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## UNION TOOL TEAM WINS ON SATURDAY

YOU TEAS ADD ANOTHER GAME TO LIST AS THEY WIN FROM SALT LAKE NINE

SATURDAY, March 9.—Today the Union Tool Company Baseball team added another to their long string of victories when they walloped the Salt Lake Playgrounds on the home diamond. The game was a little mediocre in many respects, the Salt Lake pitcher allowing most of the Union Tool runs by his booting the ball.

The Salt Lake team got across the first runs of the game when Hayden, pitching for the U. T. permitted a walk and a three-bagger in the sixth. Hayden then struck out the next two batters only to allow another hit which scored their second run.

The Salt Lake pitcher kept his hits well scattered up to the sixth inning when Bouett, first up, got a single, stole second, and scored when Gomes landed another safe. Then Sanger smacked a fast one sending Gomes to third. Gomes scored when the Salt Lake hurler tossed the ball nearly over the backstop, advancing Sanger to second. Sanger then scored on Widener's long fly to left.

In the eighth Peppin smacked the pill out for three sacks, and then scored on an error at first. Widener then safely crossed the pan when Partridge crashed a grass cutter down the first base line. The ninth saw the Salt Lake boys trying their hardest when they run across the last of their three runs on an error and a single.

A good crowd of spectators enjoyed the perfect afternoon, and Manager Hewson of the You Teas was all smiles. Little blue tickets at 10 cents were quite an innovation, but each fan was glad to kick through when they learned that the double donation was to help cancel the clubs debts, and for their benefit, we might add that another couple of games will put the boys in the grandstand.

For the first time we saw Don Partridge in the game, and he gave a good account of himself batting over .300 and fielding 1.000.

Next Saturday, March 26, the Blake-Moffitt and Towne club will again play the Union Tool team on the local diamond, and it is hoped that another good crowd of spectators will be in the grandstand.

## TORRANCE SCHOOL GETS \$123,000.00

Of the large appropriation allotted to the Torrance school for additional buildings, certain amounts will be expended at once, the two first units to be started sometime next month. \$123,000 was the sum set aside for the school's improvement.

### BUYS THREE LOTS

Philip Deiber of Los Angeles purchased three lots Tuesday at the sales room of the Dominguez Land Corporation, and has given a contract for a new four-room house to Contractor Dwyer. The house will be strictly modern in every particular, with many built-in features, and just as soon as possible, Mr. and Mrs. Deiber will move here. Two more homes will be built on the remaining lots, and will be for sale.

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### BANDITS RAID HOME

Four armed bandits surrounded the ranch house of the Dominguez Land and Water company's property between Torrance and Redondo Tuesday afternoon and forcing the lone occupant, a woman, to stand with her hands above her head, went through it, according to a report made to the sheriff's office. \$100 in currency, a diamond ring and six gold watches were taken, according to the report of Geo. Phoney, superintendent. The Redondo police were notified and a posse was organized to search for the bandits.

### SOME MORE ACTION

P. B. McGarvey of Santa Ana purchased a lot Wednesday, moved here Thursday and went to work today. His new property is on the Redondo Blvd., West Torrance, and plans are already under way for a new home.

## SIGN BOARDS SHOW COUNTRY CLUB SITE

VISTA HIGHLANDS BECOMING A POPULAR SECTION OF GROWING CITY

The directors of the Torrance Country Club are holding meetings each week and expect to meet with Mr. J. S. Torrance some day this week, when final arrangements will be completed regarding deeding of the land of the proposed site.

Signs will soon be placed on the ground at 16th street at the head of Ivy street, also on Ivy street at Carson Avenue, so that everyone traveling between Torrance and Redondo will soon become acquainted with the location of the Club house.

Vista Highlands, where the club house will be situated, presents a scene of much activity. Buildings are being erected on many different lots, besides 16th street, which will be built up solid as soon as several contracts are signed up, which are being bid for now.

The Dominguez Land Corporation reports sales of many lots East of Vista Highlands, on the ground where the Corporation has erected a building for their headquarters, where they can entertain the tourists, and excursionists who are visiting our beautiful city each day.

If Torrance is growing fast now, (and it is,) the future prospect is that it will reach a furious pace as many lots are being sold in all parts of the city and many of the new owners are anticipating the erection of homes on the land, which they are purchasing.

What are we saying to these strangers who are coming within our gates? W-E-L-C-O-M-E! Come in. Join our Chamber of Commerce, and help us to make this city one of tremendous industry and activity where we can all obtain a living and be proud of the place in which we have elected to spend our future.

### BOWLING TEAM TO LONG BEACH

One of the best series of the season was played Tuesday evening, when the bowling teams of C. A. Paxman, whose members were B. M. Anderson, Frank Sammons, M. L. May, E. O. Straub and L. V. Babcock were matched against that of G. W. Neill's team, composed of J. W. Post, W. H. Gilbert, C. W. Lyons, R. J. Deininger.

### BANQUET POSTPONED

The Chamber of Commerce banquet scheduled for tonight, March 25, has been indefinitely postponed.

## BREAKING GROUND FOR BIG BUILDING

GROUND FLOOR WILL BE USED FOR STORES, APARTMENTS ON SECOND FLOOR.

Excavating was started last Monday morning on the large lot, corner of El Prado and Sartori streets, for the two-story brick and reinforced concrete building of Fred Burkhardt. Progress of the building will be patiently followed by several who anticipate occupying the ground floor with stores, the second story to be built into apartments, which are greatly needed in Torrance today.

The new structure will partially relieve the shortage in store rooms, as the rapid of late that expansions in business enterprises could not be done until other buildings were erected.

It is understood that one of the largest grocery distributing concerns in Southern California are desirous of obtaining leases for the ground floor, a part of the space to be given to a meat market and a bakery department. The building is 60 x 75 feet, and situated just across the street from the Dolley Drug Company, which affords the trading public a "close-in" center near the new bank building, near the auditorium, near the post office, and depot.

It is expected to have the foundation work all in by the fifteenth of April. C. A. Paxman is supervising the contract.



FRANCES INGRAM

Noted Coltralt Sanger, who will appear on the Chautauqua circuit here April 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 1921

### CHAUTAUQUA AGENT HERE

T. C. Herbshman, advance agent of the Ellison-White Chautauqua was in Torrance Wednesday in the interest of his company which will be here the fourteenth of next month with their opening number of the Chautauqua season. A ticket selling campaign is now in full swing.

### AMERICAN LEGION POSTERS

A large poster of beautiful design may be seen ganging in the First National Bank of Torrance, calling the attention of those eligible for membership to "See Hancock, Adjt.," in the F. N. Bank.

### OPEN OFFICE IN SANTA ANA

G. E. Townsend and J. T. Grisson, sales agents for the Dominguez Land Corporation have opened offices in Santa Ana and are conducting excursions from that city to Torrance, with fine results.

## TORRANCE SOON TO BE CITY IN ACTION

BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM INCORPORATION WILL SAFEGUARD PROPERTIES

On April 19 all residents of Torrance of voting age who have registered will be called upon to decide whether Torrance shall enter the ranks of the progressive municipalities of the Southland and assume that rank to which it is properly entitled.

They will decide whether they believe in home rule and self-government. Whether they have faith in themselves and their fellow residents in Torrance.

They will decide whether they believe in the doing of everything possible that will advance and benefit the community in which they live.

Self-interest and self-pride, civic interest and civic pride dictate the immediate incorporation of this city, and only lack of interest can possibly defeat this forward step for the more the subject is intelligently studied, the greater the enthusiasm of the investigator for the project.

Only false assumptions, idle or false rumors and reports speak against incorporation. Every progressive, thriving, growing town is incorporated. Until that step is taken a town is still in its backward state. Not until it incorporates does a town really begin to grow. Not until it is an incorporated body is a town really measured as a town; before it is but a village or a country trading center.

To incorporate Torrance means the assumption of responsibility, the taking up of the burdens of a progressive American town. Only good can come therefrom. Taxes will be no higher for state laws govern and limit to one cent the rate. But, certain tax funds now going to the county will revert to Torrance when incorporated. The school system will remain the same and still be under the Los Angeles City school government.

Candidates for city trustees will take no action not governed by the wishes of the majority of our people. They are your fellow residents, your neighbors, your friends, and are known to be men of a dignified purpose. It will be their aim, we are sure, to permit taking up and considering manly measures not now possible that will benefit and safeguard property and person all for the betterment and upbuilding of Torrance—the city beautiful.

Election will be held on April 19, and for the good that will come after Torrance is incorporated, you are asked to vote yes.

### THIS IS ACTION

Dale Dean, an employee of the Pacific Electric bought a lot late Tuesday evening of M. L. May of the Dominguez Land Corporation and had the lumber for a new house on the lot Thursday. Mr. Dean is working on the foundation and Saturday afternoon will himself assist in the erection of his new home.

### AMERICAN LEGION CARNIVAL

The Redondo Beach Post No. 184 of the American Legion is giving its first mid-winter carnival and Madrigals, April 2-3, 1921. This elaborate festival is to be given in honor of all the Legionnaires and friends of Southern California. Twelve Thousand badges have been distributed to delegates to the different Legion Posts, who will attend.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Ralph Beall was the honor guest Tuesday evening, when his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Beall of N. Gramercy gave a surprise party on his sixteenth birthday. There were eight boys and eight young ladies present and a very enjoyable evening was passed in playing games. Prizes were awarded as follows: Miss Virginia Watson was presented with a kewpie as the winner of the first prize in the "Musical Chairs" game; Lyons Adams, first prize, a stork, for moulding an elephant out of a stick of gum; Miss Marie Patton received the first prize, a kewpie, for pinning the tail on a donkey. Those present were, Misses Sabina Williams, Gwendolyn Miller, Virginia Watson, Marie Patton, Kathryn Burmaster, Helen Tiffany, Hellen Neill, Mrs. Jessome, Ralph Beall, Douglas Collins, Lyons Adams, Byron Dinger of Gardena, Dewey Quigley, Kinsley Tufts, Carl Van Hagen.

## GARDENA BEATEN IN SECOND GAME

NEXT SUNDAY'S GAME TO BE ONE OF THE FASTEST OF THE SEASON

SUNDAY, March 20.—The Torrance Merchants took a little jaunt out of town today to the metropolis of Gardena where they displayed their baseball prowess on one of the fastest diamonds in this section when they trimmed the Merchants of that city to the tune of eight to six. Ideal baseball weather, which led a goodly crowd of rooters thither prevailed, and they went to root for their home team, win or lose. The defeat Gardena suffered at the hands of Torrance two weeks ago still rangled, and the Gardena team, as well as supporters, displayed a regular sporting spirit—that fighting spirit which is admired by every real sportsman, and, believe us, both Gardena and Torrance house some real sports.

Torrance went to bat first, Riggs taking himself a free ticket. Leake, Hollis, of course, gained first on a sacrifice bunt when Gardena's second sacker booted. Then Bouett smashed one out for three sacks, sending the old apple high and clear away over the left field fence. The true athletic agility of the left field guardian enabled him to quickly recover the ball which outhurled would have been a homer. This play netted two scores. Peppin was out on an infield grounder, and Gome flew out to right, Bouett being caught at home trying to score on the throw. In Gardena's half of the first, their first batter whiffed at the first three pitched balls, and the others did little better.

Sanger, first up in the second, made a fast one for three bases, and crossed the pan when the next man up landed a single, Billy Widener then. (Continued on Page 8)

### LEGION DANCE

Great preparations are being made for the American Legion dance tomorrow night, March 26 at the sales room of the Dominguez Land Corporation, west of the Torrance high school on Carson street \$5 in gold will be given away to the lucky holder of the coupon in the hall. Excellent music will be a feature of the evening's entertainment.

### CATHOLIC SERVICES

Mass at 8:00 a. m. every Sunday morning in the North room of Library building, Torrance.

—Boost For Incorporation—

## C. A. PAXMAN NEW PRESIDENT C. OF C.

NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT NOTIFIES MEMBERS THEY MUST GET BUSY

A meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce was held in their assembly room Monday evening last, the meeting being called to order by Secretary Bartlett, who appointed G. A. Proctor chairman. In the absence of J. Isenstein, president.

The usual routine business affairs were dispensed with, communications read, and then the meeting settled down to considering matters of importance.

A letter from the Salm Manufacturing Co., with reference to establishing a Western Union Telegraph Office in Torrance was read. The question of location for an office for the company was discussed at length. The Western Union has repeatedly tried to secure a location here and the District Manager has stated that he would bring their office here as soon as a location could be secured. Mr. Bartlett was appointed to secure a location and to communicate with officials of the Western Union. It is known that he business here would fully warrant an office of this kind and it is hoped that a location will be secured.

The resignation of Mr. J. Isenstein was read and accepted by president of the chamber. In his letter Mr. Isenstein stated that he did not feel that he could devote the necessary time to the work to make it a live and successful organization and to bring it up to the standard of which it is worthy.

Mr. Proctor called for nominations and the name of C. A. Paxman was placed before the meeting by Joe Stone, who paid future president a glowing compliment for his progressiveness and stating his belief that he would serve the community better than anyone else because of his familiarity with the needs of Torrance. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Gilbert, which action brought Mr. Paxman to his feet. Before he could state his objections, (Continued on Page 8)

### TO BUILD HOME AT ONCE

J. O. Davidson of Colorado came to Torrance Tuesday on one of the Dominguez Land Corporation's excursions and purchased a choice lot in Vista Highlands. Plans have already been started for a new five-room house, which will be occupied by the owner.

### BENEFIT DANCE

Don't forget the Benefit Dance given at the Eagles Hall, Redondo Beach, March 28, 1921. Refreshments will be served by the Torrance Catholic ladies. All are invited.—Advertisement.

## CHINESE FAMINE FUND GROWING RAPIDLY

Geo. W. Neill, chairman of the Torrance committee for the Chinese Famine Fund, reports that the people here are supporting this worthy cause very liberally, one citizen donating a ten dollar bill to the fund. The American committees throughout the State are collecting California's quota for the relief of the sufferers in the famine-stricken district of the Chinese Republic.

Torrance cannot and will not close its ears to the appeal for aid of those unfortunate people.

Our philanthropy knows no bounds of race or religion, and generally the state of California has responded nobly to every call.

Those desiring to help in this cause can do so by seeing W. G. Neill, Dr. J. S. Lancaster, C. H. Van Hellen, W. Teal, D. C. Turner, R. J. Deininger, members of the local committee, appointed to receive donations.