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Torrance Now Classified In Oil Belt JAMES. L. KING TOSSES HAT INTO RING

GOV. STEPHENS SPEAKER AT FORUM MEET

Four Hundred Shake Hands With State's Chief Executive

The Forum meeting of last Monday night drew a crowd of nearly 400 members who came to hear Governor Stephens. Supper was served at 6:00 o'clock, but because of the early hour of the banquet a small attendance checked in at the dinner table. It proved a little too early for workmen and business men to get home and back to Legion Hall in time.

A very enjoyable program was rendered after the repast and this was followed by the Governor's address. Mr. Stephens talked on general lines and chose for his theme "California," and no difference what one may believe with regards to the politics of the state executive, those who were present feel that they are more than ever a part of this great state. Governor Stephens has that peculiar magnetism that makes you like him for the time being, anyway, and Torrance thinks more of her state government today than ever before. And that means everything—these days—when there is so much dissention, so much suspicion toward our fellow men. So long as the people feel that they are a part of their government and respect that government, there is little to fear for the survival of the State and home.

Governor Stephens made all these things plain, and while his reference to the Japanese question was brief, it brought forth a volley of applause, as likewise when he made reference to his enemy's attack upon the expenditures of the state's funds and the broken down condition of the public highways. The attacks upon his administration from various angles are being made through the public press and while no direct reference was made to these, each instance was answered and answered effectively.

The program for the evening follows:

Solo—"The Trumpeter," "My Dreams,"—J. T. Williams
Mealey—"Southern Melodies"—
Saxophone Quartette
Solo—"Irish Love Song," "Liddle,"
—Helen Mills MacClellan
Duet—"Hall to the Governor"—

—Rosallind Page, Isabelle Sanger
Alfred Gourdir, President of the Chamber of Commerce gave an account of the activities of the C. of C. since the reorganization, March 10. Hurum E. Reeve, president of the California Hardware Dealers' Association gave a brief account of his recent trip to Chicago, where he attended the convention of the National Association of Hardware men and incidentally extolled the virtues and advantages of Torrance. The Saxophone quartette furnished music throughout the dinners.

Register-Or You Can't Vote

Register if you would participate in the primary election Tuesday, August 29. Those who fail to register on or before July 29 will be ineligible to vote in the August primaries, and only those who state party affiliation will be eligible to vote for candidates for partisan offices, including United States senator, congress, governor and lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, state controller, members of the state senate and assembly.

Miss Dorothy Winnegar, of Los Angeles, is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harstad of South Gramercy.

Returns From Chicago Meeting

"Wonderful!" This is the way Hurum E. Reeve had of describing his trip East, when he and Mrs. Reeve attended the Hardware Dealers Convention in Chicago during the month of June. While in the Windy City, Hurum never overlooked an opportunity to put in a good word for Torrance, and did some effective work at the Chicago Chamber of Commerce. That body was enjoying their summer vacation at that time but he met and conversed with several of the directors from whom he gained much knowledge that is of value to growing towns. It seems Chicago is spending millions trying to correct errors of those who laid out the city, and it is these things that those who are handling the city's business here should constantly guard against.

A part of the information brought back with him was given at the Forum meeting Monday night.

BOXING AND WRESTLING ON JULY 21st

American Legion To Stage Big Sport Event

The American Legion boys of Torrance will put on another boxing and wrestling bout at the American Legion Hall in Torrance Friday night, July 21.

The bouts will consist of four boxing and two wrestling. Among the events of the evening will be a wrestling bout by James Scott vs. "Stretcher" Holstead, and Jack Reiber vs. Ed. Shafer.

Rieber and Shafer are out for each other's scalp and there will be action from start to finish. We know what Scotty is as we have seen him in action and we know that Watts must furnish a man of extra good ability if he wishes to carry away the honors from Torrance.

The boxing bouts are as follows: Morford vs. Dietrich—155 lbs. Alexander vs. Potino—118 lbs. Higgins vs. T. Herra—125 lbs. Kaspar vs. representatives from the El Segundo Athletic Association, 135 lbs.

The American Legion has secured the services of Geo. Proctor, Union Tool Co.; Messrs. Nash and Grice, of the Llewellyns; and W. H. Gilbert, P. E., as a committee to handle these events and as they are all out for the best that can be secured for Torrance we can be sure that this entertainment will be worthy of a full house.

In addition to the sports the Torrance orchestra consisting of eight pieces will play between 7:30 and 8:00 and at intermissions, until closing time.

Don't miss this evening and then say the next day when you hear about it, that you are sorry that you didn't attend.

Masonic Building Directors Given Entertainment

The directors of the Masonic building association were entertained on Wednesday evening at the beautiful home of Paul Dynes, on the Esplanade, at Clifton-by-the-Sea. The guests were George Neill and R. R. Smith, of Torrance, and George Towne and Walter Renn, of Lomita.

JUDGE HUNTER ENTERS RACE FOR JUSTICE

Asks Support of Voters For Clean Record In Office

Following the urgent requests of his many friends, L. J. Hunter announces his candidacy for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace of Lomita Township.

The primary election will be held August 29, 1922, and Judge Hunter respectfully asks the support of the voters of this district, pointing to his record for the past ten years as a fair and impartial Justice of the Peace in all cases that came before his Court for adjustment. While we all realize that it is impossible to please everyone who comes before a court, Judge Hunter never wavered when it came to rendering his decisions according to the evidence in the case, and it is this fearlessness and honesty, that has prompted his friends to urge his re-election.

A clean government, equal rights to all with special privileges to none—these are the principles upon which your support is asked for the present incumbent.

Apartments Are Beautiful

The "artistic instinct" shows up wonderfully well as one views the new cozy apartments of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Parks, who by their cleverness and aptness to devise pretty and handy contrivances, have worked out one of the most elaborate, yet inexpensive modern homes. The most striking feature, perhaps, that brings forth praise from everyone, is the abundance of natural light that flows into all parts of the house, and the ventilation, of course, would be well provided for, too.

Everything is just right and built in where it should be to make this one of the handiest apartments and the light, heating, hardwood floors throughout, the arrangements in the kitchen, the bathroom, dining room, buffets, parlors, and living rooms are all so comfortable that one must admire the taste of those responsible for it.

The plumbing office and work room is directly below and Mr. Parks has erected a heating device for demonstration purposes in full view, and this is connected above, where it is manipulated by pressing a button. The same is true of the heat, and there is no worry connected with stoves, this heater being out of sight, out of the way and is connected with the apartments above by means of pipes and radiators.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks are justly proud of their new home and have every reason to be for the plans are jointly theirs.

An Old Car Made Like New

As an example of how the eye may be deceived, was vividly shown this week when reporters of the Herald were accused of having purchased a new Ford Coupe. No, gentle reader, it is not a new car, but merely the old one painted and it was done in Torrance, too.

Fine job, isn't it? We claim its a better job than Henry Ford turns out with new service.

The car was laid up a week in the paint shop of D. A. Harmon, 1015 Border Ave., opposite the Llewellyn Shops, and we are glad to report that courteous treatment, a square deal and prompt service, is the consideration we received at the hands of Mr. Harmon, and we believe that he will do the same for you.

JAMES L. KING IS CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE

Young Attorney Enters Race For Justice of The Peace

James L. King has announced his candidacy for the office of Justice of the Peace of Lomita Township, which office is among those to be voted upon at the Primaries, on August 29, 1922. Mr. King has been a resident of Torrance for the past five years, and has taken an active part in many civic affairs. He has been engaged in the general practice of law for the past two years, having established law offices in the First National Bank Building of Torrance, and at 900 C. C. Chapman Bldg., Los Angeles. He has also been City Recorder and Police Judge for the City of Torrance for the past six months, in which capacity he has impartially and fearlessly conducted his Court and enforced the laws. His knowledge of the law and experience in Court work is exemplified by the many Court proceedings in which he has taken part in the local and higher Courts. Mr. King states that "Like most candidates, he will not make vain promises as to what he will do if elected, further than to state that he will carry out the duties and obligations of the office to the best of his ability and knowledge. Your vote for him on August 29, 1922, will be appreciated by his many friends."

"Flat Iron" Business Lot Is Attractive

"After working on plans, ways and means to erect a fine modern vulcanizing plant, service station, and in fact, give autoists about anything they need to keep a car running smoothly, Fred Palmer is pleased to make the announcement this week to his many friends that the new building across the street from his present location will be ready for occupancy about August 1. This new plant will represent the very latest in modern equipment and is so arranged that there will be plenty of open space around the two buildings—one a filling station and the one in the rear for vulcanizing, washing, greasing, battery service, tires repaired, tubes repaired and all accessories carried. This building will be 16x70 and will be open on the entire north side so the works are visible to the public. The filling station will be directly in front of this and will occupy a space 14x18 feet with two pumps connected to two 1000 gallon tanks. Driveways are accessible from either street and the illumination will be one of the picturesque scenes of Torrance.

Frank Homolka has the contract for the buildings which will be built of brick, trimmed with gold and yellow effects.

The name which will adorn the new structure has not been decided upon.

NEW MANAGER FOR HARDWARE

G. E. Bartholomew, recently of Chappell, Nebraska, has accepted a position with C. A. Paxman at the hardware store. Mr. Bartholomew comes with high recommendations as a hardware dealer. He is not a total stranger in this vicinity as he, with his family, visited their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Doane, two years ago, and made many friends while here.

Every citizen of Torrance who is interested in the enforcement of law should attend the meeting called for Thursday evening, July 20, at 8 o'clock, at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Mr. Buck, county organizer for the Wright anti-bootlegging law, will be present and assist in formulating plans to keep this law on the statute books. Do not forget the date, place and purpose.

Union Tool P. E. Shops

Comes the announcement today that Miss Virginia Watson and Miss Ellen Straub, two popular Torrance girls, and pretty, have entered the contest for Fiesta Queen.

Miss Watson will represent the Union Tool Co., as her father, Geo. Watson, has charge of the Oil Tool Department for that company.

Mr. Straub is superintendent of the P. E. Shops in Torrance, and, therefore, his daughter will pull votes from the whole Pacific Electric system.

Both young ladies are popular among the younger set, and are favorites wherever known.

FREE FAIR AND FIESTA AUG. 15-19

Two Popular Young Ladies Enter Race For Queen

The Indians of the Northwest have an annual festival known as a Potlach during which festivities included the exchange of personal property each with the other, on even terms, but this includes the gift or exchange of all personal clothing. But, in the coming Fiesta and Free Fair at Torrance, this ceremony will not be observed as there is being a disposition to become heterodox in this particular—besides the Fair is to be Free. But there will be festivities of many kinds that may make amends for the ceremonial dereliction.

Everyone is helping the other with Fiesta plans and even the merchants and factories have planned to use "Fiesta and Free Fair" on all their stationery for the next month and the Herald is busy printing a number of these jobs today. In this way hundreds of people outside of this vicinity will be advised of the Free Fair who otherwise never would know.

The Pacific Electric Ry. has shown their cooperative spirit by donating 200 banners to be tacked on the sides of their cars, and 150 additional banners will be donated by the same company for back of automobiles.

Eight pages in the Pacific Electric Magazine will be given free of charge in the next issue to advertise Torrance's Free Fair.

Arrangements have been completed to have two or more large bands—one of 60 pieces and the other 28 pieces.

There will be speaking, parades and displays that will attract thousands of people to Torrance, and each year endeavors are made to make the Free-Fair and Fiesta bigger and better than before.

C. W. Keeran who was here last year has been secured to help make this the biggest affair ever attempted in Torrance. Mr. Keeran is a capable executive and familiar with Fiestas throughout the Southland. He will be here everyday from this day until the 1922 Free Fair of Torrance passes into history.

Already Mr. Keeran has been doing wonderful work. He has entered Miss Virginia Watson and Miss Ellen Straub as Queen Candidates.

The former will represent the Union Tool Co., while the latter will fill her coin envelopes from Pacific Electric admirers.

Last year Miss Erma Morford-Wood of the U. T. Co won out over the P. E. candidate, but this year looks like a real contest, and even now the race is on in earnest.

BRINGING STANDARD'S NEW WELL IN

Proves Oil Is There But Quantity and Quality Is Yet Uncertain

Spasmodic gushing of oil marked the climax of drilling at Standard Well No. 1 on the Torrance Holding Company's thirty acres west of town the past week. The well came in July 4th., and at times the flow has reached the 1500-barrel mark, with a gas pressure of 375 pounds, then apparently sanded up for a time, when it would again flow at from 300 to 700 barrels.

This procedure was repeated several times the fore part of the week when those in charge began pulling the inside casing and will start bailing from below and clean the well out thoroughly. It is thought this well has never been brought in as yet, that it has not had a chance to do its best and those in close touch believe we are on the eve of realizing one of the best producers in Southern California. All indications point towards this well proving to be a great producer, and if results obtained so far may be used as basic reasoning, this is just the character of a well that oil men prefer.

It is pointed out that big gushers are short lived, but wells of the character of the Standard No. 1, prove to be the real mints in the long run.

Another derrick will soon be erected and before many months it is said there may be four more wells on this lease—making six in all.

This tract is owned by thirty local men who are to be congratulated for their judgment and at the same time making it possible to have an oil well so close home.

JAMES W. CHILDERS PASSES

James W. Childers, a prospector and retired miner, of No. 647 Amalpo avenue, passed away at his home at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening, July 8, at the age of 79 years. He had been in ill health for a long time.

Mr. Childers was a prospector for many years and was a retired miner. He had been a resident of Torrance five years and of Wilmington one year. Before this he and his family were residents of Old Mexico, where he was the owner of several different mines and disposed of them just before the revolution. They came to the States to educate their daughter leaving their well equipped mine, the machinery was all destroyed during the revolution. Three times Mr. Childers went back to try to dispose of his interests there. He was attacked a number of times, robbed of his money and even his railroad ticket was taken from him. The last time he barely escaped with his life.

After this he made no further attempt to get his affairs straightened out.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Josephine Childers, a daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Kilgour, of Catalina, and two sons, James Childers, of San Pedro, and O. A. Childers, who lives with his mother here.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Goodrich Undertaking parlors, Rev. T. A. Grice officiating. Interment was made in the Wilmington cemetery.

GREEN STAMP MAN INJURED

Mr. O'Reilly, the S. & H. Green Stamp salesman met with a serious accident one day last week when, in order to avoid a crowding truck, he ran into a telephone pole at the corner of Narbonne Ave., and Flower street. The machine was wrecked and the pole was a decided list to port. Mr. O'Reilly is suffering with several broken ribs and minor hurts.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Altadena, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wertz Friday.