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KIMBALL CO. TO LOCATE IN TORRANCE

Vice Pres. of Concern Says Tract of Land for Factory Needed

"It is more than likely that within a very short time the company I represent will be looking for a factory site in Torrance," said Mr. M. O. C. Hull, vice-president and sales manager of the Kimball Motor Truck company of Los Angeles, in addressing the board of directors of the chamber of commerce Tuesday afternoon in the interest of the Industrial Exposition to be given in Long Beach in March.

In explanation of the above Mr. Hull said that due to the oil excitement and real estate boom in Long Beach it was impossible to secure more than five acres in the industrial section of that city, the balance having been secured by real estate men and subdivided. As five-acre tracts were not large enough for any but the smaller manufacturers, others like the Kimball company were forced to look elsewhere for industrial sites and that "Long Beach's loss would be Torrance's gain." Mr. Hull is president of the Long Beach Manufacturers' association and commander of the American Legion of Long Beach.

He was accompanied to Torrance by R. R. Colby, general manager of the Kimball Motor Truck company, and E. M. C. Bodson, executive secretary of the Harbor Industrial Exposition.

In discussing the coming exposition, that opens at the Long Beach Auditorium March 12 and continues until the 17th, Mr. Hull said that exhibitors space was selling rapidly, and that the object of their visit to Torrance was to secure the cooperation of the manufacturers of this city in giving a creditable exhibit at the coming show.

Space was selling for one dollar a square foot, and Mr. Hull proposed to the Torrance chamber of commerce that they secure from the local factories an agreement to take at least 200 square feet, in which event the exposition management would give free of cost fifty square feet to the Torrance chamber of commerce for the dispensing of literature or other exhibit.

After the departure of the Long Beach delegation the matter was held in abeyance by the board, the consensus of opinion being that Torrance should by all means be represented at the show.

Under the head of communications a letter was read from Eldon R. Eaton, a newspaper man of Kalamazoo, Mich., offering to establish a newspaper in Torrance and asking the secretary to inform him of local conditions. On motion of Director Klusman the secretary was instructed to inform the writer that the city was well supplied in the newspaper line and that there was no need of another local paper.

Arthur Bard & Co. of Los Angeles wrote the chamber regarding the erection of several homes in Torrance and the secretary was asked to get in touch with the writer and encourage in any way his plans for relieving the housing situation here.

An offer of the Winston-Churchill Loose Leaf encyclopedia to supply their books at a greatly reduced price for a limited time, was tabled.

Regarding the showing of the Torrance industrial film at the San Bernardino Orange Show, a letter was read from the general manager stating that it would cost \$100 a day for twelve showings of the film daily for the ten days of the show. The letter was tabled temporarily and no action taken in the matter.

RECORD SALES

Shattering all previous sales records for the city of Torrance, the Dominguez Land Corporation during the month of January disposed of oil lands, business residences and industrial property totaling slightly more than \$600,000. This is more than a third of the total sales for 1922.

According to G. A. R. Steiner, managing manager of the Dominguez Land Corporation, the holdings of his firm have been so reduced that it will be only a matter of a short time before the "Sold Out" sign will have to be hung up.

"It is apparent from the January sales," said Mr. Steiner, "that the investing public is beginning to realize what an asset Torrance has in its rapidly developing oil field, and its many industries. It is seldom that one finds this wealth-producing combination in one city."

L. B. BUILDING & LOAN OPENS OFFICE HERE

President Wightman Is Old Friend of Judge George W. Post

The Long Beach Building & Loan association, represented by Charles W. Pichard, has opened offices in the Neill Realty building, and is prepared to loan money on business and residence property.

The association has been in existence three years, its president, E. J. Wightman, being president of the Long Beach school board, and of the Marine Commercial bank of Long Beach.

The desirability of Torrance as a growing community and a place in which the building and loan association might do a profitable business was shown Mr. Wightman by Judge George W. Post of this city, who was formerly president of the First National bank at York, Neb., where Mr. Wightman was his cashier for twenty-three years.

The renewal of a friendship of many years' standing resulted in Mr. Wightman sending Mr. Pichard to Torrance to look over the field. On the favorable report of the latter, temporary offices were engaged and the association is now prepared to do business on most reasonable terms and with promptness and dispatch.

Five K. O. Bouts At Legion Show

Five knockouts in six starts was the dish handed to the fight fans who attended the tournament at Legion Hall Wednesday evening.

The curtain-raiser produced the first calamity. Sailor Reyes started from the tap of the gong to get his man, and got him with about thirty seconds of the first round left. It was a clean K. O.

In the second our old friend Chief Cyrus took a sweet drubbing from Kid Mince, but old Mince knew he was in the ring with a real injun. Then came along that sterling little feather, Young Nino, who made battling Mike of San Pedro cry "nuff." That kid is one of the best trained boys who appears here, and is properly handled may some time play in big time.

Arlington Avenue Property Owners Form Permanent Improvement Ass'n

At a meeting of property owners of Arlington avenue last Tuesday, W. T. Klusman, who has been temporary chairman, was elected unanimously for that office permanently. Mr. Marsh was elected treasurer, and John G. Gay was elected secretary. An attorney has been engaged to look after the legal end of the affairs of the association.

Arlington avenue and Willite paving were discussed. A substantial fund for the treasury was subscribed to generously. The object of the association is to make Arlington avenue one of the finest streets in Torrance. Another meeting will be called by the chairman immediately.

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD IN CITY HALL

Taxpayers On Arlington Talk With Willite Representative

Property owners in the assessed district of Arlington avenue, and the public generally, will be pleased to learn that a mass meeting will be held tomorrow, Saturday, evening at 7:30 sharp, at the City Hall for the purpose of listening to representatives of the Western Willite Construction company, relative to the paving of Arlington street.

City Engineer Jessup, to whom the Arlington avenue property owners have looked for a definite explanation of the paving question from the Willite people, succeeded Wednesday in having the latter make a definite date for the public hearing at which time the paving company is expected to make clear their attitude in the matter, and to give certain assurances to the dissatisfied taxpayers that the company will give them a satisfactory pavement on Arlington avenue. The result of Jessup's efforts is the meeting to be called Saturday night. Printed notices of the meeting are today being sent each of the property owners affected and it is expected a large crowd will attend.

3,000 Renewals For Year 1923

The division of motor vehicles reports 40,000 registrations ready for delivery on 1923 renewals. These registrations have been received, numbered and placed in readiness for shipment. They will go forth from the motor vehicle department on January 31, and it is contemplated the first black and white numbers, representing the 1923 registration, will appear on February 1.

Automobile registrations to date for 1923 have reached the grand total of 816,446. Figuring on the normal increase of last year the department has authorized the making of 1,000,000 plates for 1923. It is the confident expectation of the motor vehicle department that the passenger automobile registrations for 1923 in California will surpass every state in the union.

Applications for 1923 registrations are pouring into the department in large quantities by mail daily. Will H. Marsh, department head, wishes to emphasize the fact that it is not necessary for the resident of any city in which there is a branch of the department to make application in the respective city in which he is located. Registrations from the cities of Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and Fresno can as well be made by mail to the Sacramento office as can the registration of any other applicant from any other part of the state.

The simplest way for any applicant to register his vehicle anywhere in the state of California is to procure his certificate from the car, place check thereon and mail to Sacramento. For those who desire to wait until the branch offices open for counter business, deliveries will be made on February 1, and thereafter. Registrants have 30 days in which to procure their licenses before a penalty accrues.

Union Oil Well Good Showing

Favorable reports continue to come in from the Union Oil company's well west of Lomita on the Weston ranch. It is said drillers have gone through twenty or more feet of oil sand, have cemented off for the last time, and are down 3250 feet, and hope to bring the well in any day now.

Indications of oil at the Panhandle well on the Palos Verdes estates, between Lomita and San Pedro point strongly at the present time for a big producer. At a late hour last night nothing definite concerning bringing either well in could be learned. —Forum Monday Night—

Month's Building Permits \$70,000

Bad weather and lack of building material during the month of January has prevented many contractors from beginning the construction of several large business blocks, plans for which have already been prepared, and while tentative estimates for building permits for month of January were \$150,000 based on builders' plans, the actual value of permits issued up to and including January 31, are \$69,200.

This includes but two of the ten contemplated business blocks, Rappaport's and Vonderahe's, and several homes.

The list for the past week includes C. F. Throckmorton, 1953 Plaza del Amo; Charles Vonderahe, 1911 Carson; and S. B. Abbott, 1414 Amapola.

BEGIN WORK BUSINESS BLK. ON CARSON

Vonderahe Block Will Have Seven Stores; Cost \$13,000

On the assurance of good weather workmen will swarm over the lot recently purchased by Charles Vonderahe at the corner of Carson and Cravens, and begin the erection of a one-story brick building at a cost of approximately \$13,000.

The building will contain seven store rooms and gives a frontage of 80 feet on Carson and 71 feet on Cravens and Cabrillo. There will be four stores on Carson, one on the point of the gore facing Cabrillo, and two on Cravens.

There exists a good natured rivalry between Mr. Vonderahe and the owners of other business sites in Torrance, as to which will be the first to have their new store buildings erected, and the former is determined to win the race.

SAN PEDRO AUTO SHOW IS SUCCESS

Display, Entertainment And Decorations Surpass Former Show

The San Pedro free auto show that opened yesterday at the Liberty auditorium excels in both display arrangement and number of exhibitors anything that has been seen in San Pedro and is a credit to the city.

Scores of Torrance residents took advantage of the clearing skies last night to visit the show and returned enthusiastic over the display, as well as the amusement features.

Some of the features marking the show were: Motion picture program. Famous Studebaker saxophone sextette. Violin and piano renditions in the afternoons and full orchestras in the evenings. Gorgeous winter scene in the auditorium, a masterpiece of decorative art. Individual artistic displays of the dealers.

No admission fee. The auditorium proper houses the showings of the latest word in modern motor cars, as exemplified by the following dealers: Glenn E. Thomas Co., Studebaker; White Garage, Hudson-Essex; E. F. Ramsey, Jaige-Jewett; Rix's Garage, Willys-Knight and Overland; Don Shortz, Maxwell; Point Fermin Motor Co. Star; George E. Clark, Dodge Bros. Motor Car; Jack Phillips, Buick; Clark K. Cook, Ford-Lincoln; Robert Barr, Chevrolet.

TWO BUSINESS BLOCKS TO BE BUILT SOON

Vonderahe's To Cost \$15,000 and Rappaport \$30,000

Within the next seven to ten days two new brick business blocks will be well under way in Torrance and permits for several more will have been issued.

One of the blocks, at the corner of Cabrillo and Cravens avenue that is being erected by Charles Vonderahe is to cost approximately \$15,000 and work will be lessened by the contractors as the lessees of the several stores are anxious to open their doors.

The second to be begun this week is the Sam Rappaport building bounded by Cabrillo and Susana street, having a frontage on the former of 113 feet and 59 feet on Susana.

The structure will be one story in height, with pressed brick and stucco frontage, and is being built on plans furnished by the Postie company, architects and civil engineers, of the Van Nuys building.

The building will house six stores and covers a ground area of approximately 9000 square feet. The storeroom on the north end of the building, 31 by 126, will be used by the owner, Mr. Rappaport, and the adjoining store, 30x80, has been leased for ten years to Sam Seelig, where he will open one of his model markets as soon as the building is ready for occupancy.

The center of the building has been so arranged that it would suit the needs admirably of a drug store, and it is expected that it will be leased for this purpose. Adjoining the drug store on the north is a store room 17x63, and on the south two more store rooms with a frontage each of approximately 15 feet and a depth of 66 feet.

As soon as the weather settles the contractor will begin the work of laying the foundation on the lots that have already been excavated. It is thought that weather conditions permitting the building should be ready for occupancy by April 1. The block completed will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000. —Forum Monday Night—

Forum Mon. Night Surprise In Store

Secretary Gadeky of the Torrance chamber of commerce has a surprise in store for the residents of this city who attend the open forum at the American Legion Hall Monday night, the nature of which he refuses to divulge until the night of the meeting.

The secret is connected in some way with a mysterious trip he and several other Southern California secretaries are to make to Mt. Lowe tonight and it is evident that whatever surprise he intends springing on an unsuspecting public is depending largely on the result of this conference.

Enough is known, however, to assure every resident of the city an intellectual treat at the Forum where several "spellbinders" will give their views on current events that affect the future of Torrance. —Forum Monday Night—

Organist Stricken Suddenly at Theatre

Harry H. Pike, organist at the Torrance theater, was taken seriously ill during the matinee Sunday. He was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. McVey, and was under the care of a physician until 10 o'clock Sunday night, when his son, from Los Angeles, came out and took him home. Mr. McVey was unable to locate any one to play Sunday night. —Forum Monday Night—

