

## DRILL AGAIN ON WILDCAT TO EAST OF TORRANCE

Fishing Job Over As Crew Lands Drill Stem

**GILMORE 1 LEADS Field Production Now Totals 7,000 Barrels**

Drilling was resumed on the Peterson-Barker No. 1 well east of Torrance at 11 o'clock Thursday morning. Active drilling has been held up on this important well for two weeks by a fishing job. The crew succeeded in landing the drill stem Wednesday. The drill is now working at about the 3500 foot level.

With the completion of Del Amo No. 5 on the Chanslor Canfield Midway lease on the south side of the Torrance-Redondo road, just outside the Torrance city limits, the daily production of the field reached 7000 barrels. It was the only new producer of the week. The well was drilled to 3516 feet and its production is estimated at 175 barrels.

**Gilmore Leading**  
By maintaining a steady production of 1200 barrels since it was brought in a week ago, the Gilmore Petroleum company's Gilmore No. 1 has established itself as the leading well of the field. Its closest rival is the Chanslor Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 4 which has settled down to a steady production of 900 barrels.

The crew on the Hub Oil company's Smith No. 1, offsetting the Gilmore well, yesterday finished cementing off the casing in an attempt to shut off the water. The well has been drilled to 3650 feet and will be put on production as soon as the cementing job proves successful.

**Much Emulsion**  
The Chanslor Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 5, offsetting Smith No. 1, is still virtually off production. While it is flowing a little better than 100 barrels a day there is considerable emulsion in the oil, making it a non-marketable product.

In the 4070 Tract, the Chanslor Canfield Midway's Torrance No. 6 is down about 3600 feet. Enough oil has been encountered so far to partly fill one of the sump holes at the well. Farther to the north and east of this well the Superior Oil company is pushing down Osburn No. 1 and Bowles No. 1. In Blocks 11 and 6, respectively, Osburn No. 1 is down about 1500 feet and Bowles No. 1, 800 feet.

**Torrance 11 Spudding In**  
Just north of the 30-acre Standard Oil lease, the Chanslor Canfield Midway has spudded in Torrance No. 11, and the Standard's Torrance Community No. 4 stands ready to spud in.

On the old Redondo-Long Beach boulevard the Midway Northern's well stands cemented at 3500 feet and the Chanslor Canfield Midway's well has reached 3100 feet. The C. C. M. O. drillers are going cautiously now for fear of passing up the upper strata of oil sand which many believe the Midway Northern went through.

Owing to the fact that it is necessary to lay a long line of water pipe to its first well on the Dominguez Land corporation's lease, southeast of Torrance, the Standard has not started putting up the derrick for its initial well, waiting the completion of the water line.

The Shell is making slow progress in its deep test well, Redondo (Continued on Last Page)

## JULIAN ALL SET TO BUY TORRANCE REFINERY SITE WHEN STATE UPSET PLANS

The dark shadow of the state securities commission blotted out a flood of industrial sunshine in Torrance Saturday, when Commissioner Daugherty revoked C. C. Julian's broker's license and set stage machinery in the way of Julian's five million dollar refinery project just as a transaction was being consummated whereby Julian would have purchased 300 acres as a Torrance refinery site from the Dominguez Land corporation.

The details of the transaction were agreed upon last Friday and so certain was Julian of its consummation that The Herald was informed through Julian's office that the tract, just east of Torrance, had been purchased.

Alert to the importance of this news The Herald published an extra edition last Saturday morning. Then Daugherty stepped in, seized the promoter's books and halted him before a court.

Last Saturday, owing to the absence of President Osburn of the Dominguez corporation, it was impossible to confirm the news here, but officials of the company said this week that the negotiations were on, that a verbal agreement

# Building Permits Pass Million

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## May Speed Drill in S. Torrance

## Thousands Mourn Loss of Judge G. W. Post

### GILMORE CO. MAY SPUD IN NEAR LOMITA

Standard, Keck, Petroleum Co. Would Follow, Is Belief

Prospects for spirited drilling by several oil companies near the intersection of Narbonne and the old Redondo road were brightened this week when it was unofficially reported that the Gilmore Oil company is making tentative plans to spud in soon on its two-acre lease adjacent to the intersection.

Although this report could not be confirmed, the brilliant prospects ahead of the Midway Northern well near the old Redondo road make it seem logical. The Gilmore company last week brought in Gilmore No. 1 on Carson street and now has the rig idle.

**Other Leases**  
Interest centers on the leases at this intersection because of the fact that so many geologists have designated the Gilmore acreage as the apex of the oil formation.

That other wells would be spudded in without delay in case the Gilmore company started rigging up is almost a forgone conclusion, according to oil dopesters.

Three large leases bordering on the Gilmore lease carry clauses that compel the lessors to offset producing wells within 150 feet.

Added to this fact is the almost certain prospect of oil in this district. So if Gilmore spudded in, it is believed the other companies would waste no time in getting drills into the ground.

Immediately west of the Gilmore two acres W. M. Keck has a lease on five acres, the lease carrying the offset clause.

To the south lies the acreage under lease by the Petroleum Oil company. Two of their sixteen acres lie immediately adjacent to the Gilmore acreage.

Across Narbonne avenue to the east lies the Kettler ranch, all under lease by the Standard Oil company.

As soon as the Midway Northern is brought in great activity seems logical on all of these leases, depending in a great measure, of course, upon the decision of the Gilmore company to rig up.

Anyway the Gilmore lease compels the company to drill in a few months. The lease made about five months ago carried a year drilling clause.

Here Comes Real Opportunity Knocking at Door  
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Shall We Answer Call Or Shall We Do Nothing

**F**AME of cities is linked up closely with transportation. No city that was not served by a railroad ever amounted to anything. Neither did any city located off the main highways.

Which brings us to Torrance and the future of Torrance, and not only Torrance but to the entire region called the Torrance district.

**T**ORRANCE is served well by the Pacific Electric. The Santa Fe will start freight service in the Fall. But the city and the district are off the beaten tracks of travel over which the great streams of automobiles ply for business and for pleasure.

And the district will remain off the beaten track unless the people seize the opportunities to bring the beaten track to Torrance.

**S**UCH an opportunity presents itself in the matter of the paving of Western avenue.

The paving of Western avenue has been a matter of argument for years. But argument will not build Torrance into the city it ought to become. The fact that the argument has been of long duration is no reason for delaying this important project still further. It is, on the other hand, adequate reason for getting busy, grasping time by the forelock and paving that great main artery to the city limits.

**W**ESTERN avenue in Los Angeles is the chief artery for traffic passing across the west side of the city from north to south and from south to north. Continued on to Torrance it would serve as the great high-

way from the mountains to the sea. Trucks would utilize Main street. The light traffic would be diverted through Torrance and Lomita and on to the harbor.

**O**NE of the chief industries of Southern California is service to tourists. This district, though, profits little in that great industry. Because the beaten tracks of traffic miss us altogether.

Almost every tourist who comes to Southern California drives at least once from Los Angeles to the harbor. More than that the commerce between the city and the port is great—sending thousands of cars between the two points every week.

All of that traffic should come this way.

**L**ET us bury minor differences. The main thing is to get Western avenue paved to the limits, thus providing not only a great artery, but opening up possibilities for new home sites to the north of the city.

Let's get together on this and put it through. Western avenue, paved from the mountains to the sea will mean more to this community than any other single project.

**A**RE we going to measure up to our opportunities?

Or are we going to loiter along waiting for the world to force fame on us? Are we going to DO something or wait for something to be done?

The Board of Trustees wants to know public opinion. It's up to you.

### CITY PIONEER CLOSES LIFE OF GOOD WORK

All Business Closes Doors During Funeral of Banker

Judge G. W. Post, aged 75, one of the original builders of Torrance and the man whose loyalty to the city carried it safely through the trying period of 1914, died Saturday at his home on Post avenue and Arlington street after a short but severe attack of pneumonia.

The funeral, attended by scores of friends, Torrance and Lomita business men was held from the home Monday afternoon, while every business firm in Torrance closed its doors in honor of the man whose activities have meant so much to the progress of the city.

Rev. E. E. Clark of Lomita officiated at the funeral ceremony. He was assisted by H. V. Adams, Lomita banker and close friend of Judge Post.

The entire city mourns the loss of Judge Post. The splendid floral tributes to his death, friendship and loyalty in only a small measure exhibited the esteem in which he was held in the community.

The passing of Judge Post brought to a close a life of public service, hard work, and rigid adherence to moral principle. An able attorney, astute jurist, notable banker and splendid public servant, the judge gave many years of his life to the service of the community in which he lived.

Born in Cumberland, O., G. W. Post inherited from his mother, Sarah S. Post and from his father, William E. Post, a Presbyterian minister, the staunch character that marks pioneer Scotch stock.

When he was three years old the family moved to Hibbardville, O., where they lived until 1889, changing their residence then to Ray county, Mo. A sturdy advocate of the cause of the north and a determined anti-slavery adherent Judge Post's father left Missouri at the start of the war and settled in Leon, Iowa and later moved to Davis county, Iowa, near Bloomfield.

In May, 1864, at the age of sixteen years, the then young Post enlisted in Co. D, 14th Iowa infantry and served the cause of the north until the expiration of his enlistment.

Returning from service he went back to school, attending Troy college at Troy, Iowa, then a flourishing educational center. The death of the father made it necessary for G. W. Post to work his way through school and at the same time contribute to the support of the family.

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### LONG BEACH MEN SECURE ACREAGE HERE

While the usual summer lull has settled now over Torrance real estate activities, several transactions of interest and importance have been under way. One of the most important exchanges took place when Ashley DeWitt and associates of Long Beach purchased half interest in eleven acres east of the Salm manufacturing property. The Long Beach men bought out the interest of Mr. Felty of the firm of Anderson and Felty. While the price for the land was not made public, it is understood that a substantial amount of money changed hands.

It is authentically reported that the Long Beach men believe in the oil possibilities of this tract.

**Gets \$16,000 Bonus From Oil Syndicate**

Quite a little excitement was created among North Lomita property owners when it was learned that Barney Gannon had leased to an oil syndicate 11 1/2 acres, bonus \$1400 per acre. If drilling has not begun at the expiration of 12 months, Mr. Gannon will receive \$25 per month per acre for six months.

**Selby-Root Oil Co. Leases Local Land**

The Carl property of four acres was leased this week to the Selby-Root Oil company at \$1250 bonus per acre. The lease is for 18 months with a rental of \$25 per month, per acre.

### Bldg. Permits Pass Million For 6 Months

Building permits in Torrance for the first six months of 1923 passed the million dollar mark. The exact figure reported to the Board of Trustees Tuesday night by City Clerk Bartlett is \$1,051,950. The permits in June totaled \$351,800, including the new high school permits.

The permits for the entire year of 1922 were only \$318,530.

### Cementing and Casing Set In Night by Crew

Establishing a record for the district the crew on the Midway Northern well on the old Redondo road last week set a complete line of eight-inch casing and completed the cementing off job all in one night. From all indications the cementing job was a success. It has been standing since last Thursday. Drilling out will probably start the first of next week and with any kind of a break in luck the well should be on production soon.

### Nugent Oil Co. Buys Office on Its Lease

The Nugent Oil company this week purchased the office of the Bell Real estate agency located at Elgin and Narbonne. The office was on the acreage under lease to the Nugent company. The lease is for 1 1/2 acres. When the company will spud in cannot be definitely learned, but the purchase of the office indicates activity.

### MUFFLE WELL EXHAUSTS IS BOARD'S PLEA

In order to eliminate noise in that portion of the city adjacent to territory on which oil wells are being drilled the Board of Trustees Tuesday night instructed the city engineer to confer with oil companies in an effort to induce them to muffle their exhaust pipes.

It was uncertain whether this could be accomplished by persuasion or whether an ordinance will be necessary. The city engineer will report his success or failure on the persuasion plan at the next meeting of the trustees.

### FIESTA WILL ENCOURAGE BUY AT HOME MOVEMENT; A HUGE SUCCESS PROMISED

Assured that all shows and concessions at this year's fiesta and exposition will be conducted on a high moral plane, the board of trustees Tuesday night granted the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion permission to stage the big five-day event. The board made the reservation, however, that no concessions be let to outsiders on the streets of the city.

Members of the Legion committee this week announced that work is progressing rapidly in putting plans into execution, and declare that the fiesta this year will be the best ever held in Torrance.

**Will Co-operate**  
Merchants who have been interviewed have displayed an eagerness to be represented in the exposition of Torrance goods. So have local industries.

The exposition this year will include a special tent for an automobile show. There will be a used car show as well. One of the unusually attractive features of the exposition will be the style show, to be under the supervision of Mrs. T. A. Carlton. Mrs. Carlton will give a merchants' lecture advertising and explaining the wares of local merchants. She also will be assisted by several attractive living mannikins who will display wearing apparel on an elevated platform along the runway of the main exposition tent.

**A Clean Show**  
Mr. and Mrs. Carlton and members of the Legion committee declare that nothing will be allowed at the fiesta that would make it undesirable for anyone. The primary function of the event is to promote the "buy-at-home" movement and to provide clean entertainment for all.