
TORRANCE NOTES

Dr. and Mrs. Hoag entertained the latter's sister and husband from Los Angeles, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Hosen and sister, Mrs. Murphy, of the Castle Apartments, have gone to San Francisco for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Woodington of Arlington, with Misses Ruth, Grace and Olive McKinsey of Andree avenue, attended the Canadian picnic at Santa Monica, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Thomas of the Castle Apartments, entertained friends at a dinner party for their daughter, Miss Marguerite Walker, of San Diego. Covers were laid for eight. Miss Tompson returned to San Diego Tuesday evening.

**DRILLING CO.
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Carl L. Hyde Is Vice-President of New Concern

The oil situation in Torrance and vicinity has resulted in the formation in this city of a new venture that has every indication of being a financial success.

The National Drilling and Development company, incorporated under the laws of California, has recently been organized with Carl L. Hyde as vice-president; H. D. Pottinger, former secretary of the chamber of commerce, as secretary; and City Attorney P. G. Briney, treasurer.

According to the company's prospectus the corporation is organized for the purpose of doing a general drilling business under contracts, and developing its present holdings and those it may acquire.

According to the company's officials: "Contract drilling of deep wells is one of the very few characters of business that is not at this time overdone in the coast country of California, and there is not only a very great demand for deep wells, but such prices are paid as to make it a very profitable business. It is necessary for any concern of this character to have men capable of successfully handling any branch of the business, and we have been very careful in the selection of the head of each department by obtaining the services of a man of ability and integrity."

"All money derived from the sale of stock in this corporation is to be placed in a depository satisfactory to the commissioner of corporations of the state of California, and there remain until an amount sufficient to put the corporation on an operating business basis has been realized and deposited, and no part of this money may be withdrawn at any time for any purpose without the sanction of the commissioner."

"We believe any purchaser of stock in this corporation to be reasonably safe in relying on the contract drilling feature alone and the land we already have leased is of sufficient acreage to guarantee a great deal of money in case of the production we confidently expect to obtain. We feel that this is a proposition that would appeal particularly to the working man; the man who is trying to get ahead and who has little hope of doing so unless he has some expectancy other than his ordinary salary. We maintain that the small investor has few opportunities of realizing a profit from the average 'oil proposition'; we submit, however, a proposition that is unusual and one that should appeal to the most conservative investor."

**\$700 Investment
 Will Net Thousands**

E. P. Grover, of Mesa, Calif., returned Monday to Torrance after an absence of eighteen months to find that property he purchased at that time has increased five-fold in value.

"Eighteen months ago," said Mr. Grover, "I was visiting in Long Beach, and was induced to take a ride to Torrance on one of the sightseeing busses."

"Due to the persistency of the good-natured salesman, and my inability to say 'no,' I purchased much against my better judgment, an acre of land in the Miller tract south of Carson street, for seven hundred dollars."

"When I realized what I had done I quite agreed with Barnum that 'there's one born every minute,' and for months resented my purchase, but finally decided that the acre would make me a good chicken ranch, and a home for my old age."

"Without knowing anything of the oil discovery west of Torrance I returned here today to discover that land adjoining mine was selling for \$4,000 an acre, and that my small investment will net me several hundred dollars."

Mr. Grover is now looking for a business site, and is so enthusiastic over the future of Torrance that he will probably make his home here.

Mrs. C. N. Muder of Gramercy avenue visited in Los Angeles, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Betton of the Castle Apartments were guests of friends at Long Beach over Sunday.

Rev. G. A. Reigler and aunt, Mrs. Katherine Mayberry of Los Angeles, were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tompkins of Gramercy avenue, Sunday.

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G. M. Roberts of El Monte is visiting his nephew, H. M. Roberts, at the El Prado.

Ed Hallagan, Raymond Ingraham and Paul Cassidy are new arrivals at the Castle Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sweet of the El Prado apartments moved the end of last week to Los Angeles.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. William Jolly, a son, January 30, at the El Prado.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Smith have moved to Spurlin Court, North Cota avenue.

Mrs. Ted Wertz of Torrance Park is out again after an attack of the influenza.

Mrs. Francis Lee Curtis of Waterbury, Conn., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Treadwell, of Torrance Park.

T. I. Robinson, building contractor from Nevada, is here looking for a field over. He is contemplating locating here.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Farley Johnson, Jr., of the ideal, a daughter, Florence Janette, Friday, January 2.

Mrs. Rose Rothleder and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boice are each building a duplex house on Cabrillo street between 218th and 220th streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ricard of Pasadena and Mr. E. Hare of Los Angeles were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Wertz of Torrance Park.

Mr. and Mrs. De Hart have moved from the Murray apartments into the Brighton, corner of Cravens and Cabrillo street.

W. T. Klusman is nursing a lame arm. The presence of a carbuncle is the cause for carrying the injured member in a sling.

Mr. Frank Le Chien of New York arrived last week-end, and is stopping at the Brighton. He is a friend of Mr. E. P. King.

Mrs. Alma Merritt of the El Prado Apartments entertained a party of children, Sunday, celebrating her son's birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kent and son, with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kent, motored to Los Angeles Sunday and visited many places of interest.

Mrs. Martha Thomas and son, Earl Tompson, real estate dealers of Long Beach, were week-end guests of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Soddy, of Kern Court.

Talk in Restaurants Shows Real Activity

No better barometer of activity in a community can be found than the city's cafes, and this being true, Torrance is now host to a larger number of strangers than at any time in its history, according to the proprietors of the several well-equipped restaurants in the city.

Each of these eating places, that sixty days ago could with comfort accommodate employees of the various industries and other local patrons at meal times, are now so crowded that it is impossible to serve their guests, a large majority of whom are prospective buyers of real estate.

Instead of the usual "shop" talk that has been prevalent for months in these cafes one now hears, "You know that lot?" "I've just put it in escrow and"—"The best bargain in Torrance today"—"Why, six months ago you could have bought that"—"Expect to build at once"—all of which proves that to learn true conditions and the trend of people's thoughts, dine at one of the Torrance restaurants.

"AN APOSTLE IN A BASKET"

The pastor of the First Baptist Church of Torrance will preach the fourth sermon on a series of "Men in Queer Places" Sunday evening at the hour of 7:30. You are cordially welcome to the service. Remember the subject: "An Apostle in a Basket."

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Adams of the Brighton left Sunday for South America, where Mr. Adams has accepted a position with the Oil Tool company.

C. C. Rhodes, contractor of Los Angeles, is staying at the Brighton looking after his contracts. He has built a number of houses in Torrance.

Perry Quigley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Quigley of North Arlington avenue, was taken seriously ill Monday and rushed to the hospital. It was thought he had an attack of influenza.

A. W. Miller, recently of Nevada, now an employee of E. L. Park Plumbing company, was married Monday in Los Angeles. He and his bride expect to reside in Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mustel of Santa Ana were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Paxman. Mr. Mustel is the music supervisor of the Santa Ana schools. They were very much taken with Torrance, especially the splendid show house.

The reason the radio will never take the place of our daily newspapers is radio can't picture a girl in a bathing suit.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAM AT THE TORRANCE THEATER

Another week of splendid films for the benefit of Torrance theater patrons will be presented, beginning on Sunday with Thomas Meighan in "Manslaughter." This is a story of a young American girl who is a speed maniac and who is the cause of the death of a motor policeman. The district attorney who prosecutes her loves her, but he believes that the only way to save her from herself is to punish her. She goes to prison, and when he calls upon her she treats him with contempt. He dissipates and, later, when the girl is released, she is the means of reforming him. The cast is practically all-star, and embraces many of the best known players of the Paramount Stock company.

Johnnie Walker appears in "My Dad" on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 13 and 14, and is followed on Thursday and Friday by Wallace Reid, in "The Ghost Breaker."

On Saturday, February 17, Tom Moore and Mary Miles Minter will present "The Cowboy and the Lady," and the second episode of "Around the World in Eighteen Days" also will be shown.

On Sunday and Monday, February 18-19, Priscilla Dean will be seen in "Under Two Flags," the film version of the story by Ouida. Priscilla is the same dynamic little woman who has kept the fans thrilled in other films which called for a personality such as is hers.

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of doing business under fictitious name.

I, C. P. Roberts, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That I am doing business in the city of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, under the firm name of the Herald Publishing Co., that I am the sole owner and manager of said business, no other person having any interest therein; that my residence is 2957 Miller street, Lomita, California; that the place of business of said company and all business thereof transacted at, 1790 Carson street, Torrance, California.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of February, 1923.

C. P. ROBERTS, State of California, County of Los Angeles, ss.

On this 5th day of February, 1923, before me, A. H. Bartlett, personally appeared C. P. Roberts known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledge that he executed the same.

A. H. BARTLETT, Notary Public in and for the city of Torrance and County of Los Angeles, State of California.

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