



A 1929 Chamber of Commerce map, showing the site (arrow) of Meadowbrook Park.

citizens' reaction was as might be expected in the frontier town. There was a large concrete sluice box at Third and Waterman, the intake of a canal from Warm Creek. The next morning the bodies of the seven Indians were found floating in it. No one was arrested, and there was no trial.

Though two main roads ran through it, such was the condition and reputation of the future park that no one lingered in transit, and the area continued serving as the town dump.

Mrs. Henry Goodcell, Jr., the former popular city school teacher Mary Bennett, was an energetic, capable, civic-minded woman. According to John Brown, Jr., she was a speaker at Teachers' Institutes, an organizer of municipal celebrations, and, in 1910, president of the San Bernardino Woman's Club. She made up her mind that something had to be done about what was then called "tin Can Alley," and she did it.

run off with the wife of the chief's brother, Kazoos (Jesus?). He was caught by the husband, and in the ensuing scuffle, the latter was killed. Yes, the cooperative Coche admitted it, but insisted on being hanged rather than being burned Indian style, which he said would be more painful. The sheriff told them they would have to handle the execution themselves, as it was not in his jurisdiction. So the Indians repaired to Squaw Flat where there was lots of big trees. Coche finally selected one with a strong branch "that would not break and drop him on the rocks and break his leg." After three unsuccessful attempts, Coche was duly hanged. A white businessman among the onlookers offered to supply the wood for a coffin, and Coche was buried, after which the Indians held appropriate ceremonies around their campfires.

An even more gruesome event was said to have happened when an unfortunate stranger unwittingly made his camp in the jungle one evening in the 1890's. A group of Indians came and demanded that he get them some whiskey. When he refused, he was tied up and roasted at his own campfire. He died soon after he was found in the morning, and the



"Goodcell Place" as it looks today.