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## WOULD CLASS TORRANCE AS SUBURB

### Redondo Pulls New One Claims Torrance and Our Oil Fields

It's a sad tale, Mates. Up to the time the Redondo Reflex went to press last week residents of Torrance thought they were "some pumpkins." They had an idea that Torrance was an industrial city; that it was self-supporting and was known throughout the Southwest, if not the state, as a growing, hustling community, a little self-centered, if you like, but absolutely independent of outside support, so far as this is possible in any community. All this has now been changed; the dream of municipal growth has disappeared and instead of being the dog, we are only the appendage that the dog wags—the tail.

According to Banker Walker of Redondo we are but a suburb of the beach city, an industrial appendix that is necessary and of which Redondo is rather proud, but a suburb, nevertheless.

To quote him literally or the words he is said to have used in an interview with the Redondo paper "Over in Torrance, four and a half miles away, just a suburb of Redondo Beach, is building up an industrial center, etc., etc."

And again—

"In my opinion it will not be long before there will be 150 or 200 rigs, employing more than 2000 men in the Redondo Beach oil territory."

Ever hear of oil in Redondo Beach?

We never have, but if it's true, and it must be so if such a heavy weight as President Walker is authority for the statement, the Herald would certainly like to publish the discovery, for it would be "front page" news.

What we want to know—Is Torrance a suburb of Redondo and have we been under the misapprehension, lo, these many months, that the oil fields were located in Torrance and not Redondo?

Boy, Page Secretary Pottinger and let him tell 'em. We're too overcome to reply.

## SIXTY LOTS SOLD IN WEEK AT HAMMERTON

An average of more than sixty lots a week have been sold in the Hammerton Tract, recently subdivided by the Dominguez Land Corporation. Construction work has already been commenced on their homes by some owners and according to reports others have announced their intention of starting work immediately.

The close proximity of the Pacific Electric to this new subdivision is said to account for the quick sales, together with the fact that he oil possibilities grow greater as time progresses. The Dominguez Land Corporation announces that they are now busily engaged in preparing other close-in property for subdivision. Such property will be divided into full sized building lots, with all oil rights, and will be immediately adjoining one of the main boulevards and business section.

### METHODIST PICNIC

The Sunday school of the First Methodist church will hold their first annual picnic Labor Day, next September 4. The picnic is to be at Exposition Park and the play grounds are reserved for their use as well as the plunges will be reserved for their use exclusively.

The district officers of the Epworth League visited the First Methodist Church last Sunday evening and conducted the Epworth League service. It was inspiring to see and hear these young people champion the things that are uplifting and good, and is a challenge to the young people of our community to line up on the right side for service in some of our Torrance young people's church organizations.

Mr. Guy Mowry's Sunday School class will meet Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Kersey on Grammercy avenue. A short business meeting and social evening will be enjoyed.

### MACCABEE DANCE

What? W. E. A. Dance. Where? Legion Hall, Torrance. When? September 5, 1922. Why? Raffle Quilt. Tickets 50 cents. 8 p. m.

### ATTENTION BAND BOYS

Write this date on the Gate Post—Tuesday, August 29. Let's have a full rehearsal. Let's all be there at the Sales Office of the Dominguez Land Corporation. Many outsiders are showing much interest in our band. Let's have a 100 per cent attendance next Tuesday evening. And then we can have a good rehearsal and show the public that we are worthy of their support. Don't forget this date, Tuesday—August 29 at 8—not 8:30.

Mrs. A. Street and son Joseph are driving a new Chevrolet Coupe.

## PLAYOFF TILT GOES TO 8 TO 8 TIE IN 14TH

### Darkness Halts Union Tool and Redondo Edison Game

Had old Sol delayed his daily trip about one short half hour last Saturday, the outcome of the Union Tool-Redondo Edison championship game might have been somewhat different than 8-8, as was the score at the end of the fourth inning, when the game had to be called on account of darkness.

The local champs started the ball rolling in the first inning when they shoved over the first count of the game. The second inning drew a blank for both sides only to open an on-rush of hits for the locals in the first half of the third, which netted a total of four runs, and gave them a five run lead.

In the last half of the third the Redondoites scored two, and took the lead in the fifth when they scored four runs.

Hammond's men tied the count in the lucky seventh and held the score so until the beginning of the fourteenth. Much good playing and an inside baseball was much in evidence on the part of both teams during the following six innings of air tight playing.

The fourteenth meant to score or probably lose the game and score the boys did. Before the first half of the final inning was over Ham's boys shoved over a two run lead, but the electric boys shot a spark into their hitting in their turn and evened things up again. By this time it was so dark that Bill Weidner could not see Rev. Sweet's slow ball, let alone his fast one, so the ump's called it a tie and sent the players home.

The teams will tangle again tomorrow for the championship.

## Constitution Is Subject of Talk

To make highly interesting a subject that is usually considered dry and prosaic was the task set H. H. Atwood last night at Legion Hall. That this student of the Constitution of the United States succeeded was attested by the applause of the appreciative audience that gathered to do the distinguished visitor honor.

"Next to the Bible, I consider the Constitution of the United States the most important document ever written," said Mr. Atwood, and following this line of thought his hour's discourse convinced his audience that a careful study of the constitution, its inclusion in the curriculum of both schools and colleges was a necessity to the complete education of all Americans.

Beginning with a history of the document many years before its adoption Mr. Atwood described the conditions of this country and the care with which the subject of giving it a constitution was studied by its writers, who spent months in study before it was finally drafted.

The lecturer was introduced to the audience by President Gourdiere of the Chamber of Commerce, under whose auspices the visitor was brought to Torrance. Prior to the evening's entertainment the visitor was treated to a ride about this section including a trip to Palos Verdes by the city trustees, who later entertained him at dinner in San Pedro.

### GILBERT GUELICH PASSES

Protracted illness as the result of an acute attack last winter of the influenza, resulted in the death in Torrance Tuesday of Gilbert Guelich. Deceased was a native of Clearfield, Pa., where he was born in 1852. He was married at the age of 29 and leaves four children—Eva May, William Herman, Chester Willis and Rexford Vincent, all of whom live near their father's home, 1720 Grammercy street, Torrance.

Coming to Torrance nine years ago he became well known as a builder and followed this occupation until his death. He is also survived by a sister living in Clearfield.



COL. DAN MORGAN SMITH

Great commander of the Battalion of Death in the World War who will speak of his experiences in an address at the American Legion Hall on August 29, 1922. See special notice on Page 8 of this issue, telling of his lecture.

## WESTERN AVE. CONFERENCE

### Local Committee Hand Important Petition To Supervisors

As a sequel to the announcement made last week in these columns that a committee of prominent business men of this vicinity had been appointed to meet with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to discuss ways and means of completing the Western avenue development scheme that is of so much importance to this section, the meeting took place Monday.

The committee, composed of J. J. Jessup, Torrance city engineer; Alfred Gourdiere, Torrance postmaster; H. D. Pottenger, secretary of the chamber of commerce of Torrance, and Capt. Hansen of San Pedro, met with the supervisors and presented the big petition and discussed its merits.

While no official opinion was vouchsafed by the supervisors the proposition was given the whole-hearted endorsement of County Engineer Jones and the president of the board, Mr. McClellan. Pressed for information as to the probable time the matter would come before the board and an opinion rendered members of the board were evasive but state that the matter would receive their immediate attention and the merits of the proposed improvement gone into exhaustively.

And that's that.

Following this session the Santa Fe officials, members of the Harbor Commission, members of the Public Utilities commission and the State Railway Commissioners held a private meeting in the city regarding the routing of the Santa Fe into the harbor district. From what could be learned by several of the local committee the greatest pressure is being brought to bear on the State Railroad commission and the others mentioned to abandon the present route of the Santa Fe on Slauson avenue and re-route it to parallel the Salt Lake, bringing it into the eastern basin of the harbor. This, as can be readily seen, would be most disastrous to the Torrance and Lomita district and the greatest effort is being put forth by the local committee to forestall any such move.

Though not invited to the meeting Secretary Pottenger and the other members of the local committee "horned in" and while given a hearty welcome by the state and county officials were given no official information as to the probable steps taken by the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Close of Los Angeles were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Close last Tuesday.

## WERE YOU A GOOD GUESSER

### Following Are The Correct Answers to the Questions

In the issue of this paper August 11, twenty short stories appeared under the heading of "The Spotlight on the Progress and Prosperity of Torrance and Lomita" in which were asked from one to a half dozen questions regarding the merchants or their merchandise. Valuable prizes were offered for their solution and owing to the crowded condition of our columns last week the publication of the correct answers were deferred until today. Read them carefully and learn whether or not you won a prize. The list of prize winners will be published next week.

State Bank of Lomita: J. F. Spencer, president; S. F. Spencer, vice president; H. V. Adams, cashier. \$25,000. J. W. Barnes Co., Eriez; \$60; 35 cents. Lomita Lumber & Supply Co., Weston St., Oakville; \$135; Yes; \$63.50; Yes; L. J. Hunter; Palos Verdes Service Station; Ajax; A. J. Mitchell. Lomita Shoe Hospital; 1101 Narbonne Sam Sugarman; Gus Isaacson; Because they are professors in their trade. Lomita Corner Grocery; T. Eade; July 26; 1306 Narbonne; 10 pounds. Tulp & Bowman; \$94; Pacific Gas Radiator; D. H. Yerian; \$4.50; 32 years. Bartlett & Dole; 9 years. D. C. Turner, Good-year; Torrance Plumbing Co., Ward, 355; need new washers; to prevent fixture traps from siphoning and keeping sewer gas from entering room. Torrance Battery & Ignition Co., Oliver C. Rapier; Andrew J. Horasta; \$23.50; 2 years. M. W. Smith; \$5.00; \$6.50; Because their business has been built on "quality" and they consider the Royal the best. Torrance Toggery; \$7.50; one year; Yes; \$1.00 to \$2.50. Paxman's Hardware, California Maid; Because the Royal is the best quality cleaner on the market. Buck range. Torrance Transfer Co., Mack; 4 years 7 months. Torrance Theatre. House of Parr values. Excellent; \$32.85; reproducing mechanism. Yes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler of Cota Avenue entertained relatives and friends with an elaborate dinner in honor of their son Samuel Webb's birthday anniversary, Sunday. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Webb, Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler, Mrs. S. E. Smith, Inez and Charles, Mrs. Ada Parks of Los Angeles, David Confer and LeRoy Confer.

### LEGION DANCES POPULAR

The Thursday evening dancing parties at the American Legion Hall are proving to be as popular as ever. The music is furnished by Mr. M. G. Avery and he is to be complimented on the talent he has selected. A weekly dancing party is a boon to any town particularly ours, where the only other amusement is the movie show. The dancing helps to keep the young people at home. And why should we be compelled to go to a neighboring town for our entertainment. None at all when it can be had right at home.

## PAVING MAIN BOULEVARD HAS BEGUN

### Arlington Ave. Is Scene of Many Men and Teams

The grading of the half-mile strip of high-way on "outh Arlington Boulevard between Torrance and Lomita for which \$50,000 in bonds was recently ordered issued by bonds, is rapidly progressing and a score of teams, scrapers and men are making the street ready for the surfacing.

Already the forms for the cement curbs are in place and it will be but a few days now when the surfacing of the main roadway will begin.

The completion of this strip of road, that has been one of the greatest drawbacks to Torrance in the eyes of the tourist and auto owner, and that has diverted thousands of visitors who would otherwise have passed through Torrance on their way to Redondo and other nearby cities, is to be completed with Willite, the paving substance that will withstand most effectively heat, rain and heavy traffic. Willite has been given severe tests in Imperial Valley and other sections of the State and is found to be the best traffic-bearer of any of the road coverings. The Los Angeles Paving Co. was given a contract for the work and are pushing it to early completion.

### AMERICAN LEGION BREVITIES

The American Legion wishes to express its appreciation to those who made Fair week such a huge success. We are especially indebted to the U. S. Naval Band from the Submarine Base at San Pedro Also Mr. A. W. Meinzer of the El Prado Cafe who donated his services at the Hot Dog stand. Also to our own auxiliary who served the band an appetizing supper.

We regret to announce that our wrestling idol, Comrade J. H. Scott was defeated in the bout with Mr. Sam McGill at the Graham Athletic Club. However, Scotty is getting in trim once more and hopes to meet McGill at some later date, when we hope, the outcome will be different.

All Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary are requested to carefully read the Bulletin Board in our headquarters. There are several things of interest to all ex-service men and women posted there which should be given considerable careful thought.

Don't forget to visit the polls next Tuesday, August 29.

Are you thinking of Hallowe'en? And Armistice Day?

What shall it be?

### VOTE FOR



JAMES L. KING  
Justice of The Peace  
August 29

## BIGGEST AND BEST FREE FAIR CLOSSES

### Much Credit Due The Committee for Its Success

The Fair Is Dead; Long Live the Fair!

While the tangible evidences of the great Torrance Industrial Fiesta have passed into history, the spirit that made the fair possible and that has affected its growth from a small country exhibit to one whose future scope will undoubtedly be state-wide is more in evidence than ever.

From the members of the committee in charge of the affair, whose unselfish work resulted in the best exhibit ever held in this section of the country, to the exhibitor having the smallest display, everyone connected with the fair are delighted with the results both from a commercial and advertising standpoint.

That Torrance and vicinity has made many friends by her hospitality to the thousands of strangers within her gates and that this "bread cast upon the waters" will return many fold in new industries, new settlers, and new capital, is acknowledged by all who had the pleasure of seeing the satisfied crowds of out-of-town visitors and hearing their expressions of amazement at the wonderful growth of this section and its varied assortment of products both mechanical and natural.

While perhaps the greatest amount of credit is due the fair committee that included Geo. A. Proctor, chairman; A. H. Bartlett, secretary; E. O. Straub, Frank Sommons, H. M. Tolson and H. E. Paige assisted most materially by W. H. Gilbert, who while not a member of the committee put his shoulder to the wheel, the thanks of the community should be extended to everyone who in any way assisted in making it a success.

Smoothly running and satisfying in every detail, the fiesta, from the opening day of Tuesday until in a blaze of lights and fireworks from the aeroplane overhead on Saturday when the fair closed, was in every way a complete success and already exhibitors are discussing the ways and means of again giving the public a bigger and better exhibit next year.

The fireworks that lighted the sky for miles around on the closing night and that gave the spectators the greatest thrill of the week deserves especial mention and the aviators, "aces" in the late war as well as their intrepid female assistant were most welcome additions to a program filled with enjoyable events.

### Election Tuesday

Tuesday next the residents of Torrance and vicinity have a duty to perform, a duty that should be a pleasure and a matter of pride to every American, that of casting his or her vote at the primary.

While the result of this election may not vitally effect Torrance or Lomita, as the only contest in this section is between two very well known, well liked and capable men, L. J. Hunter of Lomita and James L. King of Torrance, who are waging a good-natured rivalry for election as justice of the peace for this township, the choice of the whole people for the man to sit in the gubernatorial chair, to represent them in Congress and in the State Assembly are matters that require serious thought and what is more important—the depositing of your ballot. Thought without action is like a flivver without "gas"—you get nowhere. So read of the men whose names are mentioned for all offices, study their past records and present fitness for the positions to which they aspire, make up your minds who you want and then prepare and deposit your ballot on Tuesday next.

### Week-End Sports

Great interest attaches to the week-end sports that take place Friday (tonight) at the American Legion Hall, due largely to the popularity of James Scott of the Union Tool who is carded to wrestle Tex Wallace of El Segundo at 148 pounds.

It is also expected that a record attendance will be on hand to see the boxing bout between Sailor Myatt of El Segundo and Sam Kaspar of the Llewellyn Iron Works, whose "rough stuff" when he is said to have struck the referee at the close of the bout resulted in considerable adverse criticism. Sam, however, promises to put up the fight of his life tonight. The referee is John McEwing of Los Angeles and the judges are E. O. Straub, Harry Doble and Sam Levy. The first bout starts at 8:30.