

# Torrance Herald



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## Only Argument Against Water Bonds Blasted; Offer Of Shares Insures City Right To Water

If the city of Torrance wishes to acquire shares in the Dominguez Water company to insure the continued purchase of water in case voters approve the proposed bond issue to the distributing system, the city can do so at ITS OWN RISK and at NO ADDITIONAL COST.

This important fact was assured Thursday when Donald Findley, manager of the Torrance Water, Light and Power company, was instructed by that organization's board of directors to inform the municipality that the company will transfer 2000 shares of stock in the Dominguez Water company to the city IF THE CITY SO DEMANDS.

In a letter to City Engineer Jessup Mr. Findley, as agent of the water company, agrees to give the city until March 1, 1924, to decide whether or not the shares are desired. The decision of the water company defeats the only argument against the water bonds. If the city believes the shares valuable, if it is decided that their possession by the city would guarantee the city a permanent supply of water from the Dominguez Water Company, then the city may acquire the shares without additional cost.

If on the other hand, after due investigation, the city finds that the shares are not necessary to insure a continued supply and that they constitute a liability, then the city will not have to exercise its option.

It should be made clear that the Dominguez Water company is not connected with the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company. The latter concern is a distributing company, distributing in Torrance water bought from the Dominguez Water company. But the Torrance Water, Light and Power company has interest in shares of stock in the Dominguez Water company. It is these shares which the Torrance Water company now offers to the city, in addition to the distributing system.

If the city possesses the shares ALL POSSIBLE DOUBT AS TO THE CITY'S RIGHT TO PURCHASE WATER AT A REASONABLE RATE FROM THE DOMINGUEZ WATER COMPANY WILL BE REMOVED.

If the bonds pass, the city will acquire a FIRST CLASS distributing system—and if it so desires, 2000 shares in the company controlling the WATER AT ITS SOURCE.

Mr. Findley's letter to Mr. Jessup follows:

"We are informed that you have not been able to get a satisfactory statement from the Dominguez Water Company as to the terms or conditions upon which it will deliver water to the City of Torrance in the event it acquires our system, and that it is desirable that the situation be made more definite.

"Accordingly, you are hereby advised that this Company will, upon demand of the City of Torrance, made prior to March 1st, 1924, deliver to said City of Torrance certificates representing 2000 shares of stock of the Dominguez Water Company, provided said City of Torrance shall have purchased prior to said date, the plant and equipment of the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company, as contemplated under bond issue to be voted upon November 26th.

"Very truly yours,

"TORRANCE WATER, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

"By DONALD FINDLEY, Manager.

"Approved

"JAMES S. BENNETT,

"Attorney for Torrance Water, Light and Power Company"

## Water Bond Vote Monday; Two Other Issues On Tuesday

Free Proposals Call for \$275,000 Worth of Bonds

BILLS OPEN AT 6 Precinct at Corner of 213th St. and Border Ave.

Torrance voters next Monday and Tuesday will vote on three proposed issues for public improvements worth \$275,000.

Monday the voters will pass on a proposition to bond for \$140,000 for purchase of the water system of the Torrance Light and Water company and for extensions. The price of the system is \$100,000. Ten thousand dollars will be for the extensions.

Tuesday voters will pass on resolutions—one to bond for a city-wide lighting system which would place new lights on street inside the tree rows and on corner street, Arlington avenue and Western avenue to the city.

Tuesday also the electors will pass on a proposition to bond for the construction of a 20-foot wide street extending to the north limits of the city on Western avenue.

Owners of property on the street will pay for six feet of pavement. County officials have agreed to strip under county jurisdiction and the city of Los Angeles to share, giving Southern California a paved highway from the mountains to the sea, via Torrance. A voting precinct is in the garage corner of 213th street and Border avenue.

Polls will open on both days at 6 a. m., and close at 6 p. m.

## ROLL CALL OF RED CROSS ON IN TORRANCE

Committee Seeks 500 One-Dollar Memberships Here

Under the direction of Wallace Post, general chairman, the Woman's club of Torrance is starting work on the annual Red Cross roll call in an endeavor to secure this city's quota of 500 members.

Mrs. F. L. Parks is chairman of the committee in charge of the drive. Memberships are \$1 each. The drive will last a month, and the committee is especially anxious that the quota be oversubscribed.

Headquarters of the campaign are at the Torrance Plumbing company on Marcellina street.

One-half of the money received goes to the national organization, American Red Cross, and the other half stays in the district for the benefit of disabled war veterans.

Mr. Post and Mrs. Parks point with pride to the fact that Torrance has never failed to subscribe its quota in annual memberships. People of the city need no introduction to that great agency of mercy, the American Red Cross, and no explanation of its great world-wide work of charity. The committee approaches its task with confidence that the 500 membership buttons will be disposed of rapidly in this city.

Keystone dance, Saturday night. Double dance. Gentlemen 50 cents, ladies 25 cents.—Adv.

## Special Bond Issue Edition Of Herald For Saturday

In order to acquaint the people of Torrance with all of the facts regarding the three proposed bond issues upon which the voters will pass judgment at the polls Monday and Tuesday, The Herald on Saturday will publish a special bond issue edition to be circulated without charge to every house in the city.

The importance of intelligent consideration of each of these proposed bonding propositions cannot be over-estimated. But so much space is required to treat the subjects exhaustively that The Herald decided on the special edition as the only way of placing ALL of the facts before the people.

The Herald chose Saturday as the day of publication so that the voters will have plenty of leisure in which to study the proposition on Sunday.

We believe that no person should vote on the proposals without studying each of them carefully and understanding them in all of their details.

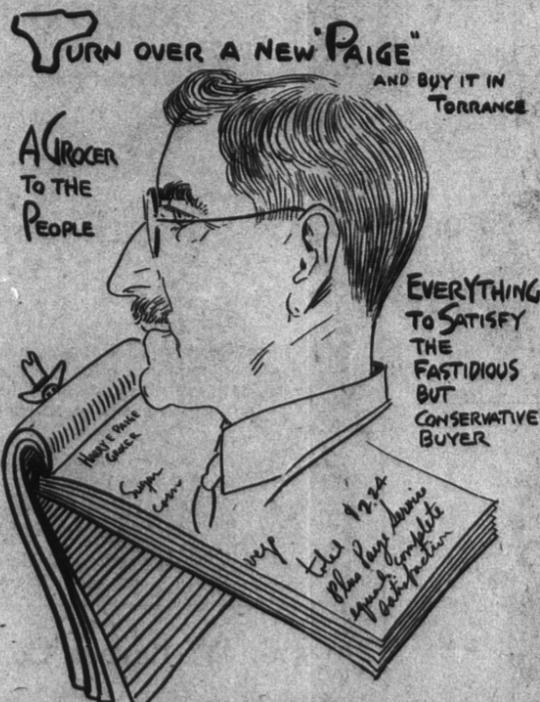
Our circulation manager promises that a paper will be left at every home. A supply will also be on hand at the Torrance Pharmacy, Dolley Drug Store, Beacon Drug Store, the Chamber of Commerce, First National Bank and State Exchange Bank.

Whether you are for or against bonding the city of Torrance for the proposed improvements or whether you are still in doubt, you should read this special edition of The Herald.

Several announcements of the utmost importance will be contained in the edition, giving the public a NEW viewpoint on the bonding proposals.

## EXPONENT OF QUALITY GOODS

By THE MYSTERIOUS COWBOY



I write of Paige's Quality Grocery and of the conscientious merchant who conducts that splendid system of merchandising, Harry E. Paige.

The subject of our present review has ever been an adherent of quality things. In stocking his handsome market he has made quality the keynote from the front door to the back of the store. He does not merely tell you that his counters contain the highest qualities, he proves it to you. Never does he deviate for a moment from the policy he has long since found to be the only wise one to follow. Quality always, no matter

what the circumstances—that is about the tenor of his slogan.

How strange it is that people pay no greater attention to quality. To be sure the cost is a little more, but what of the manifold advantages and the benefits that accrue to the health, especially with regard to the things we eat? If there be one truism in the whole scheme of merchandising, then it is that it pays eternally to buy quality things. Pays over and over—it is sheer folly to pay less and get worse than you require.

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## Nine Wells Swell Field Production By 13,000 Bbls.

Daily Yield Near 40,000 Barrels as Lomita-Torrance Boundary Area Adds Record-Breakers to List

Petroleum Securities company's (Doheny) Marble No. 2 is doing slightly over 2000 barrels a day. It is located on the eastern edge of the Marble ranch in Lomita. The well was completed at 3730 feet. Production is through 287 feet of slotted casing. Gas pressure registers 360 pounds on the casing. The oil tests 27 gravity. Production is through a 3/4-inch nipple.

Superior's big gusher, Torrance No. 7, is at the corner of Cypress and Cedar streets in South Torrance, not far from the corner of Arlington and the old Redondo road. It was completed at 3750 feet. The oil tests 26.8 gravity.

Marble No. 3 of the Petroleum Securities company is another first-class new producer, flowing 1900 barrels of 27 gravity oil. Completed from the 3760-foot level, this well has 298 feet of perforated casing in the hole and is flowing through a 3/4-inch nipple.

The Gilmore Oil company brought in its No. 1 well in the southern part of the field this week. It is flowing about 1800 barrels of oil testing between 26 and 27 gravity. The well is located on the Davidson, Lowe and Mabee lease on Fir street in Lomita. It was completed at 2727 feet.

The Cooke Drilling company brought in an 1800-barrel well on Fir street on the second acre east of Pennsylvania in Lomita. Gravity is 26.5. The well was brought in from 3750 feet. In the hole are 260 feet of 6 1/2 liner and three-inch tubing. Production is

through forty-two to sixty-fourths-inch nipple. Gas pressure is 320 pounds on the tubing and 600 pounds on the casing.

Universal Consolidated brought in its first well on the Moore community lease on Pepper street in Lomita when its No. 1 well went on production at a rate of 1500 barrels a day. The well was drilled to 3747 feet. Two hundred and forty feet of perforated 6-inch casing were put down. The oil is flowing through 3-inch casing. Gravity is 27.

George F. Getty brought in two producers during the week—No. 3 and No. 5. No. 3, at Cedar and Pennsylvania streets, Lomita, is producing 1300 barrels of 26.7 gravity oil. It was completed at 3720 feet. There are 208 feet of slotted casing in the hole. The well is flowing through a 1/2-inch nipple. Gas pressure on the casing is 400 pounds, on the tubing 200 pounds.

Getty's other new producer is near Redondo and is producing 80 barrels a day on the pump. Gravity is 14 degrees. The well was completed at 3250 feet.

Chancellor-Canfield put Torrance No. 12, in the 4070 tract on 216th street, Torrance, on the pump this week, and it is producing 150 barrels a day. It was brought in from the 3615-foot level. Close to Torrance No. 6, flowing about 500 barrels a day, this well is considerable of a disappointment.

Total production in the field this week reached close to 40,000 barrels a day.

## SHOWINGS ON JULIAN'S WILDCAT IN EAST LOMITA ARE PROMISING

With the best sluice-box showings ever seen in the entire Torrance-Lomita oil field, C. C. Julian's Splittstoesser No. 1, east of Lomita, reached a hard pan formation at 3530 feet Wednesday.

Veterans of the field who watched the mud circulating in the box declared the showing to be the best they had ever seen here.

Gas bubbles as large as eggs were floating on the surface and large blotches of oil showed in the mud.

The crew will core carefully as soon as the hard formation is passed through, and the probabilities are that the well will be cemented off late this week or the first of next.

Standing almost a mile and a half from production, this Julian wildcat would prove up an immense territory.

Production on the Julian well would mean much to holders of land in east Lomita.

And from present indications the well will not be a dry hole.

## Freeholders Seek Gourdier's Recall

At a meeting of the Freeholders' league Wednesday night three petitions were circulated for the recall of Postmaster Alfred Gourdier of Torrance. The petitions were addressed to the postmaster general, Senator Hiram Johnson and Congressman Fredericks.

The petitions declare that the postmaster has taken too active a part in local politics, and charge inefficiency in the Torrance postoffice.

## MOTHERS' EDUCATIONAL CENTER

The Mothers' Educational Center will meet at the Torrance school Friday, Nov. 30, from 10 a. m. until 2:30 p. m.

## New Rules Adopted On Electric Wiring

The board of trustees Tuesday night adopted a set of rules governing electric wiring in buildings erected in the city. The rules will be published in a booklet for free distribution to builders. According to the city engineer the new regulations increase the safety factor without adding additional expense.

## ATTENTION!

Next week's edition of The Herald will be published on Friday. Our employees wish to dedicate next Thursday to Thanksgiving as well as anyone else.

## OIL SAND DIPS NORTH TOWARD TORRANCE RESIDENCE DISTRICT; DROPS 110 FEET IN HALF MILE

The oil structure in south Torrance is dipping rapidly from the old Redondo road northward as was indicated this week by levels at wells along Arlington street cemented casing on top of the producing formation.

Chancellor-Canfield cemented Torrance No. 19, located along Arlington street 1000 feet south of Plaza del Amo at 3530 feet. Six hundred feet north the same company cemented Torrance No. 20 at 3610 feet,

indicating a dip of 80 feet between the two wells.

At the corner of Arlington street and Plaza del Amo the North American Consolidated Oil company cemented off at 3640 feet. So the dip in the structure between Torrance No. 19 and the North American well is 110 feet—a rapid drop in 1000 feet.

Production along the west side of Arlington street may be expected shortly with these three wells cemented.

Torrance No. 19 is waiting for a water shutoff test before drilling ahead into the oil sand.

## TRUSTEE NASH RESIGNS; HAS SERVED WELL

Torrance trustees Tuesday night met with regret the resignation of trustee E. H. Nash from the finance committee. Mr. Nash has moved to Redondo and automatically becomes ineligible to office here. The board expressed its keen regret at the loss of the services of Mr. Nash, who has served the city so well as chairman of the finance committee. No successor to Mr. Nash was appointed. The next meeting will be held at the next meeting.

## Firemen's Annual Ball Nets \$350

The firemen's dance, held last Thursday evening, was a decided success, socially and financially. About 350 persons enjoyed the excellent dance floor of American Legion hall, and the entrancing music furnished by the Busch orchestra.

Everybody—and we mean just that—had a wonderful time.

And now the fire ladders are having a wonderful time counting up the cash. As far as they've gone, they're about \$350 to the good.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sharp and D. R. Dangler were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Phelps of Long Beach.