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\$1.50 PER YEAR

\$100,000 APPROPRIATED FOR MORE HOUSES

PACIFIC ELECTRIC HOME BUILDING CORPORATION TO BUILD FORTY MORE HOUSES IN TORRANCE

An appropriation of \$100,000.00 has been made the Pacific Electric Home Building Corporation for the erection of thirty to forty new houses in the City of Torrance.

Some of the most substantial and beautiful homes in Torrance have been built in the tract adjoining the Pacific Electric shops, and this tract is one of the most sightly and attractive residential sections of "The Modern Industrial City." "Vista Highlands" describes it pleasingly and accurately, and the name leaves a flavor on the tongue that rightly tells the high character and romantic attractiveness of this favored district.

The appropriation of this great sum is to aid in the building of homes for employes of the Pacific Electric. The owners will pay for their homes on easy terms and as their payments come in the money will become available again for the erection of still more houses.

The Pacific Electric recently increased its working force at the great Torrance car building shops by nearly two hundred people, and more houses are necessary to house those desiring to live near their place of employment to avoid the tedious waiting for cars and the tiresome, wearying monotony of travel to and from their work morning and night, which takes two to three hours a day from their home life, and means that much more time added to the length of their working day—for travel is work, tiring and wearing on the nerves as well as muscle.

The Pacific Electric means much to Torrance, has done much for Torrance, and will mean a great deal more and do a great deal more for us, in the future.

The building campaign is on!

Legion Basketball Team

Sumers Defeat at Redondo

In the gymnasium of the Redondo Beach High School last Friday evening the basketball team of the Torrance American Legion Post played its first game and suffered its first defeat at the hands of one of the fastest organizations in this vicinity, the K. G. quintet of Redondo. However, the score was only 30 to 26, which in itself shows the Legion team was not far outclassed.

It was a fast and interesting game from start to finish, cleanly played in every way, and served only as a spur to the local boys to greater effort in their preparations for the next game. We were pleased to note that the greater portion of the spectators were loyal Legion supporters from Torrance.

On Thursday evening of this week the Legion team played another game with the Evening Stars of Redondo in the same gym.

LEGION MEMBERSHIP MEETING DATES

Buddies, Have you paid your 1922 dues? Have you been around to the Post meetings to meet the new members that are coming in every day? We want to make our Post a regular Post and every member should pay his dues as soon as he possibly can. As a reminder, the regular meetings are held every second and fourth Thursdays of each month, and every meeting is membership meeting and dues can be paid at any time.

BASKETBALL GAME AND DANCE

As an added attraction at the local Legion dancing party on Saturday evening of this week a return game will be played between the K. C.'s of Redondo Beach and the Legion team. This game will start at 7:45 sharp and two fifteen minute halves will be played. The admission price will be included in the regular admission for the dancing party, and the hall is bound to be packed to capacity.

The Post is highly elated over the fact that its first Saturday evening party proved so successful, in spite of the fact that it had been compelled to increase the admission price.

MACCABEE NEWS

The W. B. A. of the Lady Maccabees held their monthly card party at Legion Hall Tuesday evening. Fifteen were present and all had a wonderful time playing 500, and a few who did not play cards, enjoyed the evening playing games. Those winning the prizes in 500 were Mrs. Opal Beckwith and Mr. Parks first prize. Consolations were won by Mr. and Mrs. Fess. At the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed until almost Wednesday morning. This party was a huge success and everyone had a wonderful time and are looking forward to their next card party.

The Maccabees will have a regular business meeting next Tuesday evening at Legion Hall.

INTERESTING MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

An interesting meeting of the Woman's Club was held in Legion Hall on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Stock called the meeting to order at 2:30. After the business session was finished, a very fine program was rendered. Miss Betsy Byrnes favored the club with a group songs which were very charming and were very much enjoyed by the club members. Mrs. Brown was the accompanist. After the musical numbers, Mrs. Boesche, Corresponding Secretary of the Federation, was introduced and gave a very interesting talk on club work. It is a pity for any member of the club to miss a single meeting as they are certainly a great treat.

At the next meeting on January 30 a special treat is promised and every member is urged to be present and bring a friend.

BISHOP APPOINTS CLERKS

The Bishop has appointed the following officers for the new church in Torrance: James H. ... A. W. Handel, ... William Klussman, ... being held in Legion Hall on Monday afternoon at 7:30. The priest in charge is ... Swift who is calling ... lians in Torrance.

—Patronize Our Ads.

Great Shell Co. After Torrance Oil Leases

The Shell Company is negotiating for leases on 260 acres south of Wilmington street and east of Normandie. It is expected that all legal papers will be signed up in a few days and that the next move will be immediate drilling development.

This, with the last stage also reached, previous to actual development by the Torrance Park Oil & Gas Association, west of Normandie and south of Carson, gives an impetus to a sanguine view of the future, when also considered in conjunction with the leasing of thirty-six acres, by the Standard Oil Co., from the Torrance Holding Co., on Carson.

The latest reports are quite favorable from the Union Oil Co. well near Bridgedale, about two miles from Torrance, where the oil is over the top, and which justifies a heavy producer.

Well No. 2 of the Chancellor-Campfield, known as the Santa Fe Oil, is ready for cementing in, after which drilling will be resumed for production.

The big gusher that came in Wednesday at Signal Hill, estimated at 5,000 barrels; with 70 derricks on Signal Hill and eleven producers, and with an identical geological formation for famous Huntington Beach through Signal Hill, Torrance Park, Keystone, Torrance and beyond, the Union well near Bridgedale coming in, should certainly assure us that we are on the eve of perhaps the greatest oil development in recent years. As this paper has so often said, "this whole valley is underlaid with oil." And our prediction is coming true.

LEATHERMAN HOME BROKEN INTO SATURDAY NIGHT

The home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Leatherman at 917 Amapolo street was broken into by unknown parties Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Leatherman left the house for the city about 4:30 that afternoon returning home about 11:15 p. m. to find the house in disorder and a number of things missing including his best suit of clothes and one silk and one satin dress from Mrs. Leatherman's wardrobe.

The marauders must have been scared away soon for the drawer in which the silverware was stored had been opened but nothing taken.

Neighbors reported seeing two men leaving the house about 7:30 that evening.

The Pentecostal meetings which are held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morrow, 1740 Andree, have changed from Wednesday to Thursday night. Every one welcome.

TORRANCE THEATRE PROGRAM

MR. and MRS. J. C. McVIEY, Managers

Monday, January 23, 1922

Joseph Dowling, Helen Jerome Eddy and Jane Novak in

"THE OTHER WOMAN"

A picture dealing with dual personality and a picture that will please

Tuesday, January 24

William Duncan and Edith Johnson in

"NO DEFENSE"

A picture of mining camps, society, mounted police and politics. Full

of thrills. Don't miss this one

Wednesday, January 25

Elaine Hammerstein in

"HANDCUFFS OR KISSES"

Thursday, January 26

Hoot Gibson in

"RED COURAGE"

Story by Peter B. Kyne. An A-1 Western picture

Friday and Saturday, January 27 and 28

Doris May and Otis Harlan in

"THE FOOLISH AGE"

A comedy drama full of laughs. Story by Hunt Stromberg

Sunday, January 29

Pauline Frederick in

"THE STING OF THE LASH"

This is the greatest dramatic production in which Pauline Frederick

has appeared.

Lois Weber's Triumph, "The Blot" is a drama of pride and sacrifice.

COMING SOON

"The Son of Wallingford," big eight reel feature with an all star written and directed by Mr. and Mrs. George Randolph Chester.

Priscilla Dean in "The Conflict"

and Cary in "The Fox"

New Steel Cars From Torrance P. E. Shops

(Pacific Electric Magnets.) New steel cars in 1922 series are coming out of the Torrance shops and taking their places in service on the Long Beach line. These cars seat 60 passengers and are large and comfortable.

Some questions have been asked as to the reasons underlying the assignment of cars to particular lines and the following outline gives the general basis for the present assignment:

The original 1200 class cars 600-1200v. were ordered for the San Bernardino line which is in large part 1200v. and which requires high speed equipment. The 1000 class cars are also equipped to operate on 600 or 1200v. and are used for shorter local runs on the same line as well as on the Santa Ana line and San Pedro line where there is opportunity for free running at high speed and where larger capacity cars are required.

The 800 class cars, of which there are over one hundred are used for shorter inter-urban lines where good speed is required and is possible. The Venice Short Line uses thirty of these cars to fill regular service. That line which shows the heaviest travel of any of the interurban lines because of the large Sunday beach traffic might well use larger equipment for the restricted space in the Hill street station which does not permit. Also the trains are limited to three cars because of street operation in Los Angeles, although five-car trains are operated on the Southern division.

The 700-class cars are used on the Pasadena lines because of the heavy grades to be overcome outbound, the lower gear ratio on these cars making for speed in getting away from stops on the hills, with less power consumption.

The 500-class cars, being smaller and lighter are used for short haul suburban service where frequent stops make high speed impossible and are used as general utility cars to meet emergencies in all class of service.

The above covers most of the multiple-unit equipment of the Pacific Electric. Single unit cars, mostly street cars are assigned to the lines where their seating capacity, motor equipment or arrangement will best fit. The large number of car body types and varieties of motor and control equipment make it possible to fit into almost any service cars that will fill the requirements.

JOHNSON-THOMAS

Miss Alice Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Johnson of McKinley Inn, was married Thursday, Jan. 19th, to Mr. Howard E. Thomas at Montague, Calif. Miss Johnson has known Mr. Thomas for several years, and he has a large ranch at Montague, which is situated in the most northern part of Shasta county, near the Oregon line. They will make their home there.

Torrance's Most Vital Need Today Is More Houses

Torrance's most vital need today is houses. We have enough stores and other business establishments for the present, we need more factories, but, above all, we need more houses.

The Herald's slogan for years has been: "Torrance needs 600 more houses!" But today that almost needs amending to Torrance needs 1,000 more houses!

There has been and is too little building of houses by private individuals. This has been a particularly regrettable feature in the early history of this city, and still is. The future should see a decided improvement in this matter.

There has been too little building by contractors and building concerns of houses to sell and to rent.

Torrance needs not only one, but several loan and building concerns.

Why should there not be many small groups of individuals who combine their savings, or a set monthly sum in the building of houses to sell and to rent?

Surely there is no better field anywhere in the country, no more profitable opportunity for safe and sane investment.

Some of our business men have built homes of their own thereby releasing that many more houses for the workers in Torrance factories. Others should follow their example.

Torrance's vital need today is more houses! There must be some way to solve this pressing problem.

The Herald will in subsequent issues give the opinions and suggestions of leading citizens on this urgent problem.

The Herald wishes to help start a movement toward a house building campaign in Torrance.

Torrance's vital need now is more houses.

This need must, and, we know, will be met.

Torrance is too live and progressive a city not to find a way to meet this great need.

TORRANCE MEANS BUSINESS!

Work to Continue at Window Glass Works

The Torrance Window Glass Works are to continue for another run, or "period," commencing February 1st at which time repairs will be completed, which work will be underway after the temporary cessation of production on Saturday the 21st of January. The works have been running under a full complement of about three hundred men and turning out the finest quality of window glass ever produced in the United States. Dealers and contractors have objections to the usual grade of window glass on the market on account of the greenish tinge of the product offered. But the Torrance Window Glass Works are exclusively offering a glass of "water white," quality absolutely as clear as the purest crystal.

Last Monday the Hollywood Technical school sent a contingent of 80 pupils on a sight-seeing and investigating excursion and the view presented around the big tank, and the product to the point of the ice-clear cylinders or "rollers" and the cutting and process of turning them into flat glass made an object lesson of great value to the students.

The extraordinary ice-clear product turned out by the works has met an instant and clamorous demand from dealers all over the United States and proves that the highest grade of product is in strong demand. The market is strong for the highest grade and the Torrance Window Glass Works meets the demand with goods of crystalline beauty that outclasses anything in the United States.

Miniature Apron and Pot Luck Dinner

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist church, Torrance, will give a miniature apron and pot luck dinner with other surprises, Monday evening, Jan. 23d, at 6 o'clock, at the sales office of the Dominguez Land Corporation. Everybody welcome. Come out and have a good time.

Carnival Held Last Week Helps Legion

The Carnival staged in Torrance last week helped the Legion a bit in a financial way, but not to the extent that could be expected were it at a warmer season of the year. We are glad to report that the conduct of the people connected with the shows was not to be questioned in any way, and the Legion members are to be complimented on the efficient police protection afforded our town during the whole week not only on the Carnival lot but in the residence districts. Not less than two men patrolled the home sections of town until midnight every night and believe us, petty thieves are scarce when they know a bunch of husky ex-service men are watching them.

The only complaint heard was that the noise disturbed the sleep of people living in the vicinity. Should the Legion ever have another opportunity to bring a show of this kind to town it is believed they will endeavor to secure the lot opposite the Ironton hotel. A good location, even for the Fiesta.

The Legion wishes to publicly thank the Board of Trustees for having made the Carnival possible.

5,000 Barrel Oil Gusher Brought in at Long Beach

Flowing at the rate of 5000 barrels of oil a day, the Sandburg Petroleum Company well at Signal Hill is causing a sensation among oil men. The well came in Wednesday morning at 2 a. m., but was kept under control by the operators, though the oil shot up in the air nearly 100 feet.

Torrance is very much interested in the development at Signal Hill as oil men drilling here are finding the same formations and the same oil sand at the same depths as at Signal Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Farr have returned from the honeymoon and have taken an apartment in the Castle.