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DRILL THROUGH CAP TO BRING SANTA FE WELL IN

Operations at the Santa Fe well west of Torrance are continuing with intense activity.

The perforated casing was removed from the well last week and solid pipe casing put down.

It is understood that they are now drilling through the cap which is in the hole, and as soon as this is completed the well will be brought in.

There is no way at present of determining the capacity of the well, but judging from the preparations the Santa Fe Company are making, it will be one of the largest in this section.

Extra precautions are being taken to prevent a fire from starting and doing the damage that was done over in the Signal Hill district last week.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK RECEPTION FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

Invite Patrons and Friends To Visit Their New Home As Guests Of Officials

Elsewhere in this issue an invitation is given to all the people of Torrance and vicinity to visit the new banking rooms of the First National Bank of Torrance on Friday, September 10, 1921. The bank will receive you between 9:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m., and will take great pleasure in showing you through their modern and safe banking house. It represents the latest in construction, design, fixtures and convenience, besides no expense has been spared in installing the very latest and most reputable burglar alarm system. Every square inch of the building where money is kept or where officials or employees are located has been carefully wired for instant alarm in case of danger. The large door of the vault is one of the most complicated, and its locks and clocks that govern its opening and closing are marvels of genius that have worked out systems that so far have not been solved by cracksmen.

LEGION DANCE POPULAR

The regular weekly dance of the American Legion was held in their club house last Friday evening and was unusually well attended.

The Legion seems to have found a spot in the hearts of most of the young people of the city, and a number of the older ones, by holding these dances. Previous to these weekly dances it was necessary for the residents of Torrance to go to Redondo to dance, but being progressive, the dance was brought to the people.

Another dance will be held Friday of this week, and as it is a holiday most everywhere, it is expected that there will be a large turnout.

Though it is not generally known, the dance was patronized from cities as far distant as Wilmington and Long Beach, to say nothing of the nearer Beach cities.

NEW R. F. D. ROUTE

Alfred Gourdiere, postmaster of Torrance, gave the "Enterprise" a bit of the liveliest news we have received in many weeks when he made the announcement that a new free delivery rural route had just been adopted in his office. The route is officially known as Rural Route No. 2 and will serve a district from the Torrance Road north to the Palos Verdes Hills on the south, and from Weston avenue to three blocks beyond Harbor (Main street) Boulevard. This will give a more efficient service to hundreds of residents not only in Keystone Acres, but in the southern part of Lomita, which heretofore has been served from the Gardena post office.

A. F. Thomas has been appointed temporary carrier and will probably receive the appointment of permanent carrier of the new route. This new service will start on the morning of Friday, September 16, 1921.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET SEPTEMBER 19

The next regular meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will be held on the evening of Monday, September 19. The report of the Fleetsa Committee will be received at this time.

DANCE IN CATHOLIC HALL

There will be a dance in the Catholic Hall, Torrance, Saturday evening, September 10. An exceptionally good orchestra has been secured for this benefit dance. You are invited to attend.

TAKE CARE OF RUBBISH

There have been a number of complaints that people are dumping rubbish and grass cuttings in the alleys in the rear of their homes.

An ordinance was recently enacted governing the dumping of rubbish and other refuse, in which it is stated that it is unlawful to dump said refuse and grass cuttings in the gutters or in the alleys, and the marshal is now on the lookout for offenders of the practice, and it is expected that arrests will follow if continued.

FAMILY REUNION

A very pleasant family gathering was held at the home of Chas. Stock Sunday. Fifteen members of the Stock family were present for dinner, and later on in the afternoon every one enjoyed eating watermelons raised in Mr. Stock's garden. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stock and son Chester from Rhino, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. John Stock and mother, Mrs. Melick, from Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stock and children, Helen and Bobbie; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stock and family.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Torrance Woman's Club will hold their first meeting of the official club year in their new home at the Legion Hall Monday, Sept. 12, at 2 p. m. A splendid program has been prepared for the occasion. After the program an informal reception will be held. All new members taken in during the summer are asked to be present, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to come and enjoy the afternoon with the club.

The Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. S. Lancaster last Thursday afternoon. They discussed the work for next year, and sewing for the annual holiday bazaar has begun.

The Torrance Relief Society held their regular business meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the library. A number of important questions were brought up and discussed, and the regular business disposed of. The Torrance Relief Society meet the first Tuesday in the month.

SCHOOL OPEN MONDAY

"There's much ado in Kidland, And playtime's nearly o'er; The younger generation's going Back to school once more."

Amid hustle and bustle, scramble and scrimmage in an effort to find report cards, school books and lunches, next Monday morning will find many hundreds of school children in this district ready for school. Some will be glad; others indifferent, but the former in the majority.

Prof. I. W. Barnett of the Torrance schools requests all scholars to be on hand next Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock, when "checking up" will be done and arrangements made for classes. One of the most regrettable announcements regarding the new building was made yesterday, when it was learned that the new building would not be ready for occupancy when school opens. Prof. Barnett said it would be necessary to again enforce the abominable half-day sessions for two or three weeks until the rooms were properly fitted up to receive the classes.

It is important that all children be on hand next Monday morning, so that segregation of class work may be made with as little confusion as possible until the new rooms are finished.

The personnel of the faculty will remain practically the same the coming year, with a few possible changes and additions.

A complete course of study has been arranged this year and the twelve grades will be taught with laboratory work in connection with scientific courses. The coming semester promises to be the greatest in attendance and the most successful school term.

TRUSTEES' MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the city was held in the offices of the Dominguez Land Corporation Tuesday evening. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A communication from the City Health Officer relative to the number of cases of rabies among animals of the county and suggesting that the trustees impose a dog tax with the provision that the marshal be empowered to kill all unlicensed and unmuzzled dogs found on the streets was read and referred to the ordinance committee. Dr. Lancaster stated that there was no immediate cause for alarm in Torrance, but suggested that the measure be taken as a preventive rather than a cure.

A communication from Mr. George Ovaneroff of the American Restaurant asking if the tax exemption granted by the state on account of war service would apply to the recently enacted license ordinance was read and the clerk was instructed to reply to the communication and state that the tax exemption allowed by the state was a personal exemption and did not apply to any business.

Mr. R. M. Johns requested permission to install another gasoline pump in front of his place of business at the Torrance garage, and the request was granted. A communication from the Loomis Dow Company in regard to the cost of the installation of a set of books for the city was read, and it was the opinion of the Board that the bill, which amounted to \$125.00, should be paid.

Trustee Stone reported that he would not recommend the installation of a fire siren until the city learned the exact condition of their finances, which would not be until the amount of road taxes would be returned by the county. The cost of the siren installed would be approximately \$300.00, and at the present time the city could not afford it. Mr. Stone also reported that they had taken up the matter of painting the fire hydrants with Mr. Neill of the Dominguez Land Corporation, and that he would have a report by the next meeting.

HAMMERTON COMMITTEE MEET

The committee appointed at the meeting of the lot owners of Hammerton last week met Tuesday evening in the offices of H. C. Galloupe, 1200 Washington Bldg., Los Angeles. The matter of forming a second trustee with three or five directors duly elected to assume the charge of the Hammerton subdivision, a new industrial townsite east of Torrance, was considered. Several plans and other recommendations were made at this meeting, but it is understood from reports that no definite action was taken. Mr. Hammerton was out of town yesterday and could not be reached by an "Enterprise" reporter. Late reports, however, are that five of the largest oil companies of California are soliciting oil leases on the new tract.

UPSET BOAT IN LAKE

Labor Day will long be remembered by Miss Lyric Oliver and Mr. Doc White, two of Torrance's young folks, whose experience were comic, yet more or less serious. After having driven around Echo Park seeing the beautiful and interesting sights, they decided to look for real enjoyment with some excitement, and proceeded to hire a boat on the lagoon. During their meanderings around the lake the boat became unmanageable and capsized, depositing both to a considerable depth under water. "Doc" proved himself a real hero in rescuing the young lady, and swam safely to shore with her. Proving that the treacherous undertow had no terrors for him, "Doc" returned and did the pearl diving stunt for their lost treasures, which he recovered. The couple decided to return to their homes in Torrance—wet and cold, but none the worse for their experiences. If you want to get a real "kick" just mention spoiled clothing to either of them.

AMERICAN LEGION TO GIVE PLAY

The play "Experience," which is to be given by the American Legion on Thursday, September 22 promises to be most unique.

The impersonator, Mrs. Adams, a woman who has traveled extensively and studied in several countries. It is certainly a wonderful thing to have a woman like Mrs. Adams come to Torrance and put on the play.

During the war Mrs. Adams gave much of her time to the Red Cross, and in that way raised considerable money for the boys by her work.

There is a second part to the program consisting of monologue and dialogues which will be a treat and undoubtedly enjoyed by every one.

The admission price has been put down within the reach of everyone and a large attendance is expected.

HOY-WOODINGTON WEDDING

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodington, Arlington avenue, Torrance, Saturday, Sept. 3 when Miss Eva Hoy of Long Beach became the bride of Archie W. Woodington, also of Long Beach. The Rev. Spreng of Central church, Torrance, officiated. The home was beautifully decorated with gold and green. The ceremony was solemnized under an arch of corresponding color, little Jean Fitzhugh being the ring bearer.

RESIDENTS POOL LAND IN TORRANCE PARK FOR OIL LEASES

The group of property owners in Torrance Park who have joined together to pool their land for the purpose of leasing held a meeting last Friday evening and transacted considerable routine business.

There will be another meeting held this week, at which time the form of lease will be submitted and the association will be ready for all comers who are in the market to lease.

According to Mr. W. H. Graham, the association is more anxious to lease the ground to some of the smaller companies who will do the drilling at once, and not hold off until the last minute of the lease.

The residents in that part are more than confident that oil will be found, and are very anxious to get the rigs up and the work under way.

JOINT PICNIC OF TWO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Visit Seelig Zoo and Enjoy the Sports At Lincoln Park, Los Angeles

The Baptist Church and the Central Church Sunday school classes joined forces last Monday, Labor Day, and enjoyed themselves at Lincoln Park, Los Angeles.

Promptly at 9:00 o'clock Monday morning the children gathered with their parents and chaperons in front of the Torrance Transfer office, where transportation facilities were to be arranged for the crowd. Mr. Tolson commissioned two large trucks and trailer for the occasion, and the children were packed in like sardines. Additional private machines were offered by Mrs. Geo. Breit, P. G. Broney, Dr. Neelands, John Guyan, Hurum E. Reeve, Mrs. Fay McKinley and Prof. I. W. Barnett, and a large trailer that carried the lunches and refreshments specially prepared for the occasion.

After arriving at the park a general survey of the surroundings was made by the "kids," and at 12:30 o'clock congregated for the big feast of boiled hams, veal loafs, salads, fruit, melons, cake and ice cream. The afternoon was pleasantly passed in the Seelig Zoo. Some patronized the skating rink and others went boat riding, the latter sport offering a rush for much merriment.

Two young men planned a little rip for two young ladies, but the girls didn't believe they were sea-bring boys and refused. They attempted to prove they were and proceeded to clear from the "wharf." When they returned they had many wild stories to tell. They said the lake "turned upside down" with them, but from their wet clothing to one offered to argue the question with them.

The second helping of "eats" was prepared at 4:30 o'clock, after which all were boarded on the trucks and started for Torrance and arrived home well before dark, tired but pronouncing this the greatest outing ever enjoyed by the Torrance Sunday schools.

The Y. P. A. of the Central Church will hold their regular business meeting Monday evening, September 12, at 7:30 p. m., after which they will have a party at the beach.