

Auspicious.

STORK HOVERS O'ER THE VALE.

*Brilliant Function Heralds
Birth of New City.*

*Birds of Promise as Favors;
Rattle for Baby Town.*

*Host to Hail the Coming of
Owensmouth Saturday.*

No birth of royal infant was ever anticipated with greater acclaim than was accorded the lusty new town of Owensmouth when the counselors of that rich empire of the soil assembled in state at the Los Angeles Athletic Club yesterday noon, to formally proclaim the advent of this future city on Saturday next.

Assembled as guests of the late sponsors of the suburban child that is

to be were close to half a hundred business men, land holders of the valley, real estate men, advertising experts and newspaper men. Prominently in evidence were Drs. Peter and Edwin Janss of the Janss Investment Company, who with Harold Janss and H. H. Braley constitute the firm which is to have active charge of the auspicious birthing and to pilot the fortunes of the expected youngster to its appointed place in the firmament of Southern California cities.

The occasion of yesterday marked the culmination of preparations for the coming of Owensmouth. And as the royal fortress booms forth the glad news of the birth of the heir to a kingdom so will the founders of the youngest city hail with feast and carnival celebration the presentation of that newest and most promising townsite to thousands of enthusiastic visitors next Saturday.

STORK FAVORS.

The official host of yesterday's luncheon was the Janss Investment Company, general sales agent of the great holdings of the Los Angeles Suburban Homes Company in the San Fernando Valley snugly ensconced in the folded napkin before the plate of each guest was a stork, cleverly contrived of plaster in base-paint and supporting from its back an infant in swaddling clothes typifying the event at which the Janss factors are to preside. And these presentations were of white porcelain of the type used

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plus have presided at the birth of hundreds of lively native sons and daughters, gave hearty assurance that all would be well at the birth of the new townsite.

Happily commenting on the paterernity of the new town of Owensmouth, in reply to the demand of those present, H. J. Whitley declared that Owensmouth, like Van Nuys, was "fathered by a syndicate." Witty comments on the same theme were offered by Dr. Edwin Jans.

Harry Chandler told in brief of the wonderful transformation that had taken place in the San Fernando Valley since it passed into the present ownership and predicted a wonderful future for the town to be launched next Saturday. Frank Garbutt, president of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, who happened to drop in on those celebrating, spoke briefly and in kind.

On behalf of the newspapers, one of the reporters present, presented Whitley with a rattle for the use of the infant town during its earlier days on earth. All the talks were impromptu and the luncheon broke up exactly at 1 o'clock. W. L. Fatterson, manager of the athletic club, was warmly congratulated upon the manner in which the service had been superintended.

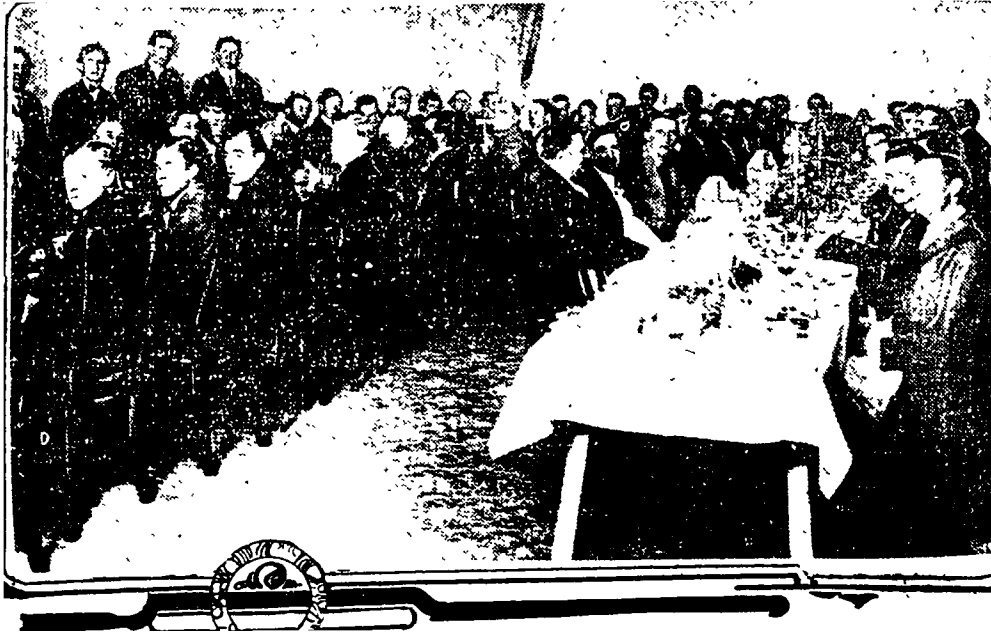
ASSEMBLED TALENT.

At one table sat Eugene Hewlitt, Caleb Bragg and Teddy Tetzlaff, three of the speed demons who will compete in the exciting automobile races over the new \$500,000 boulevard at the town-opening celebration next Saturday. Across from them were Phil Parmalee and Clifford Turpin, who with Beryl Williams, will perform aerial stunts at the miniature aviation meet that is to be held in the afternoon, following the monster barbecue under the supervision of Joe Romero, the Southland's most famous Spanish chef.

Those present were:

H. J. Whitley, Dr. Edwin Jans, Harold Jans, H. H. Braly, Phil O.

Parmalee, Clifford Turpin, Teddy Tetzlaff, Caleb Bragg, Eugene Hewlitt, Harry Chandler, Harry E. Andrews, Frank Garbutt, H. M. Finley, Ira C. Tichenor, J. J. H. Young, Sidle Lawrence, S. D. Lientz, W. H. Bryan, Earnest Ingold, C. E. Thurston, H. M. Cassell, Charles Owens, Nelson O. Lally, T. J. Jarvis, H. M. Lindsay, D. G. Keeler, Paul H. Bowman, Robert M. Shearer, J. T. Cooper, Ross E. Whitley, Fred Waddington, W. W. Walley, E. H. Hancock, F. L. Copley, G. S. Reynolds, Warren S. Tuck, F. O. Roeser, George Hanna, J. Clem Arnold, C. R. Gentry, Roy E. Webb, Lawrence Peters, A. G. Murray, A. H. Wilkins, Walter A. Beswick, Harry Schoenborn, William C. Montgomerie, H. A. McCrossin, A. N. Johnson, S. P. Bartlett, Naylor Rogers, W. G. L. Tucker, Irving R. Smith, Roy V. Milner, J. Baum, Lou Guernsey and Warren McIntire.



***Stork Luncheon to Herald Birth of Owensmouth,**

The baby city of the San Fernando Valley, which will officially come into being next Saturday. The luncheon was held yesterday in the new building of the Los Angeles Athletic Club and was marked by glowing prophecies for the future of the youngest town.