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the Acacia street district by the Fortuna well, in- the Lomita field now cen- the Federal Drilling com- operations on the Gurner Elgin and Narbonne ave- his is the southern outpost d showings so far have been t. The well is down around eet, and its log correlates with that of the Fortuna, north.

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eering the eastern territory, Julian spudded in on the old ce-Lomita Royalties lease eek and is drilling ahead rap-

U. S. Royalties this week a derrick at Pepper and lvania in Lomita, just west across the street from the Star rig.

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ing spudded in Torrance No. e Petroleum Securities com- (Doheny) is now drilling five along the east boundary of 0-acre lease, west of the Mid- Northern producer. No. 1 is 3000 feet, and probably will mented off the first of next

GION BOYS INVITED TO HAWTHORN

te Commander Will peak Next Thurs-day Night

ny members of the Bert S. land post, American Legion, planning to attend the inter- legion meeting to be staged he Hawthorne post Thursday, 4. The Hawthorne post, only tly established, has proved a organization. The meeting next rsday night will be held at the torium of the Hawthorne public ol. The following speakers will resent: State Commander James ns of Long Beach, State His- n H. E. Ellenstine of Venice, President Bertha S. Decker of Legion Auxiliary; Rex Good- collector of internal revenue, H. F. Hopkins, president of the thorne State bank.

Royalties Gusher Starts New Rush on Carson Street

Petroleum Midway, Chanslor Canfield, George F. Getty and Fred B. Foster Locate New Wells

DEEPENING HOLES IN DISTRICT

Producer at Ivy and Carson Prompts Superior and Santa Fe to Go Down Farther Than Planned

Precipitated by the 2,000-barrel producer brought in by the United States Royalties at Ivy and Carson streets last week, development of adjoining leases opened with a rush this week when locations for four new wells were made in the vicinity and lumber for rigs hurried forward.

Getty Builds Derrick

George F. Getty is building a rig on the northwest corner of Ivy and Carson, directly west of the U. S. Royalties gusher. Offsetting the producer on the north, Fred B. Foster, the well known Santa Fe Springs and Signal Hill operator, has located a well, lumber for which was hauled Wednesday.

South of Carson street and just west of Ivy the Petroleum Midway has staked out a location for its Stock Community No. 1. This in turn will be offset by Torrance 25 of the Chanslor Canfield Midway Oil company. These two rigs are not yet under construction, but both locations have been staked out and construction will start immediately.

The U. S. Royalties well surprised the entire industry with its first day's production, and although it has settled down to a steady but smaller flow of around 1000 barrels, it is still leading the entire field.

Drilling Deeper

As a result of the success of this well, drilling plans in the district have been altered and wells now being drilled will be driven to lower depths than was previously anticipated.

Superior Oil company's Shedd No. 1 is being deepened as a result of the U. S. Royalties production from 3700 feet. It originally was the intention of the Chanslor Canfield to bring in Torrance No. 10, south of Carson street across the street from Shedd No. 1, from the 3700-foot level. But the company has decided to go deeper. The hole was down 3720 feet Wednesday and was being drilled ahead. It is probable that these wells will be drilled to 3800 or 3900 feet before being put on production. Both were cemented somewhat below the 3500-foot level, the C. C. M. O.'s Torrance being the deeper.

Frye No. 1 of the Superior Oil company is being drilled deeper, owing to the developments in the district.

TWO WELLS BOOST FIELD'S PRODUCTION BY 2200 BARRELS

Two new wells were placed on production in the field this week—Standard's Torrance Community No. 4, on the big Standard community lease, which came in Sunday with a flow of 500 barrels of 26.5 gravity oil, and Chanslor Canfield's Torrance No. 8, offsetting the Midway Northern producer on the old Redondo road, which was brought in last Thursday night at 1600 barrels. Gas pressure on Torrance 8 stands around 320 pounds. The well is flowing through a 6¼-inch string. It was brought in from the 3725-foot level, 50 feet deeper than the Midway Northern gusher. On the second day of production the well flowed 1900 barrels. It is now turning about 1700 barrels a day into the tanks. Gravity is 27 Baume.

WOMAN BUYS MOSK STORES ON SARTORI

Leonora Coleman Purchases Business Block Here

In one of the most important real estate transactions recently consummated in Torrance, Leonora I. Coleman of Long Beach purchased the four stores at 1316-22 Sartori street from E. Mosk, it was announced this week. The consideration was not made public, but it is declared to set a new record for downtown property.

Berkeley Mayor Thanks Torrance

When fires swept over Berkeley, destroying several hundred homes, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce wired condolences to Berkeley city officials. And in the handwriting of Frank D. Stringham, mayor of Berkeley, the following letter came back by return mail:

"Please accept my thanks on behalf of the city of Berkeley for your kind expression contained in your recent telegram. Assuring you of our appreciation, I am

"Yours very truly,

"FRANK D. STRINGHAM,

"Mayor."

Roy O. Denison Taken By Death

Death ended, at 5 a. m. Saturday, the long illness of Roy Oliver Denison, a well known former resident of Torrance. Born in Sterling, Ill., in 1874, Mr. Denison came to California in 1897. Until three years ago he was one of the Union Tool company's valued office men. His health failing, deceased went to Manila, hoping for benefit from the change of climate. Continuing ill, he returned to California, and at the time of his death was at the home of his parents in Glendale.

Mr. Denison was a charter member of Torrance Masonic lodge No. 447, and was first worshipful master of that organization, which office he held for one and one-half years. During periods of two years each he held the offices of secretary and treasurer of the lodge.

Deceased is survived by a wife and daughter, who reside in Los Angeles.

A Masonic funeral was held and interment was made in Glendale cemetery.

A number of the members of the local organization attended the services.

Union Tool Girls Will Give Dance

The Union Tool Girls' club will give a dance Friday evening, Oct. 5, at 8:30, at American Legion hall, for the benefit of the Children's hospital. The girls announce that splendid music will be furnished.

UNION'S DEEP WELL HITS 5300-FOOT SAND

Penetrates Hard Shell Before Striking Formation

WATER TROUBLES

Standard Fails to Get Shutoff on Felker Well

The Union Oil company's Francis No. 2, just east of Redondo, is down more than a mile and has struck an oil formation at 5300 feet, supposed to be the same structure located by the Shell company on Redondo No. 1 at 4942 feet. Before reaching the formation the Union drilled through a thick layer of hard shell, duplicating the experience of the Shell company, but at a lower level. The Union well is being drilled ahead at around 5300 feet.

Standard's deep test well, Felker No. 1, is still encountering water trouble. The second shutoff with a combination string was unsuccessful. The crew is waiting for orders from San Francisco before recementing.

The Shell company's Redondo No. 1 was given a water shutoff O.K. this week. Although this well, which is near Redondo, was drilled to 4942 feet, the hole was mudded up and production will be attempted from 3700 feet.

PAXMAN STORE IS EXPANDING; SPACE LEASED

Stock Is Being Moved Into the Old Levy Location

Keeping abreast with the growth of Torrance and the accompanying growth in business, Paxman's Hardware company next week will offer improved merchandising facilities to the public. Mr. Paxman has leased the store next door to his present location on El Prado street and will utilize both stores in the future. The store, into which stock is being moved this week, was formerly occupied by Levy's Smart Shoppe. Mr. Paxman asserts that his growing business requires more floor space and that the additional space will greatly improve the service available to buyers of hardware.

COURT RULES FOR CITY ON SEWER FARM

The city complaint in intervention on the sewer farm was demurred to by F. C. Carlson and the Dominguez Land corporation. The demurrer is an objection to the legal sufficiency of the complaint, raising a question as to whether the complaint states a cause of action.

The court decided that the city complaint is sufficient, and does state a cause of action.

The defense will have to answer the complaint and proceed to trial.

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL GUILD

The Guild of the Central Evangelical church met in the parlors of the church Wednesday afternoon, with a good attendance.

As busy as the reporter is, she felt really idle as she watched the flying fingers of the ladies, who are making many pretty and useful things for the bazaar to be held some time during the holiday season.

VISITS PARENTS

Kenneth Paige is a guest at the home of his father, Harry E. Paige. Paige junior, connected with the Southern California Edison company in the high Sierras, is enjoying a few days' vacation.

Woman Publisher Nationally Known Coming For Forum

Gadeky Secures Long Beach Speaker After Congressman Fredericks Postpones Address Until Next Month

SHE LED MUNICIPAL GAS BATTLE

Belle McCord Roberts Holds Unique Position in California Journalism as Courageous Publisher

Miss Belle McCord Roberts, president and editor of the Long Beach Telegram, will be the speaker at Monday night's meeting of the Open Forum in American Legion hall, according to an announcement made by Harry F. Gadeky, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Roberts is nationally known as the only woman publisher of a metropolitan newspaper in the United States. She is a woman of exceptional intellect, combining unusual business acumen with keen knowledge of current national and international problems.

As editor of the Long Beach Telegram she recently led and won a long battle for municipal ownership of the Long Beach gas distributing system. The people of Long Beach terminated this warm battle with an overwhelming vote in favor of a bond issue for the purchase of the gas company's plant and system.

Miss Roberts recently emerged victorious from another long but less spectacular battle. For years Long Beach dailies have been endeavoring to secure the service of the Associated Press. Last week the Telegram secured this service exclusively.

As an editor Miss Roberts stands pre-eminently in these days when newspapers seem to be sacrificing personality for standardization. Independent of influences that reflect themselves in so many modern dailies, the Telegram, under Miss Roberts' direction, holds a unique position for individuality in California. It is regarded by publishers as proof that editorial courage and journalistic independence will reward the publisher who has the backbone to conduct his paper according to his honest convictions.

Torrance is fortunate in being able to induce Miss Roberts to speak here.

Congressman Fredericks was scheduled to speak, but was compelled to cancel the engagement, promising to speak here at the Forum meeting in November.

MRS. PHOEBE SYKES RECALLS EARLY CAMP DAYS HERE WHEN HUSBAND TRUDGED MILES DAILY

Mrs. Phoebe Sykes has just sold out her business of cigar and news stand at the P. E. depot to Paul Beall. Mrs. Sykes has conducted this business for nearly eight years, and it will be like the removing of an old landmark, especially to the men going to their various employments in the early morning, to miss the "little lady's" kindly greeting as they stop to make their purchases of cigars, tobacco and newspapers.

The opening of the stand in the P. E. depot was not the commencement of this business in Torarnce. A. E. Sykes, husband of Mrs. Sykes, put up a tent store among the construction camps in Torrance in February, 1912, before streets were graded and the cement foundation of the Union Tool plant was just being laid.

In this tent store the hundreds of men employed by the various contractors of construction found all their needs supplied—tobacco, newspapers, candy, suspenders and overalls; even laundry was collected. The store did not forget "the light of other days"—the lowly candle—there being no other light available at that date, and so great was the demand for candles that Mr. Sykes had to scour the city of Los Angeles and practically bought up the whole supply.

Mr. Sykes was taken ill in the early summer of that year, and the business was carried on by Mrs. Sykes and her son W. H. (Willie), with the assistance of William Metcalf, familiarly known as "Uncle Will."

The tent store stood on Carson street on the corner at the junction of Carson and Cravens. On that same block was the carpenter camp and the old building which until recently sheltered the Torrance fire department. That building was originally a "Chink" cookhouse for the accommodation of the carpenters.

One interesting feature of Mrs. Sykes' business in the early days was the distribution of newspapers throughout the camps which spread over a wide area. The Sykes home was in Lomita, and they were handling the Lomita route for all the morning papers. When the work at Torrance began the papers were being delivered by the P. E. at Weston street station, from which point Mrs. Sykes and her son took the Lomita distribution, covering 26 miles daily. Mr. Sykes, starting from the same point, took the northeastern portion of Lomita, through the Kettler ranch to Carson's ranch onto the Torrance tract, walking 10 miles every day through loose sand to the various camps.

The first camp, that of the graders, lay midway between Carson's ranch and the Union Tool plant; then to Bent & Pennybacker's, the street and sidewalk contractors, whose camp lay close by the site of the railway running into Llewellyn's foundry. From that point to the Union Tool camp, then to the engineers' and surveyors' camp, situated where the only trees in Torrance grew at that time—near the north end of Gramercy, where was also the only building in Torrance—a four-room ranch house and barn. From there the route ran west to the pipefitters' camp, away west beyond Madrid street, and back by several small camps to the tent store. Some tramp every day!

"Uncle Will" took up this work when Mr. Sykes became ill, and continued not only to the end of the early construction work, but after the homes were built and occupied. Rain or shine, the morning and evening papers were faithfully delivered to the subscribers without a complaint (except from some habitual grouch) until two years ago, when boys were put on the route. During the nearly twelve years Mrs. Sykes has been in business her premises have been broken into six times—twice the tent store was entered and goods stolen, and four times the stand in the depot has been burglarized—and never once a guilty person caught.

Another interesting feature of Mrs. Sykes' activities is the fact that she was the first mail carrier in Torrance, carrying the mail between Lomita and Torrance.

Mrs. Sykes and "Uncle Will" have many happy reminiscences of the early days in Torrance, and in many respects regret giving up their active life. Mrs. Sykes retired to enjoy the comforts of her pretty home on Cota street, and "Uncle Will" to his fruit orchard and chickens in Lomita.