



PUBLIC FORUM AND DIRECTORS WILL MEET

Combined Meetings to be Held Monday, Jan. 15 In Legion Hall

One of the most important meetings of the year in Torrance will be held Monday evening, January 15, at the American Legion Hall...

The meeting will be called promptly at 7:30, and among the many important matters that will come before the board at this time will be the disposition of the following resolution that was passed by the board of directors at the meeting held December 21st, 1922...

"Section I. of Article IV of the By-Laws of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce is hereby amended to read as follows: 'ARTICLE IV. DUES. 'Section I. The annual dues of members of this organization shall be as follows: 'For men, \$12.00 per year. 'For women, \$3.00 per year. 'The men's dues shall be payable annually, semi-annually, or quarterly, in advance. The women's dues to be paid annually.'"

While no definite program has been arranged for the open forum Secretary Gadeky is in touch with several speakers of note from out-of-town, and will announce next week a complete program that will assure the large audience that will be present.

TORRANCE FIELD IS PRODUCING 6000 BARRELS

Geologists Puzzled by High Gravity Well in Low Gravity Field

The Torrance oil field is taking its place among the fields of Southern California, and now has a production considerably in excess of 6000 barrels daily. The development of a higher gravity oil has attracted a lot of attention to the field, and much new development will be under way with the opening of the new year.

Geologists and petroleum experts are studying the recent developments in this field with keen interest, and are endeavoring to find an explanation for the high gravity oil well just completed by the Chanslor-Canfield Midway in the northwest corner of the field. The well, completed by the C. C. M. O. a few months ago, is a 400-barrel well producing 20 gravity oil at 3540. Torrance No. 3, a location away, finished drilling at 3526 and came in at 780 barrels of 28 gravity oil. The production of the new high gravity wonder has dropped down to 600 barrels, but the record gravity is being maintained.

At 3595 the Standard Oil company put a 600-barrel well on production at Torrance No. 2. Kirke No. 1, a recent Standard Oil completion at 3500, seems to be good for 125 barrels. Kirke No. 2 has been completed at 3645, and is getting ready to go on production.

Get Auto License 1923 in Torrance

G. A. Lawrence, representative of the Automobile Club of Southern California, will be in Torrance on Wednesday, January 17th, from 10 a. m. until noon to take care of the 1923 automobile license applications from club members.

Mr. Lawrence will be located at the First National Bank, where he will handle the applications from members, and will also be glad to furnish any license information desired by any automobile owner.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Barnett and children motored to Imperial valley and visited the former's brother, G. O. Barnett, and family, during the Christmas vacation.

MACABEE NOTES

The regular meeting of Torrance Review No. 37 will be held Tuesday evening, January 9, at Legion Hall. The closing of the year's business will take place at this time. Commander Mrs. George Watson will install the officers for the coming year. Closed installation. The Court of the Rose will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 9. Every member and every member please remember these meetings, for they are important.

UNION TOOL CO. GLEE CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT

Benefit Performance to be Held For Spanish War Vets

On Tuesday evening, January 9, the Union Tool Company Glee club, composed of more than twenty well known and well liked singers, will give one of their popular concerts for the benefit of the United Spanish War Veterans' Cemetery Fund. The affair will take place in the Auditorium and will be the first concert of the organization this season. Assisting in making the program one of rare musical interest will be Mrs. Conaro Carlson, coloratura soprano; Robert Campbell, trombonist, of Long Beach; J. E. Williams, tenor; and Miss Virginia Wason, who in addition to accompanying the singers, will give her wonderful interpretation of "Russian Winds" by Slindig.

The following numbers will be sung by the Glee Club: "The Beautiful Danube," "Sylvia," "Dance of the Gnomes," "Rolling Down the River," "Brave Hearts Sleep On," "Memorial Number by Parks; "Comrades In Arms," "Scissors Grinder," "Coper Moon," "Now the Night in Stanght Splendor."

Ms. Carlson will sing Swedish folk songs, "When I Was Seventeen" and "Ma Curly Headed Baby" by Clutsan.

The trombone solo of Mr. Campbell will be the ever popular "Asleep in the Deep," and the tenor solo of Mr. Williams is "Down the Vale," by Wolf.

The male quartette, consisting of Mrs. Williams, Jenkins, Jones, and Lessing, will render "Where My Aravan Has Rested," by Lohr. The entire program has been arranged, and is under the direction of Director C. H. Van Hellen, who assisted in organizing the Tool company musicians, and who made such a wonderful success of last year's public appearances.

LARGE CROWD SEES SPLENDID FIGHT CARD

Legion Bouts Are Well Received by Record Assembly

One of the largest crowds which have ever attended a boxing exhibition in this city turned out at the American Legion Hall on Wednesday evening. A generous sprinkling of omen attested the fact that the exhibitions are as well liked by members of the so-called "gentle sex" as by the dyed-in-the-wool boxing fan. They realize that these bouts are not the brutal affairs they have been pictured by those who have never seen two robust and healthy human animals struggle for athletic supremacy. The skill of the Legion matchmaker in keeping the boys paired off evenly, and bringing together lads who are class sportsmen, make for popularity of the sport, and that these bouts are well received by all classes was shown by the representative crowd that turned out to this week's show.

The opener was a rip-snorting, sla-bang chowder party from start to finish, and but for the gameness shown by Young Nino, who took thine tallies in the second round without being threatened with shortness of breath at that point, but the old gong saved him. Both kept peppering away at each other, Grande skipping about like a red quail, but darting in suddenly and again, kept Nino on the defensive. The draw decision was well received.

The second battle was a substitute match, our old Chief Cyrus acting as a substitute for Kid Nino, who failed to appear. At catchweights Kid Essex and the Chief were well matched, and the battle put up kept the fans in a constant uproar. This ended in another draw.

One of the funniest things that can happen to a scrapper happened to Jack Mehan in the third scrap. He was pitted against Young Stanley and after two minutes and fifty seconds of gruelling work Stanley countered twice on both sides of Mehan's jaw, and then drew off for straight right to the left point and Mehan slipped into Stanley's arms.

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Oil Derrick Going up East of Torrance and Machinery Installed

Real estate activities in Torrance for the first week of the new year were reported by the Dominguez Land Corporation and smaller concerns yesterday to be the greatest in the history of the industrial city. While oil land, owing to the recent promising developments of the Torrance field, was the most in demand, the sale of residence property and business sites was declared to be unusually heavy.

There was a constant stream of visitors in the city from all sections of the country throughout the week, and deals involving big acreage were said to be pending as the week's business was brought to a close.

Preparations to put down the first well on the Orange County Drilling company lease at the corner of Western avenue and 213th street, which will open up the unproven territory east of the industrial district, were begun this week. Lumber for the derrick was put on the ground Wednesday, and the construction of the rig started at once. The derrick will be completed by the first of next week, and machinery will be installed as soon as the derrick is built.

Up to the present time the whole trend of the field has been to the east, and since Torrance No. 3, on the Chanslor-Canfield Midway lease, just inside the western limits of the city, came in with 29 gravity oil, the chief question that has been asked is how far east will the field go. That question will be answered to some extent by the Orange County well, and if it makes big production and the gravity of the oil is high, Torrance will be assured one of the biggest fields in the state.

R. W. Edens, head of the Orange County Drilling company, declared recently that he expected to have the well completed within 90 days after it was spudded in, unless he should have bad luck in drilling. He said that it would be necessary to proceed slowly with the first well, because he had no data from other drilling problems.

Derricks for two other wells on Carson street were partly completed by last night. One of the wells is Torrance No. 4, 300 feet east of Torrance No. 3 on the Chanslor-Canfield Midway lease, and the other is Hub No. 8 on the Hub lease immediately adjoining the 30-acre Standard Oil lease. The Hub well is about 900 feet east of Torrance.

HALF MILLION BBLs. DAILY IN CALIF.

This State Gains Double Those of Entire United States

A special dispatch from New York to the California Oil World and published last week in Los Angeles, says:

"California reached the half million mark in its daily production for the week ending December 23. This amazing figure indicates a gain of 20,000 barrels daily over the preceding week—a fact not commensurate with the number of wells placed on production and only accounted for by underestimation of production as previously reported, which placed the total for this state at 480,000.

California's output has been mounting steadily for several months, or ever since this state forced Oklahoma into second place in the production ranks. The latter is now far behind, today's report showing an average of 406,500 barrels.

"Total daily production for all states, as reported by the American Petroleum Institute for the week just ended is placed at 1,691,750 barrels, a gain of less than 10,000 for all fields.

"Imports during the week totaled 1,298,876 barrels, as compared with 1,619,565 during the previous week." J. G. Gay was in Los Angeles Wednesday on business connected with a ten-store job which he has there, and also signed up for another big building.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gay and sons of Torrance and Mrs. A. G. Underwood and sons of Boyle Heights visited friends in Pasadena Monday and attended the flower tournament.

NOTICE All city license fees for the year 1923 are now due and payable at the office of the City Clerk, Torrance. You are urged to make payments promptly at the City Hall. A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk.

SPINDLE TOP TRACT NOW ON THE MARKET

40 Acres East of City To Be Sold By Long Beach Subdividers

Forty-four acres lying one-third of a mile east of the Union Tool company's plant, and known as the Spindle Top tract, has recently been subdivided into building lots and last Saturday was placed on the market by W. W. Powers, 416 First National Bank Building, Long Beach.

The tract originally consisted of seventy-four acres. Thirty acres were recently leased to the Orange County Drilling company, and the work of drilling for oil will be begun, according to the terms of the lease, within sixty days.

The remainder of the tract will be sold to homeseekers, or houses will be constructed thereon and sold to Torrance mechanics at reasonable terms.

Two lines of the Pacific Electric railway, one a freight line and the other a passenger line, border each side of the property. But a short distance away are the plants of the Union Tool, the Llewellyn Iron Works, and the Pacific Electric shops.

Torrance Oil Fields Noticed

The California Oil World, considered by many the most reliable and conservative of the many oil publications, credits the Torrance oil field with a production of 6000 barrels daily and predicts, in its issue of December 23, the greatest activity by the smaller, as well as larger oil companies in this field.

In part the World says: "Torrance is now credited with a daily production of 6000 barrels daily, and prospects are excellent for marked increase in the drilling in this field."

"The Hub Oil company, which has been active in the Long Beach and Huntington Beach fields, is soon to start an intensive drilling campaign in the local field. This company owns half a dozen five-acre leases in what might be termed the Torrance town-lot site, and it is reliably reported that at least half a dozen wells will be drilling on these tracts within the next few weeks.

"This particular section of the field is practically the only one in which the smaller companies have been able to secure any considerable acreage, and necessarily they are bound by short-term leases, requiring the work to be pushed ahead."

"The biggest proportion of the Torrance field is held by the large companies who are busily engaged elsewhere and are not forcing the drilling here, except where offsets are necessary."

Insurance Company Enlarges Business

The Torrance General Insurance Agency, 1215 El Prado, Torrance, has acquired the real estate interests and insurance business, notary public, etc., of A. G. Pruitt, who is retiring from the Torrance field, and has moved to Long Beach. It is said the insurance end of the business will add materially to the grand total of the underwriting of the above firm, who informs the Herald that through their efforts insurance rates in the City of Torrance has sustained considerable reductions the past year and a half.

The office will be conducted as heretofore with L. O. Stevens as manager, at 1215 El Prado, where a general insurance and real estate business will be conducted. Mr. Bartlett as City Clerk is still at the head of the Torrance General Insurance Agency, but can devote but little of his efforts to the business except early mornings and at night.

M. W. A. NOTES

The Torrance Camp of Modern Woodmen of America will hold two big shows, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, at the Torrance theater. The Parks Vaudeville Circuit will furnish the vaudeville, and from three to five acts of high-class work will be shown. A change of program will be had each night. Tuesday's show will present Doris May in "The Understudy," and on Wednesday Hoot Gibson will be seen in "Ridin' Wild." And vaudeville at each performance, to boot. Also, the holder of the lucky number will receive \$1000.

Do not forget—the Woodmen are giving away \$1000 cash on January 24th.

California's proposition of the total increase of the nation was about 30 per cent.

SAYS THIS CITY IS WHITE SPOT ON MAP

H. M. Roberts After an Absence of 3 Years Comes to Build

"I am certainly pleased to see that my faith in Torrance as a business community has been justified," said H. M. Roberts, owner of the building now occupied by the Neil grocery on Cabrillo near 218th. Mr. Roberts, accompanied by his wife, reached Torrance a few days ago, after an absence of more than three years, and are both enthusiastic over the possibilities of the town where they had the courage several years ago to invest in both property and building.

"One of the many things that amazed me during my absence from the city was the remarkable growth of the Torrance Herald," said Mr. Roberts. "I have been keeping in more or less touch with the local conditions for three years, but until receiving recent copies of your town paper had no idea of the community's growth. Having been in the newspaper game myself for years I realize perhaps more than the ordinary business man that the appearance of a town's newspaper is but a reflection of the community's condition."

"The infallible rule that a live, progressive paper means that the town or city in which it is published is in a flourishing condition, certainly holds true in the case of Torrance, and both the Herald's publisher and Torrance should be congratulated on the newsy, well-patronized paper being printed here. As I have said before, the splendid appearance of the Herald was one of the main factors that brought us back to Torrance."

Mr. Roberts owns in addition to the Neil grocery building, that incidentally was one of the first business structures to be erected outside of the center of Torrance, additional vacant property adjoining and fronting on Cabrillo street. He is contemplating erecting either an apartment house or bungalow court on this site, and is now in consultation with architects and builders. During his absence from the city he has visited most of the eastern states, including West Virginia, where he was born, but says that California, and particularly Southern California is the great "white spot" on the commercial map.

MORE POLICE REQUEST OF MERCHANTS

Additional Nightwatchman Requested by Business Houses

The imperative need of more patrolmen in the business district for night work was brought to the attention of the City Council last Tuesday night and everyone agreed that the request was a worthy one. Torrance has been exceedingly lucky of late, but nevertheless a stitch in time, etc.

Lack of funds in the city coffers is the only obstacle, and many of the merchants here feel that another watchman to guard the business section must be put on, even if they have to stand part or all of the expense. The matter will be thrashed out at the next regular session of the Business Men's association when the city council will be the guests of the former.

Union Well Causes Much Excitement

(From the Lomita News Letter) Considerable excitement over reports of bringing in the first Union oil well west of town this week resulted in a dozen or more auto loads of enthusiasts making hasty runs to the new well. All were disappointed, however, as none of the reports could be verified. It was said the drillers had punctured an oil strata, which may be true, but was denied by workmen. One report had it that a 6000-barrel well had come in which, like other rumors, proved a "flake." Indications however, are said to be fine, and everyone here is expectant.

Checks Lost Are Returned to Owner

While fumbling for a dollar bill in a leather wallet Sunday night in front of the Torrance theater, C. P. Roberts accidentally dropped several checks on the sidewalk in front of the box office. The loss was not discovered until the next morning, when J. D. Kennedy of the Modern Sign Company of Torrance stepped into the Herald office and handed the checks over to the owner.