ALTHOUGH I KNOW OF YOUR INABILITY TO SYMPATHISE WITH ANYBODYS EFFORTS, THIS STUPIDITY OF YOUR MUDSLINGING ANSWERS IS UNEXPECTED.
I WAS IN CHARGE OF YOUR OFFICE AND I CAN PROVE IT.
OF COURSE, ON THAT SLEET SUNDAY MORNING IN TALIESIN, WHEN YOU ASKED ME TO TAKE "CHARGE OF THE WORK", YOU STILL REMEMBERED, HOW I HAD JUST SAVED YOU FROM MAKING A FOOL OF YOURSELF, BY PREVENTING YOU FROM LEAVING FOR JAPAN WITH AN ABSOLUTELY WORTHLESS SET OF CONCEPTIONS AND PLANS FOR THE "IMPERIAL HOTEL", A SET WHICH REPRESENTED A WHOLE YEARS WORK OF YOUR OFFICE UNDER YOUR INNOCENT SUPERVISION, EXECUTED BEFORE MY ARRIVAL.

AFTER YOUR DEPARTURE, I CARRIED ON THE WORK, YOU WILL FIND IN YOUR FILES THE COPIES OF COUNTLESS LETTERS WHICH I WROTE AND SIGNED IN YOUR NAME. YOU WILL FIND THAT WE EXECUTED THE FOLLOWING PLANS IN YOUR NAME:

- A RESIDENCE FOR MR. SHAMPAN
- A CIVIC CENTER FOR WENATCHEE
- AN ALTERATION IN ONE OF YOUR OAKPARK JOBS.
- AN ALTERATION FOR MR. HARDY IN WISCONSIN.
- AN ACTORS APARTMENT FOR OLIVE HILL.
- A WORKING MANS COLONY FOR MR. HARDY
- A RESIDENCE FOR EVANSTON.

ALL THESE PROJECTS WERE STARTED AFTER YOUR DEPARTURE AND DRAWN WITHOUT YOUR PRESENCE AND HELP. THEY WERE GIVEN OUT SIGNED WITH YOUR NAME. YOU WERE INFORMED OF ALL THIS WORK BY LETTERS AND BLUEPRINTS I SENT TO JAPAN. YOU ACCEPTED IT AND PAID FOR IT (AS LITTLE AS YOU COULD) YOU OFFICIALLY IDENTIFIED YOURSELF WITH IT BY INCLUDING MY SCHEME AND DRAWING FOR MR. HARDY'S WORKING MAN'S COLONY UNRETOUCHED IN YOUR PERSONAL EXHIBIT, AS YOUR OWN. I SAW IT MYSELF IN THE ROOMS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE IN N.Y.C. LAST SUMMER.

FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT

THE SAVAGE INTENSITY, WITH WHICH YOU REPUDIATE ALL SUGGESTION THAT SOMEBODY MIGHT EVER HAVE BEEN OF USE TO YOU PROOVES YOUR DEBT. EVEN THE ALLMIGHTY SEEMS IN NEED OF SOME ANGELS OR SAINTS AT TIMES. ONLY YOU KEEP QUIET WHEN ALL CREDIT FOR THE EARTH QUAKE RESISTANCE OF THE IMPERIAL HOTEL IS GIVEN TO YOU PERSONALLY, WHEREAS THE STRUCTURAL FEATURES WHICH HOLD IT TOGETHER WERE ~~SEE~~ INCORPORATED ^{ONLY} AFTER OVERCOMING YOUR STRENGTH'S RESISTANCE.

SHOULD NOT YOUR CONSTANT YAPPING FOR LOYALTY REMIND YOU SOMETIME THAT YOU TOO COULD EXTEND A LITTLE OF THAT LOYALTY TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED FAITHFULLY FOR YOU, AND STOOD FOR YOU AT A TIME THAN THE ASSOCIATION WITH YOU MENT FINANCIAL WORRY, AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND ARCHITECTURAL TABU.

YOUR ARCHITECTURAL VIRTUOSITY DOES NOT PROVE YOUR PERSONAL CHARACTER. YOUR LETTER IS A FAIR EXHIBITION OF THE DEFICIENCIES IN YOU WHICH TURNS ALL YOUR STRUCTURES INTO POISON FLOWERS, WITH STRIFE AND MISERY AS THEIR BACK GROUND.

DURING ALL MY TIME WITH YOU I HAVE NEVER HEARD YOU APPROVE OF ANYBODY BUT YOURSELF. MISSTRUST FILLS YOU TO THE BRIM. THE BELITTLING OF OTHERS, SEEMS FOR SOME QUEER REASON A NECESSARY PROP TO YOUR SELF CONFIDENCE. THE "SUBJECTIVITY" OF YOUR MEMORY BRINGS YOU INTO CONSTANT DANGER OF BECOMING A LIAR. I DID NOT EXPECT THAT MY DEVOTION TO YOUR WORK WOULD MEET WITH ANY APPRECIATION FROM YOUR PART. BUT IF ANY SENSE FOR FAIR PLAY IS LEFT IN YOU, THE FACTS STATED ABOVE SHOULD FORCE YOU INTO AN APOLOGY.

Polychrome

Figure 12: Primary Documents related to
Aline Barnsdall and Barnsdall Park
(Image credits: John Anson Ford Collection
at the Huntington Library, San Marino, California)

December 2, 1935.

Miss Arline Barnsdall,
c/o Harry F. Booth, Atty., — *Nov 1930 (Hi 1131)*
1042 Subway Terminal Bldg.,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Miss Barnsdall:

I am sending you herewith a beautiful colored print which is closely related to a dream that has been in my mind for some two years past in connection with Barnsdall Park. Almost every morning on my way to the office I walk past or through lovely Barnsdall Park and bless your name for the generosity that has made this gift possible.

As a public official interested in the great liberal movement that is stirring the minds of people in this city, county and nation, as well as the world at large, I have been deeply impressed with your outspoken defense of certain great causes.

I wonder if I can adequately picture to you the tremendous added power which could be given your advocacy of peace?

Your magnificently located square could be made an unmatched center for peace by the erection of a beautiful "Peace Tower", perhaps not like the one Edward Bok erected in Florida and as shown in the accompanying illustration, but nevertheless beautiful, magnificent and lasting.

It occurs to me that no finer place for erecting such a tower could be found than on the western end or southern slope of your olive clad hill. What lasting, fascinating and constructive lessons in behalf of world peace could be set up in such a tower with or without adjoining additional display rooms for all types of exhibitions and pictures dealing with the beauty and heroism of peace!

If such a tower and its exhibits were maladroitly labeled as "against war" some short-thinking city father might take exception to it, but certainly a constructive pro-peace memorial to the Barnsdall name would be eagerly accepted by the people and their official representatives.

I cannot tell you how much Barnsdall Park means to me, and if it is weaving its benign influence into my life it must be doing the same for many, many others. But a great central tower or monument would attract added tens of thousands to this unique place of beauty. Here I have walked while the sun was setting in the west, to find some comfort when stricken with bereavement. Here, dear ones have walked side by side with me to hear the laughter of children upon the lawn, and to find spiritual restoration. In the recreation house scores

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Of course, down in my heart I am hoping that some day you will be in a position to make the whole square available for park purposes. It will be a source of blessing to a vast region comparable only to Griffith Park itself, which, of course, serves an entirely different need.

I should add that the dream of a "Peace Tower" did not originate with me but with my beloved father at eighty-six, clear in mind and well in body he seems to dwell somewhat in a different realm, thinking on the eternal things of life and yet very much in touch with human activities all about him. How his artist soul would rejoice if he were to learn that his dream and his vision of a beautiful and powerful appeal for peace would be actually realized on or near the summit of Barnsdall Park which he loves as much as I do!

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN ANSON FORD

JAF:VR

July 6, 1936.

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Ms. 1930

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MISS BARNSDALL

#2

July 6, 1936.

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Very sincerely yours,

JOHN ANSON FORD.

JAF:CM

Box 153, Lake Arrowhead,
Calif.
July 19, 1936

Mr John Anson Ford,
Room 501, Hall of Records
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr Ford;

In reply to your letter of July sixth; I am glad that you enjoy Barnsdall Park and when I gave it to the City I thought of it as a center where the principles of peace and a liberal movement would have place, in my bitter disappointment, however, at the treatment I have received from the City, at the unscrupulous way in which my generous impulses were taken advantage of I learned that in Los Angeles, at least, there was no room nor appreciation for my aims and desires for Barnsdall Park, so I have no intention ever of giving anything more to the City of Los Angeles,

Yours sincerely,

Aline Barnsdall,
by *G. L. Lang* Sec.

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July 28, 1937.

Miss Aline Barnsdall,
Box 155, Lake Arrowhead,
California.

In Europe

Dear Miss Barnsdall:

This morning as I walked through Barnsdall Park, it occurred to me that you have associated your name with the most worth while things in life. Streaming down through the tree tops were shafts of brilliant sunshine which warmed my whole being with a sense of peace and quiet. Struck by the same sunshine, the grass by my side glistened with the morning dew, flowers gave off a lovely aroma and birds chirped. Other folks may align themselves with business enterprises, with great engineering feats, with scientific achievements - all most desirable and necessary - but I realized this morning that you, through the sunshine, the birds, trees and flowers, had aligned yourself with the cause of humanity and justice.

To me, Miss Barnsdall, this is the true, the real significance of Barnsdall Park and I am sure it has struck others in the same way. And I am equally sure that everyone it has struck has been helped thereby, just as I have been helped - helped spiritually, internally and in a way that encourages men and women to fight for more decent things than they may have fought for in the past. I want to thank you, humbly and sincerely, for this.

Some things adjacent to the park I believe should be given your earnest consideration. For instance, I have noticed of late a distressing accumulation of trash, cans and rubbish on the uncultivated slopes below the park. These mar the beauty of the hill; not only do they mar the park's loveliness but they adversely affect an increasing number of nearby residents.

Cannot something be done regarding this, Miss Barnsdall? The most effective approach to the problem certainly would be to make the entire block a parksite - or at least one or two frontages. Such a step on your part would insure for all time a complete picture of loveliness, beauty and encouragement to thousands whose lives desperately need just that. I still hope that you will memorialize your name and your father's, by erecting a Peace Tower on this hill to draw men and women from far and near to it.

This morning as I ^{walked} walked through Barnsdall Park
Aline Barnsdall #2 July 28, 1937.

In making this suggestion I am not unmindful of your feeling that your previous generosity along these lines has not been appreciated and that this attitude on the part of others who have not achieved your level of unself-thinking, has caused you keep anguish. I can understand your feelings in this respect. As a public official I have experienced a degree of the same kind of treatment.

It is because I have experienced a small measure of official boorishness that I am now urging that you think instead of the countless thousands who we benefit. After all, they, not any officials temporarily in office, must be the ones considered.

May I revert again to that hobby of mine relative to the Peace Tower in the park? Such a tower would be more than a monument; it would be an incentive to right-thinking about peace. I think you will agree with me that war exists in the world today because of public ignorance. If more people understood that war is utterly needless, that the appeals for its indulgence in the name of patriotism are but so much sham in order to gratify the greed of a selfish few, there would be greater resistance to war, greater efforts in behalf of peace. The sight of such a tower as I mention would help people to think and to reason on this subject and that would be about the most effective thing that could be done in this respect.

May I have your thoughtful reaction to my ideas along these lines?

With best wishes and deepest appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

JOHN ANSON FORD.

JAF:CM

August 18, 1937.

Mr. George Hjelte, Supt.,
Parks Department,
City Hall,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Hjelte:

I am writing you with reference to
a tablet installed in the entrance
to Barnsdall Park, just off the
Sunset Boulevard and Vermont corner.

The tablet is placed in the middle
of the driveway and the inscription
is to the effect that "it is the
private property of Aline Barnsdall".

I am under the impression that
Barnsdall Park is public property.
Can you advise me the significance
of this tablet and what its legal
intent is?

I shall appreciate any information you
can give me.

Sincerely,

JOHN ANSON FORD.

JAF:CM

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SUPERINTENDENT

MICHIGAN 2211

CHAS. S. LAMB
SECRETARY

August 20th 1937

Mr. John Anson Ford,
Supervisor, Third District
Hall of Records
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Ford:-

Responding to your letter of August 18th with reference to a tablet installed in the entrance to Barnsdall Park, just off the Sunset Boulevard and Vermont corner, we beg to advise that at present there are certain portions of the Barnsdall property that are under the jurisdiction of the Park Department and other areas under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department. However, there is a file now under consideration wherein Miss Barnsdall seeks to quiet title to certain areas and roads within the area bounded by Vermont, Sunset and Hollywood Boulevard. This is now under consideration by the City Attorney's Office. If more definite information is desired kindly address the City Attorney in the matter.

Thanking you for your valued interest and consideration, we beg to remain,

Yours truly,



Secretary

CSL:L

August 24, 1937.

Mr. Ray L. Chesebro,
City Attorney,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Chesebro:

I am writing you with reference to a tablet installed in the entrance to Barnsdall Park, just off the Sunset Boulevard and Vermont corner.

The tablet is placed in the middle of the driveway and the inscription is to the effect that "it is the private property of Aline Barnsdall".

I am under the impression that Barnsdall Park is public property. Can you advise me the significance of this tablet and what its legal intent is?

I shall appreciate any information you can give me.

Sincerely,

JOHN ANSON FORD.

JAF:CM

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September 2, 1937.

Mr. John Anson Ford
Supervisor, Third District
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I have your letter of August 24, respecting a tablet placed in the middle of the roadway at the entrance to Barnsdall Park, and asking the significance thereof. I assume that the tablet you refer to is the one placed between Barnsdall Park at the top of the hill, and at the entrance from Hollywood and Sunset Boulevards.

Barnsdall Park was acquired in 1926 and it is substantially a rectangular piece of land at the top of Olive Hill. Owing to the topography of the land the entrance herein referred to is the only means of ingress and egress to Barnsdall Park. Our Department learned in May that this sign was placed at the entrance to the Park near the corner of Hollywood and Vermont Avenue, which in fact reads as follows:

"Private property. Permission to pass
over revocable at any time. Aline Barnsdall."

We have advised the Park Department that this entrance has become a public road or thoroughfare by implied dedication, and furthermore that the City can claim an easement by necessity over the private property of said Aline Barnsdall for the purpose of ingress and egress to Barnsdall Park, owned by the City. Upon either premise we can assume the City's rights.

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Cordially yours

Ray L. Cheesebro
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

225 CITY HALL
MICHIGAN 5211

March 23, 1938

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SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. John Anson Ford,
Supervisor, Third District,
County of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Ford:

Your suggestion regarding the improvement of the condition of palms on the south side of Barnsdall Park has been referred to Mr. Roewekamp, head of our Forestry Division, for attention.

I appreciate a great deal your thoughtfulness in bringing this to my attention, as well as your interest in the matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Mabel V. Socha

President
Board of Park Commissioners.

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January 17, 1944

I would like to call your attention to two vacant houses on Olive Hill, both built by Frank Lloyd Wright, about twenty years ago.

The larger one is in the center of Barnsdall Park and was used by the Art Club of Southern California until a year ago, when for some reason it was condemned by the city, but the Architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, tells me it can be put into condition for use with small expenditure of money and his free services.

It would be ideal as a home for the rehabilitation of discharged soldiers, as sleeping quarters of blocked glass can be built in semi-circle garden attached to sleeping quarters on one wing and to kitchen quarters on the other wing, while the remainder of the house might be used for staff and work rooms.

This house is controlled by the Park Department of the City of Los Angeles and was restricted to uses of art, but I who made these restrictions cannot see that they would be in any way broken if used by discharged soldiers for arts, crafts or painting in returning to them what was suspended during their draft period.

The second house could be made into an annex to house the men working in the large house.

I offer this as a suggestion so that these houses may not be wasted at this critical time.

*Here is some thing I am
interested in. Do you
know any body who
could be interested
enough of for each government
representations here?*

Sincerely,

Aline Barnsdall

4-19-44

Barnsdall, Aline

Proposed use on houses on Olive Hill for
rehabilitation of discharged soldiers.

See Isabel Morse Jones

See Messages 9-18-44

Monday
9-18-44

4-19-44

Barnsdall property on Olive Hill about
acquired

Her taxes, including land and building,
\$12,335.46

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Assessed value:

November 2, 1945

\$45,500	3.2 acres, Hollywood Blvd.
175,200	18.96 acres, Vermont & Sunset
10,050	1.65 acres, Edgemont
5,670	building facing Edgemont
<u>236,420</u>	

Park on top:
land
building

11 acres
Miss Aline Barnsdall
c/o Mr. Harry F. Booth
1042 Subway Terminal Bldg.
417 S. Hill St.
Los Angeles 13, California

*Box 9622
Los Feliz Station
L.A. 27
9/24/47
Rm. 217
602 S. Hill St.*

Dear Miss Barnsdall:

Every day I pass Olive Hill and am reminded of your generous contribution to the public good through the park on the top of the hill, which is such a beautiful memorial to your father.

Your roadside sign invites citizens in the neighborhood, of which I am one, to join with you in forming a committee to promote the use and program of Barnsdall Park. May I say that I will be glad to serve on such a committee. I am sure there are many things of a useful, constructive character which can be furthered by such an effort under your leadership.

Sincerely,

JOHN ANSON FORD

JAF:CP

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JAN 3 1947

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

ALINE BARNSDALL

I, ALINE BARNSDALL, of the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, being of sound and disposing mind and memory and not acting under undue influence, duress, menace or fraud, do hereby make, publish and declare my Last Will and Testament in the following manner, to wit:

FIRST: I hereby revoke any and all wills and codicils by me at any time previously made.

SECOND: I have one child, ALINE ELIZABETH DEVINE.

THIRD: I give, devise and bequeath all of my paintings of which I may die possessed unto my grandson, DAVID DEVINE. I direct that said paintings not be sold until my said grandson shall have reached the age of twenty-five (25) years, except and unless there is insufficient other money or property available for the care and upbringing of said legatee, in which event such of said paintings as may be absolutely required in order to properly maintain and educate said grandson may be sold in the discretion of his legal representative.

FOURTH: I give, devise and bequeath all of my books of which I may die possessed unto my grandson, MICHAEL DEVINE.

FIFTH: I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, ALINE ELIZABETH DEVINE, my only child, all of the jewels and jewelry of which I may die possessed.

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SIXTH: I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, ALINE ELIZABETH DEVINE, the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00,) in trust, to hold for the following purposes: To pay the wages and all expenses in connection with the care of all dogs I may own. I leave to my said trustee's discretion the choice of an employee to care for said dogs and I request and direct that they be maintained in comfort until the last of said dogs shall have died. Upon the decease of said final dog I direct that the remainder of the funds held by my trustee from the aforesaid sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars be paid over unto my residuary legatee hereinafter set forth.

SEVENTH: I give, devise and bequeath the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars, each, to my grandsons, DAVID DEVINE and MICHAEL DEVINE. I direct my Executrix to petition the court for a partial distribution of this estate so as to cause the foregoing cash legacy distributed to each of said grandsons as soon as is legally possible after my will is offered for probate.

EIGHTH: I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, ALINE ELIZABETH DEVINE, the sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars. I direct my Executrix to petition the court for a partial distribution of my estate so as to permit the payment of said sum of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars to said legatee as soon after my death as is legally possible.

NINTH: My said daughter, ALINE ELIZABETH DEVINE, Having for some period of time been the recipient of a monthly allowance from me, I declare that she is a dependent, and I request and direct my Executrix to make application to the court in which probate of my will is pending for a family

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allowance so as to permit my said daughter to receive the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars per month from my estate as a family allowance from the date of my death until said estate is closed.

TENTH: I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, ALINE ELIZABETH DEVINE, one-half of all of my property and estate, real, personal or mixed, and wheresoever situate.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter, ALINE ELIZABETH DEVINE, one-half of all my property and estate, real, personal or mixed, and wheresoever situate, to hold in trust for my grandsons until such time as said grandsons shall reach the age of twenty-one(21) years. On the date when each said grandson reaches the age of twenty-one (21) years he shall be entitled to receive from my said trustee one-half of the property herein bequeathed to him. Upon the date when each of my said grandsons reaches the age of twenty-five (25) years he shall be entitled to receive the balance of the bequest herein contained and shall receive from the trustee the balance of the properties held in the trust and the same shall thereupon terminate.

In connection with that certain real property known as the Olive Hill property, being the property bounded by Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood Boulevard, Vermont Avenue and Edgemont Street, in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, I direct that the person or persons receiving distribution of said property file an agreement with the court prior to distribution whereby said person or persons agree not to sell said real property for a sum less than Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars at any time within

fifteen (15) years from the date of my death. I declare that I have owned and maintained said property for many years and I desire to see that the same is preserved and not sold below cost. I further direct that when distribution of my estate is made that the foregoing condition be contained in the decrees of distribution so as to make impossible the sale or disposal of the real property in question at any time within fifteen years from the date of my death except for a figure of not less than Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars.

ELEVENTH: I appoint as Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, my daughter, ALINE ELIZABETH DEVINE, to serve without bond, and to sell, mortgage, lease or encumber the whole or any part of my estate, and to sell, lease or encumber, with or without notice, subject to such confirmation as is or might be provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Los Angeles, California, this 16th day of May, 1944.

(Signed) ALINE BARNSDALL - Testatrix

The foregoing instrument, consisting of four (4) pages, including this page, was on the date thereof by ALINE BARNSDALL, Testatrix, signed by her in our presence and in the presence of each of us, and at said time, said instrument was published and declared by said Testatrix to be her Last Will and Testament, and at her request, and in the presence of each other, we have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

R. S. BUTTS Residing at 4035 Ventura Canyon Ave.,
Sherman Oaks, Calif.

LUCILLE McDONALD Residing at 1817 N. Ivar
Hollywood 28, Cal.

See codicil dated 9/26/45.

(Sgd) Aline Barnsdall

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C O D I C I L

I, ALINE BARNSDALL, of Los Angeles, California, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, and not acting under duress, menace, fraud, or the undue influence of any person whomsoever, do make, publish and declare this a Codicil to my Last Will and Testament of date May 16, 1944, and I do hereby re-affirm and re-publish said Last Will and Testament as modified by this Codicil.

I hereby revoke that portion of my said Will commencing on page three with the words "In connection with that certain real property known as the Olive Hill property, . . ." and ending on page four with the words "for a figure of not less than Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars." and in lieu thereof, and notwithstanding anything contrary thereto in any other Will or Codicil I may have made, I hereby make the following provision:

"In connection with that certain real property known as the Olive Hill property, being the property bounded by Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood Boulevard, Vermont Avenue and Edgemont Street, in the City of Los Angeles, State of California, any decree of distribution distributing the same hereunder shall contain the conditions that said real property shall not be sold within ten years from the date of my death and if sold between the tenth year and the fifteenth year from the date of my death, that the sale price for the same shall be not less than Two Million (\$2,000,000.00) Dollars."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of September, 1945.

(Signed) ALINE BARNSDALL

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patron, dies**



ALINE BARNSDALL

Date News 12/19/46
Champion of causes
Aline Barnsdall, millionaire art
patron and angel to the underdog,
died yesterday at her home, 1610
N. Edgemont Ave.

Miss Barnsdall, who was in her
late fifties, was believed to have
died of a heart attack.

Some remember the wealthy oil
heirress as a fervent champion of
extreme causes which she sprin-
kled liberally with money and
outspoken words.

Others remember her impartial
subsidization of struggling or just
climbing young artists who needed
a roof and food or sustenance for
their canvases or typewriters.

Still others remember her as a
haphazardly dressed eccentric.

The Los Angeles County Muse-
um is crammed with nuggets of
the French impressionist period
bequeathed by Miss Barnsdall.

With part of the fortune she in-
herited from her father, T. N.
Barnsdall of the Barnsdall Oil Co.,
she bought the valuable area at
Vermont Ave. and Sunset Blvd.
which she planted with olive trees
and named Olive Hill.

In 1926 she deeded the hill to
the city as an art center along
with the famous Hollyhock House,
architect Frank Lloyd Wright's
first California commission.

On that property now is the
Barnsdall Art and Crafts Center,
part of the Department of Play-
grounds and Recreation.

Miss Barnsdall contributed
heavily to the Upton Sinclair cam-
paign in 1934 and also added siz-
able financial support to the Tom
Mooney case.

Surrounding the Vermont and
Sunset property were her bill-
board blasts at world affairs in
general and capitalism in par-
ticular.

Funeral rites were to be ar-
ranged today by relatives at
Pierce Brothers Hollywood Mor-
tuary.

Land Value
\$2,500,000 Y-

Citizen News 12/21/46

Besides the \$200,000 art collection on loan to the Los Angeles County Museum, Aline Barnsdall, eccentric 62-year-old oil heiress who died Wednesday of coronary thrombosis which caused heart rupture, left 26 acres surrounding Olive Hill valued at upward of \$2,500,000.

Private services were conducted before noon at Pierce Bros. Hollywood Mortuary. Attending, it is believed, were Miss Barnsdall's daughter, Aline Elizabeth Devine; a sister, Mrs. Francis Law, her attorney, Robert S. Butts, and Edmund R. Teske, an artist whom she befriended, and in whose name the phone at the Barnsdall home, 1610 N. Edgemont Ave. was listed.

Daughter of the late Theodore Barnsdall, pioneer oilman, Miss Barnsdall deeded a parcel of approximately 10 acres on Olive Hill as a Christmas gift to the city just 20 years ago, naming it Barnsdall Park. At that time the parcel was valued at \$1,000,000.

Valuable Property

In the realty boom of the 20's, according to Corley Wagner, Los Angeles Realty Board secretary, \$4,000,000 had been offered for the entire 36 acres.

When Miss Barnsdall deeded the 10 acres to the city to be used as a public art center and park, she stipulated that taxes on the property she kept for herself would be canceled. When the city wouldn't agree, she brought suit to cancel the gift but the court ruled against her.

As late as last year, Miss Barnsdall twice stood embattled on the park property, defying the law by erecting barricades. "The Battle of Barnsdall Park" took place March 7, ending in her capitulation to Park Dept. employees.

Hidden among trees atop Olive Hill is a spacious house built for her, after she had bought the property from her inheritance, by Frank Lloyd Wright, renowned architect. It is now used as an art museum. Miss Barnsdall lived in another house on the property Wright is also said to have built.

Some 20 years ago Miss Barnsdall resumed her maiden name after her divorce from the late Roy George of Pennsylvania. Following services today, her body will be placed in Hollywood Cemetery Receiving Vault and later shipped to Titusville, Pa.

City - Misc Dept
Rec. in Parks

Alice Barnsdall
Hon

September 19, 1955

The Honorable Norris Poulson
Mayor of the City of Los Angeles
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Norrie:

This morning I had a telephone call from a fellow alumni of Beloit College, Joe Rice, who at my suggestion visited Barnsdall Park while looking for a banquet place for the Beloit College Alumni in November, at which time the new president of the college will be our guest of honor. Mr. Rice was completely bowled over by the beauty of the Barnsdall residence and its marvelous facilities which are available for a group such as ours. He said he had no idea there was anything comparable to this in the entire region.

His enthusiasm and my own concern for the maximum utilization of this wonderful public facility (made possible in part because Mrs. Murray invested a quarter of a million dollars to rehabilitate and refurnish it) prompts me to write you this letter as a Los Angeles citizen and one who has repeatedly enjoyed the facilities that have been made available for the last ten or fifteen years.

The special purpose of my letter is to express the hope that the Frank Lloyd Wright residence now so beautifully furnished may continue to be made available for the many civic and cultural non-profit organizations which have found it an invaluable haven in the past. From my personal experience I could recite a considerable list of societies and associations which have been blessed by this delightful publicly-owned meeting place.

I am reinforced in my feeling that the use of this beautiful residence should continue along these public service lines partly because of my experience with Fiesta Hall in Plummer Park. Even though I shared in initiating Fiesta Hall (Cost \$370,000) I scarcely realized the many non-profit civic and cultural groups that were eagerly waiting for such an attractive meeting place. Today something like forty such groups assemble there regularly and the whole cultural life of Los Angeles is benefited thereby.

Amid some lovely surroundings and in a more accessible location the Frank Lloyd Wright residence has been rendering a similar service. I hope you will appreciate the spirit in which I am writing, my desire only being to be helpful.

May I add this word: Mr. Edward Smith, the present caretaker, a cultured

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and exceedingly versatile man, colored, has done an outstanding job of housekeeping, maintenance and catering. He does not know that I am writing you, but I hope that the outstanding merit of his versatile service may be recognized in the future.

Very sincerely,

JOHN ANSON FORD

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NORRIS POULSON
MAYOR

DEPARTMENT OF
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308 CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES 12
MICHIGAN 5211
GEO. HJELTE
GENERAL MANAGER

October 6, 1955

Hon. John Anson Ford
Supervisor, Third District
County Board of Supervisors
501 Hall of Records
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Mr. Ford:

Mayor Poulson referred to the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners your communication expressing concern that the building in Barnsdall Park, operated by the Olive Hill Foundation, shall continue to be available to civic and other organizations for meetings and other events of civic importance. The Board wished me to advise you that it is thoroughly in accord with your wish and has been assured by the Art Commission that their proposed plan of operation would accommodate such events quite in the same manner as heretofore.

I believe you know that the Olive Hill Foundation lease will expire on January 17, 1956. When this lease was executed the building had been vacant for several years. The city had no art program to place in the building pursuant to the grant deed from Aline Barnsdall in 1926, which provided as follows: The building "shall be used exclusively for art purposes, and any building or new house erected in place of said home shall be used exclusively for art purposes, and this covenant and condition shall be perpetual."

Accordingly, the former Park Commission in 1946 welcomed the application of the Olive Hill Foundation. Now, however, the city has a program which is carried on under the direction of the Art Commission, and arrangements have been made to budget the work that the Art Commission intends to undertake in this building after January 17, 1956 if their application for permit to occupy the building is approved by the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners has delayed action upon the application of the Art Commission for several weeks, and again set date for final disposition of the matter for Thursday, October 13, at 10 a.m. This they did so that all could have an opportunity to give expression to their views concerning the matter.

office staff meeting

(over)

Hon. John Anson Ford

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October 6, 1955

I should add that the Olive Hill Foundation has expressed an interest in having the lease renewed.

The Art Commission has furnished a memorandum setting forth the program they would foster and conduct if the building were placed in their jurisdiction. It would seem that whether the building is under the Art Commission or the Olive Hill Foundation, the service which you are interested in continuing will be assured. Would you care to express yourself further in the matter? I assure you the Board of Commissioners would be very happy to have you do so.

Sincerely yours,



George Hjelte
General Manager

GH:EP

P.S. The Art Commission informs me that they would hope to work out an agreement with Mr. Edward Smith in respect to catering for events at the center as heretofore.

G.H.

APPENDIX D

SELECTED *LOS ANGELES TIMES* ARTICLES

DONOR ADDS TO PRINCELY GIFT
Los Angeles Times (1938 Current File; Aug. 1, 1937; Photographs Historical Newspapers; Los Angeles Times (1937-1948) 7/2/37, p. 1.

DONOR ADDS TO PRINCELY GIFT

Miss Barnsdall Increases Endowment of City

Recreation and Culture for Children Provided

Art Theater Founding Also in Contemplation

As her second major gift to the city and its children in a period of less than eight months, Aline Barnsdall, art patron and philanthropist, will present to the city today another tract of park land adjoining the northeast edge of Barnsdall Park.

The new gift, a parcel of land some two acres in extent with an estimated value of \$500,000, is to be used in perpetuity for recreational, cultural and playground needs of the city's children. The tract, according to Edward E. Leighton, the donor's attorney, was prompted chiefly by the Barnsdall's desire to see a real recreational center for children developed in the city in which cultural and aesthetic values would be stressed.

ADDS TO BENEFACTION
She was also moved, Mr. Leighton said, by the fact that Barnsdall Park, the magnificent tract she presented to the city as a \$1,000,000 Christmas gift last year, offered no real place in which children could play. Consequently, she has decided to add the new tract on the northeast side of the park to her original gift with the provision that this be reserved solely for the use of the youngsters.

Included in this second gift from Miss Barnsdall is a \$50,000 endowment to be used as a recreational center for the children, according to the provisions of the gift. Also Miss Barnsdall has set aside a further sum of \$20,000 to be devoted to the instruction of children who frequent the playground in the artistic method of teaching music. The \$50,000 she has set aside to be returned in the end, is to be used in the employment of a competent instructor in this method of musical education for a period of ten years.

DALCROZE METHOD TOLD
Jacques Dalcroze of Geneva, Switzerland, developed the method of musical instruction to be taught under the terms of Miss Barnsdall's gift. It combined both dancing and music and at present is in general use on the Continent and is being introduced in the musical education of young folk.

Further, the deed as drawn under Miss Barnsdall's instructions reserves out of the new parcel of land as the recreational center for children and the west end for playground purposes. The whole is to be annexed to her original gift and to be known also as Barnsdall Park.

Under the terms of the deed no monuments or markers will be permitted on the tract and only buildings to provide housing for classes of children in modeling, dramatics, music and dancing are allowed. The residence and grounds, it is also provided, shall be used chiefly for these purposes.

MAY GIVE BUILDINGS
Activities of the children on the premises, it is provided, shall be under the supervision and control of the Park and Playground Department. Miss Barnsdall also reserves the right in the deed to erect an appropriate building in the park for the instruction, all this expense to be borne by herself but its management and supervision to be under control of the proper departments of the city.

In addition, Miss Barnsdall makes provision in the deed to make possible the erection of a community art theater, for the betterment of the community, on the southeast end of Barnsdall Park. Such a theater, according to Mr. Leighton, has long been in the mind of the founder as lender and patron and plans for its construction are progressing.

The theater, as at present contemplated, is to cost approximately \$200,000. It will be erected each year the presentation of plays and music, whose art expressions are being not only through music, dance, drama and literature, but also for an entire season the whole atmosphere would be Spanish, Norwegian, Russian, German or French as the case might be. Anyone seeing these production would not only be entertained, but would receive a liberal education.

The gift is to be presented formally to the City Park Department, which already has agreed to accept it. Later the City Council will accept it in grant in behalf of the city as a whole by passing a resolution dedicating the new tract to the purposes expressed by Miss Barnsdall in the deed.

CAFE DIBBLE TO OPEN
Ante's Cafe Dibble, formerly at Greenwich Village, will have its first opening Wednesday evening, Aug. 12. Agreco, proprietor, announced it today.

WOMAN REDOUBLES BENEFICE TO CITY



Aline Barnsdall

FUTURE BRIGHT FOR OLIVE HILL
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FUTURE BRIGHT FOR OLIVE HILL

Success of Barnsdall Center Regarded as Assured

Leaders in Work There Tell of Public's Interest

Results Point to Fulfillment of Founder's Hopes

A rosy future for Olive Hill as a sort of experiment station for encouragement of public culture now is assured, in the opinion of leaders of the art center, innovations being projected there. President Roscoe Shurder of the Board of Supervisors and Superintendent of the Municipal Playground Department have been carried by their original enthusiasm, they declare by success in the short



Aline Barnsdall

time that activities have been carried on in Barnsdall Park. Thousands of persons have participated in the various activities in the park since the first of the projects was begun. The visitors have ranged from artists of renown, scientists, note and capitalists of business to the plainest of laborers. The club has included playgrounds and have included women of many stations.

In fact, "come one, come all" was so much the underlying idea of Miss Aline Barnsdall, that she has estimated in her desire to extend its hoped-for benefits to everyone, that she strenuously objected even to the use of the word "culture" lest the public get an idea that there might be some snobbishness about it.

WIDE INTEREST SHOWN
Mrs. Florence Tidball, executive secretary of the club, has estimated that more than 6000 persons have participated in the art activities since the night of August 31, last, when the club formally took possession of the magnificent Barnsdall residence as its home.

Since that time the club's activities have included an open-house reception for all club members, a luncheon for lithographers and printers, luncheon for art teachers, a tea for high school teachers, a Spanish feature musicale, an East Indian musical exhibition, a series of talks, addresses by noted art collectors, anthropologists, American artists, experts, explorers, a Philharmonic Society reception, and innumerable small group meetings having to do with widely varied forms of cultural work.

In addition the club has given exhibitions of high ranking oil paintings, water colors, drawings, sculpture, photography and foreign posters, has encouraged advertising men to inspect the poster exhibit, has arranged for exhibits at the Los Angeles Museum, and the Friday Morning Club and otherwise extended its sphere of action considerably beyond its former comparatively limited field.

PLAYGROUND CENTER
In a Playground Center Building work is just getting well started. Children are to be given instruction there in dancing, modeling, music, woodwork and the Friday Morning Club will be given a self-motivated expression. One hundred and fifty already are enrolled. They range from the age of eight to 15. This activity was started two weeks ago. There are singing, dancing and other equipment of the kind for small children.

Miss Barnsdall is particularly interested in the child activity that is to be conducted at the place. She now is in Europe and is arranging to send her one of the best of European teachers of the Dalcroze system of training children along musical and rhythmic lines.

"Above all else," Miss Barnsdall has said to friends, "I wish Barnsdall Park to be a place where little children may be helped to be happy."

BANKS WILL AID WAR ON BANDITS
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BANKS WILL AID WAR ON BANDITS

Employees Being Trained to Catch Malefactors

Chief Heads Conference at Elysian Park Tomorrow

System to Be Used Backed by American Institute

It plans for a practical working system of cooperation between the police department and the various local banks, now under discussion, are completed tomorrow at a meeting to be conducted at the police pistol range in Elysian Park at which Chief Davis, the Police Commission and representatives of the banks and credit institutions of Los Angeles will be the most important city in the country for bank business.

More than 100 executive officers and managers of branch banks have signified their intention of attending the meeting, which will be held at the police department, announced yesterday. They will be headed by Chief Davis, who has planned a banquet and a program of instructive entertainment as a feature of the meeting.

SYSTEM TO BE USED
The purpose of the meeting, according to Chief Davis, is to lay before the representatives of the banks plans for a system of educational training which, through psychological and practical efforts, will serve to bring the utmost protection to the more than 1000 branch banks here within the activities of bank bandits, check forgers and forgers.

The system of education includes the training of certain employees of each bank in accurate use of the plain language and training in hand writing and identification work to all in apprehending check passers.

A special letter's case has been constructed as the pistol range for demonstration purposes and experts in police department will exhibit with practical illustrations, the methods of protection to be used.

HACKED BY INSECURITY
The movement for a system of self protection against bank bandits has been sponsored by the local chapter of the American Institute of Bankers, an organization devoted to the education of bankers, with a local membership of more than 2300, according to George Turill, assistant secretary of the First National Bank and president of the institute.

PLAYGROUND FETE TO BE GIVEN TODAY
Housewarming Even at Barnsdall Center Will Include Children's Play

Barnsdall municipal playground, recent gift to the children of the city and which has been improved by the Los Angeles Playground and Recreation Department, is to have a formal house-warming today, at which the public is invited to exhibit the children's work, painting, modeling and basket weaving, a musical program and witness a dramatic production of "The Girl of Meeks."

When Miss Aline Barnsdall presented the valuable site to the city the gift included a large formal reception that has been rounded off by a community purpose. The "little girls' playhouse" will be the scene of the St. Valentine's drama.

The house-warming will take place at the usual destination of the center will be open all afternoon and evening.

JOE WHEELER WILL FOUND
An estate estimated to be worth \$175,000 was left by Joe Wheeler, who died the last week of the year, according to a petition for letters administration filed yesterday by his husband, J. W. Barnsdall. No will was found. The heirs are his wife and a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Barnsdall, 1208 Harper street, according to the petition.

BRIDESMAID-TO-BE ENDS LONG JOURNEY



Miss Gertrude Smith

A 3500-mile ocean voyage to attend the wedding and act as bridesmaid of a school chum has been made by Miss Gertrude Smith, daughter of a wealthy and socially prominent family of East Orange, N. J., who arrived yesterday morning aboard the Panama Mail liner Vesta.

The bride-to-be is Miss Mrs. Frank Arroy, widely known in South sea California business and recreation circles.

Telegram was received by Mrs. Smith from Miss Arroy requesting that she return by way of the California Post-haul to serve as bridesmaid at the wedding to be celebrated in Los Angeles within the month.

SANTA FE TO START FAST RUN SUNDAY
Almost Two Hours to be Cut from Chief Schedule Other Changes Ready

Commencing Sunday, March 4, new time schedule affecting overland trains will be inaugurated by Santa Fe, according to an announcement last night by James B. Duff, general passenger agent. The Chief extra-fast train, will make the eastbound trip to Chicago in 64 1/2 hours and a quarter hour, clipping an hour and forty-five minutes from the present running time. There will be no change in time westbound. The Chief will leave Los Angeles at 9 p. m., arriving in Chicago at 9:15 a. m., carrying sleepers for Miss Apple and St. Louis and reaching Chicago at 11 a. m. Returning train will leave Chicago at 9 p. m. reaching Los Angeles at 9 p. m.

The regular California Limited will leave Los Angeles at 11 a. m. on the new time, arriving at Chicago at 10:30 a. m. The Missouri will leave Los Angeles at 7:25 p. m., instead of 8 p. m., arriving in Chicago at 8:15 p. m., carrying sleeping sleepers for Texas points and New Orleans.

The Santa Fe Eight will leave Los Angeles at 10:15 p. m., reaching Kansas City at 6:25 a. m. and "The Elroy Cross" at Forest playground, 2 p. m., and "St. V" at other points. The Santa Fe 6 will be given commencing Washington Birthday.

EXCHANGE CLUB MEETS TODAY
Dr. Cyrus V. Odette, secretary of the American Exchange Club, according to a petition for letters administration filed yesterday by his husband, J. W. Barnsdall, No will was found. The heirs are his wife and a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Barnsdall, 1208 Harper street, according to the petition.

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JOB-BOND POLL NOTICES READY

Sample Ballots to Be Mailed
to Voters Next Friday

Three Measures Provide for
\$5,000,000 Outlay

Playground Board Discloses
Details of Its Plans

City Clerk Dominguez on Friday will start sending out sample ballots to the voters for the special \$5,000,000 unemployment relief bond election of March 3. Approximately 477,000 of the ballots are to be mailed, he said.

The text of the three measures, which provide, respectively, \$3,000,000 for streets, \$1,000,000 for park development and \$1,000,000 for playground development, has been approved by the city's legal department.

FIRST PROPOSITION

The first proposition reads: "Shall the city of Los Angeles incur a bonded debt in the sum of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, completing and maintaining certain municipal improvements, to-wit: The construction, reconstruction, completion and maintenance of a single system of major highways and boulevards and related or connecting streets, roadways and drives throughout the various sections of said city, including all work incidental and necessary thereto?"

The second: "Shall the city of Los Angeles incur a bonded debt in the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and completing certain municipal improvements in connection with the development of a system of public parks of said city, to-wit: the acquisition, construction and completion of structures, equipment, lawns, trees, shrubbery, roads and roadways, drives and facilities for the public parks of said city?"

ANOTHER QUESTION

The third: "Shall the city of Los Angeles incur a bonded debt in the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and completing certain municipal improvements in connection with the development of a system of playgrounds of said city, to-wit: The acquisition, construction and completion of tennis courts, swimming pools, structures, equipment and recreational facilities for the public playgrounds of said city, including the grading, irrigation and landscaping of the same?"

Unanimous endorsement of the unemployment relief bonds was expressed yesterday by the Executive Board of the United Church Brotherhood. The board is composed of representatives from virtually every denomination of protestant churches in Los Angeles. George Hooper is president.

A campaign organization perfected Saturday, presented a report to Mayor Foster saying that every branch of the city government is co-operating in the campaign.

Details of playground improvements planned by the Playground and Recreation Commission from its allotment of \$1,000,000 of the bonds have been announced by the commission.

They include a new fence, sprinkler system and painting of buildings at Arroyo Seco playground, construction of a pergola and landscaping at Banning playground and extension of the present Barnsdall building as a community house for girls and women at Barnsdall playground, providing a gymnasium-auditorium and inclosed swimming-pool and dressing-rooms. Adjacent to the building a little lattice play-house is to be constructed.

The unimproved site of the Cedric G. Smith playground will be landscaped and a sprinkler system installed and a community house constructed to seat 200 and for small party groups. Improvement of the Benedict playground site calls for a community house, play equipment, landscaping and fencing.

TWO-STORY BUILDING

Improvement of the additional land purchased some years ago for the central playground is to include a two-story brick recreation building for children, with gymnasium, showers, clubroom and kitchen. Completing enlargement of the Compton playground on additional property held by the department is contemplated.

The Downey pool is to be heated and an industrial center provided, with a large gymnasium and facilities for night baseball. The Echo playground is to be revamped and improved with a concrete retaining wall, four tennis courts, a lighted soft-ball diamond and new children's playground. The twelve-acre El Sereno site is to have a pool, combination bathhouse and community house.

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Clarion Call Sounded for City Clean-up

"Come out into the garden," is the clarion call today of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce. For today is back-yard day in the week's clean-up and paint-up campaign.

Every resident of the city, whether renter or owner, is urged to look critically at his back yard today. If it is spick and span, he has much to be thankful for. If it isn't, the junior chamber hopes that he will roll up his sleeves and make it so.

After the rubbish has been cleared away, the committee suggests that a garden be planted or a bit of lawn, with a row of flowers. After these improvements have been brought about, the sponsors hope for permanence.

PENWOMEN TO HEAR NOTED HARPOLGIST

Members of the League of American Penwomen will meet for luncheon in the Mary Helen Tea Room, 8534 Sunset Boulevard, Tuesday, May 8 at 12:30 p.m. Mae Shuman Enderly, harpologist, will present several numbers. Speakers and guests to be present include Margaret Bourne, Mr. Clark Greiz, Gabrielle Ravanill, Virginia Calhoun Mrs. William H. Anderson and Sallie Toler.

Children's Fete to Recall Days of Robin Hood

A scene depicting Robin Hood and his merry men as they were centuries ago in Sherwood Forest, England, is to be presented by children Saturday afternoon at the Queen Anne Playground in a May-day celebration. Archery and wrestling and dancing on the green by "English villagers" also will be features.

Celebrations also will be held at the Arroyo Seco, Barnsdall and Exposition Park playgrounds on Saturday afternoon.

The Barnsdall program is to be in the nature of a play, given by the children in the open-air theater, with music by the Barnsdall harmonica band, toy orchestra and ukulele club. At the Arroyo Seco Playground there will be a Maypole dance. At Exposition Park the "coming of spring on an English market day" will be featured.

PROTESTS TO BE HEARD

Protests against the opening and widening of Machado avenue from the north city boundary at S street in the Wilmington district to San Pedro Road will be heard by the City Council this morning.

Six years ago Mrs. Thomas Robinson of Oakland, Cal., was a stereographer. Now she is the manager of a \$1,000,000 retail tractor business.

Annexation to Be Submitted to View Park Vote

The petition filed by the residents of View Park Addition, located south of Adams street and west of Angeles Merit Drive, asking for annexation to Los Angeles was declared sufficient by the City Clerk yesterday and the City Council notified. The Council's next action will be to call a special election in the district to vote on the question of annexation.

France now has a woman, the first of her sex, engaged in airplane constructional engineering.

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munity building. Fencing children's playground and open air theater are included in the plans.

At Elysian playground an addition is to be built to the community building and the exterior lighted for night activities. At Evergreen the baseball diamond will be lighted for night play. At Exposition an official Olympic swimming stadium is planned, with seats for 10,000 persons and the funds will be used to pay for men working on the pool. Eight tennis courts also are to be constructed there.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

Other work planned provides for completing improvements at Fern-angeles playground and a swimming-pool and community house, eight additional tennis courts for Griffith playground, also night baseball facilities, a new field house and other equipment for Hazard playground, a wading-pool at Verdugo, and lights for tennis courts, a large swimming-pool and facilities for Manchester, five tennis courts for night play at North Hollywood, four tennis courts and clubhouse, fence and landscaping for Oakwood playground, replacement of the Pecan playground community building, a good-sized community building, six tennis courts and night play facilities for Folsomia, tennis-court lights at Queen Anne and Ross Snyder, a swimming-pool for Sawtelle playground, community building, play fields, two tennis courts, fencing and landscaping for Silver Lake, improvements to the Slauson play-fields, improvements and night play facilities for South Park, a shelter building and field house at Venice playground, children's large swimming-pool, pergolas, a fly-casting pool, two tennis courts and playground improvements at Verdugo, improvement of Whittier playgrounds, a bathhouse and completion of outdoor theater at Yosemite, bathhouse, community building, fences, sprinkler system and play areas at Reseda, eight tennis courts and field house at Hostetter, and additional facilities for Roscoe, with fencing, tennis courts and play areas.

NEW PLAN PROPOSED

Adequate bond issues for revenue-producing public utilities, as a substitute for the proposed \$5,000,000 issue are urged by the Municipal League in a communication to be placed before the City Council today. In the opinion of the league this is a most opportune time at which to submit and vote such bonds.

"The question of harbor bonds might require further study," reads the letter in part, "but no time need be lost in submitting a bond issue for the needed expansion of our electric power facilities. An amount of \$19,300,000 has already been approved for this purpose by engineers selected by the Chamber of Commerce."

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DONOR CABLES RECALL OF GIFT

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DONOR CABLES RECALL OF GIFT

Miss Barnsdall Apparently
Under Misapprehension

Playground Grant Mixed Up
With Park Lease

City Suspends Work Started
Pending Adjustment

Apparently believing that the gift of her home and grounds in Barnsdall Park to the Playground Department hinges on the city's acceptance of the gift-lease of acreage in the park to the Park Department, which has been declared illegal, Alene Barnsdall has cabled from Europe to stop the use of her home pending a settlement of the matter, it was revealed yesterday.

According to the Playground Department there is nothing in the grant deed by Miss Barnsdall, which has been accepted and recorded by the department, referring to the Barnsdall Park lease-agreement. The home and grounds, valued at \$160,000, compose an outright gift to be used for working women and girls, according to the Playground and Recreation Commission.

BUILDING UNCHANGED

A force of men is preparing the grounds for the construction of a swimming pool and tennis courts, but no changes have been started in the building. One of the strings in the deed of gift is that no changes in the structure shall be made without joint approval of the playground department and Miss Barnsdall's architect. The attitude of the Playground and Recreation Commission is to go slow on any changes, however, in case new complications arise as the result of the halt in the Park Board's deal with Miss Barnsdall.

That Miss Barnsdall has a misconception of what is contained in the deed of gift of her home was stated by park officials yesterday.

While she did not reply to a cable asking her to hold up the park deal pending a vote on it, her cable to stop the Playground Department from using her home indicates she received word that her deal with the Park Board had been declared illegal by City Attorney Werner.

AGREEMENT STANDS

In the meantime the Park Board's agreement, held illegal, still remains recorded and no action to rescind it has yet been undertaken. While the Council has been informed of the illegality the board holds that it has not been officially notified.

A large force of men put to work to improve the property named in the lease agreement has been called off the job, however.

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PAGEANT DRILL DUE TODAY

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PAGEANT DRILL DUE TODAY

School Children to Depict California as Outdoor Paradise During Christmastide

In preparation for a city-wide program of Yuletide events, municipal playground children in all sections of Los Angeles will begin rehearsals today at district recreation centers and at the City Hall.

The greatest event on the playground schedule will be the fourth annual community Christmas pageant to be given on the steps of the City Hall Saturday evening as the official civic celebration of the Yuletide.

A cast of 600 children, community choruses, and the Playground Symphony Orchestra will appear in this pageant, which portrays Southern California at Christmas time as an outdoor paradise of flowers and evergreens in contrast with the season of snow and ice prevalent elsewhere.

In addition to the Yule pageant the city Playground and Recreation Department is also preparing for a huge carol-singing program for Christmas Eve, another feature of the civic outdoor Yule program.

With the aid of schools, churches, playgrounds, libraries, parent-teacher groups, social agencies and other organizations, thousands of volunteers are being enlisted in an army of carolers who will sing the traditional ballads of the season on the city's streets Christmas Eve.

Besides these city-wide events, the recreation department has scheduled sixty-four children's Christmas plays for presentation at forty-one municipal playgrounds, according to the following schedule:

Wednesday—Arroyo Seco Playground and Yale Playground.

Thursday—Banning Playground and Exposition Playground.

Friday—Echo, El Sereno, Roscoe and West Los Angeles playgrounds.

Saturday—South Park, Terminal Island and State-street playgrounds.

Monday, the 21st inst.—Evergreen, Fern-
angelia, Lincoln Heights, Reseda, Ross
Borger, State-street and Watts play-
grounds.

Tuesday, the 22nd inst.—Barnsdall,
Downey, Evergreen, Exposition, Hazard,
Queen Anne, Stonehurst, Stauson, Venice,
Verdugo, Wabash, Whittier and Yosemite
playgrounds.

Wednesday, the 23rd inst.—Anderson
Memorial, Benedict, Central, Compton,
Elysian, Exposition, Griffith, Harvard,
Hazard, North Hollywood, Oakwood, Pecan,
Recreation Center, Silver Lake and Vine-
yard playgrounds.

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Playgrounds to Offer New Cultural Aids

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Playgrounds to Offer New Cultural Aids

To engage the leisure time of children and adults during the fall and winter months, municipal playgrounds will emphasize cultural pursuits, offering a wide variety of arts and crafts from which to choose, George Hjelle, superintendent of the Playground and Recreation Department announces.

Clay modeling, metal work, leather tooling, china painting, batik work, reed work, photo tinting, weaving and other handicraft groups, with many hobby organizations, are being formed at municipal recreation centers.

Instruction in water color painting, sketching and drawing is being offered at Barnsdall playground, with separate classes for children and adults.

Tree-Planting Permit Asked

A request for permission to hold a tree-planting ceremony on the City Hall grounds on Navy Day in honor of former President Theodore Roosevelt has been referred by the Park Commission to Supt. Shearer with power to act. The understanding is that it will be granted.

The application is by Navy Post No. 278 of the American Legion in behalf of Boy Scout Troop No. 107, the time being set for 9:30 a.m. October 27, prior to a Navy Day program.

Storm Drain Project Starts

Construction of the storm drain project in connection with the union passenger station was started last week by the successful bidder, the United Concrete Pipe Company, thus representing the second step toward preparing the way for the terminal.

The contractor won the job on a bid of \$200,969 from the Board of Public Works. The project is being aided from Public Works Administration funds.

Church Speaker Plans Lectures

Christian Science lectures free to the public will be delivered by Richard J. Davis, C.S., of Chicago, a member of the Board of Lectureship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, as follows:

Today at 8 p.m., in Twenty-fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, 1014 South Cochran Boulevard. Tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Fifteenth Church, 1800 South Gramercy Place.

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Los Angeles Recreational Centers Provide Interests for Hundreds of Women
CRETE CAGE

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Los Angeles Recreational Centers Provide Interests for Hundreds of Women

Wide Variety of Diversions Now Offered

Clubs Organized to Help Rehabilitate Unemployed

BY CRETE CAGE

There are 488 hobby clubs organized in the recreational centers of Los Angeles, announced Miss Margaret Scholl, director of the playground center at Barnsdall Park, principal speaker at the annual Christmas party of the National Business and Professional Women of Los Angeles at the California Art Club.

"Play if you have time during the holiday week," she told the business women, "and visit these centers which will be specially attractive to adults as well as children at this season of the year."

PLAYS PRODUCED

Original plays and operas are produced at the centers with the costumes designed and made there, she said. "Interest in this department has increased from 940 acting plays in our beginning two years ago to a total of 1750 this year."

Teaching parents and children to join in amusements she claimed is producing gratifying results. They are becoming tremendous pairs, she said, and form clubs or groups at the centers.

In Los Angeles playgrounds, she informed, there are ninety-nine music groups, eighty-three drama, twenty-nine story tellers, 131 handicraft groups for women, thirty-four art groups in which puppetry is made, modeled, dressed, wired and perfectly completed—that at Barnsdall being the most famous.

BASEBALL LEADS

There are ten household arts groups, 201 dancing classes, 469 physical culture clubs, 138 social clubs, thirty-four stamp collecting, 407 boys' clubs, 254 men's, 178 girls', 299 women's 310 children's mixed game clubs, 265 adults' for bridge, dancing and other social amusements, 284 sport leagues and 1285 teams for baseball, etc, was the report Miss Scholl gave.

Originated several years ago by the Los Angeles business group, is the increasingly popular giving of presents at Christmas time to each known unemployed professional business woman in the community.

Gifts reached to the topmost branches of a handsome tree at the art club party. There were handsomely wrapped silk hose, silk underwear, fine neckwear, blouses, gloves, money for a new pair of shoes and innumerable gifts of value. Several hundred women will be made happy.

POISE CONSIDERATION

These gifts will help a bit to keep the "employable woman employable," said Lila May Clark, president, who introduced Winifred Hausam, chairman of research and education, to tell what was being done for those women. Miss Hausam is one of three women in the United States appointed by the national business women's organization to make a survey of conditions among unemployed women.

"Working with the Associated Women's Committee, headed by Mrs. William Read, we help in caring for 524 unemployed professional women in Los Angeles," she said, "and keeping them from the breaking point is our great concern. Their mental poise must be sustained until they are rehabilitated."

"Resourcefulness is their greatest virtue," said Claire Brereton of Miss Hausam's committee, "and this was demonstrated by one who is living on the minimum budget of \$6 per week allowed by the associated committee. She was able to serve two of us for dinner with stewed chicken, sweet potatoes, avocado salad, canned fruit and coffee, cooked on a tiny electric grill in a small out-room apartment."

ANNIVERSARY OF BARNSDALE PLAYGROUND CELEBRATED
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MAY QUEEN PRESIDES AT OLD ENGLISH FETE



Wearing a rosebud crown, the May Queen, with her courtiers, presided over an Old English May Fete and Robin Hood Pageant presented at Barnsdall Playground on the tenth anniversary of the gift of the recreation center to the city by Aline Barnsdall.

Times photo

ANNIVERSARY OF BARNSDALE PLAYGROUND CELEBRATED

While thousands of children in all sections of the city were observing the advent of summer weather by staging special fetes and festivities at municipal playgrounds, or taking their first dip of the season in the Los Angeles Swimming Stadium, boys and girls of the Barnsdall Playground yesterday celebrated the tenth year of the founding of the recreation center given the city by Aline Barnsdall.

The Barnsdall program began with an Old English May Fete and Robin Hood Pageant in which costumed and garlanded children danced and sang in their traditional games.

MODEL BOAT RACES

This was followed by model boat races on the playground's picturesque Mayan wading pond and a puppet show in which marionettes made by youngsters were put through their antics by their youthful creators.

In the evening, adult playground patrons joined in presenting a program of dramatics, music and dancing, featured by the performance of a play by the Barnsdall Adult Drama Guild.

Colorful May fetes involving hundreds of children were also

presented yesterday at the Echo Park, Griffith, Stonehurst, Carlin Smith, Silver Lake, and State street playgrounds. At most of these centers, participants danced around decorated Maypoles and ended with coronation ceremonies for their May queens and attendants.

HUGE CROWD OUT

Opening day for the Los Angeles Swimming Stadium yesterday brought out a huge crowd of eager youngsters for their first dip of the season in the city's largest aquatic center, at Exposition Playground.

The stadium will be open for general public swimming today from 1 to 5:30 p.m., and on a daily schedule thereafter, the city Playground and Recreation Department announced.

Religious Fester Takes Fishing Trip

DUNLAP (Tenn.) May 15. (AP) Jackson Whitlow, Stopping Oak fur trapper who recently ended a fifty-two-day fast, celebrated his recovery today by going fishing.

Whitlow lay in his cabin for weeks, going without nourishment, he said, at "a call from the Lord." He broke the fast when he declared the Lord had told him to eat.

One Loses Life in Auto-Truck Crash

GILROY, May 15. (UP)—A head-on crash between an automobile reportedly going sixty miles an hour and a truck north of here today resulted in fatal injuries to Robert Martin, 23 years of age, of San Jose, and serious injuries to Margaret Corbett, 23, of Gilroy.

DRAMAS STIR YOUNG MINDS

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DRAMAS STIR YOUNG MINDS

Playgrounds Programs to Include Grand Cast of 4000 Persons

Give every child a chance to live in his particular world of imagination, to create his favorite character in a play.

That is the goal achieved by the program of summer plays with juvenile casts being produced throughout Los Angeles with the co-operation of seventy-five playgrounds.

Mrs. B. Minnette Spector, director of women's and children's activities at the Department of Playground and Recreation, said yesterday that a schedule of matinee performances covers the period from July 7 to August 23 and includes a grand cast of 4000.

ADULT PROGRAMS ALSO

Starting from babes of the pre-kindergarten age, the program includes grammar and high school pupils on holiday. In addition, 1000 adults are busy with their own plays, largely produced through the medium of organized drama clubs.

Yesterday's matinee was given at Barnsdall Playground, 1645 North Vermont avenue, in the shady, green Little Lattice Playhouse. Wabash and Verdugo playgrounds co-operated on the program. The latter, under the direction of Mrs. Laura C. Swartz, presented "The Little Indenture" and "Mrs. Magician's Mistake."

VINE IN COMEDY

Wabash, with Velma Rippeto in charge, brought a comedy, "The Lady Loses Her Hoop." A cast of nine children was headed by Madelyn Weitzenfeld.

Starting the season with six matinee centers, this number soon was increased to eight, Mrs. Spector explained. Toy bands, children's orchestras, harmonica groups and folk dancing supplement the plays. Directors, Mrs. Spector declared, are encouraged to tell the stories of the plays to the children, then let them contribute.

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Music Eases War Jitters

Public Recreation Programs Hold New Interest This Autumn

Music, hailed through history as a soother of savage breasts, again is being heralded as a quieter of war jitterbugs who insist that they hear the booming of cannon in the Maginot Line from the banks of the Los Angeles River.

INCREASED INTEREST

This is shown in the increased interest and activity in the music recreation program of the Los Angeles Playground and Recreation Department which is swinging into its full fall stride.

Hundreds of all ages are finding succor from "nerves" in participation in municipal choruses, orchestras and bands and many new groups are being formed at community playground centers to handle the rush, playground officials report. It's not unusual, these nights, to hear modulated strains of light opera, operettas, madrigals and—yes—swing ballads drowning the clamor of playgrounds' softball teams.

GO ON RADIO

And from these popular an classical jam sessions emerge creditable performances in public auditoriums, on the radio and at civic gatherings.

Highly popular are the Recreation Department's "alumni choruses" comprising young graduates of high school and college who enjoy continuing their choral activities.

In other groups housewives who hum at work learn to sing and play and businessmen vent their youthful penchant for close harmony in directed efforts.

FAMILY GROUPS TOO

Family groups are offered wherein parents and children give orchestrations side by side and husbands and wives take care to hit no sour notes.

More-expert musicians and singers are enrolled in special groups to arrange a series of public programs and concerts. Rehearsals are held weekly to test applicants' qualifications.

Major organizations of the sort and their rehearsal place are as follows:

Monday evenings—Los Angeles Civic Chorus, J. Arthur Lewis, conductor, Echo Park Playground; Symphonic Choir, Rei Cox, Venice High School; Choralcrafters, Edward N. Quiner, Pointsteele Playground; Rhapsodians, Alexander Forbes, Cabrillo Beach; Playground Symphony Orchestra, Donald Rowe, Silver Lake Playground; Playgroup Concert Orchestra, Isabel Perry, Exposition Playground; Barnsdall Opera Club, Mildred Sanger House, Barnsdall Playground; Highland Park Chorus, Ralph J. Peterson, Highland Park Playground.

CHORUS REHEARSES

Tuesday evenings—Wilmington Chorus, Alexander Forbes, Banning High School; Van Nuys Orchestra, Dr. Edmund Cykier, Van Nuys Playground; Eagle Rock Radio Club, Isabel Perry, Yosemite Playground; Harvard Opera Club, Mildred Sanger House, Harvard Playground.

Wednesday evenings—Exposition Radio Club, Isabel Perry, Exposition Playground.

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Artists Use All Kinds of Waste to Make Holiday Decorations

Burnt-out electric light bulbs, leaky paper cups, cellophane soft-drink straws and many other gadgets are being used by children in handicraft classes at Los Angeles playgrounds to fashion Christmas tree ornaments.

Facing with the program in providing decorations for huge Christmas trees on most playgrounds of the city, the handicraft classes turned to their own original ideas.

Many a discarded light bulb, the features of Santa Claus painted in and cotton whisks added and a bit of tinsel here and there, will decorate the trees on Christmas Day.

UTILIZE WASTE

Other designs are being made from cellophane straws, paper cups, tinsel, colored sprays and other odds and ends which the young artists are utilizing to complete their assignment.

The decorations will be used to adorn community halls, playground trees, stages and club rooms where Yule festivities will be held for thousands of Los Angeles citizens during the next two weeks.

More than 100 special community Christmas festivals including pageants, operettas, community singing, choruses and orchestras, folk dances, games and other features are to be conducted on municipal playgrounds this week and next.

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

Thirty-one of the public programs are scheduled for this week, as follows:

Today—All playground trees decorated and lighted.

Tomorrow—Children's programs, Lincoln Heights Playground, 6 p.m.; Christmas dance, Compton Playground, 6 p.m.

Dec. 13—Children's pageant, Poplar Playground, 4 p.m.; Christmas party, Roscoe Playground, 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 14—Children's programs, plays and operettas, Anderson Memorial and Barnsdall Playgrounds, 3:30 p.m.; Hazard Playground, 1:30 p.m., and 100th St. Playground, 7:30 and 8 p.m.

Dec. 15—Christmas festa, concert and operetta of Yosemite Playground in Eagle Rock School, 8 p.m.; plays and operettas at State St. Playground, 7:30 p.m.; community Christmas program at Queen Anne Playground, 7:30 p.m.; Pointsteele Playground at 8 p.m.; North Hollywood Playground at 8 p.m.; Lincoln Heights Playground at 4 p.m.; Cabrillo Beach at 3:15 p.m.; Anderson Memorial Playground, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 16—Barnsdall Playground matinee, 11 a.m.; Christmas tableaux and chorus, 8 p.m.; children's play at Benedict Playground at 11 a.m.; Banning Playground at 2:30 p.m.; Lincoln Heights Playground at 2:30 p.m.; State St. Playground at 2:30 p.m.; West Los Angeles Playground at 11 a.m.; Watts Playground community Christmas, 2:30 and 7 p.m.; Silver Lake Playground at 2:30 and 8 p.m.; South Park Playground at 11 a.m.; Lamp Club bazaar, Roscoe Playground at 10 a.m.

Dec. 17—Van Nuys Playground community festival, with presentation of "The Messiah" by playground orchestra and school choruses at Van Nuys High School, 8 p.m.

Belgian Dowager Queen Ill

BRUSSELS, Dec. 10. (AP)—Dowager Queen Elizabeth, mother of King Leopold of the Belgians, today was reported ill with a cold contracted while visiting troops.

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Alice Marble Urges Play to Boost Morale
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Recreational Needs Told

Playground Directors
Advised How to Keep
Public Physically Fit

Physical fitness, not just for the Army and Navy but for defense workers, their wives and for everyone in the United States.

That is the ambitious program outlined by Alice Marble, national assistant director of physical fitness, for 100 directors of Los Angeles playgrounds and recreation centers at Barnsdall Recreation Center yesterday morning.

Glamorizing the existing recreational programs in order to attract everybody is the job the tennis star passed along to the playground workers.

ALSO NEED PLAY

"Long hours of hard work are necessary for everyone if we are to win the war," Miss Marble declared. "But all work unseasoned by play will leave us worn out and lowered in morale."

And so now it's "Play hard for national defense." To work hard and play just as hard, sleep long and well, eat rightly balanced meals is to be a good American.

With some of the playgrounds being turned into bivouacs for troops, soldier recreation has been added to the civilian play program by many of the directors.

REST AND RELAX

Wholehearted fun is the objective in play—for rest and relaxation, according to Miss Marble, who suggested badminton, tennis, ice skating and dramatics, to intersperse with efficient home-making, Red Cross work, attending of classes in nutrition, first aid, motor mechanics and participation in defense industry.

The playground workers will still have their usual work with school children after school and on week-ends. They will still have their classes in handicrafts and art. They will continue to teach tap dancing and swimming.

REDUCE COLDS

"Correct nutrition and plenty of exercise will reduce the number of colds by 40 per cent," Miss Marble told the group. "And the common cold is our worst enemy. While we can't use patriotism as a reason for everything we do all the time, without people becoming tired of it—still we can attach each activity to a defense objective and sell the idea of physical fitness.

"All we want," she summed up, "is for people to get up off their easy chairs and do some thing."

MAKES UNIFORM

The speaker told about her attractive blue uniform with the red, white and blue director's shield for a pocket.

"Mrs. Roosevelt is fond of uniforms and she thought I should have one. I asked her what kind, and she said to suit myself, so I designed this—and had it made—and paid for it. If you care to have one, it's a good idea—and you can pay for it, yourselves." She put on a very trig little

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Alice Marble Calls for Play

Work Hard, but Break
War Tension With Fun,
Recreation Heads Told

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blue hat, with the shield for an ornament.

SHOULD USE TALENTS

George Hjelte, Superintendent of Playgrounds and Recreation, and secretary-director of the Defense Council, stated that 100,000 volunteer workers in Los Angeles had found places with the Auxiliary Police and Fire Divisions, in Red Cross and air warden services.

"You are most useful in the fields where you can use your talents and training, rather in spots that have been assigned you because you registered," he said. "Remember that morale is most important. We must double our program of recreation on much less money, here in the combat area."

WIVES ENROLLED

"Swing shift" plans were outlined. Defense wives' classes were described—in shifts. At one playground more than 200 "night wives" had enrolled for badminton, drama, volley ball and Red Cross work.

Because defense industries are on a 24-hour basis, play has been outlined on the same schedule. Thus there are "Dawn Patrol Basketball Leagues," swing-shift dance clubs, "morning wives' tap classes."

The plan set forth by Miss Marble is not to set up new standards, but to use existing agencies in building national health to a new high.

Girl to Play Rare Violin

Three centuries old, inlaid with diamonds and valued at \$60,000, a Stradivarius violin will be played by Eudice Shapiro next Sunday afternoon at the Werner Janssen Symphony Orchestra's concert in the Wilshire Ebell Theater.

Morton Levine and other members of the student music committee of the Los Angeles campus of the University of California yesterday visited Miss Shapiro at rehearsal to see the instrument. Joseph Haft of Azusa is lending it from his collection to Miss Shapiro.

Ship Blasted by Japanese Towed to Dock

Torpedoed by a Japanese submarine off the California coast a fortnight ago, and then beached, the McCormick steamer Absaroka yesterday was towed to a dock. There she will discharge her cargo of lumber and go to a shipyard for repairs.

Extent of repairs needed is not disclosed, but the vessel's resumption in vital defense trades is declared assured in the near future.

The vessel was attacked by two torpedoes, one missing and one striking the ship on her starboard quarter.

Navy to Get Federal Jail

Terminal Island Prisoners
Will Be Transferred
to Other Institutions

The Federal Correctional Institution on Terminal Island will be turned over to the Navy by the Department of Justice and 300 prisoners incarcerated there transferred to other Federal prisons, Capt. Richard B. Coffman, naval commandant at the harbor, announced yesterday.

Secretary of Navy Frank Knox has approved the terms of the transfer Coffman said.

The Navy will use the institution, completed at a cost of \$1,000,000 May 26, 1938, as a receiving ship; that is, a temporary domicile for sailors awaiting their ships or assignments to ships.

With certain alterations the prison building could house 5000 men, it was said.

Warden H. L. Merry expects to transfer all 800 prisoners, a few of them women, to other prisons within a few days.

Among the prisoners once held in the Terminal Island institution was Al Capone, who served his final 10 months there.

Hitler's Mistake to Be Discussed

"The Battle of Russia, Hitler's Supreme Mistake," will be the title of a talk by Prof. Patrick J. Clinton, who will be guest speaker at next Monday's luncheon meeting of the Electric Club of Los Angeles at the Biltmore, according to Joseph Hill Penzilly, president of the group.

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